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Re: Civil Rights Violations,

(FORMAL COMPLAINT)

Dear Federal Officials:

I am seeking assistance with the following matter,on (05/09/2007) I was approached by local law enforcement officers at my residence,I was told they had a warrant for my arrest and were taking me to see the Magistrate Judge.

I then asked them,"what is the warrant for"?,I got no reply,they just said,"get in the car,"there were two Deputies,one white,one black. From the moment I was put in the car,I knew something was not right,I was not handcuffed,or searched and I was not read my rights.

I felt I was being kidnapped,so I stated to the Deputies, "you KNOW! you're violating my rights,don't you"?,I got no reply again. I told the white Deputy,"I have a pocket knife on me", should'nt you take it from me?,he replied,"ohh that's alright about that," I felt like I was being setup for something,so I asked the black

Deputy,if he would take my pocket knife,and keep it for me until I was released,he agreed to do so. I was taken straight to jail,my personal property was taken from me,I signed the property receipt,I was not fingerprinted,and I believe they faked taking the mug shot. The Sheriffs Office and the Magistrate share the same

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building,but I never got to face the Judge,after I had been held for more than three hours. The court clerk came out and said, "$100.00 or 30 days in jail,"! I was released ONLY after I agreed to pay them $100.00 for some unknown charge.

On(05/12/07) I received a letter from(Marion County Environmental Services),stating that I am in non compliance with Marion County Ordinance# 05-03,and that there is a summons pending. The letter says,"this letter is to inform you of your continuing non compliance with Marion County Ordinance 05-03". [redacted]

"Arrest on a Bench Warrant and payment of a fine does not put you into compliance,"to come into compliance you must visit this office and sign a Non Termination Agreement , or obtain a Commercial Dumpster for your residence. The agreement will require you to pay $25.00 each month toward your bill."

You may,of course pay your bill in full,as you remain in non-compliance,another summons to Magistrate Court will be issued as soon as possible . "You may avoid this summons by coming into compliance as noted above." "If you have questions,you may call this office at,(843)-423-8234)." The letter is signed,(Douglas M. Page) Complaince Officer.

So all this is due to a bill,for "Solid Waste Pick Up."We've had this go around before,with Marion County Environmental Services, most of the residents of Marion County has. The bottom line is basicly, The County has been forcing the residents to use it's Trash Collection Services. Most of the residents have refused to do so,they didn't vote [redacted]

for,or sign up for this service,because residents already had Trash Services, provided by the state at no cost. I never signed up for the service either,however Marion County claims that I owe them a bill,totaling more than $4000.00,I disputed this,and even sent them a cease and desist letter,after I demanded that the County validate the

debt, The County never responded to that letter, and continues to have County Officials stalk,and harass me about a bill alledgedly owed the County. The County used the County Sheriff as their debt collector,to threaten and harass myself and other residents.

Many residents are being taken to jail,and forced to sign that Non Termination Agreement, with Marion County Environmental Services. So I suppose this is why I was arrested on(05/09/07),and why it was such a big secret for the Deputies to keep quite about.

Since then,I've received a summons from Marion County Environmental Services,dated(05/10/07),that says,"you are to appear before the Magistrate"again,to answer to the same charge again,non compliance. I am in compliance with and have been in compliance with all Marion County Ordinances. I have a Commercial Dumpster,BUT! I AM NOT! signing any type of Non Termination Agreement, with Marion County.

The Marion County Attorney,wrote me a letter stating that I didn't have to sign an agreement because the County provided the Trash service,which I already knew,"so why am I being stalked,harassed,and threatened to have my property(land)taken from me,and being arrested.

The entire community of Marion,SC.,myself included, would be greatful for any advice or legal assistance you could provide us,even if we have to pay for it ourselves. All the attorneys in or around Marion County seem too afraid to defend us from the County Officials,

It's like some group of mobsters have come in and taken over our town,like something in a low budget B movie. I've contacted the Attorney Generals Office about it,and the harassment stepped up drasticly! ,he basicly ignored my complaint and stated he took care of the problem, and the complaint would not be made public.

The complaint was against the Mayor Of Marion County, (Bobby Gerald),who along with his family and friends,owned businesses in Marion County,while still! in Office. I believe that,all we have here,are corrupt local Officials,which could include more than Marion County. We have all the supporting documentation,and MANY! witnesses.

Many Residents complain,Marion County is BROKE!

I THANK YOU,SO MUCH!
For Your Time,And
Attention,

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