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February 21, 2012

Mr. Schwartz,

I am in receipt of your letter and am requesting the following.

1. Detailed list of false claims you assert I have made in regards to your client, Dee Burgin.
2. Documentation to support that they are in fact false.

Upon receiving your supporting documentation regarding your claims I will be happy to publish a complete clarification story if you can evidence that counters the information I already have in hand, just as I assured your client during his recent phone call to me. My request for information and documentation that would disprove what I have reported was verbally refused by your client.

Please realize my efforts to investigate matters in this county are done so in the path of investigative journalism that pertains to public officials. I will not cease and desist from that effort.

Also, as I'm sure you are aware, if you wish to file a defamation lawsuit please know that I will fully exercise my subpoena power and request ALL financial records, both personal and business related to Mr. and Mrs. Burgin as I am confident with the information I have in hand, the additional information from such a subpoena will only strengthen my evidence.

I would encourage you to review copies of all the records before any further false accusations are made on your part as its clear from your letter your client is not being honest with you and I welcome the chance to prove that in a court of law if that is the path you wish to take.

If you have any questions please feel free to send them my way anytime.

Sincerely,

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