

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

JOHN NORTON,

Plaintiff,

v.

Leonard McCubbin Jr.,
Connie Hale Forsythe ,
Micheal Esposito,
Cynthia L Brzana, Mary Jones,
Kirk Allen, Becky Becker,
Arlin Fritz

Defendants.

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

**EMERGENCY MOTION
FOR ORDER OF PROTECTION**

NOW COMES Plaintiff, JOHN NORTON, in support of his Motion,
NORTON states as follows:

- 1: that DEFENDANT ALLEN, is a co-founder of a 501(c)4 organization, commonly known as The Edgar County Watchdogs as stated, by his own admission, in Court records;
- 2: that John Kraft, is a co-founder of a 501(c)4 organization, commonly known as The Edgar County Watchdogs as stated, by his own admission, in Court records;
- 4: that Leonard McCubbin Jr is a DEFENDANT in this case;
- 5: that Plaintiff NORTON will be filing a Motion For Leave To File Amended Complaint to include JOHN KRAFT as a defendant in this case;

6: that the above named individuals have engaged in actions to harass, intimidate and provoke a response from the Plaintiff on FOUR (4) occasions while the Plaintiff was attempting to leave the Court Room and Court House on the following dates:

- i: 29 July 2020 (19OP1740)**
- ii: 29 June 2020- as witnessed by the Honorable Judge Tom Carney at the end of the hearing; (19OP1740)**
- iii: 18 June 2020 (18L718)**
- iv: 15 June 2020 (19OV2222)**

7: that attorney HANLON and Attorney PRESTON were made aware of these actions;

8: that JOHN KRAFT and DEFENDANT ALLEN take photos and print stories about PLAINTIFF NORTON on the EDGAR COUNTY WATCHDOGS Facebook page and associated website for the purposes of soliciting donations from their FOUR THOUSAND (4,000) plus followers after each incident; (Exhibits A and B)

WHEREAS:

9: that Plaintiff NORTON respectfully requests an Order Of Protection under the same provisions as other such orders;

10: that the above named individuals be enjoyed and restrained from entering any Court in which Plaintiff NORTON is present, unless the above named individuals are parties in such cases;

11: That Plaintiff Norton be granted such other or further relief as this Honorable Court deems just, equitable or necessary;

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

/SS/ JOHN NORTON

STATE OF ILLINOIS,
CIRCUIT COURT

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John Norton

Plaintiff / Petitioner (First, middle, last name)

v.

Leonard McCubbin Jr.

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John Norton's ever-changing Courtroom Testimony re: income –

BY JMKRAFT ON FEBRUARY 5, 2020 • (2 COMMENTS)

Wesley Township (ECWD (<http://www.illinoisleaks.com>)) –



(<https://i2.wp.com/edgarcountywatchdogs.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/JohnNorton2.jpg?ssl=1>) We have taken notice, over a series of different court cases and hearings, that the former appointed Wesley Township Road Commissioner, John Norton, may have problems telling the truth in court, and in signed documents.

First, he has no income, then his boss says he was paid, then he attests in writing that he has no income, then he tells the court he has income he doesn't have to pay taxes on, and then he receives financial benefits from the court based on his signed documents of no income. See this in detail below.

Norton's testimony and signed documents related to any income he may have differed significantly based on which court case he is appearing in.

Let's start with the transcripts from an Order of Protection Hearing on Oct 24, 2019

(<https://secureservercdn.net/198.71.233.197/7b1.61b.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Norton-Lies.pdf>), entitled Forsythe vs Norton:

- After Norton's testimony of having no income and no job, his own attorney called Norton's employer, James Spinale, to the stand for examination
- Spinale states that Norton works for him part-time, approximately 2 to 3 days per week cutting grass (page 4)
- Spinale again states he employs Norton (page 8)
- Plaintiff's attorney reiterated that Norton claimed he was unemployed, and Norton's own witness stated that he does employ Norton (page 9 and 10)

Next is his October 31, 2019, signed petition for waiver of court fees

(<https://secureservercdn.net/198.71.233.197/7b1.61b.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Norton->

filling11012019.pdf) in a civil lawsuit filed last fall – this was 7 days after his boss attested in court that he employed Norton:

- signature attests that Norton receives no income
- no income in the past 30 days
- no income in the past 12 months

Now let's look at the transcripts from Jan 16, 2020

(<https://secureservercdn.net/198.71.233.197/7b1.61b.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/20200128113629092.pdf>), in his Motion to Reconsider the Stalking Order against him:

- Norton claimed to receive “federal retirement” and VA benefits “because disabled veteran” (page 16, line 6)
- Norton then says he has no other income (another statement in direct conflict with testimony at the Oct 24, 2019 Hearing)

We find it odd that his stories on income change depending on what day and Courtroom he is in, and if it might benefit him financially to have court fees waived in his own filings.

This needs to be dealt with through the Courts, and hopefully, it will be dealt with sooner rather than later.



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John Norton failed in attempt at removing Stalking Order against him

BY JMKRAFT ON JANUARY 17, 2020 • (1 COMMENT)

WILL Co. (ECWd (<http://www.illinoisleaks.com>)) -

John Norton, former appointed Wesley Township Road Commissioner, ousted by the voters in 2017, filed a Motion to Reconsider the Plenary Order of Protection granted against him last fall.

It is forever recorded that Norton has a Stalking No Contact Order against him and signed by a Judge. It expires on October 23, 2020 at 5 p.m. unless Petitioner is granted an extension.

Norton's Hearing was at 2 p.m. in Will County Courtroom 100, on January 16, 2020.

In the Hearing on Norton's Motion to Reconsider, Norton talked for about 30 minutes of painful rambling, touching on the following subjects:

- Norton wanted a continuance for a couple weeks to receive an AG's opinion on the handicap parking spot at the township (keep in mind that he is (allegedly) the person who installed the handicap sign at the township)
- the Court stipulated that it was not relevant, did not grant a continuance, and that for the purposes of this Motion, the parking spot is not in compliance with state law (even though it has nothing to do with the OP). Proceed with Motion.
- Norton continued complaining about the parking spot, complained of an ongoing legal battle with "us"
- Norton brought up Cindy's case and complained about others
- Said he had no intention of parking there and the pics provided at a previous hearing were black and white and grainy
- attempted at showing a "pattern of behavior" directed against him
- brought up his new (and frivolous) lawsuit against certain people and says they will be getting served today
- says Kraft is part of it and Allen will get summoned in court
- says he is ex-military and used to work for the FCC

- complains about social media and attacks on him
- says his wife died in a traffic accident (years ago) and he is still fighting that in two countries
- says he doesn't play mind games
- cites current political climate and Trump impeachment
- says ECWd spurs people on
- says "she" is one of the participants in this case
- admits to his foul language
- again talks about a pattern
- says common denominator is petitioner's attorney and watchdogs
- says none of this costs him any money anyways
- complains about petitioner not having to show or prove any employment history
- says he was granted a fee waiver in another court on another case
- says his only income is federal retirement and VA benefits and that none of it counts because he doesn't have to file it for Illinois income tax
- wants to know who is paying petitioner's attorney
- says probably pro bono and backed up by ECWd
- circles back to the parking spot again
- he found it offensive that he would have to find case-law and offensive that other attorney included case-law in his answer
- says he is not abusing the process and told the Judge thanks for helping him in his other case with this attorney
- said he would use that info (from the Judge) against this attorney in another case
- petitioner's response has a lot of language and words he is still learning about
- says 9th circuit stated you cannot go into court with too much evidence
- apologizes for his rambling
- says he was denied rights under the CPA

After approximately 30 minutes, opposing attorney resting on his previously written answer.

In denying Norton's Motion, the Court stated that this court would never cross the line to infringe on people's rights to participate in government or attend meetings, and that just as Norton has those rights, the watchdogs are media and the free press has the same rights as Norton does. The Court continued that it is absolutely vital that press attend courtrooms and meetings and that this court would never consider prohibiting it.

Motion DENIED – Plenary Stalking No Contact Order remains in effect.

We have ordered the transcripts and will publish them upon receipt.



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