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Subject: IL Reporter questions

Hello!

My name is Bonnie and I am a Reporter for IL Reporter (www.ilreporter.com). With elections for some positions locally on Tuesday, I have been asked to contact your township prior to these elections.

Over the last 6 months, my reporting has uncovered a group of insurgents attacking IL Townships as a pyramid scheme. We have never seen this before in IL and therefore I will need your assistance. I will explain what they are doing, what to watch out for, and in return I will need to know if your township has been impacted. *False*

If it has not, there is no need to do anything but keep your eye open for these signs and contact me if it arises. If you have seen this in your township, I am asking you to replay back as soon as possible with your situation. Time is of the essence.

Pyramid Scheme Insurgency *False*

1. It starts with Edgar County Watchdogs either being called in to review your information or brought in by a resident. Sometimes they come themselves and offer Watchdog training locally to kick it off. Their readers thrive on conspiracy theories and extremist agendas. *False*

2. They do their dirty work through others, but sometimes they do it themselves, starting with excessive abusive FOIA's. They are NOT real Media. They are fake news. They use their credentials to get them more FOIAs. *False False False False*

3. We have found that there is a direct correlation to them having far-right wing candidates that want to run for a position in these areas. This is one way they get the "in". False
4. They go on a fishing expedition for documents to find things that can be wrong. They abuse the FOIA system and in some documented cases asked for 400 in a month! They are not lawyers, so they assume what "wrong" is. Then they write defamatory articles about the elected official that they want to replace (depending on their future candidate). This can be seen on www.edgarcountywatchdogs.com False False False
5. Currently they are working with the Chair of the Will County Republican Party, who supports their smear campaign efforts. He does not support moderate Republicans and wants them out of this party. False False
6. They start attending meetings with these trained insurgents. They get aggressive in person, do not abide by rules of order, and zoom bomb zoom meetings. False False False
7. Once they find you cannot produce all the FOIAs or they find a nugget to sue on, they sue hard and fast. It is documented that this has been up to millions in some towns. False
8. They get extremists on the board to leak info to them. False
9. They use Denise Ambrosia and Rob Hanlon, 2 local attorneys as their lawyers. They are currently in about 10 lawsuits.
10. They will do anything to show there are watchdogs, including submitting elected officials to States Attorneys, judges, police, anything to get their people in and the ability to sue false
11. The end result is they are abusing the FOIA system to sue and rake taxpayers dry. In the mean time it also pushes their far right agenda and puts people in office who will do their dirty work for them and help them sue. False False

Some of the current Townships that are currently impacted include: (Probably more...)

- A. DuPage Township
- B. Avon Township
- C. Joliet Township
- D. Algonquin Township
- E. Pecatonica Township

F. Wesley Township and the Highway Commissioner

G. Bloomington Township

They are also suing the IL Police, Chicago Police and have relentlessly pursued the College of Dupage.

The numbers are staggering: Between the 6 Townships we have covered, there is over 2,000 FOIA requests, DuPage is at about \$1 mil in costs from lawsuits, Algonquin is higher. Each Township office is being contended by an extremist candidate and has undergone a year of insurgency minimum leading to this election.

False

False False

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As a Reporter, this is not only concerning but I have seen them boast on their website that they have harassed and gotten over 400 IL Elected Officials to QUIT! They are destroying good candidates and the offices, and making residents feel as though Townships are no longer needed.

False

One example is they have written about Maripat Oliver, a DuPage Township Trustee on over 2 dozen articles, accusing her of many things. She was never guilty of any. They had her replacement ready to go for 1.5 years and she hung in there. This election, that replacement is running. It will be very hard for her to seek employment after this and googling her name will lose her jobs. They are destroying lives.

False

False

When I uncovered their scam, they posted over a dozen articles about me and drove 18 hours to Florida last month to intimidate and threaten me. This group is scary and I do not recommend any contact without support.

False

All information you send will be private, as I value journalistic integrity. If you have dealt with them or know someone who has, please let us know immediately. Our Township lists are only 1/10th of Townships in IL. So please spread the word. If you have not dealt with this, keep my name handy for future need. I can be reached at IL Reporter or FightForIL.org. You can find updates there as we go. You can see more info at www. [redacted] a site set up to combat their promises to residents.

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Sincerely,

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PS. Do not contact me from township email. It is FOIA-able.

So are private (public official) emails discussing public business