

## APOLOGY LETTER

I, Bonnie Kurowski, the undersigned, express my sincerest apology to Kirk Allen, John Kraft, Alyssia Benford and Edgar County Watchdogs, Inc. (Collectively “Plaintiffs”). I apologize for the numerous false statements I made about each of them. I acknowledge that the false statements I made about Plaintiffs rise to the level of constitutional malice and were intended to harm their reputations. I am woefully sorry for any injury to their reputations that I may have caused.

I made a number of specific false statements about one or more of the Plaintiffs for which I apologize here. I apologize for stating that any of them were guilty of any crime as I have no knowledge that any of the Plaintiffs was convicted of any felony, misdemeanor, or crime involving dishonesty. Nor do I have any knowledge that any of them have been or are subject to any investigation by any governmental authority. I have no knowledge of any fact that Kirk Allen, John Kraft, Alyssia Benford or Edgar County Watchdogs, Inc. engaged in any criminal act involving Racketeering and stalking. I knew at the time that I alleged Plaintiffs were engaged in racketeering and stalking that none of the Plaintiffs were engaged in any criminal conduct. I further apologize to each of the Plaintiffs for suggesting that Kirk Allen John Kraft, Alyssia Benford, Denise Ambroziak or Robert Hanlon engaged in acts of adultery. I have no knowledge that Kirk Allen, John Kraft, Alyssia Benford, Denise Ambroziak or Robert Hanlon engaged in any act that would constitute adultery. I further apologize for stating Alyssia Benford charged Algonquin Township Road District for audits not completed. I knew at the time that I alleged Alyssia Benford had charged Algonquin Township Road District for an audit not performed that it was not true. I apologize for stating that Kirk Allen, John Kraft, Alyssia Benford or Edgar County Watchdogs, Inc. were engaged in acts of domestic terrorism or acts of stochastic terrorism. I have no knowledge of any fact that Kirk Allen, John Kraft, Alyssia Benford or Edgar County Watchdogs, Inc. engaged in any act of domestic terrorism or stochastic terrorism. I apologize for asking the Southern Poverty Law Center to list Plaintiffs as a hate group or participants in a hate group. I have no knowledge that any of the Plaintiffs engaged in any act that would constitute acting as a hate group nor any knowledge any of them participated in a hate group. I apologize for reposting an image of a noose and a picture of a confederate flag which a third party published in regard to Alyssia Benford. I apologize to Alyssia Benford for falsely stating that Alyssia Benford improperly disclosed records of DuPage Township. I apologize for having stated that any of the Plaintiffs made false statements about me. I have no knowledge that any of the plaintiffs published any false statement about me and to the extent that I expressed to any other person that any article published by any of them was false that was itself a false statement. I apologize for claiming that Kirk Allen or John Kraft, were involved in the DC siege (or insurgency) of January 6, 2021 at the United States Capitol building. I further acknowledge that I have no knowledge that Kirk Allen, John Kraft, Alyssia Benford or Edgar County Watchdogs, Inc. engaged in any act related to what has become to be known as the January 6<sup>th</sup> Insurgency at the United States Capitol building. I have no knowledge or information that any persons other than Kirk Allen and John Kraft are responsible for publishing the Edgar County Watchdog Inc.’s publication “Illinois Leaks” or that any other person authors the reports which appear in that publication. I apologize for alleging Plaintiffs Allen, Kraft and Benford entered the Calumet City offices unlawfully and destroyed documents. I apologize for falsely claiming Alyssia Benford participated in a robbery at the Calumet City Hall. I apologize for falsely claiming Alyssia Benford engaged in severe bullying of Calumet City employees. At the time I made the statements concerning Calumet City, I knew that

the statements I made were not true. I apologize for making false statements referring to Alyssia Benford as a highly paid call girl. I apologize for contacting, emailing and texting false information to Alyssia Benford's clients in an effort to damage her business relationships.

I am sorry for the malicious manner in which I published false statements concerning Kirk Allen, John Kraft, Alyssia Benford and Edgar County Watchdogs, Inc. I was wrong to intentionally malign their reputations and I am woefully sorry for having engaged in this wrongful intentional conduct.



Bonnie Kurowski