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April 9, 2003

CERT. MAIL #7002 2410 0001 0681 6677

Steven Rowe, Attorney General
State of Maine
6 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Mr. Rowe,

As a Private Investigator licensed in the State of Maine over 30 years, I am contacting you once again to reconsider a full investigation into documented evidence of my investigation involving illegal and unfair trade practices of Saco Biddeford Savings Bank, Coastal Bank in concert with officials in the Cities of Saco, Biddeford and others.

On behalf of my client, Dorothy Lafortune, I enclose this videotape, also given to members of the State Legislature and Governor John Baldacci, titled "What Price Justice?". The video features me describing an accumulation of unredressed grievances (many of which can easily pass muster as felonies) perpetrated against the Lafortune family over a period of more than a decade. Had former attorney generals Andrew Ketterer and Michael Carpenter done their job, I would not be contacting you today. As being witnessed in Biddeford, people eventually become tired of, or get caught up in, their attempts to cover up for others. Eventually, they are exposed also. The mass production of "What Price Justice?" was picked up by an ABC affiliated radio program.

Also enclosed is a CD of the ABC affiliated radio program in which Dorothy Lafortune was a guest. I send you these enclosures in the fervent hope that you will view/listen to them with the kind of qualities the "people's" prosecutor hopefully possesses: impartiality, open-mindedness, a hunger for the truth and an eagerness to see justice done to the weakest among us - no matter how high up the source of the injustice. I am certain that if you believe just a fraction of what I reveal (and document) in the tape, you can't help but ask yourself: "what's going on here?" And I maintain that as the State's highest law enforcement officer, that simple question should be enough to prompt further investigation by your office. I'm in hopes that when Ms. Lafortune returns as a guest on

this program, she will telling of the Attorney General's investigation into this matter rather than the continued cover up.

I assume that your office is asked to look into a wide range of citizens' complaints, and further, that due to finite resources, you must exercise some sort of selectivity to separate allegations based on merit and urgency from those which are patently of a lower priority. This letter, and the enclosures, should convince you that the "case" of Dorothy Lafortune not only has both merit and urgency, but is being offered by someone whose life work and experience qualifies him to make that distinction.

I have a spotless reputation as a licensed professional investigator, former city councilor and former York County Deputy Sheriff under the administration of Richard Dutremble. In short, I know my way around. I've seen all sides of our legal system and know first hand when, why and how the system succeeds...and, sadly, when, why and how it fails! The tragedy of errors, ineptitude and crimes (yes crimes!) committed against Ms. Lafortune are shocking even to me (who thought he had seen everything). The hour-long tape will show that Ms. Lafortune has been the victim/target of a pattern of vindictiveness that has resulted in the premature death of Ms. Lafortune's mother, wrongful seizure of various properties and a whole range of collusive behavior by two banks, law offices, police and officials of both the cities of Saco and Biddeford (elected and appointed).

Right now, Ms. Lafortune justifiably feels surrounded and besieged. Her home has been illegally foreclosed upon and sold by the City of Biddeford in a deal that smells worse than three-day old fish - a virtual reprise of how the same city "stole" her mother's house in 1994. As you will see when you listen to the radio program CD many people know what has transpired in the Cities of Saco and Biddeford and this State and are questioning what is happening in the State of Maine.

In closing, I have to asks this: When our country prides itself on being a land of freedom and opportunity, what in heck did Dorothy Lafortune do (or to whom?) to incur the wrath of so many powerful people? The next question is this, how long should a decent, law-abiding citizen be treated like a caged animal? In all sincerity, Mr. Rowe, I am pleading with you to put a stop to this miscarriage of justice because when, and if, the time comes, Ms. Lafortune will not leave her home. This national scandal will not only continue for the City of Biddeford, but for the State of Maine. It is time for people to sit at the table to rectify this entire matter and save further embarrassment to the State of Maine. I will await your response.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Philip Castora

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April 15, 2003

Philip Castora
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Dear Mr. Castora:

I have been asked to respond to your letter dated April 9, 2003, addressed to Attorney General Steven Rowe. I have reviewed your letter and the enclosures and have conferred with Brian MacMaster, this office's Chief of Investigations. We do not believe that an investigation by this office into the matters about which you complain is warranted. I am returning your videotape. Thank you for contacting this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda J. Conti".

LINDA J. CONTI
Assistant Attorney General

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Enclosure

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April 23, 2003

CERT. MAIL # 7002 2410 0001 0681 6691

Mr. Francis Ackerman
State of Maine
Office of the Attorney General
6 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0006

Dear Mr. Ackerman,

Per our conversation last Friday, I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Attorney General Steven Rowe, the tape and CD sent to him and Asst. Attorney General Linda Conti's response to my letter addressed to Mr. Rowe.

Per Linda Conti's letter, she is responding for Attorney General Rowe under the advice of Brian MacMaster. How competent are the people in the A.G.'s office who cannot see criminal activity, atrocities, brutalities, and cover ups when it is put right in their face? And she states that this evidence does not "warrant" an investigation! Brian MacMaster has covered up for others for years and I have the evidence to prove it. The taxpayers pay the salaries for these incompetent people! Ms. Conti stated to me that A.G. Rowe did not see the tape or CD. I sent this to him and who is she to bypass the Attorney General?

I'm asking that you review the enclosures with the Attorney General and demand an investigation into this serious matter. Until an end is put to the corruption that exists in this matter, mass production of the enclosures and more media programs will continue. This public scandal that exists warrants action by Maine's Attorney General.

I'm asking for your assistance and will await a response from you or the Attorney General. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Philip Castora

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May 8, 2003

Philip Castora
P.O. Box 187
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Dear Mr. Castora:

Thank you for your letter dated April 23, 2003. Per your request, I have made the tapes which you enclosed available to Attorney General Rowe for his review. However, I have been informed that a final decision has been reached that the matter which you have brought to our attention does not warrant further investigation. This is in accord with Ms. Conti's prior correspondence with you.

Please let me know if you would like to have the tapes returned to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Francis Ackerman'.

FRANCIS ACKERMAN
Assistant Attorney General

Pc: G. Steven Rowe
L. Conti
B. MacMaster