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Re: "PRO BONO" ASSISTANCE

Dear Attorney

My hopes are that you may be able to provide me with a bit of "pro bono" assistance with a civil matter I have filed in Suffolk Superior Court. Please see; **TIOMOTHY J. MUISE, pro se, v. GARY RODEN, et al, No. #SUCV2011-00869.**

This matter stems from retaliation perpetrated against me by the Department of Correction (DOC) due to complaints I made about abusive conditions of confinement. My complaints made national headlines with a four-piece series written by James Ridgeway from Mother Jones Magazine & Solitary Watch. You can Email Jim at; **jridgeway@yahoo.com** for more details. Jim is a friend and has agreed to speak with you. I am also working hand-in-hand with **Just Detention International** in addressing this abuse and their Deputy Director, Linda McFarlane, has also agreed to speak to you about the situation. You can contact her at; **LMcFarlane@justdetention.org**. She will be able to shed quite a bit of light on this situation.

My needs are assistance with the next stage of litigation which I suspect will be a motion to dismiss or in the alternative summary judgement by the DOC. I am unskilled in this area and truly need some assistance with this phase. My belief is that this would require only a minimum of your time.

Attorney Paul Holtzman of Krokidas & Bluestein will be filing an "Amicus Curiae" brief in this matter on behalf of the ACLU of Massachusetts. ACLU Director John Reinstein has come here to MCI Shirley twice over the past couple of months to confer with me about this matter and he was the one who enlisted the services of Attorney Holtzman, but these services are limited to the filing of the amicus curiae brief. Both John and Paul has agreed to speak with

you about this matter and their involvement. You can reach John at; (617) 482-3170 or at www.aclu-mass.org. You can reach Paul at; (617) 482-7211. I cannot urge you strongly enough to contact all the afore-mentioned individuals so that you can discover the novel and compelling nature of this matter.

I am contacting your office due to good things I have heard about your civic concern. I am a former resident of Gloucester who has worked extremely hard to transform my life in prison. I know that time is always at a premium in your line of work but I would hope that you may be able to do a bit of research, by contacting the people I have listed herein, and that through that research you will have your interest in this matter sparked. Many public safety concerns will be affected by the outcome of my litigation. As I am sure you are aware the gang violence in the streets of our cities, children killing children (and others) for next to no reason, is a result of ineffectual tough on crime policies of the past. We must be able to cure these men held in our prisons as an integral aspect of ending the violence. If a prisoner cannot report abuse and work for rehabilitation all will suffer. Please help me to address this dilemma through my civil action.

Thank you so much for your time and anticipated serious consideration in assisting me. Please let me know if you will require any further information from me.

Very Sincerely Yours,

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