

Dear President Obama,

I am a single parent raising a daughter who is now a sophomore in college. It's been extremely difficult on her these past four years of my incarceration. Like a lot of black men, I don't talk about my feelings in any meaningful way because you quickly learn in American society, that the world is a cold, heartless place full of liars that pretend to be concerned about you, but their true "colors" are shown soon enough. I'm sure lots of people feel the way I do, or would if they've had similar experiences. I'm in prison now for crimes I never committed, convicted by a jury manipulated by a corrupt judge, who denied the jury access to evidence exculpatory to me and my five colleagues, known as the IRP6.

I was convicted in 2011, but we were pursued by our market competitors, and subsequently by the FBI [on behalf of our competitors] since 2002. Our company, IRP Solutions, Corp. was dedicated to the mission of modernizing America's criminal investigative process, and we incurred some debt along the way, especially when we were asked to provide working models that demonstrated our investigative software solution by NYPD, and Department of Homeland Security, in 2004. So now we're in debtor's prison serving anywhere from seven to eleven years -- 10 years in my case.

It felt really bad to be pursued by the FBI for three years, while you're trying to close business from one police department [potential customer] to another, giving demonstrations and sales presentations of our software. Then when they sent a 22-man team of agents to raid our business, image our computers making copies of our software, the feeling was almost indescribable. Certainly, we felt violated by the federal government raiding party. Sixty years ago, we would have been lynched, but 12 years ago, we were raided, served a search warrant granted under the auspices of a sworn affidavit that we were a "purported software company". At that time, we had sold less than ten copies of our stand-alone software product, and had been making loan payments on our corporate debt. Also, Southeast Missouri State University [Dr. Michael Brown] was teaching a master's degree program in the computerization of criminal investigations process using our software. So, the government knew our software was the "real deal".

After five months of sifting through the cache of seized intellectual property comprising our engineering design notebooks, source code from our software, and many thousands of discovery pages, the FBI writes a response letter to one of our creditors -- after finding no evidence of a crime -- advising them that their claims are best pursued in a civil law suit. And how we end up in federal prison from that point is a bazaar tale of conspiracy, corruption, and corporate espionage that is stranger than fiction.

It saddens me to think of the depth of corruption, and breaking of any number of laws, and violation of civil rights by government officials that I have seen first-hand; crimes done against me personally. I can't help but think of my forbears, and ancestors of mine that built this country. I think of native Americans too, that were far worse treated than my forbears; how they populated this continent far and wide, and yet today their numbers are very, very small indeed -- and the word genocide comes to mind. This is the same mindset of law enforcement officers that kills an innocent black youth, no questions asked, just shoot to kill.

My plight, and that of my colleagues show how the "New Jim Crow" written about by Michelle Alexander, extends to educated and articulate black businessmen, as well as others who are disenfranchised in American black society. During my sentencing hearing, I spoke from the depths of my heart of these practices by our justice system, elaborating on how the lives of black men are still taken

today for all intents and purposes, similar to what occurred in slavery times and during the Reconstruction Era after the Civil War. Today, the government uses prison to effectively enslave, and kill the lives and potential livelihood of convicted felons, the mass majority of whom are young black men. The black man killed on the street by gang violence, or police hatred is just the "tip of the iceberg" compared to those souls of black men incarcerated behind bars in America's prison system. In fact, through Michelle Alexander's research, she found there to be more slaves in prison today than there was during any time of the Antebellum Slavery Era in America.

It's truly a sad reality that we are witnessing in first-hand, eyewitness experience of what it is to have your liberty taken from you, justice denied you by cheating prosecutors assisted by corrupted judges, being innocent, where they are easily able to railroad you in the courts, wrongly-convict you and make it look legit because they know how to manipulate the jury. The men of IRP6 were hounded relentlessly by chartered federal prosecutors, evidencing motives secret but far beyond the law, and to see this surreal reality upheld against prevailing legal precedence and case law in our favor, by appellate judges, and acquiescent Judicial Council...I'm sure would amaze the average citizen to the point of disbelief that we are in America. Incredulous as it is, we're still in prison, even after demonstrating Constitutional violations of the government cheating against our 4th Amendment rights, 5th Amendment rights, 6th Amendment rights, and the nefarious absence of 200 pages of trial transcripts.

To understand from her, that my baby girl was so distraught and depressed over these developments, as a high school student that for a long time she seriously contemplated suicide as an escape from the cruelty she witnessed happening to me, deeply saddens my heart. As a parent to an 11-year old girl [as she was back then], I had to counsel and console my daughter her seeing one of her classmates who had hung himself above the front steps of their junior high school, where she attended near our house. I knew this was a very serious risk because Colorado has for a long time led the nation in teenage suicides. Now she prays for changes in our corrupt justice system, and for America, in general. I have a deep longing to be with her, to comfort her deeply saddened heart.

But, the truth is on our side. As a Christian, and ordained minister I believe in a God that takes concern for the innocent very seriously, though He often tests us with trials and tribulations, persecutions and the trying of our faith to progress us toward perfect love. And I read the Bible, which shows me all the prophets of old, and the chosen; people of God how they were tempted and tried, proven by fiery ordeal, and long sufferings that the Ancient of Days brought upon them to show all mankind the working of His will and His way, bringing His people through a process of His own choosing. He teaches us many things, and reveals many things as we go through His process of perfection. He shows the participants of the process for who they are, and what they are willing to do in the heat of the trial process.

With this in mind, I adjure you to consider the request of clemency that I and my co-defendants have submitted. Looking at all the facts of our case, weighing the evidence that was denied the jury, exposing the prosecutorial and judicial malfeasance, will undoubtedly cause any reasonable, knowledgeable individual to pursue justice in this case. We ask you, Mr. President, to be that individual of reason.

Sincerely,

- Clint Stewart,

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