

March 8, 2011

Honorable Mimi DesJardins
District Court of the Second Circuit
Hoapili Hale Building
2145 Main Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Re: DC-TRO 11-1-0061
Bruce & Susan Boucher vs. Darlene Brothers

Dear Your Honor:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Darlene Brothers whom I have know for the last 17 years or so. I have been a police officer for the past 31 years and first met Ms. Brothers when she assisted the Department with a major criminal investigation. We have been in contact on and off ever since and I feel I know enough about her that I can vouch for her in this matter. I try to stay out of matters such as this but because of the serious allegations brought forward by Bruce and Susan Boucher, I feel it is necessary to tell you what I know.

She first told me about problems she was having with her neighbors, Bruce and Susan Boucher several years ago when she had a property line dispute with them and an addition to their house encroached into her property. She also reported Mr. Boucher shining a bright Halogen light at her residence at the time and in more recent months, she called me to get advice on Mr. Boucher installing cameras on his house that she suspected faced her residence. I informed her to call police dispatch, at which time an officer could take her report. I have encouraged her to not hesitate in calling the police to document some of these incidents, especially if she felt harassed or threatened. Many of the incidents also involved Mr. Boucher verbally attacking Ms. Brothers.

Ms. Brothers recently put up a vinyl fence between their properties. She did this to protect the cats that she keeps and to prevent the Bouchers from "spying" on her, something she fears with the installation of cameras on her side of their residence. She told me that she cherishes her privacy.

In the past few weeks, she called me to report that Bruce Boucher dug a trench next to her fence. She emailed me photographs of this and I saw that Mr. Boucher dug a trench on his side of her fence just a few inches from the fence line. Unless Mr. Boucher was going to put up a wall right next to her fence, I do not see any reasonable explanation for this trench unless it was done to make her fence unstable. She called the County of Maui inspector's office and I urged her to have them send someone to take a look at what he did because we both

knew it was illegal. She is presently pursuing this and I don't know the outcome at this time.

On March 3, 2011 at about 8:00 am she called me to let me know that she was assaulted by Bruce Boucher the day before when she approached him about something he was doing to the fence between their properties. She told me that he shoved a piece of plywood toward her and it hit her eye. She then told him about assaulting her and he again pushed the wood toward her, this time hitting her forehead. I would like to mention that she called me prior to being aware of and served with the TRO. She has since made an assault report with the police against Mr. Boucher.

I have never witnessed any of the incidents mentioned to me by Ms. Brothers and I never met or spoke to the Bouchers.

In reading their statement as part of the TRO, I would like to mention that I know Ms. Brothers as a "drug free" person. She is a healthy person who runs and works out often. She eats healthy and I have never seen her high or stoned. I have never heard of any information on Ms. Brothers that would lead me to believe that she was involved in drugs of any kind, let alone drugs like crystal methamphetamine and Ecstasy. If this was so, I would have received information on this because of my assignments to Vice and the Investigative Services Bureau over the years.

As mentioned earlier, Ms. Brothers has several pet cats. I know her as a "cat person" and find it highly unlikely that she would poison cats. She told me that she put up the fence because she wanted to protect her cats and keep them safe.

Please feel free to call me at (808) [REDACTED] if you need more information.

Sincerely,

/s/ Wayne T. Ribao

Wayne T. Ribao
Assistant Chief MPD