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**Properties of Thomas E. Porter, MD and Beverly J. Bible
3302 Water Tower RD
Marion, IL 62959**

In my defense. Which I did not portray the day of the hearing because I was on the verge of a nervous breakdown:

To start, from day one every time EPA filed a complaint or what ever you call it, against Todd and Tabatha Booten I have hired an attorney. Todd never did. He called a "buddy" that worked in Springfield to get him out of what ever had been written up, charges/complaints, whatever, were dropped. THAT in my book is unacceptable and that happened on more than one occasion. The fact that Todd is also employed by the State of IL and sets that example on my property speaks volumes in itself.

I have been taking care of my husband who has had Parkinson Disease since 2005. At the time I hired attorney, Bill Novick, which I know you are aware of. That was never brought up by your staff ever. He was hired because I was making trip after trip to St. Louis for my husband to have Deep Brain Stimulation surgery. Again, I hired Bill Novick to be present at every meeting/hearing because I was in St. Louis with my husband Thomas Porter. Since this has gone on for over a year; in the interim my attorney took his life which left me hanging in the wind. My file that he had was also lost, therefore I never recovered it. So the money that I paid him to represent me might as well have been burned in the barrels on my own property, as I am accused of.

I also have more than just that one property to take care of along with taking care of my husband. This is also our living besides a measly social security check. I at the time was having to work on that property while trying to keep Todd in line for the last 3 years. It took me 2 years to clean that building up and get it

ready for leasing.

On more than one occasion I cleaned up material and trash on the property that the Bootens were renting/leasing and Tabatha accused me of stealing their "stuff". I also had the property bush hogged and gave them spray to kill the weeds. It's not like I wasn't trying.

I could not just kick the Bootens out and have two places without income. If any of you have commercial property rented, you might take these things into consideration, not to mention how much it cost just to own them. Some times things just have to wait until it is time. I am one person trying to juggle many things as well as being a caregiver, home maker and mow 6 acres and keep up my own home property.

I kept after the Bootens all the time. Every week it was one thing or another but there is a time for everything and the timing wasn't right for me yet even though you may think so.

When the hearing finally was scheduled, I was hanging on to my sanity by a thread, and there again, I had hired an attorney to represent me, but he was no longer available, and there was no file with former notes, so I was on my own. My husband was still not doing well and we were and are still making frequent trips to St. Louis to Barnes Jewish Hospital. I was still dealing with other properties. I was dealing with things that were breaking around my own home. Yet all that was taken from that hearing was that I had filed at one time for the Bootens to vacate the premisses and that's all that was taken into account. That and I should have kicked the Bootens out because they would not do as I had asked. But life "ain't" that simple for me. Maybe for you behind a desk, but not for a person who lives in my world.

After the hearing I went straight to another attorney and had the Bootens kicked out 30 days from that date. In the mean time I did lose it. I did have a nervous break down. If you need information on that I will gladly provide you with my doctors name and number for you to contact and let them tell you the medicine I am on and how much it costs and to tell you the state of mind that I was in and have been in for the last four years. Not to mention that I made my dog sick and now my husband is on antidepressants because of my state of depression and overload. I can even provide you with my husbands doctor and my dogs veterinarian and that bill if you would like it. All because of my break down. Todd left in his allotted 30 days and left me with the whole mess. I immediately took action to start cleaning up the lot and rebuilding

my building. Time that I didn't have meeting with contractors, etc. Time is not something that I am blessed with.

I have spent over 30 THOUSAND dollars on my building and the lot. I was going to nail the Bootens to the wall with a law suit, but figured that with our system I would loose and I would be out more money on an attorney too. Since that time I have found out that my mother has terminal cancer. She lives in Eastern TN. I am now going to TN every 3 weeks, which is 450 miles one way, to see her before I loose her. While I am there I have to hire a care giver to take care of my husband. I couldn't sue if I wanted to, I don't have the time to meet with an attorney or even go to court not to mention more money for a new attorney and not having the lost file from Mr. Novick. I am still managing other properties as well. Nothing is ever easy or goes like we would like them to.

At one time a guy went in and tried to help Todd run his business. He cleaned up the lot and paid me on time. Then when he left, Todd went back to his same old ways. I am not the only one that tried to keep Todd in line.

Now I receive my penalty from you for 3'000 dollars plus court fees or whatever. So that just adds to my plyte. It just keeps coming. It never mattered that I had an attorney, it never matter that he took his life and my file was lost, it never mattered that I tried to control the Bootens, it never mattered that all he, Todd, had to do was call a "buddy" in Springfield to get the complaints dropped/pulled on more than one occasion, it never mattered that I cleaned the lot up as best I could when I could before all the pallets were put in the way, it never mattered what I did, it never mattered that I had other properties to take care of, it's just all my fault because I own the property and because I was trying to keep myself together the best I could by saying the least I could without coming apart at the hearing. It's all my fault. No matter what I say or do has no bearing on anything. I don't have a "buddy" in Springfield to call. THAT is cause for Mr. Booten to loose his job in my book since he is employed to uphold the law of our IL Interstates and I would be looking for that "buddy" in Springfield who kept fixing Todds' problem! Mr Booten sets quite the example being an employee of the State especially with someone elses property, not to mention getting written up for dumping illegally on his own family property for disposing of waste in 2006 for Pepsi Cola. In my book, there is something wrong with that and that has nothing to do with me or my husband.

After spending thousands of dollars on MY property, which I can prove with reciepts, on 3302 Water Tower Rd since the Bootens

have vacated I don't believe I deserve or never did deserve this penalty since I did to the best of my ability to control the situation from day one and by following the rules. So you penalize me just like you would like to because it just doesn't matter to you except that your ruling states I am guilty. I have no way to protect myself from you because I do not have a "buddy" sitting in an office in Springfield, I did not kick them out in a timely, your time, fashion, nor do I have the money or the time to start from scratch to hire another attorney to plead my case especially since I don't have the old file that belonged to my former deceased attorney Bill Novick.

It's people like Mr. and Mrs Booten who cause other people to suffer and always get away with it without any repercussion what so ever.

Thank you so much for making my life, my burdens, my expenses and my circumstances even better than before. This also helps my husbands state of mind since there is nothing that he can do or could do to help me with our properties or with the Bootens.

**Property owners,
Beverly Jean Bible
Thomas E. Porter, MD**