

EXHIBIT M

WHISTLE BLOWER - TAMARAH GRIMES
DISCLOSURES AND STATEMENT

June 1, 2009

The Honorable Eric Holder
Attorney General of the United States
950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20530

Personal and Confidential

By Federal Express

Re: Whistleblower Disclosures/USAO Middle District of Alabama

Dear Attorney General Holder:

My name is Tamarah Grimes. I am writing in response to your April 20, 2009 memorandum to all employees. I am currently on paid administrative leave from the USAO in Montgomery, Alabama pending the outcome of an investigation brought against me shortly after I filed Whistleblower Disclosures under the *No Fear Act* on July 26, 2007.

I remain a dedicated and loyal employee. During the first two years of my employment with the Department, I received numerous performance-based awards and exemplary performance ratings and reviews. All of that would change in April 2005 when I was assigned to work on the prosecution of the former Governor of the State of Alabama, Don Siegelman, a case commonly referred to as "The Big Case" within the USAO for the Middle District of Alabama. Everything I had been taught to regard as absolute in terms of ethical and professional conduct in my previous 20-year career in litigation support would be challenged by the conduct which I observed during that assignment.

Prior to entry into federal service, I had the privilege to acquire 18 years of invaluable experience in litigation support working with diligent, conscientious lawyers in the private sector. There were always disagreements between the lawyers over issues and strategy, but the rules for honesty, integrity and ethical conduct in dealing with witnesses and officers of the court remained constant and sacrosanct.

The conduct I observed while working on The Big Case was inconsistent with the ethical and professional standards I had learned and believed in. I first raised questions concerning the conduct with the District Ethics Officer, First Assistant United States Attorney, Patricia (Snyder) Watson. Mrs. Watson advised me that The Big Case was the most important case in the office and that U.S. Attorney Leura Canary would grant prosecutors virtually unlimited latitude to obtain a conviction. Mrs. Watson told me that as a paralegal, I did not have standing to question the actions of a federal prosecutor, and that if Mrs. Canary found out that I had done so, I would certainly be disciplined for insubordination.

Under the threat of disciplinary action, I attempted to ignore the conduct. Over time, the practices became more frequent until eventually they were common occurrences. A few months later, a co-worker and I were directed by Acting U.S. Attorney Louis Franklin and Mrs. Watson

to participate in conduct which we felt was certainly unethical, and potentially unlawful. We continued our lawful duties on behalf of DOJ but declined to participate in what we believed to be theft of property.

A. Unethical Conduct in the Prosecution of The Big Case

I discussed my concerns with Mrs. Watson on numerous occasions in 2005. My initial concerns involved the overt negotiation of proposed testimony of key cooperating witnesses Nick Bailey and Lanny Young. The lead prosecutor, Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen P. Feaga, instructed the investigators to meet with the cooperating witnesses frequently, at least a couple of times a week, to go over the specific content of upcoming grand jury testimony. Mr. Feaga instructed the investigators how to approach the cooperating witnesses on a particular subject and specified what he needed the witness to say in order to support his prosecutorial theory. For instance, Mr. Feaga would say, "See if you can get him to say it like this..." "Ask him if he is comfortable saying it like this..." Or "I need him to say it like this..." The investigators would return from meeting with the cooperating witnesses to report to Mr. Feaga, who would send the investigator back with new instructions.

Mr. Feaga frequently complained that the constraints imposed by existing versions of witness testimony, or the decisions of Main Justice and Public Integrity were "like sending a General into battle with his arms tied behind his back." Once Mr. Feaga committed to his vision of the scenario necessary to support the basis for the allegations, the focus was on molding the testimony of the witness to fit the selected scenario. The stakes were high for the cooperating witnesses and for the prosecutors who were ultimately responsible to Mrs. Canary for their success or failure on The Big Case. Despite the fact that Mrs. Canary had recused herself from the case, she monitored the Big Case closely and continuously.

Mrs. Canary publically stated that she maintained a "firewall" between herself and The Big Case. In reality, there was no "firewall." Mrs. Canary maintained direct communication with the prosecution team, directed some action in the case, and monitored the case through members of the prosecution team and Mrs. Watson.

I was not the only person who noticed the prosecutors' creative approach to the facts of the case. I recall one of the investigators, FBI agent Keith Baker commented on the conduct by saying, there is the truth, there are facts, and then there are "Feaga facts." FBI agent Jim Murray was present when Mr. Baker made these comments at the off-site location. Mr. Feaga would frequently comment, "Gentlemen, we are making history here." Unfortunately, the lines between fact and fiction became hopelessly blurred as a result of these tactics.

After weeks of frequent negotiations over the content of testimony through the investigators, the cooperating witnesses and their attorneys were brought in for a meeting to discuss the specifics of their upcoming grand jury testimony. All of the prosecutors, including Acting U.S. Attorney Louis Franklin and Richard Pilger from Public Integrity were present. The prosecutors and the key cooperating witnesses went over the proposed testimony. At that time (and more subtly than through the investigators), Mr. Feaga and Mr. Franklin spoke directly to the witnesses, "Can you say it like this...?" or "Would you be comfortable saying it like this...?"

Nick Bailey testimony was molded

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more examples of molding the witness testimony

I particularly recall one meeting in which cooperating witness Nick Bailey was persuaded to recall something that he claimed he did not actually recollect. The matter concerned a meeting between Governor Siegelman and Richard Scrushy, a check and a supposed conversation, which eventually led to the convictions in The Big Case. Mr. Bailey repeatedly said he did not know and he was not sure. The prosecutors coaxed and pressured Mr. Bailey to "remember" their version of alleged events. Mr. Bailey appeared apprehensive and hesitant to disappoint the prosecutors.

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It is my understanding that Nick Bailey stated to a reporter from 60 Minutes that he had met with prosecutors more than 70 times to rehearse his testimony. Based upon my personal observations, I would consider 70 times a modest estimate.

The prosecutors also threatened to revoke the plea agreement of another cooperating witness, [REDACTED] unless the witness agreed to testify in a certain manner to support Nick Bailey's meeting-check-conversation testimony. The prosecutors told the attorney for [REDACTED] that under the plea, [REDACTED] was required to provide "full cooperation" and it was within their discretion to decide what constituted "full cooperation." If [REDACTED] did not testify in the desired manner, her testimony would not be considered "full cooperation." The prosecutors threatened to revoke the plea unless [REDACTED] testified in the desired manner. [REDACTED] was a lawyer and there was discussion of filing a Bar complaint as leverage to obtain the desired testimony.

Additionally, before trial, I heard Mr. Feaga, AUSA Perrine and Mr. Franklin openly discuss and laugh about a plan to obtain proffer testimony from defendant Richard Scrushy, seeking a plea agreement without advising his attorneys that their client had already been named in a sealed indictment. Richard Pilger from Public Integrity and Joseph Fitzpatrick from the State AG's Office were more hesitant to engage in that particular conduct but even more hesitant to challenge the authority of Mr. Feaga.

B. Criminal Conduct in the Prosecution of The Big Case

In early November 2005, DOJ co-worker Janie Crooks and I were directed to travel to the Waste Management hazardous landfill at Emelle, Alabama ("the facility.") We were instructed to prepare to spend several weeks at the facility digitizing records under subpoena. Waste Management officials had prohibited the removal of the original documents from the facility. Mrs. Crooks and I arrived at the facility to find FBI Agent Tyler McCurdy and contract employee Vallie Byrdsong loading numerous banker's boxes of numbered documents into their vehicles. Based upon our instructions from Mr. Franklin we were alarmed and concerned that they did not appear to be aware that the documents were not to be removed from the facility. I asked FBI Agent McCurdy about this. He replied that Mr. Franklin had approved the removal of the documents and instructed Mrs. Crooks and I to assist. We declined to participate in this particular activity because we felt it would be a criminal theft of property.

I immediately called the office to inquire about this change in plan. I spoke with Mrs. Watson, who advised me again that she fully supported whatever decision Mr. Franklin made in regard to the removal of the documents. Mrs. Watson reminded me of the importance of The

Big Case to our office and to Mrs. Canary, as well as my status as a paralegal, all of which required me to follow instructions of my superior or face charges of insubordination. We did not assist in the removal of records, but proceeded to work late into the evening organizing and scanning the documents that were still on site.

We returned the next morning to find very angry Waste Management officials who had inspected the consecutively numbered boxes from the prior day and discovered the missing boxes. Waste Management officials demanded to know what had happened to the missing boxes. I referred the officials to the project manager, FBI Agent McCurdy. Shortly thereafter, our project was relocated by Waste Management officials to another location where we were under supervision of Waste Management employees. By late afternoon the project was cancelled.

The first day I returned to work at the offsite from the Waste Management facility, I was removed from the "Big Case" by Mr. Franklin. Mr. Franklin advised me not to come back to the off-site facility because I made too many complaints to too many people and my presence was a distraction. Mr. Franklin's words to me were, "There is only one problem here and that problem is *you!*" In other words, I was the only person asking questioning the propriety of certain routine practices and I was the only person unwilling to do "whatever it takes" regardless of the ethical or legal implications of the conduct.

C. Misconduct Involving Jurors

There was questionable conduct relating to jurors during the trial. I received information from Vallie Birdsong that one of the jurors was sending messages through the Marshals asking if a member of the prosecution team was married. The prosecution team jokingly nicknamed the juror "Flipper" because she was a gymnast who entertained the other jurors by doing backflips in the jury room. This information was passed along by senior USAO-ALM management in e-mail communications from the Mrs. Patricia Watson, but was never reported to the Judge or defense counsel. How did members of the prosecution know what this particular juror did in the jury room to entertain the other jurors? What became of her messages to the prosecution team?

Later there were more allegations of juror misconduct during deliberations, again involving the juror nicknamed "Flipper," and finally, after the verdict, an article in the local newspaper with an interview of the same juror in which she reached out to prosecutors, saying she wants to visit the USAO to discuss a career in law. Mr. Feaga is quoted as saying he saw nothing wrong with meeting with the juror. The local rules in the Middle District prohibit juror contact at any time, including after trial.

Finally, in the fall of 2007, I heard Mr. Franklin state that his legal assistant (Debbie Shaw) had spoken with a juror, whom he described as, "just a kid...she is afraid she is going to get in trouble." This was immediately prior to a hearing on potential juror misconduct at which this juror testified. To the best of my knowledge, this contact was never reported to the Court or to defense counsel.

D. Incentives for Success

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The victory at all costs mentality of the prosecution of the Big Case pervaded the USAO. Every question was answered with, "This is the most important case in the office." Every milestone in The Big Case was rewarded with a personal acknowledgement from U.S. Attorney Canary. When the superseding indictment was unsealed, Mrs. Canary hosted a party at the Marina to celebrate. Mrs. Canary hosted a similar celebration when the convictions were handed down.

This pattern of special recognition by Mrs. Canary was repeated throughout the case. Mrs. Canary and Mrs. Watson wrote all the press releases released under the signature of Mr. Franklin. There were performance-based awards, including cash awards which Mr. Feaga said he needed because it was so expensive to have children in college. Eventually, there was new office furniture, premium office space in the new building, plum appointments and assignments, conferences and seminars, new titles, generous time off and no supervision, all related to the work on The Big Case. FBI Agents also received perks and rewards for their work on the case.

E. Reprisal

Reprisal is a concept familiar to employees in the Middle District of Alabama. The instrument of choice has often been a selective and/or malicious prosecution of some type utilizing the resources of DOJ.

FBI Special Agent Michael Gavin is an example of this process. From all accounts, Mr. Gavin is a man of integrity. He and Mrs. Canary had several disputes over the years, culminating in Mrs. Canary's referral of Mr. Gavin to OPR for investigation. Mrs. Canary advised Mr. Gavin that she was well respected in Washington, she knew very important people in Washington and she would travel to Washington and have him fired. This is not an isolated incident; it represents a pattern of conduct repeatedly utilized by Mrs. Canary.

In contrast, an Assistant U.S. Attorney from Montgomery, Robert Randolph Neeley was arrested for public intoxication while on official government business in California in 2004. The arrest of this AUSA was not reported to OPR, OIG or any other investigative or professional agency. However, a concurrent, unrelated OPR investigation into some of Mr. Neeley's conduct was underway during this time. Patricia Watson came to me and said that OPR investigators were coming to the district to conduct interviews the next day on the concurrent investigation. Mrs. Watson informed me that my name was on the list to be interviewed and asked me what I planned to tell the investigators. I replied that I would tell the truth. Mrs. Watson told me that Mrs. Canary did not want the OPR investigators to know about the arrest and asked if I planned to tell the investigators about the arrest. I replied that I would answer any question truthfully. The next day, OPR investigators came to the district but did not interview me. I asked Mrs. Watson why the investigators did not interview me. Mrs. Watson replied that my name had been taken off the list because I refused to promise not to mention the arrest.

F. Report to DOJ-OIG

These incidents suggested a failure to maintain an impartial and equitable justice system in the prosecution of The Big Case. Following proper written DOJ whistleblower protocol, I filed a

complaint with DOJ-OIG on July 26, 2007. DOJ-OIG referred me to the Office of Special Counsel, ("OSC") citing a lack of investigative resources. In August 2007, I filed a second Whistleblower Complaint with OSC, in both the Prohibited Personnel Practices Unit and the Criminal Disclosures Unit. These are supposed to be safe conduits for reporting suspected unlawful conduct under the *No Fear Act*. Yet within three months, I was referred to DOJ-OIG as a subject for an unwarranted criminal prosecution.

The prosecution of The Big Case divided the employees of the USAO-ALM along ethical and ideological lines. The first group, comprised of those willing to do whatever it took to succeed, received extraordinary rewards and preferential treatment with the full support of Mrs. Canary. The second group, comprised of those who opposed unethical and sometimes unlawful conduct, were subjected to harsh retaliation. The third and final group simply sought to keep their heads down and make it through the day without getting on the wrong side of the "right" people and losing their jobs.

This is the reality of life in the Montgomery USAO for dozens of DOJ employees. As a consequence of observing harsh retaliation, it is difficult to find a single employee willing to risk his or her job to honestly discuss the matters without fear of reprisal. This is particularly true since they have seen me and the other employees who were willing to stand up for principles and ethics escorted from the building and terminated. In addition to myself, AUSA David K. Cooke and AUSA Christa D. Deegan, both honorable and hardworking attorneys who opposed the unprincipled culture supported by management of the USAO, were subjected to similar reprisal. Both Assistants have gone on to enjoy positions of well earned public trust outside of the federal sector. I remain on paid administrative leave pending termination since July 2008.

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G. Whistleblower Retaliation

My decision to seek whistleblower protection was a careful decision made of necessity and conscience. I have suffered considerably as a result of my decision to speak out.

One of the most egregious acts of retaliation is the June 12, 2008 Report of Investigation from DOJ-OIG in OIG Case Number 2008-000904 ("the OIG Report"). The sworn testimony which forms the basis for the conclusion of the OIG Report consists of the following:

- On the evening of November 1, 2007, U.S. Attorney Leura Canary, First Assistant Patricia Watson and Frederick Menner, a representative from EOUSA Office of General Counsel ("EOUSA OGC") traveled to the bar in the Embassy Suites Hotel in Montgomery, Alabama for a period of "socialization."
- In this social setting, with no objective or substantive evidence whatsoever, a decision was made to refer me to DOJ-OIG for criminal investigation. I believe that this referral represents a clear abuse of the authority of the U. S. Attorney, as well as abuse of the public trust and misuse of position.
- This event occurred during an active EEO mediation in which all three participated. The "neutral" mediator, Sharon Stokes, whose primary position as an AUSA and Deputy

Civil Chief in another district also joined the group in the bar and to discuss the day's mediation proceedings.

- Earlier that day, on November 1, 2007, all parties signed an Agreement to Mediate which included a confidentiality clause. Mrs. Canary and Mrs. Watson devoted an entire day to representing the interests of the USAO in the mediation proceedings.
- Although I repeatedly requested to be informed of the statute, rule, regulation or law which supported the referral for criminal investigation, I was never informed of the basis for the referral.
- Thereafter, I was compelled to attend a custodial interview on March 27, 2008. I was given a Kalkines form which stated that the inquiry was regarding "allegations of unauthorized disclosure of sensitive law enforcement information." That was my first notice of the charges against me.
- The alleged release of confidential information was never an issue in the mediation, but was addressed in the conversations in the bar at the Embassy Suites Hotel on the evening of November 1, 2007.
- Despite significant pressure from DOJ-OIG, the USAO for the Middle District of Georgia twice declined prosecution due to lack of prosecutorial merit, on March 19, 2008 and again on May 16, 2008. Both declinations were under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and did not even involve consideration of unauthorized disclosure of sensitive law enforcement information.
- The fact that the OIG report was based upon sworn testimony, pertaining to a referral facilitated by persons under the influence of alcohol, while engaged in the illegal dissemination of alleged information protected by the Confidentiality Statute, was omitted from its conclusions.

I believe that the decision to seek criminal charges against me during the November 1, 2007 meeting in the bar of the Embassy Suites Hotel was in retaliation for my questioning the ethical conduct of prosecutors in The Big Case. I was one of two persons who refused to participate in what I believed to be unethical and potentially unlawful conduct in regard to The Big Case. I was the only person who had filed a Whistleblower Complaint under the *No Fear Act*. I sought assistance from the Director of EOUSA, Kenneth Melson. I raised the issues with Jay Macklin of the EOUSA Office of General Counsel. I raised these issues, corresponded and spoke with representatives of DOJ-OIG at both headquarters and regional levels.

In regard to the unwarranted referral to DOJ-OIG for criminal investigation, in December of 2007, I filed a Civil Rights & Civil Liberties Complaint with the Office of Inspector General. When I received no response, I contacted Grace Chung Becker, the Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division on February 4 and 5, 2008. In response, I received a copy correspondence dated February 27, 2008 from John M. Gilles, Acting Chief of Staff for the Civil

Rights Division, who informed me that his office did not have jurisdiction to intervene on my behalf. Having done everything within my power to address the retaliatory and unwarranted prosecution against me, I contacted Congress for assistance in early March 2008.

I have consistently maintained and continue to vigorously assert that I have not engaged in any wrongdoing whatsoever in regard to this matter. The allegations contained in the OIG Report are false and without merit. The affidavit of my attorney, J. Scott Boudreaux, is attached in rebuttal to the OIG Report. Mr. Boudreaux is now a witness and can no longer represent me in this matter.

H. Ethics Officer, Patricia Snyder Watson

The conduct of former First Assistant U.S. Attorney and Ethics Officer Patricia (Snyder) Watson is particularly troubling to me. I discussed my concerns regarding the conduct at the offsite with Mrs. Watson on numerous occasions in 2005 while I was in her home for the purpose of becoming acquainted with her young children, ages 3 and 5, and their routines so that I could babysit her young children in her home during her 2 week honeymoon in Italy when she married Mrs. Canary's first cousin on September 10, 2005. During the weeks and months preceding the wedding, I twice babysat the children in Mrs. Watson's home as a "trial run" for short periods of time. Because Mrs. Watson was my supervisor, I felt pressured by Mrs. Watson's insistence that I was the perfect person, responsible, trustworthy and capable, with whom to entrust her children. In conversation, Mrs. Watson described to me what happened to people who "caused trouble" or "didn't go along" so I felt I had to do this. Later I would see this threat become reality in the removal of AUSA Christa Deegan, as well as my own situation beginning with the referral to DOJ-OIG in which Patricia Watson played a vital role.

During this familiarization process in anticipation of babysitting her children, Mrs. Watson volunteered intimate details of both her personal and professional lives. Mrs. Watson told me that she and Debbie Shaw kept Mrs. Canary up to date on the progress in the Base Case. Mrs. Watson also told me that she and Debbie Shaw communicated Mrs. Canary's suggestions to Louis Franklin. Mrs. Watson told me that she did not have sufficient leave to cover her two week honeymoon in Italy, so Mrs. Canary gave her a 40 hour time off award to make up the difference. Mrs. Watson told me that Mr. and Mrs. Canary hosted the rehearsal dinner at Montgomery Country Club under their membership, and hosted the reception at the Capitol City Club under their membership. Mrs. Watson told me that Mrs. Canary gave her generous awards, tore up most of her requests for leave and just gave her the time off without record to the government in exchange for Mrs. Watson's "loyalty." Mrs. Watson warned me several times that Mrs. Canary rewarded "disloyalty" very harshly and that Mrs. Canary regarded Louis Franklin as among her most loyal employees.

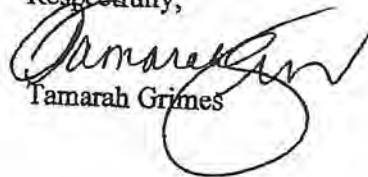
After I filed whistleblower disclosures, Mrs. Watson testified on the record that in her opinion I had been untruthful with her when I *did not* reciprocate and disclose personal details of my life, personal details that she later gleaned from my SF-86 background security questionnaire and unlawfully disseminated.

In April 2008, in violation of the *Privacy Act*, Mrs. Watson disclosed under oath, protected information from my SF-86, including protected health information regarding family members, parental status information, and intimate personal details of my life which have no bearing whatsoever on any whistleblower issue or upon my suitability for federal employment. Mrs. Watson left DOJ in September 2008 but remains in federal service with a top secret security clearance.

I want to put this terrible experience behind me and resume my previously exemplary federal career. I have been on paid administrative leave for eleven months based upon the conclusions of the OIG Report. I have utilized my time well by continuing my education in business management and administration in anticipation of a return to active federal service.

Thank you for providing the opportunity to communicate directly with you. My desire is to clear my name, have my security clearance restored and get back to work. I would sincerely appreciate any assistance you may provide in affording me an opportunity to accomplish this.

Respectfully,


Tamarah Grimes

Grimes, Tami T. (USAALM)

From: Snyder, Patricia A. (USAALM)
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2005 1:34 PM
To: Grimes, Tamarah T. (USAALM)
Subject: FW: Alabamians are listening

From: Canary, Leura G. (USAALM)
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2005 9:21 AM
To: Feaga, Steve P. (USAALM); Franklin, Louis V. (USAALM); Perrine, JB (USAALM); Snyder, Patricia A. (USAALM)
Subject: FW: Alabamians are listening

From: Ivan Swift [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Sunday, September 25, 2005 9:43 AM
To: Canary, Leura G. (USAALM)
Subject: Re: Alabamians are listening

Alabama responds

Dear Gov. Siegelman,

Enclosed please find a letter to the editor that I am sending regarding this Grand Jury "Investigation".

Most people know that grand jury sessions are supposed to be secret, they're supposed to meet and get their business over with, but the Montgomery grand jury obviously being used to try to hatch an indictment against Don Siegelman to damage his campaign has probably set a record for incredible actions defying rules and ethical standards.

Secrecy is a farce -- they're leaking like a Louisiana levee.

It's existed or been "active" for 450 days but met for about 40 of those days.

It meets almost on cue -- Gov. Siegelman does something, makes a public announcement, steps ahead with the campaign, gets good coverage for an event -- it meets.

Incredible? you bet.

Gov. Siegelman announced he was forming an exploratory committee and would make a Listening Post Tour of Alabama. Immediately, the grand jury gets called back into session.

A few months later Gov. Siegelman announced he was forming an official campaign committee with his brother Les as chairman. Within days, the hibernating grand jury suddenly gets called

into session. And immediately the leaks flowed from the supposedly secret proceedings, incorporating Les's name.

Recently, when Gov. Siegelman said he is officially a candidate, here comes the grand jury back in session, flowing leaks like a busted faucet.

This is a federal grand jury. it's run by federal appointees. At least one newspaper in Alabama, the Tuscaloosa News, recognized that "the motives" of the federal prosecutors "are suspect" the entire column follows, but shouldn't the voters of Alabama demand to know why the federal prosecutors are allowed to generate this witch hunt with tax dollars?

Isn't it time for the political beneficiaries of the witch hunt that has been going on at a cost of hundreds and hundreds of thousands of tax dollars to be called to account?

Ivan Swift

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Grimes, Tamarah T. (USAALM)

From: Snyder, Patricia
Sent: Thursday, April 07, 2005 9:19 AM
To: Grimes, Tamarah
Subject: FW: Tami Grimes

-----Original Message-----

From: Doyle, Stephen
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2005 5:49 PM
To: Snyder, Patricia
Subject: Re: Tami Grimes

That sounds like a great opportunity for Tami. I would like her to go over all pending ACE matters w/ Jim and I before she gets too tied up. We're doing well here. Thanks.
Steve

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: Snyder, Patricia <[REDACTED]>
To: Doyle, Stephen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wed Apr 06 15:36:58 2005
Subject: Tami Grimes

Hi, Steve.. Hope you are able to get some rest. Though I know, with two, it's very hard.

I wanted to let you know that Tami has agreed to work on the big case that Steve Feaga and Perrine are busily working up. Since this case has ACE potential, having her work on is justified. Leura and Louis both liked the concept, and Tami is excited about it as well. Because of the large volume of documents involved (80,000, I'm told), she will likely be spending significant amounts of time at the off-site facility, but she is able to check her emails and has her office phone (328-9685). She is still working her other cases as well. Leura asked me to pass this information on to you. If you have any questions/concerns, please call me. Thanks.

Grimes, Tami T. (USAALM)

From: Watson, Patricia (USAALM)
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2006 5:04 PM
To: Grimes, Tamarah T. (USAALM)
Subject: RE: Really sweet gesture

I heard reports that two of the jurors were crying at the close of Louis' closing argument. I asked him what he thought that meant and he said they didn't want to have to deliberate the case.

What do you predict will happen? What did you think of Siegelman's decision not to rest without presenting any defense?

From: Grimes, Tamarah T. (USAALM)
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2006 5:01 PM
To: Watson, Patricia (USAALM)
Subject: RE: Really sweet gesture

Yeah, that's what Vallie said. He said one girl was a gymnast and they called her "Flipper" because she apparently did back flips to entertain the jurors. Flipper was very interested in Keith.

From: Watson, Patricia (USAALM)
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2006 4:57 PM
To: Grimes, Tamarah T. (USAALM)
Subject: RE: Really sweet gesture

That is really sweet -- and true. I'm glad he did that. Several times while you were at the NAC, I'd bump into him in the hall and he would always ask about you -- Is Tami in her office? What's Tami doing? He'd look so disappointed when he learned you weren't in.

I just saw Keith in the hall. The jurors kept sending out messages through the marshals. A couple of them wanted to know if he was married.

From: Grimes, Tamarah T. (USAALM)
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2006 4:44 PM
To: Watson, Patricia (USAALM)
Subject: Really sweet gesture

Vallie came by to see me this afternoon and thanked me for all my work on the case. He said they used my timelines, charts and tables on the CON and Rainline issues all the way through the trial. He said my CON chart was particularly helpful because the defense made some claims that could be easily refuted by referencing the chart. He said he wanted me to know that I was a part of the case and I shouldn't feel excluded. He said a lot of the agents felt the same way.

I thought that was a really sweet and touching gesture.

Grimes, Tami T. (USAALM)

From: Snyder, Patricia A. (USAALM)
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2005 1:30 PM
To: Grimes, Tamarah T. (USAALM)
Subject: FW: Letter from Gov. Siegelman

From: Canary, Leura G. (USAALM)
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2005 10:03 AM
To: Peirrine, JB (USAALM); Feaga, Steve P. (USAALM); Franklin, Louis V. (USAALM); Shaw, Debbie L. (USAALM); Snyder, Patricia A. (USAALM)
Subject: FW: Letter from Gov. Siegelman

Heaven only knows how I got on this e-mail list. Ya'll need to read because he refers to a "survey" which allegedly shows that 67% of Alabamians believe the investigation of him to be politically motivated. (Perhaps grounds not to let him discuss court activities in the media?) He also admits to making "bad hires" in his last administration. Also, it shows that it was sent last Thursday night, though I didn't receive it until late Friday.
Leura

From: Don Siegelman [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2005 11:00 PM
To: Canary, Leura G. (USAALM)
Subject: Letter from Gov. Siegelman



DON SIEGELMAN

Labor Day Activities

Dear Friends,

Lots of good news! There has been a tremendous surge in grassroots support from all sectors! Even a number of Republicans and Independents are openly joining our Team. Encouragement is coming from all parts of the state. Political surveys consistently show us winning the Democratic Primary and the numbers keep going up!

A recent poll conducted by Public Opinion Strategies of Alexandria, Virginia, and commissioned by the Friends of George Wallace, Jr., showed me defeating the current Lieutenant Governor 47% to 41%. (Dothan Eagle, 09/08/05)

As I travel and talk to the people of Alabama about our plan to "Build Alabama", more and more voters are joining our campaign. They know we are the only campaign that has a plan that assures the average citizen of Alabama that there will be NO NEW TAXES.

It is clear that we must work together to roll back Bob Riley's annual property tax increases that are punishing Alabama homeowners because our Lieutenant Governor has not lifted a finger to stop these increases and continues to exhibit indecision when it comes to standing up for the values of average Alabamians.

We will and we must:

Recreate our proactive efforts to land more automobile companies, focus on helping existing small businesses grow and expand and revitalize family farming in Alabama.

Rejuvenate, renew and rebuild business and job opportunities in and around our county courthouses and smaller cities and towns, and launch a new infrastructure initiative to pave dirt roads, bring county roads up to higher standards, and finish four-laning major north/south and east/west arteries.

Stop this open door policy on illegal immigrants who are invading our work force, increasing our insurance costs, costing us jobs, not paying taxes, increasing the crime rate and overcrowding our schools.

Renew our commitment to sheriffs and local law enforcement to help them fight crime by destroying methamphetamine labs and protecting our children and communities from drug dealers.

Establish a Bill of Rights for our Seniors including the right to quality nursing home care, rural health care clinics, low cost or no cost prescription drugs, and make health care more available and affordable.

Fully fund education with an Education Lottery to enable our children to get a tuition free education and to save their parents and grandparents these tuition costs. Ruth Peters, a Republican from Hoover summed it up best when she said, "I'd rather have Don's Lottery than Bob and Lucy's taxes."

And, our opposition remains silent on the issues while Bob Riley's investigators continue to leak misleading facts. It's clear that the people of Alabama are much smarter than they are, because political surveys indicate that a growing number of Alabamians are on to their dirty tricks. A recent survey showed that a full 67% of voters believe that the investigation of Don Siegelman is politically motivated.

Our lead in the polls will continue to grow as we remind voters of our opponents' effort to raise their taxes and it was Don Siegelman who brought automotive jobs to Alabama, got rid of portable classrooms, and started 1,000 new school construction projects.

On a very personal level I want to tell you that being out of office has provided me with an opportunity to reflect on my past and to reestablish my relationships with friends and family. I am particularly grateful that God gave me this opportunity to spend more quality time with my family.

Looking back over my term as Governor, it is so obvious to me that I made mistakes... but I have now learned from them. For example, I made some "bad" hires, and some wrong policy decisions. I should have used more senior advisors, and I should have taken your phone calls and seen my friends personally when you wanted to give me advice. For these missteps, I am truly sorry. However, I was called into politics not for the money, not for the power, but to help people and I want you to know that each and every day I woke up and worked hard for the people of Alabama.

I want you to know that I would proud to be on Your Team as we work to make Alabama an even better place for us to proudly call our home.

Together, we can get Alabama back on track. I have to depend on my friends now, that is why I am asking that you become an early contributor. Your early contribution will be worth a lot more now than later, so please send as much as you possibly can. After the primary, everybody will want to jump on the bandwagon.

With best personal regards, I am...

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Paul Ryan', written in a cursive style.

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