$12M Lawsuit: OPP attempts to get resident to lay False Charges against Us.

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CaledoniaWakeUpCall and VoiceofCanada have obtained a copy of the Statement of Claim for a $12Million lawsuit against Gwen Boniface, Julian Fantino, Brian Haggith and the Province of Ontario by Caledonia residents Dave Brown and Dana Chatwell.

We have said publicly that the OPP will do everything legal and illegal to ensure that residents cannot speak out in a democratic society. The OPP wilfully will violate people's Charter Rights for assembly and for Freedom of Expression.

The following paragraphs from the lawsuit demonstrate how the OPP will try to pressure people to agree to allow the OPP to arrest us and those who speak out. Even after the OPP are turned down you will read that the OPP 'repeatedly' called Dana Chatwell to get her to agree to lay charges.

We can just imagine what the OPP would be telling the public if they were able to pressure Dana into agreeing. The OPP knew full well we were not trespassing but they didn't care… they wanted to lay charges so they tried to get someone to lay charges against us.

This is a direct attack on Democracy and creates a Police State controlled by the OPP.

Plaintiff's Residence Ransacked

82. Gary McHale ("McHale") is a citizen who resides outside Caledonia who has organized protests in Caledonia. On or about December 16, 2006, McHale was in Caledonia to organize a protest of the native occupation of Douglas Creek Estates. The O.P.P. contacted Chatwell and requested that Chatwell sign a document agreeing that the O.P.P. could charge with trespassing any of the protestors accompanying McHale who entered on the Property. As the O.P.P. had refused to evict any other trespassers from the Property when Brown and Chatwell requested their assistance, Chatwell refused the O.P.P.'s request.

83. The Plaintiffs left their residence on December 16, 2006, the day of McHale's protest. The O.P.P. were on the Property during McHale's protest. McHale and others entered onto the Property to come face to face with native protestors who were surrounding the Property where it bordered Douglas Creek Estates.

84. The O.P.P. called Chatwell repeatedly on December 16, 2006 seeking her permission to charge McHale and other non-native protestors on the Property with trespassing.

85. In the evening of December 16, 2006, after McHale's protest was over, Brown and Chatwell returned to the Property. As soon as they returned to the Property, native protestors surrounded the Property shouting racial insults and threats of bodily harm and harm to the Plaintiffs' property. Brown and Chatwell left the Property to visit as a friend's house.

86. Plaintiffs Brown and Chatwell returned to the Property at approximately 1:30 a.m. on December 17, 2006 to find that the Residence had been broken into and ransacked. Electronics and computer equipment were smashed, racist and vulgar comments were painted on the walls, furniture was broken and overturned. Brown and Chatwell reported the incident to the O.P.P.

87. During subsequent investigations of the break and enter, the O.P.P. conducted extensive interrogations of Chatwell and Brown and made significant inquiry as to whether Chatwell and Brown ransacked their own home. Interrogations of Brown and Chatwell lasted several hours.

Allegations contained in the Statement of Claim have not been proven in court.