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Dear Reporter:

I am the daughter of George Sassower, who is featured in the attached story in the June 6th issue of The Village Voice. As you can see from the enclosed materials, the published story is the "tip" of an "iceberg" that will have significant judicial and political ramifications--if exposed.

At present, my father is incarcerated at the Metropolitan Correctional Center (MCC) under a defective and improper warrant of arrest and denied bail for the underlying misdemeanor--filing of a motion to enjoin extortion payments which now total over \$2,500,000.

This extortion is part of a documented and documentable story of what goes on with trusts, estates, and involuntarily-dissolved corporations whose assets fall into the custody of the Court. It is a story not about the corruption of one judge--but about a system of corruption. The corruption goes beyond the courts--and is made possible by the direct criminal complicity of the office of the Attorney General--and a panoply of other governmental agencies.

This is a sensational story--and a significant one. The People of New York have a right to know what goes on within the judicial and political system. They have a right to know that regulations and statutes, whose very purpose is to prevent unlawful aggrandizement on the part of the Court and its appointees, "look good on paper", but are not given obedience by the Courts, nor by the appropriate government agencies.

And the People should know that "it can and does happen here"--that in this country, (in the heart of New York, no less) there are criminal convictions and incarcerations without the constitutional guarantee of trial--and that agreements are criminally extorted whereby monies are paid to private pockets.

This horror story can be fully documented--and we ask only that you give us that opportunity and investigate the truth. At a time when every newspaper reports about jail overcrowding and the release pending trial of would-be cop-killers, George Sassower is denied bail for a misdemeanor and, notwithstanding recent surgery and a doctor's affidavit as to the state of his health, is incarcerated--"a prisoner of the courts and the judges who rule them" (Village Voice). I believe the Media has some questions to ask about this situation.

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Admittedly, every daughter wants to see her father as a hero, but I believe that the facts of this story--when investigated--will speak eloquently on their own.

In an age of cynicism, when scandal and corruption seem "the way of the world", the People deserve to know about courageous individuals, such as my father, who do not "sell" their integrity and who are willing to put life, livelihood, and reputation on the line to preserve the Constitution and the rule of law.

The enclosed materials give a "taste" of this story's significance. Do contact me for additional material and information. My number is (914) 428-8598. To leave a message, dial (914) 997-7937.

Your assistance in bringing these important matters before the public is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



ELENA RUTH SASSOWER

Enclosures