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Dear Governor Pawlenty:

This letter is to apprise you personally of the theft of Solid Rock Church, Inc. of Elk River. The theft occurred between the period of 1993 and 1995 and was accomplished by the filing of fraudulent Articles of Incorporation revisions with the Minnesota Secretary of State's Office. The object of the filings was the disenfranchisement of the members of the non-profit corporation behind their backs and without their consent or for that matter – even their knowledge; and, the transfer of all corporate property to the William Neal Matthews family.

I personally attended the corporate meetings involved in the theft and discovered the fraudulent filings and resultant church theft in April of 1998.

This isn't a matter involving Church-State separation. It is a matter of corporate law and it involves fraudulent Articles filed with the State under Minn. §317A. The matter is now *fully* evidenced and *fully* documented in the Sherburne County Tenth District Court records.

What has happened in Minnesota to date has me wondering whether justice exists in the state when it comes to sophisticated white-collar crimes of this nature. I reported this crime to the following authorities that essentially found it inconvenient and chose to ignore it.

1. Elk River Police
2. Sherburne County Sheriff
3. Sherburne County Attorney
4. Attorney General

In addition, since my own property was stolen as well – I conducted two civil suits against Solid Rock Church in the Tenth District Court. Both suits were thrown out on technicalities *even though documented proof of the fraudulent filings and theft were before both judges.*

Note: I am poor and could not afford to hire an attorney, so unfortunately, this fact coupled with the authorities in the state choosing to turn their backs on the theft – literally forced the whole process to get dragged out. The complete evidence, however, was uncovered during the discovery process in the first suit. The judge in the second suit, Judge Karla Hancock, aside from throwing the suit out and ignoring the evidence, also fined me \$17k in legal fees. I assume this is where the statement: "No good deed goes unpunished" gets applied to me.

The Court judgment was paid in full in April of this year and aside from being an unjust and unrighteous act of the Court – it has no bearing on the essential facts in this case. A \$6 Million white-collar crime has been committed in Elk River by William Neal Matthews etal.

I had worked to engage the attorney general's office during the term of Mike Hatch. The reason for this is that Minnesota Law specifically charges his office with the responsibility to resolve the issue. Here is a list of pertinent statutes ...

1. Minn. §317A.751 Sub 5 states clearly that the Attorney General can seek relief when “Articles of Incorporation” are obtained through fraudulent means.
2. Minn. §317A.903 makes it clear that the Court can refer the matter to the Attorney General wherever there is a clear state interest.
3. Minn. §317A.813 makes it clear that the Attorney General has powers “to supervise and investigate corporations under this chapter ... to secure [full] compliance.”

I was told by the Attorney General's Office that they had NO AUTHORITY to take any action and that THEIR ONLY duty was to defend the State. I have since learned that Mike Hatch gutted the civil enforcement division of the Attorney General's Office. Specifically, the office staff that used to assist county attorneys when sophisticated crimes took place that required more prosecuting manpower. Certainly, this crime is not the responsibility of a poor minister in a rural county!

So, in short, I am at a loss. As a life long resident of Minnesota who now approaches 62, I am wondering who protects us in the state against such sophisticated crimes? I no longer have any confidence in the AG's Office, so I am writing to you directly seeking an answer to this fundamental question and a full examination of the facts involved in this crime.

If your Office, like others, simply chooses to ignore the crime, I feel compelled to seek the help of a federal civil rights attorney. I believe it is without question that my due process rights have been violated. Yet, it is NOT my rights that I am concerned about. As a lifelong Minnesota resident, I want this crime dealt with and not ignored by state authorities that find it inconvenient or costly to prosecute.

Many years have passed and the criminals involved do doubt remain confident that no criminal prosecution will take place. Have they successfully stolen \$6 Million of corporate property in Minnesota? Again, this is not a matter of religion; it is a simple matter of corporate non-profit law and how that law was used to steal \$6 Million of corporate property within the City of Elk River. I look forward to hearing from you in a timely manner.

Sincerely yours,



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