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Re: US Criminal Law - Defamation On Webpages

From: Rod Eastman <darkstar@carrollweb.com>
Date: Sun, 26 Jul 1998 12:04:57 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Jul 1998 16:02:54 -0400
Subject: Re: US Criminal Law - Defamation On Webpages

> From: Stig Agermose <wanderer@post8.tele.dk>
> Subject: Federal Criminal Law Against Defamation On Webpages
> To: updates@globalserve.net
> Date: Sun, 26 Jul 1998 03:04:41 +0200

> >From NY MUFON's mailing list.

> Stig

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> Date: 26 Jul 1998 00:22:52 -0000
> From: "Larry Clark" <lclark@ibm.net>
> To: "Jed Turnbull" <Jedstar@aol.com>

> <snip>

> Subject: internet use
> Date: Sat, 25 Jul 1998 20:26:34 -0400

> NY Mutual UFO Network Postings -
> <http://www.nymufon.org>

> Hi all:

> I received a message from the state director with important news
> for all our internet users. Dana wrote:

> "that there is now a federal criminal law against defamation on
> the Internet (eg, the Webpage). Already there has been a
> conviction, in New England I believe, where there was prison
> time, a fine, AND seizure of the computer equipment used by the
> convicted. So be careful what you say on our Webpage"

> Enough said! Be careful out there! I myself was accused of
> copying someone's WEB page, changing the contents, and posting
> it to the state site, and pretending it was on another site. The
> bizarre thing about that was when you went to the alleged forged
> page, it clearly showed (and still does) the person's WEB
> address. To pun a phrase "Oh, what webs we weave, when we
> practice to....."

> Regards,

> Larry Clark

Larry;

If possible, can you provide more background on this new law, ergo the statute ##, enforcing agency, ect.. this may be helpfull as a knife

that does cut two ways. And names or information will be helpfull.
Thanks. Rod.h

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