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In view of the interest in the John Ford on UFO UpDates I'm re-posting the following. I don't know if the E-Mail addresses still work - I've Cc:'ed the interested parties.

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From: RSchatte@aol.com [Rebecca Schatte]
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A friend of mine received this and I thought it was interesting enough to pass along. I'm not saying whether I support this or not... This is just being forwarded for information only. --
Rebecca

Forwarded Message:

Subj: Ford
Date: 96-10-06 14:31:53 EDT
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To the concerned:

Mr. John Ford, President of the East Long Island UFO Network has been jailed. We believe that he has been "Setup" by those involved in the UFO coverup, and is being used as an "Example" and "Warning" to all UFO researchers. It was John Ford's organization, that uncovered the shooting down of an "Aien Mothership" over East Long Island on November 24th, 1992. They were able to uncover evidence that seems to implicate "Brookhaven National Laboratories" in this major incident. Right now, and very pressed for time, we are try to raise donations for Mr Ford's legal expenses.

We need a "Web Page," or some means to to obtain such donations. We don't have anyone experienced enough, to create a Web page. can you help us? We are working with Elaine Douglas in Washington D.C., to bring this about. If you wish to contact Her, Her E-mail is: elaine26@juno.com

We would greatly appreciate any assistance you can provide.

Don Jernigan
President of PIC

Phenomenon Investigation Committee of Columbus Ohio

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THE ORDEAL OF JOHN FORD Was Long Island UFO Researcher Busted For Making Waves?

[Several years ago CNI News became aware of investigations undertaken by UFO activist John Ford. According to Ford, a spacecraft had crashed on Long Island in 1992. Ford sought out witnesses and began accusing public officials of a coverup. Then, earlier this year, Ford was busted for allegedly masterminding an outrageous scheme to murder some of those officials. In the following text, writer Elaine Douglass recounts the events leading up to John Ford's arrest and raises the disturbing possibility that his crime was not conspiracy to murder, but getting too close to the truth.]

by Elaine Douglass

The arrest June 12 of Long Island New York UFO activist John Ford is deeply troubling. Founder in the mid-80s of the Long Island UFO Network (LIUFON), Ford became known for his relentless investigations of UFO events and for his startling allegations that alien craft had come down on Long Island three times in recent years and been retrieved by federal and local authorities.

The Suffolk County Long Island Police Department is one of the agencies John accused. John said the police helped recover a fiery object witnesses told John came down in Long Island's Southhaven Park in 1992. John made this claim at public meetings up and down Long Island, and he held a demonstration at Police Headquarters.

About a year ago scary things started happening to John Ford. He repeatedly phoned friends and said someone was harassing him and maybe, he thought, trying to kill him. Was there a campaign to destabilize John Ford?

If so, it reached its climax June 12, 1996 when John was arrested in a sting operation involving phone taps and a "wired" paid informant. Police charged John with conspiracy to murder and possession of radium without a license. Suffolk DA James Catterson told news reporters John Ford planned to murder an individual by the name of John Powell, head of the Suffolk County Republican Party, by putting radioactive radium in his toothpaste.

An improbable charge, to put it mildly. Nonetheless, the DA seemed unable to restrain himself in the media following John's arrest. He sponsored two press conferences, compared John to the unibomber, and made additional charges against John for which no indictments were subsequently returned. Amid a flood of sensational news, John's bail was set at half a million dollars. Naturally, he hasn't been able to raise it.

In the meantime, the UFO community, unused to investigators being arrested and charged with crimes, has met this unsettling drama with a stunned silence. Nor has John, on advice of his attorney, issued any statement in his own defense other than his plea of not guilty.

Not mentioned in the newspapers was John's claim of harassment, of himself and others in LIUFON: auto accidents (too many),

vandalism of cars, and a physical attack on LIUFON member Joe Mazzuchelli, who was arrested with John June 12. Mazzuchelli says last winter four men dragged him out of John's truck, beat him up, and warned him to "stay out of our business."

John founded LIUFON about 1985. From then on, he maintained a hot line. He investigated sightings and abductions. He held public meetings. He talked to the press. He sponsored conferences. He held demonstrations, he published a newsletter, he leafletted. John was tireless. I know John Ford, and he is the most determined UFO investigator I ever met.

John believed that in 1989 Americans forced down an alien craft over Moriches Bay Long Island. He believed that in 1992 an alien craft crashed in Southhaven Park on the Island. And he considered the possibility that in 1995 another mysterious object came to earth in the Pine Barrens area of the Island and that "diversionary fires" were set to distract public attention. John further believed the Long Island police, fire, parks and other local agencies were commandeered by the federals to assist in these emergency operations and then, naturally, gagged. John claimed he had "sources" in the Police and Fire Departments who privately told him information on which he built his cases. The details are too numerous to cover here, but one treatment of the Moriches Bay case can be found in Len Stringfield's Status Report VI.

John Ford's friends all attest he lived a moral life and never, as far as anyone can remember, threatened another person with bodily harm. Murder wasn't in John's character, people say, and breaking the law wasn't John's style. John Ford was a law and order advocate who spent most of his career as a Court Officer in the Suffolk County court system. John knew the law and how to use it. John was litigious, not violent. If John Ford had a gripe against you, he'd sue you in a minute.

If John was going to kill someone, would he use radium? Readers will recall the famous radium dial painters of the 1920s who licked radium paint brushes for 40 years before they got cancer. Yet the DA would have us believe that John's "murder weapon" was radium. Would an individual who thought people were watching him leave illegal radium in the back of a pickup truck in front of his house. I repeat, John knew the law.

The charges against John strain credibility, but that didn't seem to embarrass the DA. Catterson was so eager to incriminate John that he made several serious charges at his press conferences for which no indictments were returned. "This," says attorney John Rouse, "is called poisoning the jury pool."

Catterson's overstep raises questions: Did the DA believe he had more evidence against John than he ended up with? Is it possible the DA never thought he had evidence to convict John of anything, and that instead the purpose of the arrest is simply to ruin John Ford's reputation and wipe him out financially with legal bills?

The purported case against John rests on the taped conversation made in John's house the night of his arrest. The tape has now been released on discovery. "It's unintelligible," says Preston Nichols, John's friend in LIUFON. Attorney John Rouse doesn't disagree. He's waiting for an "enhanced" version of the tape to see if the conversation becomes clearer. Rouse warns, however, that John's situation is serious. If a jury believes the DA's charges, John Ford could get 25-75 years at an upstate New York prison.

As for the radium, it was allegedly found outside in John's truck. Outside is where the police were, waiting and listening to the informant talking with John and Joe. Could the police have planted the radium?

I have in my files a letter from the Suffolk County Police Department, dated April 1993. I wrote to them, at John's request, complaining about police violations of LIUFON member's civil rights. They had been leafletting near Southhaven Park and going house to house looking for witnesses -- constitutionally protected activity. The police stopped them and ordered them out of the area. This was the kind of thing John did, and this was the kind of response he got from the Suffolk Police, as far back as 1993.

There is plenty of reason to think the Suffolk Police were "out to get" John Ford. That is why John's colleagues, including myself, have organized the John Ford Defense Committee. Our purpose is (1) to give people true information on the arrest of John Ford, and (2) collect funds and other resources essential for John's defense.

My support for John Ford, and the support of the other members of the Defense Committee, is based on our conviction that John did not, would not, and could not conspire to murder anyone. On this point our support is complete and total.

As for John's allegations, I speak only for myself and not for other members of the Defense Committee. I always found John's allegations hard to believe but impossible to dismiss. Taken as a whole, what John's claims suggest is a low intensity military conflict between the United States and the aliens. Is that possible? Yes it is.

John Ford is the first UFO investigator to be seriously persecuted by the authorities. Shall we sit idly by while our colleague's life is destroyed? If John Ford is silenced, who is next? Contact the John Ford Defense Committee at web site www.iwaynet.net/~pic or email elaine26@juno.com.

The Committee needs funds for John's legal defense and donations of several kinds: a psychiatrist expert witness; professional audiotape analysis; and a Long Island-based legal investigator.

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