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Current Status Of John Ford

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Attention Friends Of John Ford

Oct. 8, 1998

This message, and the recent letters from UFO activist John Ford below, are going to all in my address book who've expressed an interest in John's case in past. My own involvement dates from the time of John's arrest some two years ago when I was instrumental in forming the John Ford Defense Committee.

As you may recall, John was arrested on charges of threatening to harm someone on Long Island. John may have said threatening words, but if so it was an idle boast as men do when they get together. My fundamental belief about the arrest of John Ford has not changed: John Ford never harmed anyone, he would not harm anyone, and he should not be in jail. Unfortunately, he still is in jail.

The John Ford Defense Committee web site is still up, I believe, and anyone wanting to read my original article in defense of John can do so at www.iwaynet.net/~pic

The following 2 letters were received from John in Sept. & Oct. 1998. The letters are heartfelt and describe John's current circumstances.

Feel free to write to John at:

John Ford (8-29-48),
Riverhead County Jail,
100 Centre Drive,
Riverhead,
NY 11981

Dear Friends:

I am very sorry about not writing to all of you for the past 6 months. I was very depressed and felt like not writing to anyone while I was in the hospital. The atmosphere was depressing and I didn't have the desire to write.

Last Thursday I was transferred back to the County Jail at Riverhead (NY) after it was determined by the hospital I was competent to stand trial. The end result is I am sitting in a cell awaiting a trial date in Riverhead. I've been to court today and I go back Thursday to receive a trial date. It would be a week or 30 days from now.

I have to admit I am a little scared to go to trial since I don't know how things will come out and there appears to be a

lot of damaging evidence on their side of the question--a lot of which appears to be made up and is just short of perjury.

This has cost me my home (sold at auction Jan. 20), my credit rating, my public reputation, and the organization--the Long Island UFO Network--I slaved 10 years to create. Now my very freedom is at stake as it nears the deadline for a trial date.

I ask this of all you all--to keep the faith and say a little prayer to the man upstairs and wish me luck when I go back to court.

My stay at the Mid-Hudson hospital was a break from the atmosphere of the jail here at Riverhead, though both are depressing places. I managed to lose 47 lbs at the hospital because they put me on a reduction diet. I had ballooned up to 267 lbs during the year I was in jail before going to the hospital. So far I have slimmed down and intend to lose more weight.

My attorney John Rouse is working hard for me and he is trying to get the charges dismissed. I hope he succeeds. We'll see what happens.

Thank you all for sticking beside me. Thank you for all the help you have extended on my behalf, and the money you have sent. I am deeply indebted to you all. Sincerely, John Ford

P.S. Any of you who wish may contact Preston Nichols here on Long Island at 516-581-1574. He can give you a running dialogue of what is happening.

Oct. 1998

Dear Friends:

Some of you have written, and I thank you for the sentiments expressed. As some of you said, I deserved none of this. It's true, but it has happened anyway,.

The blame for it rests squarely on the shoulders of the UFO coverup. From everything I have endured and experienced I have developed the belief that the coverup is administered here on Long Island and partly expressed through the Suffolk County Police Department.

We've known the police department here on the Island has a special briefing manual distributed to inspectors, deputy inspectors and precinct commanders detailing what to do in a UFO situation, how to control and cover up the situation, and what federal agencies to contact to get them to intervene and cover up the incident. They also have harrassed us in the the past and have threatened us in the past both verbally and in writing.

The police have also cooperated with the Feds in staging situations where they can discredit the reputation of individuals who are UFO witnesses. Their usual method is to run the witness (victim) into Stonybrook psychological department on either a suicide attempt charge or stating the person is acting strangely. From there either the person is usually confined or has been threatened by the police and psychiatrists into silence. They do this and I know for a fact they do it because they did it to several key witnesses from the Southaven Park UFO crash case. Now they are doing it to me.

The third day I was imprisoned I was told I had an attorney visit. I went there expecting to see John Rouse, but I was led into a cubicle where they was an attorney sitting waiting for me. It wasn't John Rouse. As I sat down he introduced himself as a Mr. Kevin Kerraus, and he informed me he was here to represent me free of charge. He further stated he was from friends on the outside who were deeply concerned about me. He went on to say he had been in conference with Catterson (the District Attorney) and that all I had to do was wait and Catterson would drop the charges. When he would do so would be at his own discretion.

This was said along with the stipulation that if I didn't want to wait I could take a plea and that would mean upstate jail time. So I was left with the alternative to wait for the

dismissal. That is what I am doing right now. I'm still waiting for the dismissal.

Take care of yourselves, and God bless.

Sincerely,
John Ford

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