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Stephen Mitchell
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Dear Mr. Mitchell:

First Amendment Rights/False Harassment Charges

Wednesday, June 14, 2000, the police came to investigate false charges of harassment made against me by three Council House residents: Mary Lou Saul, Duneer Saul, and Grace Burton. I understand from witnesses that you and Ms. Dunbar had some involvement with that visit.

I wrote to you (PT-00-0614-1459) following that visit by the police. Then, because of my letter, you evidently interviewed Nathaniel (Knote) Stahl your volunteer employee and outgoing president of the Council House Residents Council.

According to Stahl's public statement, you told him what I had written in my letter:

If residents do not wish to receive my material then they must contact me individually and say so by leaving a note at the desk. I will then remove them from my distribution list.

However, Stahl added to this statement and broadcast it over a public address system. He said that he would not sign anything (a note or a list) in fear that I would use his signature to gain access to his credit card and to the credit cards of other residents. By that, he committed a libelous act: a gross misdemeanor.¹

The board of directors and their managers have apparently encouraged this type of behavior by not enforcing HUD directives and complying with state law. Stahl, the Sauls, and Burton, have now escalated administrative dereliction into criminal activity: namely libel and conspiracy² to file false reports with the Seattle Police Department.

You have still not posted my notice on the bulletin board. This leads me to believe that you have acted with complicity in all these matters. Please take this letter as forewarning that you and Mullen have created a potentially dangerous situation and that your continued procrastination has reached a point where you could both become criminally liable.

Moreover, continuing to deny me my freedom of expression impacts upon my civil rights. I will take every lawful action at my disposal to correct that situation.

Sincerely,

Paul Trummel.

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1. RCW 9.58.010(3). Libel, What it Constitutes.
2. RCW 9A.28.040(1). Criminal Conspiracy.