

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT**

**BARBARA C. DOUTEL,**

**Plaintiff  
(VLB)  
v.**

**Civil No. 3:11-CV-001164**

**CITY OF NORWALK, et al,**

**Defendants**

**EXHIBIT Y**

**THE DEFENDANTS**

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Rachel –

As I indicated to you today, the police department has the position that they are unable to release any of the seized weapons without a court order to do so. Stated another way, if there is a court order to that effect, they would comply.

I have been in communication with Det. Mattson of the State Police, Chief Rilling and ASA Lockshier on this matter. I have also reviewed some of the transcripts in the criminal matter. I reviewed the Motion you filed in the Criminal Court as well.

It appears to me that there has never been a motion addressed to the Court specifically requesting that the weapons that can be proven to the court's satisfaction that belong to Mrs. Doutel be returned to her. I have long asked that this be done both as a practical matter and in a legal sense (since Mrs. Doutel would have a duty to mitigate her damages).

Accordingly, I reiterate what I had mentioned today (at least tacitly if not overtly) – that we attempt to resolve this matter by working together to see if the court would (under whatever conditions) return her weapons to her.

The next step in our civil matter would be for me to depose Mr. Doutel and Mrs. Doutel. You would need to depose the remaining officers who were on the scene as well as the staff of the doctor's office. We are talking about thousands of dollars here. It is my belief that we would all benefit from resolving this case at this early stage before committing more of our assets to this case.

I await to hear your thoughts. Failing an agreement, please provide me with open dates for the deposition of Mr. and Mrs. Doutel.

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