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Press Release

FBI Encouraged to Investigate Connecticut State Police

Threats, intimidation and extortion alleged against the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection

New Haven, CT, August 26, 2013: Attorney Rachel M. Baird of Torrington, CT has sent a letter to Special Agent in Charge Kimberly Mertz of the New Haven FBI office to investigate allegations of criminal conduct. The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection's criminal conduct violates Federal laws: 18 U.S.C. §§ 241 - Conspiracy Against Rights and 18 U.S.C. §§ 242 - Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law.

The case is one that Connecticut Carry has [exposed previously](#). In this case, the subject was told to surrender all of his firearms under threat of arrest because he was ineligible to possess firearms. This was, in fact, a lie by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection who should certainly know better. At no time was the subject ineligible to possess firearms according to State or Federal law. The subject had an **ex parte** restraining order against him, which is also called a **temporary** restraining order. At that point in the restraining order process, the subject of the order has not had any chance to answer or defend against the allegation. It would be completely unreasonable to think that a person would need to give up core rights upon any accusation by another person. This is would be a complete insult to the concept of due process spelled out in the 5th and 14th amendments to the United States Constitution.

As demonstrated repeatedly, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection has a long pattern of misinterpreting the State and Federal laws whenever it suits their needs. More alarmingly, they have politicians that are somehow willing to try and [alter the laws](#) after their misuse of the current laws is exposed.

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, through their legal counsel have shown a willful disregard for the laws and the facts in this case as well as others. Their credibility should suffer as a result.

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