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Press Release

The State Furthers Its Hypocrisy in Pennell Case

DESPP Caught Lying in Court Complaint

Middletown CT, July 15, 2013: On June 21, 2013 the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) filed suit against the Board of Firearms Permit Examiners (BFPE) and a Mr. Glenn Pennell. The lawsuit is an appeal to the courts to overturn the decision of the BFPE to return Mr. Pennell's pistol permit.

Paragraph #17 of the complaint alleges:

"17. By reinstating Pennell's Permit at a future time and subject to one or more conditions, the Board has exceeded its statutory authority and created obligations for the plaintiff with respect to the issuance of this permit that are not permitted by Conn. Gen. Stat. § 29-32b. These conditions are not available to issuing authorities such as the plaintiff and other municipalities as set forth in [sic]"

The above cited allegation is particularly interesting given an exchange in a BFPE hearing, the recording of which was captured and pointed out by Connecticut Carry Director Edward Peruta. Kenneth Tramadeo, a public member of the BFPE inquired of Detective Barbara Matson why and how she was making 'deals' with permit appellants before BFPE hearings and how those appellants were chosen.

The particular 'deal' discussed in that recording is extremely similar to the ruling that the BFPE made regarding Mr. Pennell's permit being returned. The 'deal' directly conflicts with the DESPP's assertion in its complaint that both the DESPP and BFPE lack the authority to make this kind of a deal. Detective Barbara Matson, in fact, indicates that this kind of thing is quite common.

Connecticut Carry has made [the Detective Matson audio](#) available on its YouTube channel, for public consumption. Also, please review [the court complaint](#) from the DESPP's court case.

Has the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection been knowingly violating its authority for years? Or is it suddenly trying to forget its common practices so that it can push a political agenda that smears the Board of Firearms Permit Examiners?

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