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### Convicted Felon Doctor trusted over Law Abiding Veteran

*The Norwalk Police Department trusts the word of a convicted felon to prosecute a law abiding veteran.*

**Norwalk, Connecticut, 3/31/2012:**

Dr. Igal Staw, the Norwalk Police Department and Norwalk's State's Attorney Tiffany Lockshier have conspired to prosecute a Norwalk Veteran for over a year in an attempt to demonize the man's human right to carry a firearm.

Dr. Igal Staw plead guilty in Federal Court to felony federal health care fraud in 2007. He still practices medicine out of Norwalk, Connecticut. Somehow, a felony conviction is enough for you to lose your human right to possess and carry a firearm, but it is not enough to take away the trusted status of a medical doctor to practice medicine on the citizens of Connecticut.

Norwalk resident Duane Doutel was scheduled for a surgery for a painful and debilitating condition and needed tests to clear him for surgery. His doctor, Dr. Staw, performed the tests. When he neglected to forward the results of the test to Mr. Doutel's surgeon as instructed on multiple occasions, Mr. Doutel got the feeling that this was not a good sign. When he researched Dr. Staw, he found out about his status as a convicted felon for criminal deception and he communicated his concern to Dr. Staw and the possible relation of this to his missing results.

When Mr. Doutel left an innocuous voicemail message that he would "come down there and that it would not be pretty" if the results he had paid cash for were not forwarded as requested and instructed, Dr. Staw saw his opportunity and concocted an elaborate series of mischaracterizations and lies about Mr. Doutel. When he reported these to Norwalk Police Officer Jared Zwickler, the rookie officer took Dr. Staw's words as gospel, gathered fellow officers into a raid team and stormed Mr. Doutel's property, arresting the confused but compliant Vietnam-era veteran and searching his house, seizing his firearms, including priceless family heirlooms that cannot be replaced.

State's Attorney Tiffany Lockshier has spent over a year trying to keep Mr. Doutel from possessing weapons and regaining the property that the Norwalk Police stole from his home despite the only charge involved in the case being Harassment in the Second Degree ([CGS 53a-183](#)). This misdemeanor charge, even if convicted, would not prohibit Mr. Doutel from possessing firearms. Still, State's Attorney Lockshier operates on her own bias against our human rights and uses the court to keep Mr. Doutel from his rights.

To this date, Mr. Doutel still has a criminal charge over his head, a court order to not possess firearms, and mounting legal fees. Connecticut Carry urges the citizens and officials of Connecticut to get involved and stop this baseless and criminal prosecution against an innocent man.

Mr. Doutel's case is 'The State of Connecticut vs. Doutel' (Docket # [S20N-CR11-0128328-S](#)). It is time for the people of Connecticut to stand up and tell the Norwalk Police and State's Attorney Tiffany Lockshier that the people of Connecticut do not condone taking human rights from a person without cause at the request of a felon.

Connecticut Carry stands behind Mr. Doutel and Attorney Rachel M. Baird as they fight this fight together. The results of this fight could very well have an impact on the rights of citizens across Connecticut and how these laws are interpreted to deny our rights. We must make sure that those in charge receive our message loud and clear.

More information on this issue can be found on <http://ctcarry.com>.

Connecticut Carry is dedicated to advancing and protecting the fundamental civil rights of the men and women of Connecticut to keep and bear arms for defense of themselves and the state as guaranteed by the United States Constitution and the Constitution of Connecticut.

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