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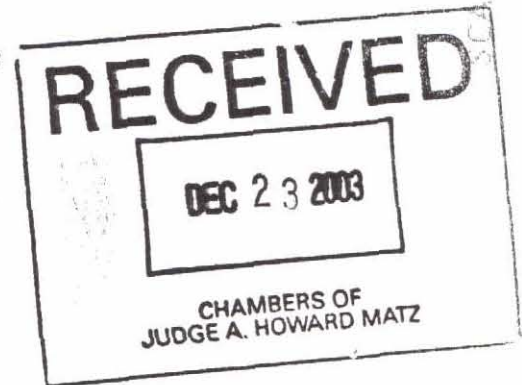
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December 18, 2003

The Honorable A. Howard Matz
United States District Court
Central District of California
United States Courthouse
312 N. Spring Street, Room 14
Los Angeles, California 90012



Re: United States v. Steven William Sutcliffe, Case No. CR 02-350(A)-AHM

Dear Judge Matz:

I am writing to inform you of an issue regarding studies conducted by a Forensic Psychologist at the Federal Medical Center, Devens, Massachusetts. Specifically, an investigation by the Bureau of Prisons Office of Internal Affairs recently revealed that there is sufficient evidence to question the credibility and accuracy of a psychological evaluation conducted by Dr. Thomas Patenaude.

This internal investigation could call into question the credibility of other psychological evaluations conducted by this psychologist. Our records show that this psychologist issued a report in a case before your court: United States v. Steven William Sutcliffe, Case No. CR 02-350(A)-AHM, concerning defendant Steven William Sutcliffe, Register Number 02837-049. Accordingly, we bring this information to your attention for any action the court may deem appropriate. A copy of this letter is being sent to the counsel of record.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact me at (978) 796-1100 or Attorney-Advisor Ann Zgrodnik at (978) 796-1043.

Sincerely,

David L. Winn
Warden

cc: Elena J. Duarte, Assistant U.S. Attorney
Gregory Nicolaysen, Defense Attorney

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
CRIMINAL MINUTES - GENERAL

Case No: CR 02-350(A)-AHM

Date and Filed: JAN - 6 2004

SCANNED

PRESENT: HONORABLE A. HOWARD MATZ, U. S. DISTRICT JUDGE

Stephen Montes
Deputy Clerk

Not Reported
Court Reporter

Elena J. Duarte
Not Present
Asst. U.S. Attorney

INTERPRETER: N/A

U.S.A. v. Defendant **NOT PRESENT**

Attorneys for Defendant **NOT PRESENT**

1) Steven William Sutcliffe

1) David R. Reed

X custody bond O/R

X apptd retn

PROCEEDINGS: (IN CHAMBERS)

The Court has received the attached letter from Warden David L. Winn of the Federal Medical Center in Devens, Massachusetts. The Court contacted Warden Winn. He indicated that the report or events that created a question about the "credibility and accuracy" of Dr. Patenaude's work did not arise out of or consist of any examination or contact with defendant Sutcliffe. He said that Dr. Patenaude no longer works for the Bureau of Prisons. Thereafter, the Court obtained a copy of the Bureau of Prisons Office of Internal Affairs Investigative Report. There is nothing in that report that refers to defendant or to any contact Dr. Patenaude had with defendant.

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