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The Honorable R.J. Larizza  
State Attorney, Seventh Judicial Circuit  
The Justice Center  
251 North Ridgewood Avenue  
Daytona Beach, Florida 32114-7505

Dear Honorable Larizza:

I am an investigative reporter covering matters related to the disappearance and whereabouts of HaLeigh Ann-Marie Cummings, 5, Satsuma, Florida.

In the spirit of full disclosure I must tell you I am writing a book on this subject. I am compelled to contact you today as an ethical and moral matter, as I have information that leads me to believe HaLeigh Cummings may very well be in the illegal custody of someone known to the Griffis/Sheffield family.

Enclosed you will find two reports I submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation on this matter. I am presently conducting interviews and assimilating information for an addendum to my initial report to the FBI.

I am executing this action today because a child is presently missing and it would not be ethical to sit on such information.

The addendum is not prepared but I will provide you a brief analysis of some of what it will contain:

#### Summary

Approximately a month after the disappearance of HaLeigh Cummings a group of professionals entered into agreement, either contractually or by quid pro quo, to exploit the disappearance of the missing child – motivated by the high profile nature of the case.

A short list of the participants would include:

Florida Attorney Kim Picazio, Ft. Lauderdale  
Mike Picazio, husband of Kim Picazio  
Private Investigator William Eugene (Cobra) Staubs, Ft. Lauderdale  
Photo-journalist Art Harris (address unknown)  
Jeremiah Regan (self proclaimed events planner) (address unknown)  
John Regan (self proclaimed clergyman – law enforcement officer impersonator) Hastings, FL

A coordination of said professionals and charlatans would enjoy the benefits of an attorney who is legally representing the missing child's mother, a private investigator under contract with the family to search, and a well-connected media person with occasional access to national television.

I believe evidence, facts, and circumstances, based upon statements I have taken, interviews I have conducted, and research I have made public, indicate the child may likely be alive and well. I believe it shows further that the participants knew the child was okay, and that specific knowledge is what made the endeavor so original and lucrative (if not horribly diabolical).

This tri-factor of professionals allowed stories to be literally created out of whole cloth, filmed by Art Harris, and published on his website artharris.com. The stories would be prepared to advance (1) the custody bid by Crystal Sheffield, represented by Kim Picazio, for Ronald Cummings Jr., (2) an unfavorable public view of the missing child's father, Ronald Cummings, (3) publicity for William (Cobra) Staubs in his bid for a Discovery Channel bounty hunter show, which he was negotiating, (4) the paid legal services of Kim Picazio, (5) movie, book, documentary rights and income in the immediate term by Art Harris, (6) movie, book, and documentary rights in the future for all participants, (7) any and all other publicity benefits of being involved with the search for HaLeigh Cummings, (8) monetary funds flowing in to an organization called the HaLeigh Bug Foundation, which Picazio formed legally only after an official complaint was filed by a child advocate because the organization was illegally soliciting donations and money (Kim Picazio was removed as the registering agent on 6/25/09/.)

The child was to remain missing until physical custody of Ronald Cummings Jr., could be obtained by Crystal Sheffield. At that time, the child would be fantastically discovered by Kim Picazio, William (Cobra) Staubs, and Investigative Journalist Art Harris.

I have statements and evidence that money was secretly exchanged between these professional participants.

Others likely benefiting financially from the child's disappearance could include: John Sheffield, the child's grandfather; Marie Griffis, the child's grandmother; Connie Sheffield, John Sheffield's wife; Ruby Kanger, John Sheffield's mother-in-law.

I have multiple statements from different individuals that John Regan, Hastings, Florida, repeatedly identified himself as a law enforcement officer in matters regarding the disappearance and whereabouts of HaLeigh Cummings. He impersonated an FBI agent, CIA agent, and Aviation police. The statements taken depict different times and places of John Regan's illegal activities

On March 22, 2009, John Regan pretended to over-see a ground search for HaLeigh Cummings at San Mateo, Florida. He fooled the dog-handler and pretended to 'clear' evidence before it was approved for removal. His son, Jeremiah Regan, announced loudly he had found a glove that looked like it had "blood" on it. Other items found were toys made to appear to hold the missing child's scent, which the dog went straight to – an illusion created by the activities of Marie Griffis, the child's grandmother.

The dog handler said John Regan told her he was going to call local police to the search and made a call on his cell phone. William Staubs, a private investigator in full uniform, arrived instead.

I have multiple statements and documentation that John Regan's activities at San Mateo were reported my multiple parties to the following law officers:

***Dominic Pape, Florida Department of Law Enforcement***  
***Dominic Piscatello, Putnam County Sheriff's Department***  
***Sheriff Jeff Hardy, Putnam County Sheriff's Department***  
***Detective Peggy Cone, Putnam County Sheriff's Department***

No known action was/has ever been taken regarding the federal offense committed by John Regan, and the extremely suspicious activity of what appeared to be a staged search with planted evidence at San Mateo.

I have further credible statements that John Regan committed the act of impersonating an agent at other times in other places in matters involving the disappearance and whereabouts of HaLeigh Cummings.

As my investigative report to the FBI will show, Kim Picazio made repeated statements on national television and to other media outlets, claiming she was deeply embedded into the investigative team at the Putnam County Sheriff's Department. She claimed her client was not a suspect and the PCSD did not even know her client's physical address until she told them what it was (this despite the fact that her client stood to benefit by the child's disappearance because of child support arrears approaching \$12,000 / jail time / drivers license suspension / and a scheduled court appearance for Crystal Sheffield). She claimed access to secret evidence and phone records. She claimed a very close relationship with Detective Peggy Cone.

Photo-journalist Art Harris repeatedly cited sources 'close to the investigation' without providing their names when he wrote about the subject and published it. Harris' stories appeared to be propaganda, one headline reading; "Haleigh Exclusive, Bloody Hands" - below the headline was a photo of Ronald Cummings' hands holding his daughter's picture. Harris also published photos of Crystal Sheffield that create the appearance she is holding HaLeigh lovingly; the photo was deemed fake by an expert, yet Harris would not remove it from his website and personally vouched for the authenticity of the photo. He has since began to admit the photo is fake but will not remove it from his site.

Harris also reported he conducted an interview with a woman named "Barbara" from "Texas" who told him she paid Crystal Sheffield's \$12,000 in child support arrears. That written piece as well, appeared to be a cover-story for the activities of Kim Picazio, and the strong possibility exists that Kim Picazio paid the child support herself as to retain her position as Sheffield's lawyer. There was no "Barbara."

I believe it would be proper application of due diligence for your office to conduct an investigation of the Putnam County Sheriff's Department.


I believe it would be proper application of due diligence of your office to investigate John Regan, Jeremiah Regan, Kim Picazio, Art Harris, William Staubs, Marie Griffis, John Sheffield, Connie Sheffield, and Ruby Kanger.

I am requesting said.


Respectfully yours,  
Timothy Charles Holmseth

Enclosure CD Containing: Preliminary Investigative Report to FBI pdf., Complaint Against John Regan pdf., FBI Report Photographs pdf., Attorney General Complaint pdf., Analysis Fake Photo By Number Word File, Fake Photos 1-7.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2009.

  
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Timothy C. Holmseth

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July 2009 by Timothy C. Holmseth.

  
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Notary Public  
My Commission Expires Jan 31, 2010

