

Foundation Defends Against Union Identity Theft, Conspiracy

Employee attacked by union terror campaign: "They hurt me and they hurt my family"

HARTFORD, CT – Foundation staff attorneys filed a lawsuit in state court for Patricia Pelletier, a Connecticut resident who was targeted by union bosses with an ugly campaign of harassment and retaliation.

After Pelletier initiated a successful workplace decertification drive to eject the unwanted union from her workplace, union militants conspired to forge her name on numerous magazine subscription cards, bombarding her home with hundreds of unwanted mail-order journals and billing her for thousands of dollars.

Because Connecticut lacks a Right to Work law, Pelletier was forced to pay union dues and accept the Communication Workers of America (CWA) Local 1103's mandatory workplace representation. After growing disillusioned with the union's presence, Pelletier initiated several workplace decertification petitions to eject the CWA from her Connecticut non-profit.

"The union was never there for us for anything," said Pelletier. "They took our dues every paycheck, but believe it or not, nonunion people got better [benefit] packages."

Police uncover hard evidence of union origin

A police investigation indicated that union operatives forged Pelletier's signature on hundreds of mail-order products in retaliation for attempting to remove the union, flooding her doorstep with unwanted mail. The

forged order forms were mailed from the same zip code as the union's headquarters, which was located across the New York state line.

Not only was Pelletier forced to spend several hours each day for more than

a year canceling individual subscriptions and orders, her name and personal information were sold to advertiser mailing lists across the country. Magazine companies also billed Pelletier

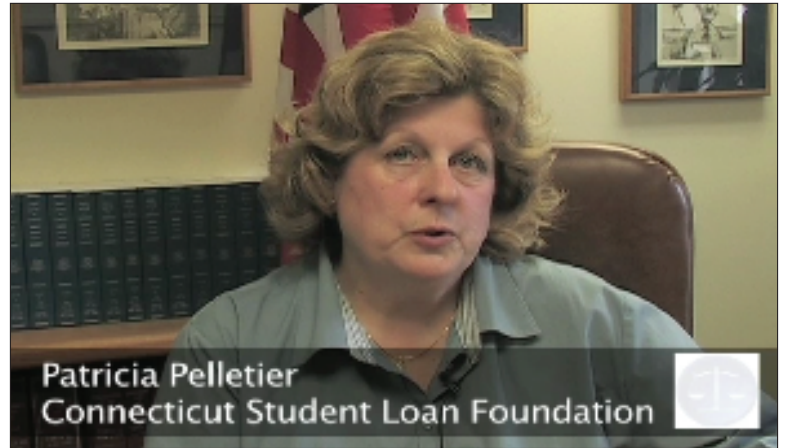
for thousands of dollars in unwanted subscription fees, and ultimately, collection agencies began to call, threatening lawsuits and a ruined credit rating.

"You're talking weeks, hours,

months to try to call everybody, make sure it [the magazine subscription] is cancelled . . . and I'm still getting past due notices from collection companies," said Pelletier.

What's worse, Pelletier also believes that union militants planted cocaine at her work desk in an effort to have her fired. Although the police investigation into the incident has stalled, union militants in her workplace had both the means and motive to frame Pelletier for drug possession.

According to Pelletier, "[cocaine] was found in a loan file . . . this file




Patricia Pelletier's life has been turned upside down by union militants seeking revenge. Hear her story at youtube.com/RightToWork.

cabinet is not locked and is accessible to everyone who works in the building . . . so it was available and accessible to the pro-union people who had confronted me."

Foundation attorneys hold union militants accountable in court

In a 31-count suit filed in Hartford Superior Court, Foundation attorneys allege that union officials committed identity theft, conspired to forge Pelletier's signature, inflicted undue emotional distress on Pelletier and her family, and violated Connecticut's Unfair Trade Practice Act. Foundation attorneys are seeking damages in excess of \$15,000 to compensate Pelletier for CWA union militants' ugly campaign of retaliation against her.

"Mrs. Pelletier's plight demonstrates the vicious things union officials will do to punish workers who wish to refrain from unionization," said Mark Mix, president of the National Right to Work Foundation. "Mrs. Pelletier is guilty of nothing more than helping her coworkers give an unwanted union the boot." 

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