

DEAR ALEX,

I AM IN NORTH CAROLINA WORKING ON A COUPLE OF STORIES ABOUT GANG SHOOTINGS, BUT I AM MONITORING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PELLICANO CASE.

AN AMAZING THING HAPPENED THIS WEEK, THE JUDGE GRANTED PELLICANO'S ATTORNEYS MOTION FOR AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING TO DETERMINE IF THE GOVERNMENT VIOLATED HIS 6TH AMENDMENT RIGHTS BY USING HIS GIRLFRIEND TO SNITCH AND COLLECT EVIDENCE DURING HER VISITS WITH HIM IN PRISON. IN ESSENCE, BY ALLOWING AN AGENT OF THE GOVERNMENT TO INTERVIEW HIM WITHOUT NOTIFYING PELLICANO'S ATTORNEYS— FOR 6 MONTHS.

ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY DAN SAUNDERS AND FBI SPECIAL AGENT STAN ORNELLAS — THE SAME OFFICIALS WHO CHARGED AND PROSECUTED YOUR CASE — MUST TAKE THE STAND AND TESTIFY ABOUT THEIR CONDUCT IN THE CASE. THEY DECEIVED PELLICANO AND HIS LAWYERS FOR SIX MONTHS KNOWING IT WAS A VIOLATION OF HIS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS. NOT ONLY DID THEY ^{ILLEGALLY} SPY ON THE GUY THEY ARE PROSECUTING FOR SPYING, THEY FAILED TO FILE REQUIRED FEDERAL 302S DESCRIBING WHAT THEY LEARNED. THEY ALSO FURNISHED HIS GIRLFRIEND WITH A TAPE RECORDER ~~AND~~ RECORDED CONVERSATIONS THAT HAVE NEVER BEEN PRESENTED TO THE DEFENSE. THE JUDGE ORDERED THE FEDS TO TURN IT OVER + TESTIFY.

THIS IS THE FIRST INDICATION THAT THE JUDGE IS STARTING TO DOUBT THE GOVERNMENT'S EXPLANATION FOR THIS CASE. IT IS