

## HB 5724 (Exhibit #4 of 4) - Introduction to the Redford Police Department

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Cc: defilippispeter@aol.com

Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 11:18 AM EDT

Dear Judiciary Chair Breen and Standing Committee Members,

### **RE: Introduction to the cowardly, corrupt, and totally inept Redford Police Department**

If the Redford Police Department ("RPD") had **strictly adhered** to the high standards that I and my fellow citizens are entitled to and should expect to receive from our public servants, I would not be here today. Does this Judiciary Standing Committee believe that it is acceptable behavior for a police department to file TWO false felony warrants for the arrest of an innocent civilian, repeatedly abuse LEIN to entrap him, and then call him an "asshole" and try to provoke him into a fight by screaming "yeah, I'm talking to you" mere inches from his face? All while my 92-year-old non-ambulatory wheelchair-bound mother was sitting in the passenger seat next to me, obviously horrified as any loving mother would be, at seeing what her son was being subjected to.

In point of fact, I was subjected to ALL of these incidents, plus much more at the hands of these thugs, who are formally known as the Redford Police Department. Please see the attached exhibit for extensive details and why I relentlessly made certain that this barbaric officer was **finally** held accountable and formally disciplined.

Plain and simple: The physical, mental, emotional, psychological, and financial abuse and damages that I was subjected to due to the Keystone Kop-esque antics of the RPD are one of the catalysts for my visit your office on January 25, 2024, and for my continued activism with my fellow concerned citizens, on this galvanizing topic.

When I choose to **not** take matters into my own hands, but rather **sought justice in a court of law**, Hell was unleashed on me in what turned out to be the "Kangaroo Kourtroom" antics of inept and corrupt "Black Robe Diseased" judges who had been appointed by former Governor Rick Snyder. **At least two of these judges were present in the hearing room on June 5, 2024, for HB 5724.**

In these "fair and impartial" "courtrooms", which are anything **but** fair and impartial, I have been further bullied, harassed, and intimidated by these so-called judges.

This laundry list of judges includes, first and foremost, Third Circuit Court Judge Martha Snow, who sought vengeance, **all on the taxpayers' dime**, for my documented Whistleblower activities against her disgraced husband former Public Administrator Joseph Xuereb, who was fired by then-Attorney General Bill Schuette (See Exhibit #1 of 4). Snow's fellow Snyder-appointed judges from the Michigan Court of Appeals immediately circled the wagons and marched in lockstep with her to **retaliate** against me.

**This list also includes Michigan Court of Appeals Judges Brock Swartzle, Colleen O'Brien, Michael Riordan, Thomas Cameron, and Mark Boonstra.**

As an aside, Mr. De Filippis will relish the results on Election Day 2024, when Judge Mark Boonstra, the third delusional Snyder-appointed judge from the Michigan Court of Appeals to run for a seat on the Michigan Supreme Court, with grandiose aspirations to become **Justice** Boonstra, suffers a humiliating defeat. The third time will unequivocally *not* be the charm for the bizarre "Pronoun Hating" Boonstra!

As a further aside: Why is this committee as well as the other Representatives that serve in the House not drafting legislation to impose judicial term limits? This legislation is essential to prevent corrupt judges like Redford Township District Court Judge Karen Khalil from running unopposed year after year. I filed a complaint against her with the Judicial Tenure Commission, in addition to at least **three** other additional JTC complaints filed against her in the last decade. Judge Khalil won an election in 1992 for a six-year term. To put this in proper perspective, and remind you how long ago this was, in 1992, George H. W. Bush was president of the

United States and New York City's World Trade Center was still standing. Further, Judge Khalil has since been able to run **unopposed** a staggering **six times** (i.e., 1998, 2004, 2010, 2016, and most recently in 2022), which essentially gives her a virtual **lifetime appointment**.

Also, why doesn't this committee propose legislation to make the JTC subject to FOIA? Then those they have abused and ignored can find out what happens in that protected ivory tower of theirs.

**Please make certain that this email and this Exhibit are also included as part of the permanent testimony for HB 5724.**

Sincerely,  
Peter De Filippis

Enclosure



Exhibit - The cowardly and inept Redford Police Department.PDF  
223.4kB

*Charter Township of Redford*

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

ERIC PAHL  
*Chief of Police*



TRACEY SCHULTZ KOBYLARZ  
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

TO: Peter DeFilippis

FROM: Captain Eric Kapelanski

REFERENCE: Citizen Complaint

Mr. DeFilippis,

I received your complaint in reference to Officer Butler. The incident was investigated and the matter was handled internally within the Department.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric Kapelanski".

Captain Eric Kapelanski

*Charter Township of Redford*



TRACEY SCHULTZ KOBYLARZ  
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

ERIC PAHL  
*Chief of Police*

Date. August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016

Mr. DeFilippis,

The complaint you made in regards to Officer Butler was thoroughly investigated. The final disposition was that Officer Butler was disciplined as a result of the investigation.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Kapelanski".

Captain Eric Kapelanski

Your undated correspondence regarding my Citizen Complaint

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To: ekapelanski@redfordpd.org

Cc: tskobylarz@redfordtp.com; trevinosavalam@michigan.gov; aclu@aclu.org

Bcc: defilippispeter@aol.com

Date: Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 12:37 PM EDT

**Peter De Filippis**  
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[Defilippispeter@aol.com](mailto:Defilippispeter@aol.com)

July 12, 2016

Captain Kapelanski,

**RE: Citizen Complaint**

I am in receipt of your undated letter, postmarked June 14, 2016 regarding the above-captioned topic, which I filed on April 3, 2016. Your letter reads as follows:

Mr. DeFilippis,

*"I received your complaint in reference to Officer Butler. The incident was investigated and the matter was handled internally within the department."*

To reiterate the salient facts:

The entrapment of Peter De Filippis on December 14, 2014 by the Redford police department (RPD).

CHRONOLOGY OF PROCEDURE AND EVENTS

On December 18, 2014, Peter De Filippis, accompanied by Maria, my 92-year-old non-ambulatory wheelchair bound mother and I arrived for our pre-scheduled appointment with Public Servant (Chief) Eric Pahl. Immediately following our appointment with Chief Pahl, upon leaving the Redford police station, we were stopped several hundred feet as we exited the police parking lot by Officer Dudek,.

Officer Dudek, whom we saw upon our exit from the building, had been instructed and deliberately positioned to wait there by Chief Pahl, until my elder disabled mother and I exited the station. Officer Dudek immediately positioned himself behind me and proceeded to follow closely behind us as we exited the parking lot. RPD officer Jim Butler, then proceeded to call me an **"asshole"** and ignominiously attempted to challenge me to a fight, yelling **"Yeah I'm talking to you."** As per the surveillance footage, I just sat there quietly and looked at him in utter disbelief at what I had just heard.

The RPD had run numerous illegal LEINS against my driver's license, for an **unpaid traffic ticket from January 2005**. The RPD obtained this information when they ran their initial LEIN in July 2013, and then proceeded to illegally "sit" on this information for over 18 months. I was entrapped by the RPD, in **retaliation**

for my engaging in a protected activity, by filing a complaint against them with the State of Michigan Department of Civil Rights (MDCR).

**Despite repeated requests, Public Servant (Chief) Pahl has very conveniently refused to either meet with us or to release the video of our meeting of December 18, 2014, before the entrapment occurred.**

Given the non-stop current climate throughout our country, quite rightly, more transparency and disclosure is being required and demanded by the citizens of this country; whom are sick and tired of the fact that police departments consistently fail to realize that first and foremost, they are PUBLIC SERVANTS and not the lords of the manor.

Therefore, I would like further information that your perfunctory and elusive "letter" provided me with, such as:

1. How was this "incident investigated?"
2. How was it "handled internally within the department?" What course of action, if any, was taken?
3. Are the notes or any other relevant information from this investigation available through FOIA?

For your convenience, I can be reached at (734) 464-4362.

Sincerely,

Peter De Filippis

CC: Tracey Schultz Kobylarz, (Supervisor through 8/2/16)

Marcelina Trevino-Savala, State of Michigan Department of Civil Rights

P.S. THANK YOU FOR TAKING ACTION

Thank you for telling Congress to act to stop more police-related deaths.

-----Original Message-----

From: Jeff Robinson, ACLU Action <aclu@aclu.org>

To: defilippispeter <defilippispeter@aol.com>

Sent: Mon, Jul 11, 2016 6:39 pm

Subject: Take action to stop police violence



Hi Pete,

Being Black in America has never been easy. The last several days have brought to bear a tough question: Why must we negotiate for our lives?

**Tell Congress: It's time to change policing culture and practices to protect us ALL equally.**

I went to bed Wednesday night trying to cope with images of Alton Sterling being held down and shot by police. I woke up unprepared for what I was



**End the culture of warrior policing**



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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

PETER DEFILIPPIS,

Appellant

COA Docket 359734

v.

Lower Court No. 21-001626-CZ

REDFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT,

Appellee.

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**RENEWED MOTION TO PREVENT THE PLAINTIFF-APPELLANT FROM FILING  
ANY NEW PLEADINGS OR APPEAL BASED ON THE UNDERLYING MATTER  
WITHOUT SEEKING LEAVE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE OR CLERK OF THE COURT  
OR PAYING THE OUTSTANDING SANCTIONS AGAINST HIM**

NOW COMES the Appellee, the Redford Police Department, by and through its attorneys, Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho, and for its Motion to Prevent the Plaintiff-Appellant Peter DeFilippis from Filing any New Pleadings or Appeal Based on the Underlying Matter Without Paying the Outstanding Sanctions and/or First Seeking Leave of the Chief Judge or Clerk of the Court, posits as follows:

1. The instant case is one of a series of cases filed by Peter DeFilippis (also “the Appellant”) at the Wayne County Circuit Court, alleging that he was mistreated by the Redford Township Police Department (also “the Appellee”).

**From:** David B. Holt <DHolt@redfordpd.org>  
**To:** defilippispeter@aol.com <defilippispeter@aol.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Status inquiry regarding complaint filed on April 4, 2016  
**Date:** Wed, Jun 8, 2016 8:01 am

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Your complaint was forwarded to Capt. Kapelanski for review.  
Capt. Kapelanski can be contacted at 313-387-2590  
or ekapelanski@redfordpd.org

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**From:** defilippispeter@aol.com [defilippispeter@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 06, 2016 2:57 PM  
**To:** David B. Holt  
**Cc:** ts Kobylarz@redfordtp.com; Eric G. Pahl  
**Subject:** Status inquiry regarding complaint filed on April 4, 2016

Lieutenant Holt,

On April 4, 2016, I filed a complaint against Officer James Butler with you at the Redford Police department. What is the status of my complaint?

Sincerely,  
Peter De Filippis