

October 25, 2010

I, John Lafreniere, of St. Francois Xavier, was present one summer, about ten years ago, when I went to pick up strawberries at Lionel Bouchard's farm and witnessed in horror, as Andre Bouchard addressed his father to his face as "you old fucker"!

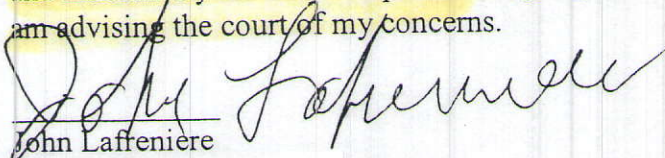
In August 2008, Lionel came over to my house with Mike Slegers. He appeared very scared and troubled and was afraid to talk to me in the house and kept looking at Mike who was on the other side of the wall.

I went out to the back of the house so that Mike could have a cigarette while Susie, my caretaker, went to speak to Lionel in the front as it was obvious to both of us something was very wrong as we have known Lionel as he has enjoyed meals with us for years.

Lionel told us he was not allowed to drive us to the city as agreed because of Mike's restrictions on him. We had also noted that his red van was nowhere in the yard and his older van was in the back, and that Mike had placed his vehicles in the middle of the driveway so that Lionel could not come and go as he pleased, nor did Lionel have his his cellular phone.

Late on August 19, 2008, we received a call asking to store Lionel's personal belongings at our place and then a second stating concerns for the vehicle and driver's safety as we live on the same highway as Mike Slegers. Later that night, Susie and I observed Andy Bouchard and Mike Slegers hiding across the street from my house in the dark, in a truck hidden between the buildings amongst the bushes until the wee hours of the morning - which we later reported to the RCMP later. We did not think to call the RCMP that night and that was an error on our part. We feared for Lionel had he been coming with the van and waited to ensure his safety if he did arrive. We noticed the smell of cigarettes coming from across the road. We were concerned that Andy and Mike may have had weapons in their vehicle. The next morning Mike Slegers admitted to us that he had been up until 7:00 a.m. that morning.

Based on my knowledge of what has been happening to Lionel Bouchard, I feel strongly that Lionel Bouchard is in urgent need of protection from his children especially in light of the fact that the protection orders were removed due to his inability to travel to attend a hearing held on September 16 & 17, 2010. I feel very strongly that the Court needs to be advised the danger of having removed these orders which need to be reinstated urgently and indefinitely for Lionel's protection going forward as I fear his life is in danger and am advising the court of my concerns.

  
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