

To: Peter Mooney, Manager
Castlebar Courthouse
Co. Mayo

2 pages by recorded post and email
'cc' interested parties

Dear Mr Mooney / Peter;

As of today, Thursday June 30th 2016, I wish to note 'for the record' that on Wednesday June 15th (over two weeks ago) you personally undertook before witnesses to 'put in writing' the procedures required to successfully initiate private prosecutions in the District Court, and that you gave me your handwritten email address for this purpose.

However, you have completely failed or refused to respond to repeated emails to your Office – and no-one has even acknowledged receipt of my messages – which is not only an affront to accepted professional norms but is in direct breach of *S.8 of the Civil Service Code of Standards and Behaviour*; of *Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights*; and arguably, also constitutes an offence against the administration of justice – which is an indictable offence. This is completely unacceptable Peter and is an affront to the public's perception that the Courts Service is actually there to assist in the proper administration of justice – vs denying us access to the same.

I further note that an email response from the CEO of the Courts Service Brendan Ryan likewise failed or refused to address key questions put to Mr Ryan, and that the author of that email stated that you were apparently 'on annual leave' (as if that somehow excuses the complete lack of responses from any person at Castlebar Courts Service) and that you would respond to me on your return. However, I note that you have still not done so – and have apparently made no arrangements for others to do so either. In short, you are deliberately denying me the service due to me under the law.

I also wish to note 'for the record' Peter, that in attempting to speak with Judge John Lindsay on June 15th in a firm, coherent and articulate manner, that he embarked on what I would describe as an unmitigated attempt to intimidate me into silence; that he refused to guarantee my bodily integrity; that he became irate, belligerent and insulting and threatened me with "seven days jail for contempt" if I opened my mouth again; that he then took no action whatsoever when several Gardaí advanced on me menacingly - other than to continue threatening me with contempt - and that I was ordered out of the Courtroom by Gardaí on the absurdly contrived pretext that I was somehow 'disrupting the Court'.

I would like to note that in my opinion and that of multiple witnesses present, that it was in fact Judge Lindsay who was acting in complete contempt for the Court; for his solemn Oath of Office; for the law and for the Constitution; and for our fundamental rights under the European Convention on Human Rights – and that certain Gardaí present were actively complicit in the same. It is ironic is it not that in attending Court to answer highly questionable charges that we had allegedly engaged in, "*threatening, insulting and abusive language ...with an intent to provoke a breach of the peace..*" that in fact it was Judge John Lindsay who clearly engaged in 'threatening, insulting and abusive language' in a situation where it was highly likely to provoke a breach of the peace – was it not? It will be interesting to see what Judge Lindsay's reaction will be to our upcoming Common Informer applications to charge him with the very same offence in the District Court? You and your staff will please stand by to be called as witnesses in that matter Peter.

In context of the numerous previous 'anomalies' and blatant interferences in due process which have been carried out under your watch as Courts Manager in Castlebar, including the fact that I was threatened and intimidated and then unlawfully refused re-entry into the Courtroom on June 15th (yet again) in order to process the private prosecution application which had been handed to Mr Peter McGeurin for the attention of the Judge; and given that this is now approaching a dozen occasions where certain District Court judges have acted unlawfully and unconstitutionally in preventing the processing of private prosecutions; and given the existing High Court and Supreme Court rulings which have endorsed and qualified the Common Informer procedure; and given the validity of the process as enshrined in Common Law, in precedent and in Statute; and given that the Courts Service circulated a memo to all District Court judges outlining the validity of the process; and given the fact that I have been unlawfully assaulted, harassed, threatened and denied access to the Court on a number of occasions of late (which, as well as being unlawful acts are also breaches of the Health and Safety Regulations for which you, as Courts Manager are responsible Peter) and the fact that fraudulent documents and improper procedures have been openly and blatantly facilitated by Courts

Service Staff, Registrars and Judges; I hereby place you on NOTICE Peter that I am not prepared to place my health, safety, wellbeing or liberty in jeopardy in circumstances where sitting judges are not prepared to respect or guarantee my personal safety, and while crimes are being visited upon me and others in Irish Courtrooms by agents in the pay of the Irish State – and that these facts and circumstances have recently been communicated to President Michael D Higgins; to the Office of the Taoiseach; to the Minister for Justice; to the Chief Justice; to the Standards in Public Office Commission; and to the European Courts of Human Rights.

As to current issues; I am aware, by happenstance, that I am expected to appear in Castlebar Courthouse on Monday July 4th next for the continuation of the hearing into the contrived charges being levied against myself and Mr Granahan. However, as you know Peter I was explicitly forbidden under pain of incarceration to speak in Court. Likewise, I have received no due responses from you or your staff at Castlebar Courthouse over the past two weeks and therefore was not in a position to advise you that regardless of the illegitimacy and unlawfulness of the hearings of June 1st and 15th before judges Devins and Lindsay; and apart from the fact that I am challenging the legitimacy of those hearings in the High Court next week; that I also had a previously-scheduled appointment in a Dublin Court for Monday July 4th and therefore will not be attending the Castlebar hearing.

I further note that I will need clarity on the requirement that any member of the public needs to respect Court summonses given Judge Karen Fergus' as-yet unexplained refusal to issue bench warrants as against four witnesses we summoned to give evidence in our own civil case in December last – and who failed to attend on two successive occasions without any action or penalties being imposed whatsoever. Indeed, Judge Fergus moved to close the case in spite of our repeated objections – thereby denying us the lawful right to call our own witnesses in our own Court case. Unbelievable!

Therefore, you are hereby placed on NOTICE Peter that I will not be attending the Castlebar hearing on Monday next – nor any future hearings where my bodily integrity and my fundamental rights are not being respected by the Court. I also categorically refuse to be a willing party to any illegal, unlawful or unconstitutional acts or circumstances on the grounds that any such compliance may be misinterpreted as consent or complicity.

You may advise the Court on Monday that an approach has already been initiated to the European Court of Human Rights and that an initial response has been received, and that an application to the Irish Superior Courts to address these matters is due to be processed early next week.

In the meantime, if you need to communicate with me further – and due to the ongoing (but unexplained) interference in our post and email systems (and in light of your 'difficulties' in responding to our email correspondence) you may contact me by prepaid registered post at the address below.

I refer you again to the caveat below and trust the position is clear.

Yours,



Stephen Manning



Co. Mayo.

A member of Integrity Ireland and independent candidate for Co. Mayo

Caveat of affirmation: We respectfully assert our statutory right to fair and equitable treatment, and reserve the moral right to disengage communication with any individual or agency who, through the means of misinformation, evasiveness, obfuscation, deception or other disingenuous tactics, contrives to avoid fulfilling their mandate to the public [as defined in the Constitution, respective codes of ethics, oaths of office and/or terms of service] other than where we are legally obliged to do so. We further affirm our right to note, report, record and/or publish any communications sent or received for the purposes of transparency, due accountability, and in the interests of natural justice. We further reserve the right to hold responsible under the law any individual, agent or agency we deem responsible for deliberate civil, criminal or constitutional breaches, and to bill any such agents or agencies for time and costs incurred. We do not deal with anonymous, pseudonymous, allonymous or imaginary entities. Annotated emails are accepted under certain exceptional or pre-agreed circumstances, but important or legal correspondence must also be sent as hard copies, duly signed. Unsigned correspondence that is not ascribed to one authorised individual will not be responded to and may be returned for signing, with costs billed to the source thereof. For practical reasons, legal matters will be dealt with on Mondays and Tuesdays only. Please be advised.