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Aaron Reardon

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I take strong exception to statements attributed to Washington State Patrol personnel suggesting that Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon has declined a request by the Patrol to be interviewed. The simple truth is that Executive Reardon has never refused to be interviewed. Suggestions by State Patrol personnel to the contrary are inaccurate.

Here are the facts:

1. On or about October 26, 2011 the Snohomish County Prosecuting Attorney requested that the Washington State Patrol investigate allegations that County Executive Reardon had misused public funds.
2. On November 3, 2011-five days before an election in which another police officer was challenging Executive Reardon to serve as Snohomish County Executive-the Washington State Patrol issued an unprecedented news release announcing that Executive Reardon was the subject of a criminal investigation.
3. On November 8, 2011, Executive Reardon was re-elected to another four year-term as County Executive.
4. On Wednesday, November 9, 2011 I contacted and informed a Washington State Patrol Captain that I was representing Executive Reardon in all matters related to the Patrol's investigation. I requested that I be contacted if the Patrol wished to schedule an interview with Executive Reardon. The Captain acknowledged my request and confirmed that I would be contacted in the event the Patrol wished to interview Executive Reardon.
5. Between November 9, 2011 and Thursday April 26, 2012 I was never contacted by Patrol personnel seeking to schedule Executive Reardon's interview.
6. On April 26, 2012 I received a telephone call from a Washington State Patrol investigator. The Patrol officer advised that he wished to find a time when he could interview Executive Reardon. The Patrol officer did not express any sense of urgency in scheduling the interview. I explained to the officer that my schedule through May 14, 2012 was very busy. I specifically informed the officer that during the week of April 30, 2012 I had various scheduled meetings with lawyers and clients on other matters and a federal sentencing on Friday May 4, 2012. I also informed him that on May 7 and May 8, 2012, I will be meeting with various clients and other lawyers and between May 9 and

May 13, 2012 I will would be out of town on business. I told the officer that I would call him during the week of May 7 to discuss scheduling. The officer said he understood and expressed no sense of urgency about scheduling the interview.

7. I also informed the officer that I would appreciate receiving from the Patrol a briefing related to the status of the Patrol's investigation and scope of the proposed interview so as to allow me to insure that Executive Reardon was fully prepared for the interview. The officer indicated he understood my request and offered no objection.
8. Since April 26, 2012, I have not been contacted by any member of the Washington State Patrol and was never informed that the Patrol had any deadline in which to submit a final report to the Island County Prosecutor.
9. The fact that no interview with Executive Reardon was scheduled is due entirely to scheduling commitments I had made to the federal court, other clients and other lawyers.

We ask that the Patrol set the record straight by retracting all statements suggesting that Executive Reardon has refused an interview and acknowledge he has never refused to be interviewed.

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