

LAW EDUCATION AND RESEARCH NETWORK NEWS

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'the price of freedom is eternal vigilance'

Welcome to the premier issue of the Law Education And Research Network (L.E.A.R.N.) NEWS, a newsletter for information and updates on products and projects for dealing with the seemingly endless government assaults on individual liberty, property, and privacy.

This issue highlights two new publications (see flyers), some L.E.A.R.N. projects, as well as the largest media blitz against the federal "income tax" *EVER!*

FEDERAL INCOME TAX SHOWN TO BE A FRAUD!

For over a year, the WE THE PEOPLE FOUNDATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATION has been attempting to get federal government officials to meet and discuss the validity of the federal "income tax" in the face of growing evidence that it is a fraud from its roots. Uncontroverted evidence exists that the very basis of the tax (according to the IRS), the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, was never actually ratified, but was nonetheless fraudulently declared to be so by Secretary of State Philander Knox in 1913.

Beginning in July 1999, this group has held four 'citizen summits' at the Washington Press Club, right in the backyard of D.C. officials. Each time was preceded by numerous invitations to the U.S. President and

various high ranking Senators. The July 1999 summit was covered by C-SPAN2 and resulted in their most

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sold video tape in the entire history!

On April 13, 2000 a 'remonstrance' with thousands of signatures was delivered to executive, legislative, and judicial officers requesting an end to the illegal operations of the IRS. Subsequently, promises were made by representatives of some federal officials that some representative(s) would attend the next summit on June 29, 2000. But, a few days before the meeting, a confirmation call from WE THE PEOPLE director Bob Schultz revealed no one from government would be coming because 'the legality of the income tax is not considered a high priority at the White House'.

In response to this arrogance, WE THE PEOPLE raised money and ran full color, center-spread, double full page ads in the Washington Times in the June 19 - 25 and June 26 - July 2 issues, letting everyone know about the government's response to this serious issue. The response was overwhelming, and prompted two people to sponsor a similar full-page ad in the July 7, 2000 issue of USA TODAY (page 11-A) at a total cost

of \$80,000. (The mere fact that two people were willing to spend \$40,000 each for this ad should speak volumes.) Of course, the news is also flying around the internet at light speed.

It is highly doubtful that government officials could have possibly anticipated this media blitz. Nothing approaching this magnitude of exposure in mainstream media has ever occurred. The government's response remains to be seen. However, simply dismissing the issue as 'not a high priority' will be no answer to hundreds of thousands of pissed-off people. The website for WE THE PEOPLE FOUNDATION is at <http://givemeliberty.org>

SUMMARILY SUSPENDING LICENSES FOR 'FAILURE TO APPEAR' IS ILLEGAL AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL

L.E.A.R.N. is assisting in challenging the wholesale practice in California of suspending driver's licenses on the mere allegation (with no hearing, trial, or proof) of 'failure to appear' on traffic tickets. This practice, which is authorized by California statutes, allows for a mere court clerk to send a "notice" to the DMV that someone *allegedly* 'failed to appear' on a traffic ticket. Based on this mere allegation, and with no proof whatsoever, the DMV then suspends the license of the individual

‘until all failure to appear allegations are removed from the record’. However, there are several serious problems with this scheme.

First of all, it is hard to imagine a more blatant, wholesale violation of due process of law. The U.S. Supreme court (among others) ruled long ago that individuals have a property interest in licenses once they are issued; and that interest cannot be taken away without affording due process of law, which, at a minimum, must be some sort of hearing. No such hearing is afforded in these situations.

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Next, ‘failure to appear’ is a completely separate offense in California (and probably most other states), and is a misdemeanor unto itself. Since it is a separate offense, a complaint charging that offense must be filed (and by the proper party, i.e. a prosecutor) before any court could possibly acquire any jurisdiction to entertain it. *However, such complaints are rarely, if ever filed!* (It is simply not expedient in this day of ‘cash register courts’!)

Instead, it is routine for a court clerk to merely enter a ‘failure to appear’ (FTA) notation in the record, which is then forwarded to the DMV. The next thing you know, you’re getting letters from DMV stating your license is suspended until all FTA’s are cleared from the court record, and a demand for “fees” to pay for reinstatement. Letters may also come from the court clerk with

various demands to pay and/or produce documents.

In this particular case, the individual, was unable to appear on the appointed day, but did so the following day. After about a 45 minute discussion with the court clerk, the charges were dismissed after payment of a \$10 “dismissal fee”. Nonetheless, within about 2 weeks, he started to receive a series of letters on court clerk letter-head demanding payment of various amounts, presentation of documents, and/or directing him to call to set up a court date. All responses to these demand letters were simply ignored. Within about 6 weeks of making his appearance, and having the charges dismissed, he got a letter from the DMV stating his license was suspended for failure to appear until he ‘cleared all FTA charges from the court record’. Clearing ‘the FTA charges from the record’, according to the letters from the court, required one thing—PAY MONEY!

This situation not only smacks of blatant, wholesale, constitutional violations, but also appears to be nothing short of racketeering since similar acts have no doubt happened to hundreds (if not thousands) of others. One who unlawfully takes property hostage (in this case, interest in a driver license) and demands money for its return is an extortionist. Since the U.S. mail was used in this scheme, there is also mail fraud. These are two specific elements of federal civil racketeering under the Racketeering Influenced & Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act. This Act is written so broadly that any organization, legitimate or illegitimate, is within its terms.

With the assistance of L.E.A.R.N., this person has filed a complaint in federal court against the court clerks and the DMV director for civil rights violations, as well as RICO

violations, relating to the spurious suspension of his license. Since a license suspension precludes use of all vehicles, including his own, it is essentially a ‘taking’ of the vehicle through state action. The damages being sought are for either the entire value of the vehicle, or its rental value for each day he is prohibited from using it, plus all expenses related to alternate travel.

This action has a *HUGE* potential for changing the current system of ‘expediency’ in place of constitutional requirements, and therefore affect *all* people in California—which will eventually

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spread to other states. These blatant violations of law, enforced by what is essentially an extortion scheme, simply cannot go on. However, history shows they always continue unless challenged; and even then, the challenge must be based on solid, well founded issues. All we seek is for the government to obey the law.

This project needs funding, as we expect the defendants to fight like hell. If you would like to help fund this monumental project, donations are welcome. Although any amount will be helpful, those donating \$25 will receive a copy of the complaint that was filed, and any amended complaint(s); donators of \$75 will receive a copy of the complaint, as well as the initial defense responses. You’ll never find a cheaper education on such potentially explosive issues! Progress on the case will be made to

all donors via newsletter.

If something like this has happened to you or someone you know, this case could 'blaze a trail' for others to follow. It could also *prevent* this from ever happening to you. Since it has the potential to benefit everyone, please seriously consider making a donation. Make any checks or money orders payable to 'NCE' and send to L.E.A.R.N.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS, PRIVACY, AND '666'

It seems that nowadays every time you turn around some bureaucrat is asking for a social security number for reasons which have absolutely nothing to do with social security. Insurance companies, hospitals, dentists, etc, as well as many government agencies routinely ask for or demand this number. Although 15-20 years ago social security cards stated right on their face that they were "NOT FOR IDENTIFICATION", they have indeed become the de facto 'universal identifier'. Many people have become offended by this unnecessary invasion of privacy from both the private sector as well as government.

This does not even take into account the issue of proliferating identity theft by people who steal the numbers of others, then assume their identity. Identity theft stories have lately begun springing up on major news media, including an entire segment of the Wednesday, July 19, 2000 airing of NBC's DATELINE. The bottom line conclusion from many of these reports is simply for people to stop giving out their number. But many institutions (particularly banks) continue demands for this number, and often refuse to deal with you without it.

One of the items highlighted in this

newsletter is the NO SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER REQUIRED POLICY MANUAL. It covers nearly every area where a demand for SSN's might be an issue, and explains how to deal with it, while keeping any such numbers undisclosed and PRIVATE. (See accompanying flyer).

SSN & '666'

For years many people have been claiming SSN's are the 'Mark of the Beast' discussed in the Bible. After all, the description there of how this 'mark' works is very comparable to how the SSN works today (i.e. no one can freely participate in the economy without it). In addition, beginning in the late 1980's and early 1990's, many states started denying various licenses (even simple fishing licenses) unless you first furnish them with a number.

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Where did this come from all of a sudden? A highly questionable federal mandate on the States which is located in the United States Code at 42 U.S.C. §666! You read that right—§666!!! Is it any coincidence that the 'mandatory' use of this number (by government no less) has its roots in a statute numbered 666?! If that doesn't make the hair on a 'Bible thumpers' neck stand straight up, then nothing will.

This statute purports to impose a mandate on the States to collect these numbers for virtually any sort of license, from fishing to professional. The most common is the driver's license. Although some

States (i.e. Arizona and Oregon, to name a couple) could care less about SSN's for driver licenses, many States have gone along with this federal mandate by enacting state laws which require the number for the license. The alleged underlying reason for this is supposedly another tool to collect child support.

The reasons this statute is 'highly questionable' is because (i) the U.S. Supreme Court has already held federal mandates on States are generally not valid, and beyond the power of Congress, and (ii) what is the federal Constitutional basis for the statute? If there is none, the statute is, again, beyond the authority of Congress, invalid, and void.

One of the near-term future projects of L.E.A.R.N. is to challenge this statute, and get it removed by its roots (declared void), along with the various state laws that sprung up as a result of it. While the federal statute is subject to a single action, each state which has mandatory SSN disclosure laws as a condition for a license would have to be challenged separately. Needless to say, this will take some time.

Meanwhile, the NO SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER REQUIRED POLICY MANUAL is the best, most comprehensive documentation for individual action—and the only publication of its kind. These manuals are normally priced at \$100. However, until August 15, 2000, L.E.A.R.N. is making them available for only \$75. For more information, including a detailed table of contents and sample forms, go to www.semantics.com/nossn/promo.htm. Send orders to L.E.A.R.N. with cash, or check/money order payable to 'NCE'. (Orders with payments by check will be delayed until check clears).

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