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Upper Providence Republican Committee
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Dear Committee Member:

It has come to my attention that you are being informed about communication that took place between John Leonard and Jim White several months ago. I believe that the reason why you were shown some of the communication, was to show Jim White in a bad light. I would like to correct the record.

Jim White contacted me in February, 2016 to let me know that my daughter, Carolyn Bertino, and John Leonard "borrowed" money from Jim at the beginning of December, 2015. Jim was told by John that he would be repaid after my daughter received her Christmas present from me. That was a lie.

Then John told Jim, that he would pay him back after Carolyn received her birthday gift from me (her birthday is February 1) and that too was a lie. I do not give my daughter any money because she and John took over \$540,000 from me to "start a business" about six or seven years ago. They also told me that they were "borrowing" the money and would pay it back. I haven't seen a penny of the money.

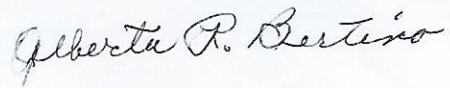
My family has family reunions every year. We are from Pine Grove, PA. A few years ago, John Leonard volunteered me to host the family reunion. It caused me a great deal of stress, since I am up in years and felt a great deal of responsibility. It was held at a gun club and included a pig roast. Traditionally, everyone who comes to the reunion chips in a certain amount of money to pay for the event. John graciously went around and collected the money. This year I contacted my relative that had to pay the gun club to inquire whether she had enough money to cover the expenses that year. Sure enough, she did not and had to pay out of her pocket, money that she did not have to cover the expenses. I know there were enough people at the reunion to more than cover the expenses. I am embarrassed that someone that I brought to the reunion stole from my family.

I can understand why Jim is so frustrated. It is extremely irritating to have someone consistently lie to your face. I have seen countless people go through the same situation with John Leonard. Thousands upon thousands of dollars. He swindles people into giving him money and then makes up lies of how he's going to allegedly pay it back. When people refuse to give him money, he bad-mouths them.

I would be more than happy to come to a meeting with all of you to address any questions you have. In my opinion, the best place for John Leonard is behind bars. I don't recommend that anyone believe anything he says.

Jim came to me out of the goodness of his heart because he feared that I too, was a victim of John Leonard. He is trying to find out the truth and that is impossible when John Leonard is involved. There is no truth. He told Jim the money was to pay for my daughter's legal fees. He told my daughter the money was to pay to file her taxes. He told my other daughters that it was to "piss Jim off". I guess he succeeded on that one. He pissed us all off.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alberta R. Bertino". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Alberta R. Bertino