

“THIS TOO COULD HAPPEN TO YOU”

Introduction to my seven year Journey through the Utah Judicial system

Dear Legislator,

For those of you who do not know me, my name is Ken Bullock.

I was employed by the Utah League of Cities and Towns for 32 years, for 29 of which I was the Executive Director. I was asked by the League board to resign my position in response to a flawed and poorly conducted report by the State Auditor's Office in 2017.

The Salt Lake County DA relied on that flawed Auditor's report while also conducting their own incomplete and sloppy investigation in order to justify filing 7 felony charges against me. In addition, they conspired with a staff member from the State Auditor's office in which both parties knowingly violated GRAMA statutes to obtain incomplete drafts, work papers, and spreadsheets. Also, the Utah League of Cities and Towns initiated and promoted the criminal investigation after sending a letter signed by the League President stating that they did not believe that I had any criminal intent to defraud the League.

The 7 felony charges resulting from these actions were related to my personal use and regular repayment of a League credit card with permission of the League Treasurer, the League auditor, and my involvement as a trustee and administrator for a private 501(c)4 trust. The Trust issue will require further discussion (to be provided later).

In April of 2023, after 6 years, I was offered a settlement by the DA. While each of the 7 felonies had potential sentencing of 1-15 years in prison and up to \$10,000 in fines, ultimately the case was settled with a single misdemeanor with a no contest, plea in abeyance. I did not plead guilty. In April of 2024, my plea was changed to not guilty and all charges were dismissed with prejudice. The outcome of my case left the sense that it never happened, but it did happen and it can happen to you.

I have been told more times than I can count “people don’t care about your story.” I agree people don’t, but they should care! Not because of anything special about me, but because my experience with the judicial system could happen to you, your family, or constituents if we don’t make changes to the system.

Also, I would like to thank a few legislators and friends who have supported me throughout this ordeal. They know who they are. I don’t know if I would have endured these challenges as well as I have without their unwavering support.

Thank you for your willingness to listen.

Ken Bullock