----- Forwarded Message ----From: Rebecca West <west\_rebecca@hotmail.com> To: John Watson <john.watson01@btinternet.com> Sent: Wednesday, 7 March, 2007 3:02:50 PM Subject: RE: Help me w/ Devra Patton West

Dear John,

After more than 30 employees coming and going, (16 just since I started May 1, 2006, not counting myself, current employees or contract labor), there are currently three employees remaining. Two of the three are very much in her control due to fear and/or ignorance and have proven to me, I cannot trust them. I have been trying to get the monies she owes me before I end my contact with her, specifically a missing paycheck, overtime, overdraft charges and (wishful thinking) the bonus she promised me for the hundreds of hours of overtime I incurred. She sent her intimidating demand of me through her finance controller last evening, and I have until 5 p.m. today to talk to her. I must return and either give a 2-week notice and/or plan to be demoted from office manager to some other lowly position, (seems from historical accounting, I would become her personal care assistant).

I have written her a letter that I have been hesitant on sending her, as I know it will create a wave of violent behavior and I have little to protect myself. My only safety net per law enforcement is to write a "Letter of No Contact" and mail it. If she stalks me, and I have this letter in hand, law enforcement will respond and then maybe the Judge will order a "no stalking order" against her! I have been hiding in my home for many days now, afraid to go anywhere. This whole situation has been a horrible drain on my relationship with my partner, as he is having a very difficult time trying to understand what I am going through. In fact most "men" think it is no big deal, "if she comes after you "you can kick her ass!', what are you so afraid of?" This attitude is pervasive and includes her current finance controller, whom she has extorted from him over \$300,000 since Sept 06'. He is very afraid of losing his money, wife, and children yet does not understand why I cannot come back to work and just let it roll off my back while she relentlessly screams at me and publicly humiliates me before, during and after work, and advises if she comes after me, I should just kick her ass!

I will not return and subject myself to her violent and abusive behavior! I continue to awaken from a sound sleep (on many occasions) at 3:00 a.m. and last night being one of those nights in which I have the feeling of impending doom, and is the reason I finally really took a look at your website and contacted you. I need support in how to deal with her shamanic witchcraft. Can you tell me more?

I have handed over many of the statements made by former employees of which are mostly already posted on your website to Dr. Cole in an effort to assist her. Dr. Cole was severely beaten on several occasions and proof is available. Again the crux is finding a law firm willing to take the case without a hourly payment of services.

With all my heart, I hope and pray, the law firm that is currently reviewing her documents will help Dr. Cole recover her losses and/or dignity, as she has no money left after Devra extorted more than \$700,000 from her.

I am aware that the only person still financially supporting Devra (the finance controller is out of money), is Dr. Julio Williams and he gave her \$100,000 last week. Devra spends money so fast that this funding will not last long. I know she has hoarded all her expensive jewels, artwork and artifacts and in addition I contemplate how much money/jewels she has stashed in order to bail herself out in the event you are able to take her down completely, or if the funding does not come through.

Tanmayo's (coca-cola heiress) son contacted the finance controller yesterday demanding the monies his mother contributed be returned. This phone call is the straw that broke the camel's back for the finance controller who has finally realized that he can no longer ignore the very bad situation he has gotten himself into by loaning Devra \$300,000.

You can see that I, Dr. Cole and many others have much to lose and confidentiality between us is very important. I tried to talk to Dr. Cole about you and she feels you took your case too far...I will not pass judgment until you show me otherwise and beg of you to realize the vulnerable position I am in by living only 5 miles from her! I am more than willing to talk to your Attorney to support the situation, all I ask is for your assistance in attempting to get my hard earned monies owed me through the MT ST Wage and Labor Board. I am aware there are several other former employees that filed claims with the MT ST Wage and Labor Board and any documentation or advice to support me in this endeavor would be greatly appreciated.

I know that unless the \$30M comes in this week, the Naka Shela Retreat Center is lost to foreclosure along with the house that Dr. Cole bought in Lakeside, which is where Devra lives (in the basement) with her son Che, his wife Jamie, and their newborn and 7-year daughters living upstairs. Dr. Cole was forced to sign a "Quit Claim Deed" by Devra and will be yet another assault to her credit rating. My credit rating has taken a huge blow due to lack of timely paychecks, missing wages, bounced checks and caused me to be unable to refinance my home last month.

I just spoke with the finance controller this morning, and he is telling me that unless I talk to Devra today, I can forget about the monies owed me. I reminded him that a missing paycheck and overtime are due me even if she calls it a "Bonus" and that several other people have taken her to the labor board and I would be no different. I have asked him to lay me off and to explain to her the repercussions of not paying me before I am forced to file a claim. I also told him I had no intentions of talking to her as I had already sent her a letter requesting the monies owed me, before I would be willing to talk to her. She responded a couple days ago by sending an e-mail to my private address where she stated she would not read my letter. It is obvious that she is afraid of me or she would have fired me already! I know too much, am a local resident, and have worked extensively with local law enforcement as a former Administrator of Emergency Services. Dr. Cole and I are very afraid, but this does not preclude me from standing up for what is right even if I lose my life over it! Until last week Dr. Cole thought she was all alone and was happy just to have a normal life again. Upon contacting her for the first time last week, (since the court hearing last November), she realizes and accepts the fact that there are many other victims, including myself and it is unfair for her not to come forward in an effort to stop Devra from continuing her deceit and corruption of innocent people. Unfortunately, it always comes back to a money issue and the fact that she has hidden her assets in her home which is about to be foreclosed on. (This very much alarms me as this may be the only way to get some of the money back to those she has robbed).

I have followed the \$30M CPEA funding issue closely and although the monies are earmarked for a 3-Tier Business Plan to develop Spas is the very way to pay off her debt to all of us. If she thought for a moment that she could buy her way out would do so in a heartbeat even though she vindicates herself through the Masters as needing to prove she has done nothing wrong. According to the Masters, Dr. Cole and all the others got their due punishment and their reputations need to be destroyed in the interest of saving ourselves from their evil.

I know that I can never be in the same room with her again, due to her ability to read my mind. I am not sure how she does this and would greatly appreciate any light you can shed on her abilities. I must continue filling out a job application, so I will end for now. You can trust me and I pray you will do the same for us by keeping this information confidential. We are awaiting an answer from the Attorneys as to whether they will take this case without monies being paid upfront. If not, would Jennifer Lint be willing to take our cases based on the additional 30+ people who have suffered? She must have a wealth of knowledge due to the many years of her involvement. It is too bad she quit working for you, and if it would help for me to talk to her, I would be willing to do so, but at this point only if the local attorney's are unable to do so, (we will know tomorrow).

If you align with Hendrickson's Attorney instead, would he be willing to help us? I have the ability to bring to you 30+ former employees and with your 40 former students/employees statements maybe we can stop her! Devra checks your website daily so be careful for our sake. In addition, she has her computer technician check your site daily and at this point he has turned coat, although he has been my friend for 25 years! This only goes to show everyone how powerful her web of influence has on people!

Rebecca West

I am the Office Manager of Surya Enterprises Unlimited Inc., which is owned by Devra Patton West. This statement is written in support of Patricia M. Cole MD whom Devra assaulted on several occasions. Several co-workers witnessed seeing bruises on her body in various locations from before the April 16, 2006 beating and my arrival May 1, 2006 leading up to the latest assault on October 12, 2006, misdemeanor assault charge still pending. This last assault was reported on October 13, 2006 to the Flathead County Sheriff's Office. Honorable Judge Ortley granted Patricia a six-year order of protection and ordered Devra West to return her personal files, which belong to her by delivering them to Attorney Jack Quatman's office.

I have firsthand knowledge that these files were copied and not returned, because as the Office Manager I was directed to do so by Devra, along with my co-workers: Wendy Stuart, Heidi Escalante, and Gail Duran. I have also found many originals since Patricia's departure, which contain confidential information and are currently accessible to office personal.

These files contain Pat's personal records, bank records, trust fund documents, and the documents that are Pat's as Sole-Proprietor of Surya Institute of Systemic Healing. Pat is also President of two non-profit organizations: Circle of Divine Unity Aka Sacred Archives Institute, and Global Guardianship Initiative and Devra has the legal and financial files which belong to her and contain: court documents, bank records, articles of incorporation, minutes to meetings, etc. The many boxes are stored at the office and in two storage facilities (2 units at Lakeside Mini-storage and Acorn Storage in Woods Bay, Big Fork) and at 525 Political Hill, Lakeside. These files include statements by persons who previously worked for Devra West, citing dozens of abuses and dating back to 1995 in New Mexico (most are already court documents on record in Ravalli County, MT). At least 6 boxes of these files were recently removed from Attorney Karl Rudbach's Kalispell office, all belonging to the non-profits (Pat Cole).

In addition, Patricia Cole contributed some \$750,000 combined assets and credit directly into Devra's personal and private accounts to pay for her living, housing, travel, staff payroll, personal assets, extravagant lifestyle, and bounced checks/fines. The information contained in these files may be relevant to Pat Cole's civil suit and Devra's non-compliance with the Judge's order constitutes withholding or potentially tampering with evidence.

I am not going to be held responsible or further victimized by Devra West.

On March 1, 2007 I listened along with my co-worker to Patricia talk about her abuse by Devra to Attorney Amy Poehling Eddy. I was completely appalled and disgusted at Devra's abuse of Patricia. The beatings and mental abuse occurred over an extended period of time and repeatedly. Last week I saw police photographs, which were taken of Patricia's injuries sustained from only two of the beatings. I was interrogated by Devra for nearly 1-½ hours over these photos and verbally assaulted both at the office for days and again for some 40 minutes on Friday, February 23, 2007. I have not returned to work since this date and on March 1<sup>st</sup> asked the Financial Controller, Geoffrey Reynolds to lay me off and instructed him to tell Devra to stay away from me and I will not talk to her at this time.

Upon filing and reviewing the legal and financial files recently removed from Attn. Rudbach's office, I discovered close to 30 statements which contain a multitude of both verbal and physical

assault accusations written by former students and employees and it is stated more than once that there are some 40 accounts which clearly represent the pattern at which she operates. Her verbal and physical abuse and many labor relation issues extend over many years at the Naka Shela Retreat Center near Victor, MT, into Bigfork and currently 306 Stoner Loop Road, Lakeside. Upon recently talking about this situation with Patricia, I became appraised there were at least three other women physically assaulted since moving to Bigfork in the fall of 2003.

Devra is living at 525 Political Hill Drive and this place is foreclosing on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March 07.

Sincerely,

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See attached files

I will be happy to speak to the IRS, in fact Workers Compensation and State and Federal Payroll taxes have not been paid since last summer. Can they seize her records for running an illegal operation?

I do not have a webcam but my friend said he would loan me one. I do have MSN.

Rebecca West

Office administration, liaison with employment agencies, established office protocols and procedures, created weekly schedule, acted as personal assistant, making sure that all creature comforts were handled while Dr. West was in the office and executive secretary to Dr. Devra Patton West screening and highlighting salient information from all correspondence received by post or my electroncial mail. Physically organized office. Did all secretarial duties for Dr.West and Dr. Patricia Cole. Answered all phone calls. Edited and formatted Dr. West's spiritual communications with the "Ascended Masters". Assisted in projects like e-mail or mail out promotion to Dr. West's former church members and disciples to help continue her self promotion as an individual who had gained "enlightenment" in the east spiritual sense. It was her "mandate" to help the "Ascended Masters" ie. Jesus Christ, Buddha etc. to become flesh again on Earth as the" time has come for celestial intervention".

## Location of your last job: Lakeside. MT My wages were: \$ 15.00

Please describe the reason for your separation from

On April 27th, my co-workers and I had completed an assigned 500 person mail out that had a deadline of April 30th. At the Friday morning meeting, Devra acknowledged that the mailer had gone out before deadline but stated that she was clairvoyant and could see that negative thought forms were present, she therefore used her pendulum to divine the "energy" under which the mailer had gone out and the pendulum indicated that it was achieved under negative energy. She stated that her work, the "Teachings of Wisdom" were sacred and that the staff had been overheard making fun of them. She said that all of her employees must being engaged in her "philosophy". She had in the past been the central figure in her own chuch, Divine Unity" she made the decision to become a commercial enterprise at which time she used the Job Service to obtain employees. Friday she stated that employees must believe & follow her spiritual mandate. I resigned.

At this point, I did nothing. I had already been the subject of Dr. West's anger and had overheard her striking her "disciple" Dr. Patricia Cole, witnessed the continual denegration of Dr. Cole by Devra. Per Devra

What steps did you take to remedy the situation prior to your separation?

and Dr. Cole Devra was destroying Dr. Cole's ego in Dr. Cole's quest for "enlightenment" I have documentation re an assault made on Dr Cole by Devra, though I did not see the assault, I did see the bruises. I could not see any way to remedy this situation.

## Left Employment Due to Dissatisfaction with Working Conditions

What working conditions were you not satisfied with?

Dr West was verbally abusive daily with Dr. Cole her "disciple" she attributed it to the "Law of Severity" required for spiritual enlightenment. Some time between Jan and Mar 2006 I overheard Devra tell Pat the she would "take a hammer and break every bone in her hands" Devra later told me that she did not care if she killed Pat because she, as an enlightened being had no ego so could spend her life in prison as easily as in a 6 million dollar home. On April 17th Dr. Cole came to work with bruises on her hands and wrists. I asked her about them and she said that she had whacked them. On April 22 I found a document written by Devra, it was an account of her asking the Masters about the "altercation" with Dr. Cole. According to Devra the Masters are the Shamballa Council, a group of enlightened beings that she meets with regularly in her meditations. 41 1.1

Were the conditions temporary or permanent? **Permanent** Please explain how the working conditions affected you:

Dr. West believes that the rest of the world operates out of the "lesser" mind, as opposed to the "Christ conscious" enlightened mind. Unless willing to submit to Dr. West destroying the lesser mind through her techniques of Transpersonal psychology and eastern traditions she felt her employees had no value. It is disconcerting to be forced to adopt your employer's philosphy as modus operandi for your own life and discouraging to have 35 years of experience in the work place denegrated for the same reason. Devra recently stated, after hiring Ray Solanki as her business manager that she would only hire disciples as execs for the corp, leaving those who don't join her with no chance for advancement. Mr. Solanki introduced himself as "from another planet" at the first staff meeting at which he was present. Devra was unhappy with the way employees treated her, we did not stand each time she entered or left the room. In the past she had rose petals spread at her feet by disciples Are these conditions common to the job you worked in? Yes Did you advise the employer the conditions were unsafe or unreasonable? No Why didn't you talk to the employer about your dissatisfaction with the working conditions? Dr West was subtly abusive, she constantly extolled her "genius and brillance" while denigerating anyone else's abilities. There was no such thing as conversation, she did all the talking even talking over everyone else. I tried to just humor her and keep my job as it paid well. How does one talk to one's employer about their abusive behavior? Did you file a complaint with the Occupational Safety and No Health Administration? What date did you file the complaint: Were the conditions a result of a change in job duties? No How long did you work under conditions you thought were unsatisfactory? Since February Were there any written or stated rules and/or agreements regarding working conditions when you were hired? Edit

To Whom It May Concern, Dated February 28, 2007:

My name is John Mark Young. I came here to Montana from my work for post-hurricane Katrina disaster-relief efforts with Emergency Communities in New Orleans, LA to work in the office at Surya Enterprises Unlimited, Inc. at 306 Stoner Loop Road in Lakeside, MT 59922. I came here at the request of my friend Rebecca West (Office Manager) in June '06, working directly with Devra Patton West for approximately one month, on her creative team as an Editor/Archivist, Graphic Designer, and Administrative Assistant/Events Staff until July '06. This work with Rebecca for Devra West commenced every day, including weekends, and often continued until late at night. In the end, I was not paid and began seeking other employment as a matter of survival. And when I was paid, it was for less than half of what was owed to me. So I separated myself from work with their office and began working with a painting contractor, Greg Riska – Custom Enterprises, Kalispell, MT.

During my time at the office, I experienced Devra West's volatile personality and demanding perfectionism, dictatorial style, constant micro-management and mind-control tactics of interrogation and coercion, as well as more subtle tactics using influence, hypnosis and presumption. The overwhelming and constantly changing workload was difficult to handle to say the least. Furthermore, I witnessed numerous verbal attacks upon Dr. Pat Cole, who was in the office daily as an Administrator and was in the process of up-starting the Surya Institute of Systemic Healing. These attacks included harsh language and rough treatment in individual personal interaction in treatments called "core-impacting", wherein Pat Cole endured hours of verbal and near-physical abuse continuously. Pat Cole would emerge in tears, obviously shaken and still in shock from these psychological domination sessions, only to face yet another, in a constant pattern of abuse, every session leading to the next and building in intensity. I expressed my concern for Pat Cole to her personally, intimating how difficult it was for me to witness these attacks without intervening. I found I could not work effectively under Devra's leadership and related chaotic circumstances, so when I was not paid, I decided it was time to get out.

Once in early July '06, I had a private conversation by the lake with Pat Cole, explaining that I found Devra's behavior to be inconsistent with her own projected image as an ascendant master and spiritual teacher. She tried to justify Devra's behavior or "therapy", even up to and including physical assault, as part of her treatments with Devra West. I said to her that I would think about returning to work, but I inwardly knew that I could never accept such obvious disrespect in any form, verbal or corporal, or for any reason, disciplinary or therapeutic.

At this point, my friend Rebecca appears to be the prime target in line to receive Devra West's invasive "therapy". As Office Manager, Rebecca works directly with everyone, including Devra, so is constantly exposed to denigrating attacks and threats on a daily basis and works without appropriate breaks or time-off. Recently at my friend Rebecca's house, I over-heard a phone call (on speaker phone) from Devra West where she viciously berated, badgered and insulted my friend relentlessly for almost forty minutes, which compounded my concern for my friend Rebecca's mental health and physical well-being.

When I saw the bloody photos of her predecessor Pat Cole, who now has a three-year restraining order out against Devra West, and when I read through case-files from numerous persons in the past who have suffered various assaults and serious physical injuries at the hands of Devra West, I was compelled to take steps to intervene for my friend. Rebecca seems next on this long list of victims and is now the focus of limitless hostility from this dangerous and manipulative criminal mind. Devra seems to be using fraud and extortion to extract money from potential supporters by whatever means necessary, using coercion and domination to terrorize them into submission, and then driving them out with unbearable psychological or physical attacks, thereby exploiting their shock, shame and embarrassment to effectively silence them. This allows her to remain free to expand her efforts and move on to the next potential victim.

In the interests of decency, I asked my friend Rebecca West, as the next potential target of Devra Patton West's aggression, to remove herself from the office and any other contact with Devra West and to seek safety under the law with a restraining order, in order to protect herself from Devra's impending and dangerous wrath. I hope that the restraining order can be granted as soon as possible, to prevent the kind of violation that occurred with Pat Cole in Flathead County, MT as well as Devra's other victims who have already entered statements into the record in Ravalli County, MT. These criminal charges of fraud, extortion, and assault are still pending against Devra West, who seems fit for a class-action lawsuit against her, as the list of complainants is quite extensive.

In my opinion, based solely upon my own personal experiences with her, Devra Patton West is operating a dangerous criminal cult. She has demonstrated a much larger pattern of abuses including: committing acts of fraud, coercion, manipulation, and extortion, and she has been inflicting psychological damage and physical violence against innocent people for several years. Without any boundaries of common decency, Devra West will commit these acts against anyone, especially those who dare to question her methods, defy her authority, oppose her activities, or anyone attempting to intervene in the interest of others. And I believe she will continue to do so against anyone who is unfortunate enough be drawn into her web.

My hope is that this dangerous manipulator, criminal abuser and general misfit can be restrained simply to protect her staff and supporters, as well as the public, until due process can occur and justice can prevail. Again, I have grave concerns for the safety of my friend Rebecca West.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Mark Young 406-250-2321



The April 24, 2008, Whitefish Pilot contained the following article.

## Spiritual guru pleads guilty in assault

A Lakeside woman who claims to espouse timeless spiritual truths pleaded no contest to one count of misdemeanor assault late Monday in an 11th-hour plea bargain.

Her trial had been scheduled to begin Tuesday at 9 a.m. in Flathead County Justice Court.

After entering her plea, Devra West was sentenced to a six-month deferred jail term and fined \$500.

Dr. Patricia Cole of Whitefish alleged West in 2006 hit her with a shoe and shoved her.

Justice of the Peace David Ortley issued a restraining order against West, a self-styled religious master who calls herself Surya Ma, in October 2006.

West's trial was postponed from March 11 after she failed to show up for a March 7 pretrial conference in Flathead County Justice Court. She reportedly was in the Yucatan participating in a documentary on Mayan prophecies.

West's trial originally was scheduled for April 2007.

Prosecutors said they offered West the same plea deal she accepted Monday about a year and a half ago.

I was not working at the Pilot that week. I went to see my father in Washington. After I returned, the publisher, Tom Kurdy, asked me to run a clarification. He wrote the clarification and e-mailed it to me. This is what ran on May 1, 2008:

A headline in the April 24 issue of the Pilot said that Devra West had pleaded guilty in an assault case in Flathead County Justice Court. West actually entered a no-contest plea, as noted in the story. The Associated Press Stylebook says that when a defendant enters a no-contest plea, "it means that he is not admitting guilt but is stating that he will offer no defense. The person is then subject to being judged guilty and punished as if he had pleaded guilty or had been convicted." Because imposition of the sentence was deferred, the charges will be dropped in six months and expunged from West's record.

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