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Memo

To: Whomever this may concern
From: Tibor Gyula Balogh
CC: FBI, District Attorneys
Date: 3/5/01
Re: Illegal search of my motorhome

This is a memo about what happened to me on 04/MAR/2001 in Texas.

I was driving my Superchief motorhome on 35E at about 50-55 MPH going towards Dallas in about 20-30 MPH crosswind when a Law Enforcement vehicle spotted me and decided to follow me for about three miles before pulling me over. I stopped for the officer identified myself showed him my insurance vehicle registration and drivers license, all was clear and current. The officer (Coronado of Texas DPS) asked me if he could search my vehicle which I declined. He then wanted a drug dog to walk around the vehicle which I said would be fine. But he did not have a drug dog unit (K9 officer) on duty at this time so he asked me to follow him back to the DPS office 10 miles away and wait for one to come in. I said no problem. We went to the office, parked the motorhome and proceeded to wait for a K9 dog and dog handler to arrive. A while later four dogs and two K9 handlers walked around my motorhome each for 6-9 minutes making multiple searches and walk around the vehicle. Each dog seemed to be alerted to something near the gas tank of the vehicle and together they searched and severely damaged the paint on the vehicle which needs to be re-painted as a result. Private property damage that I received as a result of improper use of K9 drug dogs. After the establishing that the dogs were alerting to something the officer wanted to search the inside of the motorhome. I further declined to give him permission and I told him he would have to get a search warrant signed by a judge based of probable cause before his search of my motorhome would be a legal search. He understood what I was saying and went ahead and told me to stand/sit in front of his patrol car while he and his law enforcement friends entered my motorhome for six hours and searched trough everything that they wished to look at. I even observed them removing panels and disassembling parts and components under the vehicle with tools, later having all four K9 dogs smell and walk trough the motorhome while I was sitting and watching this being completely powerless to stop it. At the end after five hours of being detained and enduring an illegal invasion of my privacy I was released and was told that I was free to go at 1544Hrs on 04/Mar/2001. I left ashamed and hurt and disappointed in police professionalism. My rights to be secure in my private things was violated without good cause and or a proper search warrant. I have physical damage to the paint job on the motorhome, I have god slobber and saliva on the inside of my living space on the mirrors. I have a dirty motorhome where 5