

Re: Press Release

State of Iowa vs. Justin Wynn and Gary De Mercurio

ALL CHARGES DISMISSED IN DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE SECURITY BREACH.

To All Those Concerned:

After six months of legal and political squabbling, all charges arising out of a security breach at the Dallas County Courthouse have now been dismissed.

Justin Wynn and Gary De Mercurio, employees of the cyber security firm, Coalfire, were arrested and initially accused of felony burglary charges resulting from their successful after-hours entrance into the Dallas County Courthouse back in September of last year. From the outset, both Mr. Wynn and De Mercurio were respectful and cooperative with law enforcement informing them that they were hired to conduct security probes of courthouses by the Iowa Judicial Branch. This information was verified by Dallas County Sheriff's Office even before a decision to file criminal charges was made by Sheriff Leonard. The burglary charges were amended to simple misdemeanor Trespass and now, all allegations of criminal wrongdoing have been dismissed.

Mr. Wynn and De Mercurio released the following statement through their attorney, Matthew Lindholm:

Mr. Wynn and De Mercurio are relieved that the accusations have been dismissed but are frustrated with the entirety of the process. Law enforcement and prosecutors should appreciate the fact that an arrest for a criminal offense can never be undone, even after the charge is dismissed.

The justice system ceases to serve its crucial function and loses credibility when criminal accusations are used to advance personal or political agendas. Such a practice endangers the effective administration of justice and our confidence in the criminal justice system. This entire ordeal could have been avoided by simply respecting the fact finding that the responding law enforcement officer conducted which verified the work was authorized by the Judicial Branch. Unfortunately, the lack of communication between government entities, an ignorance of the law, personal pride and politics overrode the objective investigation conducted by responding law enforcement.

Mr. Wynn and De Mercurio would like to thank the responding sheriff depututies and City of Adel Police Department officers for their

(Tel) 515.226.0500 (Fax) 515.244.2914 440 Fairway, Suite 210 West Des Moines, IA 50266 professionalism. They would also like to thank Coalfire for the unconditional support they received especially from CEO Tom McAndrew and Vice President Mike Weber. Finally, they would like to thank the Cyber Security family for the immense amount of support they provided.

This was an unprecedented event for the Cyber Security Community. Mr. Wynn and De Mercurio are looking forward to sharing their experiences in an effort to help educate others in order to better secure this nation.

Sincerely,
GOURLEY, REHKEMPER & LINDHOLM, PLC
/s/ Matthew T. Lindholm