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July 19, 2010

Via E-mail and UPS Overnight

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Lt. Ray Wood, Tribal Liaison
Riverside County Sheriff's Department
4095 Lemon Street
Riverside, California 92501

Re: Ronald A. Jones adv. Colorado River Indian Tribes

Dear Lt. Wood:

Our office represents Ron Jones who has been advised that Colorado River Indian Tribes ("CRIT") now claim that a mobile home that belongs to Mr. Jones that has been on Lot 20 of the West Bank Lands for numerous years is somehow claimed by CRIT to be abandoned. That statement is false. Our office has so advised CRIT by my letter to Eric Shepard, CRIT Attorney General, of July 14, 2010, a copy of which is enclosed, along with the referenced attachment. We have received no response from Mr. Shepard.

Please note also that the mobile home is located behind a locked entry controlled by Mr. Jones which obviously demonstrates it is not abandoned. The fact of non-abandonment is further evidenced by the letter of Chairman Enas to Mr. Jones which is attached to my letter. The claim of abandonment by CRIT is pretextual. On behalf of Mr. Jones we request that the Riverside County Sheriff's Department prevent CRIT from taking the property of Mr. Jones, unless a valid order of the Riverside County Superior Court is presented to the Sheriff's Department.

Clearly the Sheriff's Department has authority to prevent crimes on the subject land, whether or not the land is or is not actually reservation land. In our opinion, the only legitimate position for CRIT, in the context of the present dispute, is to not breach the peace. This requires

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CRIT, as a party seeking to take property of another and trespass in so doing, to obtain a valid court order. If the Sheriff's Department allows the taking of Mr. Jones' private property, it effectively is authorizing and assisting in CRIT's unauthorized actions which are contrary to California criminal law. This is not "keeping the peace." Rather, it is affirmative action that is inconsistent with and repugnant to California public policy. For decades California has taken and continues to take the position that the subject West Bank land is not "in the reservation" of CRIT, no matter what CRIT claims. Thus, the present position of the Sheriff's Department effectively takes a position on this issue when stating it is the policy of the Department and Riverside County to not take a position.

We respectfully submit that citizens of the United States of America, and residents of Riverside County, California, are entitled to due process and equal protection of the law. Mr. Jones is entitled to be protected from theft and physical trespass and threats of physical abuse if he stands in the way of CRIT's agents in their taking of Mr. Jones' mobile home. Please reconsider what the Sheriff's Department is allowing to happen, as it violates every standard of fairness upon which our systems of justice are based.

Very truly yours,

SLOVAK, BARON & EMPEY LLP



Thomas S. Slovak

TSS:sue

Enclosure

CC: Stanley Sniff, Riverside County Sheriff

Via Facsimile 951-955-2428

Rod Pacheco, Riverside County District Attorney

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Ron Jones

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Via Facsimile Only

(928) 669-5675

Eric Shepard
CRIT Attorney General
26600 Mohave Road
Parker, AZ 85344

Re: **Ronald A. Jones**

Dear Mr. Shepard:

Our office has been retained to represent Ronald A. Jones, in connection with all matters relating to the Colorado River Indian Tribes ("CRIT") including issues regarding his mobile home located on a Lot 20 on the West Bank of the Colorado River. We are in receipt of a Notice of Abandonment and Intention to Impound, which is dated July 11, 2010, and describes the property in question as a Viking Mobile Home, License No. CY3044.

Please be advised as follows:

1. Mr. Jones has not abandoned the mobile home. Mr. Jones has occupied the premises for some time and continues to do so. Without authorization, a third person admittedly moved Mr. Jones' mobile home to the rear of the lot, but it has not been abandoned.
2. It is our understanding that Mr. Jones met with you personally and informed you of the circumstances of the mobile home's movement and confirmed with you that the mobile home had not been abandoned.
3. We have examined Section 5-102 of the CRIT Transportation Code and do not understand that it can be claimed that the mobile home can be abandoned by the very terms of CRIT's own ordinance. If you would please explain how CRIT asserts abandonment under the facts at issue, we would appreciate a statement of CRIT's position.

4. Mr. Jones has earlier received a letter of May 27, 2010, from Chairman Enas that his occupancy of Lot 20 is being contested and that he was to contact you to discuss those issues. Our understanding is that Mr. Jones' boat was earlier alleged by CRIT to be abandoned, when it was not, and thereafter Mr. Jones met with you personally to discuss various matters to include a claim of back rent asserted by CRIT to be approximately \$234,000. We understand this claim of back rent arises from Mr. Jones' occupancy on the subject lot with the subject mobile home. Accordingly, we respectfully submit that utilization of CRIT's Transportation Code to allege "abandonment" under these circumstances is inappropriate and inconsistent with Chairman Enis' letter to our client earlier sent and his conversations with you.

5. When Mr. Jones last met with your representative to try to resolve the return of his confiscated boat, he was asked to sign certain documents regarding same, as well as sign documents regarding the mobile home. He refused to do so, after reading them. Would you please forward those documents to me so that I may understand what CRIT is requesting of Mr. Jones

6. In assessing the claims of CRIT as to back due rent, one obvious question arises which is how exactly has CRIT calculated this back rent claim. Would you please forward to me such rental damage calculations so we may assess them. Please set forth the fair market rental value for each year for which back rent is claimed and how, if at all, interest has been calculated.

7. My understanding is that Mr. Jones has occupied the property in question pursuant to a Bureau of Indian Affairs ("BIA") permit . Would you please explain then how it is that CRIT, not the BIA, seeks to remove Mr. Jones, in the first instance, and how it is that CRIT asserts a right to claim back rent for the period in question. Specifically, what statutes of limitation does CRIT claim apply, if any, to its back rent claims against Mr. Jones? Does CRIT claim that it is not bound by the same statute of limitation as applicable to the BIA and, if so, upon what basis are such positions being asserted.

8. Does CRIT intend to commence Tribal Court eviction procedures against Mr. Jones?

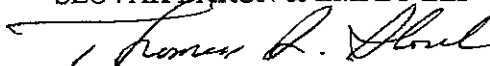
We understand there is a long history of dispute over the West Bank lands with no final adjudication regarding various matters that remain in dispute and which appear to pertain to Mr. Jones, his mobile home, his personal property, and his occupancy on the lot in question. We respectfully submit that the apparent statement of intention to seize property under CRIT's Transportation Code is inconsistent with due process and normal standards of addressing the issues facing CRIT and Mr. Jones, as well as many others. We ask that you withdraw the Notice of Abandonment and in so doing, we also would appreciate responses to our questions raised above as we seek to understand the issues and the positions of CRIT, so as to be able to competently represent and advise our client on these matters.

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I will be out of the office tomorrow, but if you need to talk to someone, please call Attorney Magie Ozarowski, who is generally familiar with these matters and who can, hopefully, address these issues in my absence.

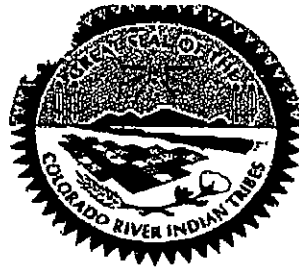
Very truly yours,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas S. Slovak".

Thomas S. Slovak

TSS:sue
Enclosure
CC: Ronald A. Jones



Notice of Abandonment and Intention to Impound

Last Known Owner: Ronald A. Jones
Address: 8364 Little Morongo Rd.
Morongo Valley, California, 92256

Subject Property: Viking Mobile Home
License: CY 3044
Serial No.: HOME LOCATED.
Date of Notice: July 11, 2010

The Colorado River Indian Tribes hereby notifies you that the above identified property is deemed Abandoned pursuant to Section 5-102 (Abandoned Vehicles) of the Colorado River Indian Tribes' Transportation Code.

The Tribes will impound this vehicle no sooner than TWELVE (12) HOURS after posting of this notice by an Officer of the Colorado River Indian Tribes Police Department. The posting is scheduled to occur on July 11, 2010.

The vehicle will be subject to impoundment on July 11th, 2010, at, or before, 4:00 P.M. Mountain Standard Time.

For information regarding impounded vehicles, contact the Colorado River Indian Tribes Police Department at:
26600 Mohave Road, Parker, AZ, 85344, or (928) 669-1277.

If you believe this notice is in error, or if you wish to make arrangements to remove your property from Tribal premises, you may contact: Colorado River Indian Tribes, Office of the Attorney General
Phone: (928) 669-1271
Mailing Address: 26600 Mohave Road, Parker, AZ 85344

Posting Officer: SCIOTTO, G. D. Badge No.: 3890.

Date of Posting: JULY 7, 2010. Time: 10:30 AM/PM