



May 14, 2020

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Dear Mr. Higdon:

First, please accept my apologies for jumping your office's chain of command with this letter. It stems from my simple question to one of your prosecuting attorneys morphing into a bureaucratic slow roll that may need your direct attention.

On Monday, May 11, I asked SAUSA Tamika Moses a question after the initial hearing for Leslie McCrae Dowless, Jr. (20-CR-00053). She responded with the number to Don Connolly. Later, I learned the number had been disconnected. After finding the correct number, your operator gave me a very complicated email address. The email bounced, but she verified that I had the correct address, and advised that I write this letter. Rather than going through that wall of molasses again, I offer my questions directly to you:

- 1) According to Mr. Dowless, he was never served the indictment. If true, how did this happen? If false, could you please release the court's proof of service?
- 2) What is your policy on publicly announcing indictments before they are served?
- 3) The press release included the word, "tentatively" in announcing the court date. Had Mr. Dowless concluded that his lack of due process meant the hearing date had been moved, he might not have taken the initiative, Friday, to check with the Court. So, had he not shown up, what would have been your office's procedure?

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Respectfully,

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