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Dear Phil:

This letter is being sent after our telecon August 17th.

One truism proven successful over time is: "A problem shared, is a problem cut in half". Out of this believe this article was prepared and is to be disseminated as outlined.

This article is being sent to you prior its release to give you the opportunity to correct or refute any of its content. Additionally it's been sent to your father and known business contacts not to alert or alarm them but as a courtesy to you to make sure you receive this article for your review given your heavy travel schedule (as I recall)

If no word is received from you within 14 working days of its posting or by close of business day 25 September 2010 whichever is the later it will be presumed you agree with its content and it shall be released as is.

Given the fact it has been over 4 years since you accepted acting as a fiduciary and holding the \$353,500 for myself, my clients and/or vendors and that you've failed to pay the vendors, return the money to the clients who wired you the funds as per your instructions and/or return the funds to myself or appointed attorneys it can only be presumed you have no intention of doing so.

This article was not prepared for dissemination in an effort to collect the money due, however that would be a welcomed event, but rather to alert others of the factual events of your personal and business dealings based on my personal and documented experience and hope it will stop you from victimizing, pillaging or financially raping any other trusting and/or unsuspecting parties as you did me.

When, as and if you can provide solid documentation proving any portion of the attached article is inaccurate please contact me for an address where you may forward such documentation via registered mail return receipt requested within the requested time frame prior to the media release.

Regards

Liz Grayson

Enclosed: Article - Trauma of Financial Rape and list media outlets

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The Trauma of Financial Rape

Excluding homicide, physical rape is considered one of the most devastating crimes perpetrated on its victims. And, what about financial rape defined as '*when you lose lots of money against your will or unexpectedly*'. What does financial rape do to the emotional state of the victim?

Liz Grayson describes being financially raped at the hand of *Phillip W. Knight of Zurich, Ontario, Canada and dba Top Hat Investments of Toronto* as both devastating and life changing when in 2006 while he acted in a business advisory and fiduciary role and a friendship ensued Knight financially raped and pillaged her, her clients and vendors. Unfortunately by the time Grayson became aware of his reputation as a con man¹ it was too late, since Knight had already received and was holding \$353,500 in a fiduciary capacity for her, her clients and vendors.

Looking back over the events and facts Grayson questions if his actions were deliberate and with great malice for on one occasion while she and Knight vacationed together Oct 27 to 31st 2006 in Burgundy France Knight assured her he made payments to Bauer Advertising, a vendor for her client's ad campaigns. Upon their return he provided Grayson with wire instructions to his account at Continental Trust Corporation Limited in Bermuda and accepted money from her clients for the payments to Bauer Advertising that he knew he never made. Receiving knowledge of his actions exemplified for Ms. Grayson the fact of Knight's willful intent and act of financial rape by first taking the money from her clients, then keeping the money and leaving Grayson financially responsible for all the open invoices due from the \$353,500 she was to receive back from Knight and from which the outstanding vendor payments were to be made.

Grayson can only wonder if keeping the money was perhaps a way for Knight to maintain and satisfy his desire to live the high life (horses, luxury cars, boats and planes) with other people's money while reinforcing the persona he is a man of means.

Since 2006 this financial rapist pounced on Grayson, threw her to the ground and violated her by not returning money due her, her clients and vendors. Grayson wonders if good 'ol Phil Knight is frothing at the mouth in sheer ecstasy of this financial conquest. To sustain himself this many years suggests that he may have absorbed massive doses of some sort of sadistic Viagra-like drug that enhances his ability to continue this behavior year after year – remembering Knight accepted and has held the money since 2006.

In spite of Knight's signed written acknowledgement Feb 2007, "*I am happy and will proceed as directed in the initial transfer upon execution of document*" no funds were returned. Neither the verbal and written heart wrenching pleas of Grayson, the request of friends or family, debt collectors nor attorney demands have motivated Knight to return the money. Instead a myriad of shallow excuses void of substance or documentation ensued. **The ultimate excuse** spewed by Knight (24 months after he received the money as per wire instruction he provided) was that he could not return the money because the US Government has confiscated it. Ignoring numerous requests Knight has failed to provide a shred of evidence to corroborate this and other stories without merit. His response when asked for a name, date, agency or wire confirmation is that he does not remember and cannot find the records or he does not have the time to sort it out. You would think if he actually did not receive or turned over \$353,500 or it was taken from him he would have a record of it. **Knight is herein requested** to return the money or forward evidence of his tales to Ms. Grayson so she may contact his bank to verify funds were not received and/or to contact the US Government and retrieve the funds as well as put the story to rest.

As in the case of physical rape, Grayson, just as victims of violent sexual crimes was caught totally off guard and rendered helpless. Based on this personal experience Grayson wonders what defense she had against the devious scheme from Knight, a man who based on his activities with Grayson would appear to have perfected his con-man craft. What chance did Grayson have of collecting money owned

¹ Con Man - This is a short for "Confidence Man." He is dishonest. He makes his living by earning your trust, taking your money and leaving you in the dust.

in a legal battle after learning the grim news that Knight had multiple judgments and nothing he owned was in his name leaving himself judgment proof?

Therapists refer to the psychological manifestations following physical rape as "rape trauma syndrome." Yet, what do they call Ms. Grayson's experience, who has unwittingly been robbed and financial raped in the face of the devastating events where Knight has not returned the money and she finds herself in the worst financial disaster of her life in these her latter retirement years. The gravity of this matter is compounded by the fact that Grayson was blindsided as Knight deliberately gained her trust and developed a friendship with her in the face of his financial rape and pillaging and when asking him to return the money he has often questioned her concern by saying it is only \$350,000 dollars.

For years she believed he would return the money and her life would go back to normal, but this never happened. Instead, she was ready to check into the trauma unit. It's all a blur. In 2006 she was enjoying her new friendship with Knight and then, BAM! The money and her dignity were stripped away by his egregious acts. She feels abused, she feels violated and she does not know to whom to turn – herein prompting this article of fact.

Now, it's time to declare, that she is sick and tired of Knight's continuing to fail to return the money he agreed to hold as a fiduciary. Knight must receive the disgrace that he deserves and be held accountable. Yet, Grayson can only wonder if Knight will use a plea similar to accused parties in rape cases and claim that his despicable acts were consensual; that somehow, Grayson, the victim was just as guilty because she willfully participated or that she should've been more fiscally prudent.

Ms. Grayson suffers through what rape counselors refer to as the shock phase - Disbelief, filled with anxiety and fear and asking "Why did I trust him? Didn't I see the signs and if you did why did I ignore them?", Ms. Grayson often asks herself 'Was I so blind as he charmed me into believing he was my friend evidenced by his frequent calls, text message and his invitation to join him for a trip to Burgundy, France in October 2006. Was I so blinded by his seeming kindness as he offered to help in a business advisory role? One thing she doesn't want to do is lose respect in her self and give up hope. She does not want to lose her trust in everyone although she's certainly more cautious in future personal and/or business dealings. And hopefully others with similar experiences will be able to empathize with one another

It is said the effects of rape trauma syndrome include insomnia, nightmares, loss of appetite, irritability, and depression, usually accompanied by headaches, nausea, and stomach aches. Some victims have been known to resort to alcohol and drug addiction, and in extreme cases, suicide. Ms. Grayson has experienced many such symptoms however due to her strong belief in God she has avoided the latter alternatives. One truism that has proved to be successful over time is "A problem shared, is a problem cut in half." Out of this belief comes this article now 4 years later, Knight has not returned the money and Grayson has yet to recover from the financial and mental trauma perpetrated by Knight's actions.

Ms. Grayson is reaching out and asking those reading this to share their good or less than good experiences, concerns and/or outrages with one another. Believe in the fact that there is justice and that no bad deed goes unpunished. It is the law of the universe. Visit www.phillipwknight.com to share your factual comments and experiences or ask questions. In a solid effort to provide an accurate accounting of the factual events and to confirm the accuracy of this article it was sent to Phillip W. Knight and his family member prior its release to give him ample opportunity to correct or refute any of its content. This article is about justice and sharing the devastatingly unfortunate experience with the man known as Phillip W. Knight of Zurich, Ontario, Canada a/k/a Top Hat Investments of Toronto, Canada.

Rape (of any kind) is hideous, demonic, and utterly cruel, but it doesn't need to be fatal. Long live the victorious survivors!