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# Safeguard Against Political Weaponization Of Government (PWOG)

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**The Honorable Jim Jordan**  
**Chairman of The Select Committee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government**  
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Washington, DC 20515  
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RE: Affidavit of concern to be shared with the Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government

**Dear Congressman Jim Jordan and Committee Members,**

**Goal:** Empower The Select Committee On The Weaponization Of The Federal Government

1. **Provide the select committee with relevant questions pertaining to our tragedy and its alleged connection to the issue of #PWOG:** these unanswered questions become the driving force for a dive deep into #PWOG problems.
2. **Identify and Implement Solutions:** stop future #PWOG.

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These outlined experiences pertaining to our story do not cover all that is incumbent upon the select committee to review and study. Unfortunately, this is all that I had time to author thus far.

It is my overwhelming hope that this type of political weaponization be safeguarded against. I deeply thank you for your time and serious consideration.

Most Sincerely and Mutually Pledged,

Thara Finicum Tenney

# 1: Our Story Overview

## **Context:**

Mr. LaVoy Finicum, an upstanding U.S. citizen, rancher, father, and husband, was intentionally labeled a 'Domestic Violent Extremist,' 'Anti-Government,' 'Radical,' and 'Domestic Terrorist' by media, elected officials, and bureaucrats; he was subsequently killed by government action on January 26, 2016.

He had exercised his constitutionally protected right to peacefully assemble, free speech, and protest what he believed to be government abuses. His alleged trespass of a federal bird refuge in rural Oregon resulted in the Political Weaponization of Labels and Government, and tragically and wrongfully ended his life!

Mr. Finicum's peaceful protest did not endanger anyone and yet he was repeatedly labeled a 'domestic terrorist' (DT) and 'domestic violent extremist' (DVE). He was eventually ambushed, shot, and killed by Oregon State Law Enforcement, at the behest of FBI enticements; he bled out in the snow.

The painful issue at hand in our story echoes The Honorable Jim Jordan's declaration—January of 2023—on the floor as he argued why the select committee on weaponization of federal government was indeed necessary; "This is about the First Amendment..."<sup>1</sup>

Despite his lifelong clean record, thousands of op-eds and a falsified FBI threat assessment (discovery in court) labeled him: DT (DVE)—a National Security Threat. Let it be clear that (1) the DHS and FBI use the term DT (domestic terrorist) interchangeably with DVE (Domestic Violent Extremist)<sup>2</sup>, (2) the DVE-DT definition are being applied, by Federal entities, to U.S. citizens, based on the USC 18 sec.2331(5) DT definition<sup>3</sup>, and (3) DT charges do not "apply to U.S. citizens who are *not* connected to federally designated international terrorist individuals or groups"<sup>4</sup> Mr. LaVoy Finicum was illegally, purposefully, and maliciously labeled; he was not connected to federally designated international

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<sup>1</sup> Jordan, Jim. *Jim Jordan on Why the Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government is Necessary*. Judiciary Committee, 25 Jan. 2023, <https://www.house.gov/media/press-releases/jim-jordan-on-why-the-select-subcommittee-on-the-weaponization-of-the-federal>. Accessed 2023.

<sup>2</sup> Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). *Domestic Terrorism, Terminology, and Methodology*. November 2020, <https://www.fbi.gov/file-repository/fbi-dhs-domestic-terrorism-definitions-terminology-methodology.pdf/view>

<sup>3</sup> Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI). *Domestic Violent Extremism Poses Heightened Threat in 2021*. 1 March 2021

<sup>4</sup> Center For Self Governance. *Political Weaponization of Labels: The Rampart Investigation*. Center For Self Governance, [drive.google.com/file/d/1-thq8DNPzJuQacy6bCOPsAs43Igw15/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-thq8DNPzJuQacy6bCOPsAs43Igw15/view?usp=sharing). Accessed 2020.

## 1: Our Story Overview—**CONTINUED**

terrorist individuals or groups - he was not an enemy of the United States.  
Nevertheless, he was labeled and killed.

### **Department, bureau, agency or otherwise entity alleged to have weaponized the government:**

STATE and FEDERAL and BUREAU

### **Question:**

Are the many sequences of events leading to Mr. Finicum's death coincidental or is this political weaponization of the government?

## 2: Senator Harry Reid's Use of the Label Domestic Terrorists

### **Context:**

Mr. LaVoy Finicum was one of the cowboys riding a horse at what is widely known as the Bundy Standoff on April 12, 2014.. NEVADA Senator Harry Reid in an interview, after the event, unlawfully labeled the Bundy family and any who supported them as "[domestic terrorists](#)".<sup>5</sup>

### **Department, bureau, agency or otherwise entity alleged to have weaponized the government:**

STATE and FEDERAL and BUREAU

### **Question:**

Senator Harry Reid's irresponsible use of ambiguous language in response to the outcome of events influenced misguided public outrage and enhanced public confusion. Was Harry Reid's unlawful use of a label weaponization of the government?

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<sup>5</sup> Reid, Harry. "Sen. Reid calls supporters of Nevada rancher Bundy 'domestic terrorists'." Interview by Fox News. 20 Dec. 2015.

### 3: Oregon Hammond Case Flip Flop

#### **Context:**

A decades long struggle of the Oregon Hammond family<sup>6</sup> and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) resulted in the patriarchs reporting back to the bureau of prisons for a second time sparked outrage across the nation.<sup>7</sup>

Consequently, ranchers, like Mr. Finicum and other concerned citizens chose to go to Oregon in January of 2016— to bring light to the Hammond family's 'victimization.' The peaceful protest was labeled—'Domestic Violent Extremist,' 'Anti-Government,' , and 'Domestic Terrorist' by the media, elected officials, and bureaucrats. Subsequently, after LaVoy Finicum's killing, many more citizens were imprisoned.

Ironically, 18 months after President Trump's inauguration, Dwight and Steven Hammond were granted clemency; they were sent home free.<sup>8</sup> The White House expressed:

"The Hammonds are devoted family men, respected contributors to their local community, and have widespread support from their neighbors, local law enforcement, and farmers and ranchers across the West. Justice is overdue for Dwight and Steven Hammond, both of whom are entirely deserving of these Grants of Executive Clemency."<sup>9</sup>

This was 29 months after law enforcement shot and killed Mr. Finicum, the spokesman of the Oregon protests. Nevertheless, 32 months after the pardon, in 2021 the Biden administration began to reapply pressure upon this family by "rescind[ing the] Trump administration decision to grant grazing allotments to the Oregon" Hammond ranching family.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> "The History of The Oregon Hammond Ranching Family." 2019, [docs.google.com/document/d/1epwYLry1xalunY1GMpFDNaaW04BsMa9n/edit?usp=sharing&oid=107506579025756718956&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1epwYLry1xalunY1GMpFDNaaW04BsMa9n/edit?usp=sharing&oid=107506579025756718956&rtpof=true&sd=true).

<sup>7</sup> Parry, Ryan. "Rancher Father and Son - Dwight and Steven Hammond - Return to Prison." *Mail Online*, 5 Jan. 2016, [www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3384615/EXCLUSIVE-PICTURES-Rancher-father-son-Dwight-Steven-Hammond-return-San-Pedro-prison-peacefully-judge-rules-return-serve-longer-sentences-arson-charges.html](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3384615/EXCLUSIVE-PICTURES-Rancher-father-son-Dwight-Steven-Hammond-return-San-Pedro-prison-peacefully-judge-rules-return-serve-longer-sentences-arson-charges.html). Accessed 2016.

<sup>8</sup> "Hammonds Out of Prison After Presidential Pardon," *News Channel 21 KTVZ*, July 10, 2018.

<sup>9</sup> "Hammonds Out of Prison After Presidential Pardon," *News Channel 21 KTVZ.com*, July 10, 2018.

<sup>10</sup> Press, Associated. "Grazing Rights Rescinded for Controversial Oregon Ranchers." *Post Register*, 2 Mar. 2021, [www.postregister.com/farmandranch/livestock/cattle/grazing-rights-rescinded-for-controversial-oregon-ranchers/article\\_a57d59d8-a818-56ae-be32-97c069350ab4.html](http://www.postregister.com/farmandranch/livestock/cattle/grazing-rights-rescinded-for-controversial-oregon-ranchers/article_a57d59d8-a818-56ae-be32-97c069350ab4.html). Accessed 2021.

### 3: Oregon Hammond Case Flip Flop—**CONTINUED**

**Department, bureau, agency or otherwise entity alleged to have weaponized the government:**

Executive Branch of the Federal Government

**Question:**

Is the BLM and/or the Department of Interior (DOI) weaponized to abuse administrative rules (authorized by the 1946 Administrative Procedures Act (APA)), ultimately, leading to these conflicts and resulting in losses of property, freedom, and life?

## 4: BLM Special Agent Dan Love Threat Assessment

### **Context:**

Context: Mr. LaVoy Finicum was one of the cowboys riding a horse at what is widely known as the Bundy Standoff. BLM whistleblower special agent Larry Wooten disclosed “widespread pattern of bad judgment, lack of discipline, incredible bias, unprofessionalism and misconduct, as well as likely policy, ethical, and legal violations among senior and supervisory staff at the BLM’s office of Law Enforcement and Security. ...[they] portrayed extreme unprofessional bias, adversely affected our agency’s mission and likely the trial regarding Cliven Bundy and his alleged co-conspirators.”<sup>11</sup>

### **Department, bureau, agency or otherwise entity alleged to have weaponized the government:**

Bureau: BLM

### **Question:**

Given the conduct of former BLM special agent in charge DAN LOVE, was the National Security Threat Assessment he authored regarding those in support of the Bundy family used to enhance the political weaponization of the government?

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<sup>11</sup> Wooten, Larry. *BLM Special Agent Whistle-blower Letter*. Larry Wooten, [drive.google.com/file/d/1Kic57-T5XRNUdBnZWuXVurYCiWkrZo6/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Kic57-T5XRNUdBnZWuXVurYCiWkrZo6/view?usp=sharing).

## 5. BLM Special Agent Whistleblower Larry Wooten

### **Context:**

Whistle-blower BLM special agent Larry Wooten drafted pages and pages of

“widespread patterns of bad judgment, lack of discipline, incredible bias, unprofessionalism and misconduct, as well as likely policy, ethical, and legal violations among senior and supervisory staff at the BLM’s office of Law Enforcement and Security. ...[they] portrayed extreme unprofessional bias, adversely affected our agency’s mission and likely the trial regarding Cliven Bundy and his alleged co-conspirators. ...The longer the investigation went on the more extremely unprofessional, racy, vulgar and bias filled actions, open comments, and inappropriate electronic communications I was made aware of or personally witnessed. ...At any given time, you could hear subjects of this investigation openly referred to as “ret\*rds,” “r\*dnecks,” “overweight women with the big jowls,” d\*uche bags,” tractor-face” “idiots,” “in-br\*d,” etc. ...Dan Love sent photographs of his own feces and his girl-friends vag1na to coworkers... Dan Love told [them] there is no way he gets more pu\$\$y than him. ... I was told by BLM Law Enforcement Supervisors that he [Dan Love] had a kill book as a trophy and in essence bragged about getting three individuals in Utah to commit suicide (see operation Cerberus Action out of Blanding, Utah and the death of Dr. Redd)<sup>12</sup>”

Agent Wooten’s second (2nd) memo is held under lock and key.

### **Department, bureau, agency or otherwise entity alleged to have weaponized the government:**

Bureau: BLM and/or Department of Interior (DOI)

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<sup>12</sup> Wooten, Larry. *BLM Special Agent Whistle-blower Letter*. Larry Wooten, [drive.google.com/file/d/1Kic57-T5XRNUdBnZWuXVurYCiWkrZo6/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Kic57-T5XRNUdBnZWuXVurYCiWkrZo6/view?usp=sharing).

5. BLM Special Agent Whistleblower Larry  
Wooten—**CONTINUED**

**Question:**

Will BLM special agent whistleblower Larry Wooten be invited to testify before the Select Committee regarding the Political Weaponization of Government?

## 6. Oregon Governor Kate Brown Letter to President Obama

### **Context:**

On January 20th, 2016, Oregon governor Kate Brown wrote a letter to former [President Barack Obama](#) reporting the collaboration she had with the president and, a second letter to director of intergovernmental affairs, Jerry Abramson, on January 19th, 2016, on the topic of her concerns about the "armed radicals" who were protesting in Harney County. Kate asked the President's consideration "to see this situation come to a close<sup>13</sup>." Six days later Mr. LaVoy Finicum was ambushed, shot, and killed by Oregon State Law Enforcement, at the behest of the FBI.

### **Department, bureau, agency or otherwise entity alleged to have weaponized the government:**

STATE and FEDERAL

### **Question:**

Was the Federal Government's involvement in the events leading up to and including the January 26th, 2016 officer involved shooting of LaVoy Finicum, the result of cooperative federalism, causing the political weaponization of the government?

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<sup>13</sup> Oregon State Governor, Kate Brown. "Letter to the President of the United States." 20 Jan. 2016, Oregon. Reading.

## 7. Oregon Governor Kate Brown Letter to US Attorney General and FBI

### **Context:**

On January 20th, 2016, Oregon governor Kate Brown wrote a letter to former US attorney general [Loretta E. Lynch and James B. Comey](#) (FBI). She asserted that "these radicals have been allowed to stay unlawfully in the refuge approximately 30 miles to the south of Burns, Oregon, [she demanded that] ... I must insist on a swift resolution."<sup>14</sup> Six days later, Mr. LaVoy Finicum was ambushed, shot, and killed by Oregon State Law Enforcement, at the behest of the FBI.

### **Department, bureau, agency or otherwise entity alleged to have weaponized the government:**

STATE and FEDERAL

### **Question:**

Was the January 26th, 2016 traffic stop and road block that ended with LaVoy Finicum being shot and killed a result of cooperative federalism, resulting in the political weaponization of the government?

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<sup>14</sup> Oregon State Governor, Kate Brown. "Letter to US Department of Justice and FBI Headquarters." 20 Jan. 2016, Oregon.

## 8. Treated Like An Enemy Of The United States

### **Context:**

Mr. LaVoy Finicum, an upstanding U.S. citizen, rancher, father, and husband, was intentionally labeled a 'Domestic Violent Extremist,' 'Anti-Government,' 'Extremist,' and 'Domestic Terrorist' by media, elected officials, and bureaucrats; he was subsequently killed by Oregon State Law Enforcement, at the behest of FBI enticements on January 26, 2016 during what law enforcement called a routine traffic stop. The federal agents in charge that day "told state police not to wear body cameras."<sup>15</sup>

### **Department, bureau, agency or otherwise entity alleged to have weaponized the government:**

State and Federal

### **Question:**

Was the order for FBI agents and Oregon State Police to turn off their body cameras during the January 26, 2016 Officer Involved Shooting incident the result of Mr. Finicum being labeled a 'Domestic Violent Extremist,' 'Anti-Government,' Extremist,' and 'Domestic Terrorist,' thus warranting the need to implement interdiction procedures intended for an enemy of the United State?

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<sup>15</sup> Bernstein, Maxine. "FBI Told State Police Not to Wear Body Cameras for 2016 Stop of Refuge Occupation Leaders." *Oregonlive*, 3 Feb. 2018, [www.oregonlive.com/oregon-standoff/2018/02/fbi\\_told\\_oregon\\_state\\_police\\_n.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/oregon-standoff/2018/02/fbi_told_oregon_state_police_n.html). Accessed 2018.

## 9. Attorney Marcus Mumford Tasered In Courtroom: Unprovoked

### **Context:**

In January 2016, after Mr. LaVoy Finicum was ambushed, shot, and killed by Oregon State Law Enforcement, at the behest of the FBI enticements, 25+ protesters were arrested on the grounds of federal conspiracy and put in jail to wait for trial. During trial, attorney Morgan Philpot alleges Judge Anna J. Brown would object and sustain her own objections for the prosecution. About ten months later, those who were with Finicum in the truck were found not guilty.<sup>16</sup> After the acquittal was declared, Marcus Mumford, the lead defendant attorney, stood before the judge and argued that his client (Ammon Bundy) should be released from custody immediately and be allowed to walk out of the courtroom a free man. The U.S. district judge Anna J. Brown declined and Mumford, despite no provocation or resistance, was tackled and tasered in the courtroom by the U.S. Marshals.<sup>17</sup>

### **Department, bureau, agency or otherwise entity alleged to have weaponized the government:**

Federal Court System

### **Question:**

Was the U.S. District Judge Anna J. Brown's courtroom governance in accordance with Congressional standards of judicial "good behavior"<sup>18</sup> doctrine or is this an example of an underlying political weaponization of the government?

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<sup>16</sup> Bernstein, Maxine. "Jury Finds All Oregon Standoff Defendants Not Guilty of Federal Conspiracy, Gun Charges." *Oregonlive*, The Oregonian, 28 Oct. 2016, [www.oregonlive.com/oregon-standoff/2016/10/oregon\\_standoff\\_verdicts\\_annou.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/oregon-standoff/2016/10/oregon_standoff_verdicts_annou.html). Accessed 2016.

<sup>17</sup> Bernstein, Maxine. "Ammon Bundy's Lawyer Tackled, Tasered by U.S. Marshals in a Surreal Ending to the Oregon Standoff Trial." *Oregonlive*, The Oregonian, 28 Oct. 2016, [www.oregonlive.com/oregon-standoff/2016/10/as\\_trial\\_ends\\_surreal\\_scene\\_le.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/oregon-standoff/2016/10/as_trial_ends_surreal_scene_le.html). Accessed 2016.

<sup>18</sup> American Founding Fathers. *The United States Constitution, Section 1, Judicial Powers*. 1787

## 10. Attorney Marcus Mumford Denied The Right To Practice Law In The State Of Oregon: Found Dead

### Context:

In January of 2016, Mr. LaVoy Finicum exercised his constitutionally protected right of free speech, and to peacefully assemble and protest what he believed to be government abuses. Despite the protest not endangering anyone, he was intentionally labeled a 'Domestic Violent Extremist,' 'Anti-Government,' 'Extremist,' and 'Domestic Terrorist' by media, elected officials, and bureaucrats; he was subsequently ambushed, shot, and killed by Oregon State Law Enforcement, at the behest of the FBI enticements. Those who were in the ambushed convoy were arrested on the grounds of federal conspiracy and put in jail to wait for trial. About ten months later, those who were with him in the truck were found not guilty.<sup>19</sup>

After the acquittal was declared, Marcus Mumford, the lead defendant attorney, stood before the judge and argued that his client (Ammon Bundy) should be released from custody immediately and be allowed to walk out of the courtroom a free man. The U.S. district judge Anna J. Brown declined and Mumford, despite no provocation or resistance, was tackled and tasered in the courtroom by the U.S. Marshals.<sup>20</sup> The courtroom scuffle resulted in Mumford being charged with two misdemeanors; he pleaded not guilty and the charges were dropped.<sup>21</sup> About a year later,

“though [the] criminal charges against Mumford were dropped, Oregon chief U.S. District Judge Michael Mosman took the rare step of seeking to revoke the lawyer's ability to practice federal cases in the District of Oregon. Mumford initially fought the ban, but acquiesced.... Mumford face[d] a bar complaint in his home state of Utah. A *forming finding*

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<sup>19</sup> Bernstein, Maxine. "Jury Finds All Oregon Standoff Defendants Not Guilty of Federal Conspiracy, Gun Charges." *Oregonlive*, The Oregonian, 28 Oct. 2016, [www.oregonlive.com/oregon-standoff/2016/10/oregon\\_standoff\\_verdicts\\_annou.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/oregon-standoff/2016/10/oregon_standoff_verdicts_annou.html). Accessed 2016.

<sup>20</sup> Bernstein, Maxine. "Ammon Bundy's Lawyer Tackled, Tasered by U.S. Marshals in a Surreal Ending to the Oregon Standoff Trial." *Oregonlive*, The Oregonian, 28 Oct. 2016, [www.oregonlive.com/oregon-standoff/2016/10/as\\_trial\\_ends\\_surreal\\_scene\\_le.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/oregon-standoff/2016/10/as_trial_ends_surreal_scene_le.html). Accessed 2016.

<sup>21</sup> Wilson, Conrad. "Bundy's Attorney Pleads Not Guilty In Courthouse Scuffle Case." *OPB*, 6 Jan. 2017, [www.opb.org/news/series/burns-oregon-standoff-bundy-militia-news-updates/marcus-mumford-plea/](http://www.opb.org/news/series/burns-oregon-standoff-bundy-militia-news-updates/marcus-mumford-plea/). Accessed 2017.

## 10. Attorney Marcus Mumford Denied The Right To Practice Law In The State Of Oregon: Found Dead—**CONTINUED**

(emphasis added) against him in Oregon might have worked against him in Utah, so he voluntarily agreed to abstain from Oregon work.”<sup>22</sup>

At this point in the timeline of events, Mumford was the lead attorney for the Finicum wrongful death complaint in the district of U.S. Oregon District Judge Michael Mosman; remember, this is the same justice who divulged his bias as he expressed “It’s time to put a fork in this case.”<sup>23</sup> A little over a year later, Mumford is found dead in his home; “Family members don’t know what caused his death.”

<sup>24</sup>

### **Department, bureau, agency or otherwise entity alleged to have weaponized the government:**

State & Federal Court System

### **Question:**

Are these sequence of events coincidental or is this political weaponization of the State & Federal government?

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<sup>22</sup> Associated Press. "Bundy Lawyer Marcus Mumford from Oregon Refuge Trial Agrees Not to Practice in State." *Statesman Journal*, 8 Jan. 2018, [www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/crime/2018/01/08/bundy-lawyer-marcus-mumford-oregon-refuge-trial-agrees-not-practice-state/1014514001/](http://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/crime/2018/01/08/bundy-lawyer-marcus-mumford-oregon-refuge-trial-agrees-not-practice-state/1014514001/). Accessed 2018.

<sup>23</sup> The Associated Press. "Lavoy Finicum Oregon Standoff Shooting Death Lawsuit Dismissed." *The Washington Times*, America's Newspaper, 8 Sept. 2019, [www.washingtontimes.com/news/2019/sep/8/lavoy-finicum-oregon-standoff-shooting-death-lawsu/](http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2019/sep/8/lavoy-finicum-oregon-standoff-shooting-death-lawsu/). Accessed 2019.

<sup>24</sup> Bernstein, Maxine. "Marcus Mumford, Attorney Who Represented Ammon Bundy in Federal Court in Oregon, Found Dead in Utah Home." *Oregonlive*, The Oregonian, 15 Apr. 2020, [www.oregonlive.com/crime/2020/04/attorney-marcus-mumford-who-represented-ammon-bundy-in-federal-court-in-oregon-was-found-dead-in-his-utah-home.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/crime/2020/04/attorney-marcus-mumford-who-represented-ammon-bundy-in-federal-court-in-oregon-was-found-dead-in-his-utah-home.html). Accessed 2020.

## 11. Dismissal With Prejudice, On The Merits Of Late Filing

### **Context:**

Ever since Mr. LaVoy was shot and killed on January 26, 2016, our family has taken the legal steps for our case to be brought before a court for what we allege is the wrongful death of LaVoy Finicum. We believe he is entitled to the same discovery and judicial process that the judicial system gave his fellow citizens. Despite our filed complaint, it was dismissed with prejudice on the principle of a late filing. Nevermind the excusable neglect/good cause doctrine in the law that enables the merits of the case to be heard before a dismissal with prejudice. The Chief District Court Judge Michael Mosman's attitude toward Mr. Finicum was made manifest when he said of another case involving the Finicum name, saying "It's time to put a fork in this case."<sup>25</sup> We now approach the Supreme Court of the United States hoping to have our right to due process.<sup>26</sup>

### **Department, bureau, agency or otherwise entity alleged to have weaponized the government:**

Federal Court System

### **Question:**

Was the U.S. District Judge Michael Mosman's courtroom governance in accordance with Congressional standards of judicial "good behavior" judicial doctrine or is this an example of an underlying political weaponization of the government?

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<sup>25</sup> The Associated Press. "Lavoy Finicum Oregon Standoff Shooting Death Lawsuit Dismissed." *The Washington Times*, America's Newspaper, 8 Sept. 2019, [www.washingtontimes.com/news/2019/sep/8/lavoy-finicum-oregon-standoff-shooting-death-lawsu/](http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2019/sep/8/lavoy-finicum-oregon-standoff-shooting-death-lawsu/). Accessed 2019.

<sup>26</sup> Brelje, Beth. "7 Years After Police Shot Finicum In The Back, Arizona Family Asks Supreme Court To Hear Case." *TheEpochTimes.com*, The Epoch Times, Dec. 2022, [link.theepochtimes.com/mkt\\_app/7-years-after-police-shot-lavoy-finicum-in-back-arizona-family-asks-supreme-court-to-hear-case\\_4949128.html?utm\\_source=andshare](http://link.theepochtimes.com/mkt_app/7-years-after-police-shot-lavoy-finicum-in-back-arizona-family-asks-supreme-court-to-hear-case_4949128.html?utm_source=andshare). Accessed Dec. 2022.

## 12. Occupation Stability or Journalist Despot?

### **Context:**

In response to his protesting Federal land policies at the Oregon Federal Malheur Wildlife Refuge, husband, father, and therapeutic foster parent, Mr. LaVoy Finicum, was intentionally labeled a 'Domestic Violent Extremist,' 'Anti-Government,' 'Radical,' and 'Domestic Terrorist' by media, elected officials, and bureaucrats; he was subsequently killed by government action on January 26, 2016.

Rewind to the first week of the protest—back home in Arizona—in response to media reports, Finicum's fostering licensing agency Catholic Charities abruptly removed the foster children from their home. The Finicum state license, which enabled them to provide therapeutic foster care, was immediately revoked despite their 20 year tenure.

After Mr. Finicum's death, his widow Jeanette Finicum was denied the right to continue to work as a therapeutic foster care parent. Their Catholic Charities licensing worker Joe Walked alleged in conversation with Jeanette that the Catholic Charities New York branch, subsequent to damning headlines,<sup>27</sup> insisted the Finicum's needed to go, so as to preserve Catholic Charities donor relationships.

Mrs. Finicum worked collaboratively for the renewal of her license and was subject to reeducation and interviews wherein she was heavily questioned regarding the countless op eds. This process took over a year; her license was reinstated in February of 2017.<sup>28</sup>

### **Department, bureau, agency or otherwise entity alleged to have weaponized the government:**

State, Nonprofit Government Organization (NGO), Media

### **Question:**

Are the many butterfly effects of Mr. Finicum's participation in a peaceful protest a weaponization of the Federal government? Does the stability of an individual's occupation depend on the stroke of a journalist's dubious pen?

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<sup>27</sup> Berkebile, Adam. *Additional Information Requested For Renewal: AzPaC/Catholic Charities Services: Joseph Walker*. Department of Child Safety OLR Licensing Liaison, 2017.

[drive.google.com/file/d/1xPSjRfiDKpreF5vsRk4kRG-SkdR5N9VZ/view?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xPSjRfiDKpreF5vsRk4kRG-SkdR5N9VZ/view?usp=share_link). Accessed 7 Feb. 2017.

<sup>28</sup> Finicum, Jeanette. *Family Foster Home License*. Arizona Department of Child Safety, 2017,

[drive.google.com/file/d/1u5EpGRWqpqxkXUzemoXn7G8HIPN3-qX5/view?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1u5EpGRWqpqxkXUzemoXn7G8HIPN3-qX5/view?usp=share_link). Accessed Feb. 2017.

I certify the following is true under penalty of perjury on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Printed Name

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Signature (to be signed in front of the Notary Public)