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Roger Adkins,

I have attached two files for you to examine. They highlight the importance of and need for the fourth estate in matters such as the Rule of Law battle that Thomas, Gene and I have undertaken and what I see as retaliation and vindictiveness against Thomas in particular.

The first attachment speaks volumes. When researching law on open meetings in West Virginia, I came across a document that should have shocked me, but the more I learn, the less shocked I become.

I attached only the cover page and page 1. You will find "The State statute on Open Governmental Proceedings...does not apply to the courts."

How very convenient!

I also attached a motion that Thomas mailed me. It is a motion by the county assistant prosecutor for the continuance of the hearing that is scheduled for this Friday, the 19th.

Leonard Harview called Judge Reed's office today as he was originally planning to fly in from California to attend the Friday hearing. He had learned of the motion for continuance. He wanted to know if the motion had been granted. What he found was the hearing is still on the docket and Reed's secretary said it could very well be that the docket could be changed anytime up to Friday, just moments before the hearing.

Of course Leonard would like to know in a timely manner!

We have all seen the blindfold on Lady Justice! I didn't realize that the establishment has excluded the courts from OPEN MEETINGS OR "SUNSHINE" ACT!

Is there any wonder that many people are getting way past "sick and tired" of our servants acting as our masters! The deeper I did, the more things stink and the less surprised I am that the Rule of Law is whatever our servants turned masters decide.

Phil Hudok

P.S. I am still awaiting what you, as Bureau Chief of the Inter-Mountain newspaper, have planned in covering this situation.