

To Whom It May Concern, Dated February 28, 2007:

My name is John Mark Young. I came here to Montana from my work for post-hurricane Katrina disaster-relief efforts with Emergency Communities in New Orleans, LA to work in the office at Surya Enterprises Unlimited, Inc. at 306 Stoner Loop Road in Lakeside, MT 59922. I came here at the request of my friend Rebecca West (Office Manager) in June '06, working directly with Devra Patton West for approximately one month, on her creative team as an Editor/Archivist, Graphic Designer, and Administrative Assistant/Events Staff until July '06. This work with Rebecca for Devra West commenced every day, including weekends, and often continued until late at night. In the end, I was not paid and began seeking other employment as a matter of survival. And when I was paid, it was for less than half of what was owed to me. So I separated myself from work with their office and began working with a painting contractor, Greg Riska – Custom Enterprises, Kalispell, MT.

During my time at the office, I experienced Devra West's volatile personality and demanding perfectionism, dictatorial style, constant micro-management and mind-control tactics of interrogation and coercion, as well as more subtle tactics using influence, hypnosis and presumption. The overwhelming and constantly changing workload was difficult to handle to say the least. Furthermore, I witnessed numerous verbal attacks upon Dr. Pat Cole, who was in the office daily as an Administrator and was in the process of up-starting the Surya Institute of Systemic Healing. These attacks included harsh language and rough treatment in individual personal interaction in treatments called "core-impacting", wherein Pat Cole endured hours of verbal and near-physical abuse continuously. Pat Cole would emerge in tears, obviously shaken and still in shock from these psychological domination sessions, only to face yet another, in a constant pattern of abuse, every session leading to the next and building in intensity. I expressed my concern for Pat Cole to her personally, intimating how difficult it was for me to witness these attacks without intervening. I found I could not work effectively under Devra's leadership and related chaotic circumstances, so when I was not paid, I decided it was time to get out.

Once in early July '06, I had a private conversation by the lake with Pat Cole, explaining that I found Devra's behavior to be inconsistent with her own projected image as an ascendant master and spiritual teacher. She tried to justify Devra's behavior or "therapy", even up to and including physical assault, as part of her treatments with Devra West. I said to her that I would think about returning to work, but I inwardly knew that I could never accept such obvious disrespect in any form, verbal or corporal, or for any reason, disciplinary or therapeutic.

At this point, my friend Rebecca appears to be the prime target in line to receive Devra West's invasive "therapy". As Office Manager, Rebecca works directly with everyone, including Devra, so is constantly exposed to denigrating attacks and threats on a daily basis and works without appropriate breaks or time-off. Recently at my friend Rebecca's house, I over-heard a phone call (on speaker phone) from Devra West where she viciously berated, badgered and insulted my friend relentlessly for almost forty minutes, which compounded my concern for my friend Rebecca's mental health and physical well-being.

When I saw the bloody photos of her predecessor Pat Cole, who now has a three-year restraining order out against Devra West, and when I read through case-files from numerous persons in the past who have suffered various assaults and serious physical injuries at the hands of Devra West, I was compelled to take steps to intervene for my friend. Rebecca seems next on this long list of victims and is now the focus of limitless hostility from this dangerous and manipulative criminal mind. Devra seems to be using fraud and extortion to extract money from potential supporters by whatever means necessary, using coercion and domination to terrorize them into submission, and then driving them out with unbearable psychological or physical attacks, thereby exploiting their shock, shame and embarrassment to effectively silence them. This allows her to remain free to expand her efforts and move on to the next potential victim.

In the interests of decency, I asked my friend Rebecca West, as the next potential target of Devra Patton West's aggression, to remove herself from the office and any other contact with Devra West and to seek safety under the law with a restraining order, in order to protect herself from Devra's impending and dangerous wrath. I hope that the restraining order can be granted as soon as possible, to prevent the kind of violation that occurred with Pat Cole in Flathead County, MT as well as Devra's other victims who have already entered statements into the record in Ravalli County, MT. These criminal charges of fraud, extortion, and assault are still pending against Devra West, who seems fit for a class-action lawsuit against her, as the list of complainants is quite extensive.

In my opinion, based solely upon my own personal experiences with her, Devra Patton West is operating a dangerous criminal cult. She has demonstrated a much larger pattern of abuses including: committing acts of fraud, coercion, manipulation, and extortion, and she has been inflicting psychological damage and physical violence against innocent people for several years. Without any boundaries of common decency, Devra West will commit these acts against anyone, especially those who dare to question her methods, defy her authority, oppose her activities, or anyone attempting to intervene in the interest of others. And I believe she will continue to do so against anyone who is unfortunate enough be drawn into her web.

My hope is that this dangerous manipulator, criminal abuser and general misfit can be restrained simply to protect her staff and supporters, as well as the public, until due process can occur and justice can prevail. Again, I have grave concerns for the safety of my friend Rebecca West.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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