

**Robbed by Kern County Sheriff's Deputies
Testimony by Alexandra Wilson**

**§ 12 – Sheriffs withheld property from us and
refused to provide a police report:
Kevin and I fled the county in fear for our lives**

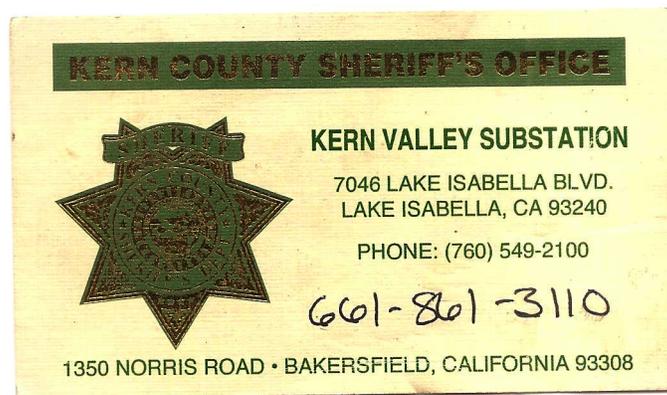
**Sergeant Bravo refused to meet with us;
Secretaries sent a deputy so we could gather our belongings:**

Friday, 5-13-2016 – **Mr. Will Rosenberg** drove **Ms. Rachel Smith**, Kevin, and me to the **Kern County Lake Isabella Substation** so we could explain the situation to the deputies' superior officers and return home.

Upon informing the **two secretaries at the front deck** what happened (*we were legally on the property, our rights were violated, and we were illegally removed from the property*), the secretary who sat to the right went in the back to “speak with **Sergeant Bravo**.” She soon returned and stated and stated, “You're going to need to find an attorney.”

I then requested to meet with Sergeant Bravo. She went into the back again, then soon returned and stated, “He doesn't have time.”

It felt disrespectful that he had time to send officers over to violate us but he didn't have time to look us in the face and meet with us about it. I then requested to gather some of our belongings off the property (we were now living out of our backpacks, so we wouldn't be able to gather much). She told us to go to the house and she would “send an officer.” She stated that if we needed to gather more belongings in the future to give them a call, then handed me this card:



Deputy Josh Cain allowed us to collect property we had receipts for; meeting stopped short:

Soon Deputy Cain met us in front of our house. He explained we could only gather belongings which had our names on to them or that we had receipts for.

We were not informed by the secretaries to “bring receipts,” and because Deputy Ruiz stole Kevin's smartphone (*see page 145*) we were unable to show Deputy Cain any of our online receipts. Many large items including furniture and appliances, as well as small items, were given to us by community members. Also we purchased many items at the local thrift store and threw away the receipts because they do not accept returns and we foresaw no reason we would need them.

Soon after meeting with us Deputy Cain received a message via his radio telling him he was needed on another assignment. He told us he had to leave within 5 minutes., and we were forced to leave behind numerous belongings.

Deputy Cain informed us to call the substation if we needed to gather more things.

Deputies refused to let us gather the rest of our belongings, again threatening us not to return to the property:

Saturday, 5–14–2016 – We borrowed our neighbor **Ginger Ohumukini**'s phone and called the Sheriff's Department Substation in order to gather more of our belongings. Soon three Sheriff's vehicles arrived. One deputy stepped out and explained that Deputy Cain “wrote in his notes” that we had “gathered all [your] belongings, so the State's position is that you have gathered all [your] belongings.” Again he warned us that if we “o back onto the property” we would “be arrested.”

I explained we were told we could gather more of our belongings. , however the deputy again stated that if we went back onto the property, we would be arrested.

I stated I was going to file a civil action, and he responded, “You have that right, but if you go back onto the property you're going to be arrested.” He then turned, got back into the vehicle, the three Sheriff's vehicles drove back toward the substation.

After requesting re-entry at the substation; Deputy Shin arrived, nightstick in hand, falsely accusing us of being on the property:

Two days later (Monday, 5-16-2016): We returned to the **Sheriff's substation** to explain what happened and again request to gather more of our belongings. One **secretary** went into the back “to speak with **Sergeant Bravo**,” but upon returning to the front desk, she informed me that we “need to find an attorney.”

I then requested copy of the police report for case #SR1612967 (*shown on the arrest report Deputy Ruiz filed – pages 148–149*) but the secretary told me that neither Kevin nor I were “listed as the victim” and that “only the victim” could receive a copy. I then asked who was listed as the “victim,” and she replied, “Jon Ross.”

Following additional pleading to gather more of our belongings, she went to speak with Sergeant Bravo, then returned and stated that an officer would meet us at the property in an hour. We walked back and waited at our neighbors **Ginger and Angela's** house.

A Sheriff's vehicle came speeding down Commercial Ave. (coming from Lake Isabella Blvd.) and stopped in the middle of the street in front of our house. Deputy Shin stepped out, and with his hand on his nightstick he began accusing us of having “just come off the property.” We were shocked and frightened at the accusations, and told him we were not on the property and that we had been waiting at Ginger and Angela's next door.. Again he stated that he had just seen us leave the property. I reiterated we had not been on the property. Just as in our previous interaction, Deputy Shin (*pages 135–136*), was acting in an aggressive manner. He asked, “Why is the gate open?!”

I responded, “The gate has been open for days.”

Deputy Shin took his hand off his nightstick, and indicated toward the house, “Let's go get your things.”

I responded, “We're not going in there with you. I'm scared of you.” I backed away to the edge of the road.

“Fine,” Deputy Shin responded, then got in the vehicle and sped back toward Lake Isabella Blvd., and turned north toward the substation out of sight.

We were denied copies of the police reports:

Wednesday 5–18–2016: Kevin and I requested a copy of the police report from the two days the officers were at our home (pages 133–155), however we were denied because we were “not listed as the victim” (even though we were the victims in this case).

I informed **the secretaries** we had a “right to have access to the information” because the Fourteenth Amendment guarantees “equal protection of the laws” and we needed the information “to build our case.” We were still denied access to the report.

Soon after **Ms. Rachel Smith** requested a copy and was also denied.

We picked up a copy of Kevin's DECLARATION OF CLAIM OF ADVERSE POSSESSION from the Kern County Assessor's Office:

Thursday, 5–19–2016: The supervisor who came to meet us when we requested the copy told us that neither **Jon nor Cheryl Ross** had contacted the Assessor's Office in response to the notice (*page 42*). Kevin received the paperwork without incident.

The District Attorney's Office could not offer a police report:

After visiting the assessor's office, we went to the District Attorney's Office. The clerk told me I could “pick up a report from the KERN SHERIFF'S OFFICE,” but that the Sheriffs had not sent their office a report for case #SR1812967.

I told her that the Kern County Substation refused to provide a copy of the report, so she asked if I would like to speak with the Supervisor, Mr. Michael Yraceburn. Mr.

Yraceburn informed me that the Sheriffs aren't required to send arrest reports to the District Attorney's office for misdemeanors until up to one year after the arrest due to the statute of limitations. I told him that concerned me because people in our position, who had our rights violated, need a copy of the police report to see which officer(s) gave the order and what they were alleging their probable cause upon in order to build our case. I asked, “If I file a suit, what is to stop them from changing the police report to match their story and then backdating it?”

Mr. Yraceburn did not offer a definitive answer to assure me this could not happen, then gave me a copy of his card upon request.



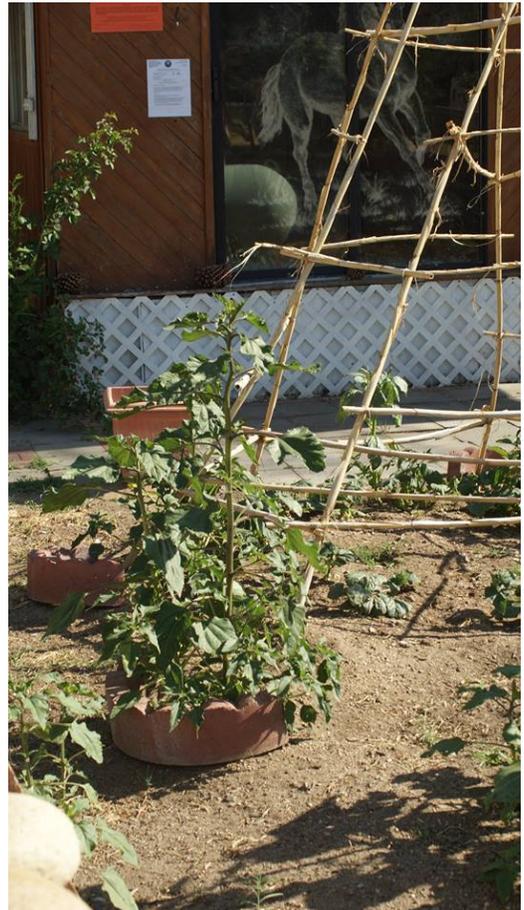
On May 25th we fled to northern California to stay with friends and write our testimony:

Since the **forcible entry and detainer** (page 143) Kevin and I had been homeless without a phone (officer stole phone - page 145) or basic necessities; our living condition and health continued to become worse. On several occasions **deputies** drove by slowly and stared out the window at us intimidatingly. We were scared to walk in public and heard from many people in town we should be careful. Many told stories alleging illegal activities by local sheriffs; Kern County is *known for that*. For instance, police in Kern County, CA killed more people per capita than in any other American county in 2015,¹ and lead Sheriff-Coroner Donny Youngblood infamously stated that it “costs less” to kill suspects as opposed to crippling them.² Kevin and I were afraid for our lives.

Kevin bought us Amtrak tickets and we fled the COUNTY OF KERN, from where I continued to write our testimony and compile the evidence.

KERN COUNTY posted a ORDER TO ABATE onto our house:

May 28, 2016: Ms. Laura Walters sent the photo at right to alert us of a 30 DAY NOTICE AND ORDER TO ABATE that appears to have been posted below the orange notice (shown on page 154) on May 18th. Although the notice reads to “see Exhibit A” referring to the reason of the alleged code violation, there was no sign of “Exhibit A” on the notice. See closeup on following page.



1 **The Guardian**, “The County: the story of America's deadliest police“ by by Jon Swaine and [Oliver Laughland](https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2015/dec/01/the-county-kern-county-deadliest-police-killings): <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2015/dec/01/the-county-kern-county-deadliest-police-killings>

2 **ABC 7 News**, “Kern County Sheriff caught on tape saying it costs less to kill suspects” (2018): <https://abc7news.com/sheriff-caught-on-tape-saying-it-costs-less-to-kill-suspects/3337751/>

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DATE: 5/18/2016
CASE ID: C058466
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30 DAY NOTICE AND ORDER TO ABATE

DEAR ROSS JOHN J & CHERYL C:

According to the records maintained by the Kern County Assessor's Office, you are the current owner and/or responsible party for the property located at the above location. As such, it is your responsibility to maintain this property free from any violations of the Kern County Ordinance Code. An inspection has been conducted and it has been determined that the following violation(s) of the Kern County Ordinance Code exist:

See Exhibit A

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CONDITION OF YOUR PROPERTY CONSTITUTES A PUBLIC NUISANCE.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that you have the choice to repair or remove the public nuisance within thirty (30) days from the date of this notice. Should you fail to abate the nuisance, the County of Kern will abate or cause to be abated such public nuisance, and the cost of doing so will become your personal obligation and/or will be assessed against the property. Further, the abatement expense can be foreclosed upon or made a tax lien to be collected as a property tax.

If you have corrected the violations, complete the attached Sworn Statement. If you have any questions concerning this matter, contact the Officer upon receipt of this letter.

