

# An Ex-FBI Exec Gets a Warning

By MARGARET GENTRY  
WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal court is considering what to do about a Justice Department threat to cut off free legal services to former Assistant FBI Director William C. Sullivan if he continues to talk with a group suing the FBI.

The department action was disclosed in an affidavit submitted to U.S. District Court in New York by Syd Stapleton, national secretary of the Political Rights Defense Fund. The affidavit was made available to reporters here yesterday.

The fund is assisting the Socialist Workers Party in its \$27 million damage suit against the FBI for alleged illegal political harassment.

Stapleton said Sullivan, former supervisor of FBI domestic intelligence, is a potential witness in the suit. Stapleton said he and the party's attorney, Herbert Jordon, want to question Sullivan.

The affidavit said Stapleton met with Sullivan in October. Sullivan agreed to a second meeting this month, but canceled the talks after his private attorney, Joseph Casey of Washington, relayed a message from Justice Department officials, the affidavit said.

### Called 'Furious'

"The message was that the department was 'furious' to learn of Mr. Sullivan's previous meeting with me, that Mr. Sullivan must not meet with me again, and that, if he did meet with me again, the Department of Justice would cut off the legal assistance being provided to him without charge by the government in other cases," Stapleton said.

The department routinely represents former government officials in civil damage suits alleging wrongdoing while they were in office. Sullivan is not a defendant in the Socialist Workers suit so the department is not representing him in any proceeding in that case.

However, the affidavit quoted Sullivan as saying department lawyers represent him in three civil suits involving allegedly illegal intelligence-gathering operations.

"Sullivan stated that he could not afford to hire private lawyers to represent him in those matters," Stapleton said. "Therefore, he stated in view of the government's threat to withdraw its legal assistance in those cases, he could not meet with us as planned."

The affidavit identified Edward S. Christenbury as the department lawyer who relayed the threat to Sullivan's attorney.

Christenbury declined comment. Reached by telephone, Mrs. Sullivan said her husband was referring questions to his lawyer.

In a statement, Stapleton said, the department "is trying to gag one of the few people who have both the knowledge and willingness to shed some light" on the FBI's political harassment operations.

"This outrageous attempt to stifle the voice of William C. Sullivan can only help cover up the crimes of the FBI," he asserted.

According to the affidavit, the Justice Department officials claim a federal regulation would prohibit Sullivan from disclosing information about FBI activities. The regulation prohibits former Justice Department employees from disclosing information about department activities in response to a court order without approval of the attorney general or other department officials.

Stapleton argued that the regulation does not apply because no court order is involved.

### LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT—BRONX COUNTY.  
ESTATE OF CLAUDE PENNACCHIA.  
LENORA PENNACCHIA and MATTHEW PENNACCHIA, Pliffs., against BLANCHE ARMANDOU PAUL VERGONOL, if living and if either or all of them be dead, their respective heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors, and successors in interest, and generally all persons having or claiming under, by, or through said defendants who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien, or otherwise, of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and the respective wives or widows of them, and the respective husbands or widowers of them, if any, all of whose names are unknown to the plaintiffs and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, JOHN DOE #1 to JOHN DOE #10, the last ten names being fictitious and unknown to the plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants persons or corporations, if any having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises described in the complaint, Doffs. Index #14909/75. SUMMONS: Basis for venue is action to foreclose a mortgage on real property located wholly within the County of Bronx. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS; YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. Dated: Dec. 5, 1975. JOHN D. LILUM Esq. Atty. for Pliffs., 20 East 45 St., New York, N.Y. 10017, 212-607-4245. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order by HON. ISIDORE DOLLINGER, a Justice of the Supreme Court, of the State of New York, dated Nov. 5, 1975, and filed with the complaint and other papers in the office of the clerk of Bronx County. Premises described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the Westerly side of Stillwell Ave., distant 242.53 ft. Southerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the Westerly side of Stillwell Ave. with the Southerly side of Seminole St.; running thence Westerly parallel with the Southerly side of Seminole St., 71.35 ft.; thence Southerly along a line forming an angle of 87 degrees 31 min. 43 sec. on its Easterly side with the last mentioned course, 18.97 ft.; thence Easterly along a line forming an angle of 92 degrees 03 min. 12 sec. on its Northerly side with the last mentioned course, 6.31 ft.; thence Southerly at right angles to the last mentioned course, 33.83 ft.; thence Easterly at right angles to the last mentioned course, 47.39 ft. to the Westerly side of Stillwell Ave.; and thence Northerly along the Westerly side of Stillwell Ave., 55.56 ft. to the point or place of beginning.

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