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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Victor and Stephanie Balletta Individually & as H/W 518 20th Street Allentown, PA 18104

And

Michael and Susan Proetto Individually & as H/W 1401 Presidential Drive Whitehall, PA 18052

And

Michael Reis 2447 South Court Bethlehem, PA 18017

Plaintiffs

CIVIL ACTION NO.:

: JURY OF TWELVE (12) JURORS DEMANDED

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Christopher Spadoni, individ & in his
Official capacity as assistant county solicitor:
669 Washington St.
Easton, PA 18042

And

Northampton County Solicitor 669 Washington St. Easton, PA 18042

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And

Dave Ruberry, individ & in his Official capacity as Deputy Sheriff 669 Washington St. Easton, PA 18042

And

Northampton County Sheriff's Office

669 Washington St. : Easton, PA 18042 :

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And :

John Does 1-10

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION COMPLAINT

ſ. **Preliminary Statement**

- 1. This is an action for an award of attorney's fees and costs, compensatory, statutory, and punitive damages, also seeking equitable, injunctive and other relief, for Defendants' defamation and libel, respectively, arising from Plaintiffs attempt to purchase property at a Sheriff's Sale.
- Individually, jointly or severally. Defendants are liable to Plaintiffs for, but not limited to, 2. the below causes of action and aforesaid remedies, for the reasons stated, which reasons are averred upon information and belief, or will become known in discovery or at trial.
- 3. Plaintiffs reserves the right to rely on the "Discovery Rule" and the Doctrine(s) of Equitable Tolling/Fraudulent Concealment, respectively.

II, Jurisdiction and Venue

- 4. Jurisdiction in this Honorable Court is based on federal question conferred by 28 U.S.C. §1331; supplemental jurisdiction over state law claims is granted by 28 U.S.C. §1367.
- 5. Venue lies in this District in that the events giving rise to this claim occurred here, at least one (1) Defendant resides, maintains a principal place of business, is incorporated or does business here, or the subject of this action is situated within this district.

III. **Parties**

- 6. Plaintiffs, Victor Balletta, Stephanie Ballettea, Michael Proetto, Susan Proetto and Michael Reis, are adult individuals and citizens currently residing at the above-captioned address.
- 7. Defendant, Christopher Spadoni ("Solicitor"), was at all times material an assistant county solicitor of Northampton County ("County"), and he was operating in his official capacity as an employee, worker, or agent of Defendant, Solicitor's Office (see below), at the above-

captioned address, and he is being sued individually and in his official capacity, having acted under color of state law.

- 8. Defendant, Northampton County Solicitor ("Solicitor's Office"), at all times material granted Defendant, Solicitor, the legal authority for official responsibility for any policy and other decisions governing actions relevant to this matter, and was operating as an agency of County, at the above-captioned address, having acted under color of state law.
- 9. Defendant, Northampton County Sheriff's Office ("Sheriff's Office"), along with County, at all times material granted Defendant, Deputy, the legal authority for official responsibility for any policy and other decisions governing actions relevant to this matter, and was operating as an agency of County, at the above-captioned address, having acted under color of state law.
- 10. Defendant, Dave Ruberry ("Deputy"), was at all times material the Deputy Sheriff of County and at all times relevant hereto was the primary legal official responsible for the subject Sheriff's Sale, and he was operating in his official capacity as an employee, worker, or agent of Defendant, Sheriff's Office, at the above-captioned address, and he is being sucd individually and in his official capacity, having acted under color of state law.
- 11. Defendants, John Does 1-10, is a moniker for individuals and entities currently unknown but will be substituted when known, as affiliated, associated or liable hereunder for the reasons set forth below or inferred therefrom. Each of these parties are incorporated as Defendants in each and every Count and averment listed above and below.

IV. Operative Facts

- 12. On or about October 10, 2008, Plaintiffs, Victor Balletta, Michael Proetto, and Michael Reis ("Plaintiffs") lawfully attended a Sheriff's Sale ("Sale") held by County, with Deputy officiating, on the third floor of the Government Center City of Easton building.
- 13. On the above date, Plaintiffs arrived at the Sale, recorded and signed in, in order to make bids foreclosed on properties.
- 14. As was advised of Defendants in advance, Plaintiff's registered with the Sheriff's Office that they had gold and silver currency that they wished to bid.
- 15. Plaintiffs were permitted by Defendants and as a matter of law to so bad.
- 16. At no time prior to the sale did anyone advise Plaintiffs that their bids in gold and silver would not be accepted by Sheriff, Deputy or Sheriff's Office.
- 17. Defendant, Sheriff's Office, accepted Plaintiffs' registration and allowed Plaintiffs to attend the Sale and bid with gold and silver currency.
- 18. At the Sale, Plaintiffs bid successfully on approximately nine (9) properties.
- 19. Deputy ignored Plaintiffs' bids, instead accepting other bids predicated on credit.
- 20. In contrast, Plaintiff's were prepared to pay their entire bid at the sale, with gold and silver.
- 21. Deputy did not explain his reasoning for ignoring Plaintiffs' bids, which been preapproved and secured by in-hand above currency.
- 22. Despite their "losing" bids Plaintiffs insisted that their bids, in legal currency, be recorded nontheless.
- 23. Following the sale on or about October 15, 2008, Plaintiff's Office Affidavits further memorializing their bids on the 9 properties. (Exh. A).

- 24. On or about October 28, 2008, a newspaper, The Morning Call's ("Newspaper") employee, Matt Assad, wrote an article about the Sale. (Exh. B).
- 25. The article was published in print and online on a website, http://www.mcall.com/
 ("Site").
- 26. The article contained defamatory statements aimed at Plaintiffs, including but not limited to:
 - a. That Plaintiffs' were anarchists:
 - b. That Plaintiffs were involved in "paper terrorism"; and
 - c. That Plaintiffs are members of anti-government groups such as Sovereign Citizen, Posse Comitatus and Liberty Dollar.
- 27. Deputy made defamatory remarks about Plaintiffs, which were published by Newspaper, which included but not limited to:
 - a. That Plaintiffs' are anarchists;
 - b. That Plaintiffs were involved in "paper terrorism"; and
 - c. That Plaintiffs are members of anti-government groups such as Sovereign Citizen, Posse Comitatus and Liberty Dollar;
- 28. Solicitor made defamatory remarks about Plaintiffs, which were published by Newspaper, which included but not limited to:
 - a. That Plaintiffs are opportunists;
 - b. That Plaintiffs wanted to hold up the sales for a year or two; and
 - c. That Plaintiffs wanted to annoy banks.
- 29. Newspaper was responsible for publishing the article on the Site and allowing defamatory and libelous content thereon, including but not limited to threats made against Plaintiffs. (Exh. C-incorporated by reference).

- 30. Commencing on or about October 28, 2008 and continuing thereafter, Defendants made and published newspaper and internet stories defaming Plaintiffs. Defendants falsely stated and implied that Plaintiffs were terrorists, anarchists, and members of anti-government and extremist groups. (Exh. C).
- 31. Defendants made their statements in an attempt to, *inter alia*, create a false impression of Plaintiffs so to *de facto* preclude Plaintiffs from future sales.
- 32. Defendants' statements and their implications were defamatory.
- 33. Defendants' statements and their implications were false.
- 34. Defendants knew that their statements and their implications were false.
- 35. Defendants' made their false statements and their implications against Plaintiffs intentionally and/or with recklessly disregard for the truth.
- 36. Defendants' false statements, implications, and innuendo against Plaintiffs caused injury to Plaintiffs.
- 37. Since Newspaper printed the defamatory statements made by Deputy and Solicitor,
 Plaintiffs have been threatened; approached by extreme/radical groups mentioned in the Article;
 have lost business opportunities; have had their endangered families; Proetto requires
 psychiatric care; and Balletta purchased firearms for protection.

V. Causes of Action

CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATION- 1st, 4th, & 14th Amendments Plaintiffs v. Solicitor Deputy

- 38. Paragraphs above are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth at length herein and below.
- 39. At the time of Defendants' actions, Plaintiffs were private individuals.

- 40. Defendants actions stated above, inter alia, were committed under color of state law and were violations of Plaintiffs' clearly establish and well settled Constitutional and other legal rights.
- 41. Defendants caused plaintiffs to suffer a defamation by their wrongful conduct in making knowingly false statements about Plaintiffs and causing them to be published, all in violation of the First, Fourth, and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution.
- 42. As a result, Plaintiffs suffered and continues to suffer harm, including financial (wage loss, attorneys fees, and loss of earning capacity) and emotional distress, inter alia, in violation of their rights under the laws and Constitution of the United States of America, in particular the First, Fourth, and Fourteenth Amendments thereto, and Title 42 U.S.C. §§1983.

COUNT II CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATION-MONELL

Plaintiffs v. Solicitors Office, Sheriff's Office

- 43. Paragraphs above are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth at length herein and below.
- 44. Prior to the events described herein, Defendants', Solicitor's Office and Sheriff's Office, developed and maintained policies, practices and customs exhibiting deliberate indifference to the Constitutional right of persons within the geographic and jurisdictional limits of Northampton County and Bethlehem Township, especially individuals using alternate and legal payment options, which caused violations of Plaintiff's constitutional and other rights.
- 45. Specifically, Defendants', failed to adequately and properly supervise and train in various aspects acceptind payments making statements and substance, including, but not limited to the laws of the United States, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and otherwise.

46. The above described acts or omissions by Defendants, demonstrated a deliberate indifference to the rights of citizens of Northampton County, such as Plaintiff, and were the cause of the violations of Plaintiff's rights as set forth herein.

COUNT III

Loss of Consortium

Plaintiffs, Stephanie Baletta and Susan Proetto v Defendants

- 47. Plaintiffs incorporate paragraphs 1-46 above as though same were fully set forth at length herein.
- 48. Plaintiff, Stephanie Balletta, is the wife of Plaintiff, Victor Balletta, and as a result of the Defendants', intentional, negligent, careless and reckless conduct, Plaintiff, Stephanie Balletta, has lost and/or will lose the companionship, consortium, society, and services of her husband, Plaintiff, Victor Balletta, to her great personal detriment and loss.
- 49. Plaintiff, Susan Proetto, is the wife of Plaintiff, Michael Proetto, and as a result of the Defendants', intentional, negligent, careless and reckless conduct, Plaintiff, Susan Proetto, has lost and/or will lose the companionship, consortium, society, and services of her husband, Plaintiff, Michael Proetto, to her great personal detriment and loss.

VI. Prayer for Relief

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs request this Honorable Court enter judgment in their favor and against Defendants, individually, jointly and severally, in an amount in excess of \$1,000,000.00 (\$1 Million), plus such other and further relief as this Honorable Court deems necessary and just, and to Order the following relief:

- a. Injunctive relief including but not limited to monitoring and education;
- b. Statutory damages;
- c. Compensatory damages, including; and

- i. Actual damages for financial injury (including but not limited to wage loss and loss of earning capacity, and attorneys fees related to the revocation appeal) and emotional distress;
- ii. Attorneys fees and expenses, and costs of suit; and
- iii. Loss of Consortium.
- d. Punitive damages.

PROCHNIAK WEISBERG, P.C.

/s/ Matthew B. Weisberg, Esquire MATTHEW B. WEISBERG, ESQUIRE Attorney for Plaintiffs

Exhibit A

AFFIDAVIT October 10, 2008

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Date:	October 1	15.	2008

To: Sheriff of Northampton County Pennsylvania

Government Center

City of Easton

From: Victor Balletta

518 20th Street

Allentown, PA 18104

Re: Sheriff's Sale of Valuable Real Estate

Date: October 10, 2008

Time: 10:00am

171 Augusta Terrace Williams Township PA Parcel ID M10 3 41-171 0836

Case # CV-0048-CV 2008-02321 #39 Continued from August 08, 2008

Trustee for Amtrust Bank, Mr. Michael T. Mckeever, Esq.

I, Victor Ballatta attended the Sheriff's Sale of Valuable Real Estate on 10/10/2008 on the third floor at the Government Center City of Easton and witnessed Mr. Michael Reis bid the highest and best in lawful money in the amount of \$13,156.35 with no other bidders on property 171 Augusta Terrace Williams Township PA Parcel ID M10 3 41-171 0836 Case # CV-0048-CV 2008-02321 #39 Continued from August 08, 2008. Mr. Michael T. Mckeever, Esq. made an unlawful money bid in credit in opposition to my lawful money bid. I was the only lawful bidder and therefore the only bidder.

	Date	
Victor Balletta		_

<u>AFFIDAVIT</u> October 10, 2008

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To: Sheriff of Northampton County Pennsylvania

Government Center

City of Easton

Victor Balletta From:

518 20th Street

Allentown, PA 18104

Re: Sheriff's Sale of Valuable Real Estate

Date: October 10, 2008

Time: 10:00am

750 Newlins Road East Forks Township, PA Parcel ID J9 17 11K 0311

Case # CV-0048-CV 2006-07882

#11 Continued from September 05, 2008

Trustee for EMC, Mr. Michael T. Mckeever, Esq.

I, Victor Ballatta attended the Sheriff's Sale of Valuable Real Estate on 10/10/2008 on the third floor at the Government Center City of Easton and witnessed Mr. Michael Proetto bid the highest and best in lawful money in the amount of \$74,845.00 with no other bidders on property 750 Newlins Road East Forks Township, PA Parcel ID J9 17 11K 0311 Case # CV-0048-CV 2006-07882 # 11 Continued from September 05, 2008. Mr. Michael T. Mckeever, Esq. made an unlawful money bid in credit in opposition to my lawful money bid. I was the only lawful bidder and therefore the only bidder.

	Date	
Victor Balletta	 	

AFFIDAVIT October 10, 2008

Date: October 1	5,	2008
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To: Sheriff of Northampton County Pennsylvania

Government Center

City of Easton

From: **Michael Proetto**

> 1401 Presidential Drive Whitehall, PA 18052

Re: Sheriff's Sale of Valuable Real Estate

Date: October 10, 2008

Time: 10:00am

3474 West Walker Dr Lehigh Township, PA Parcel ID P4 22 7H 0516

Case # CV-0048-CV 2008-03425

#20 Continued from September 09, 2008

Trustee for Mortgage, Mr. Michael T. Mckeever, Esq.

I, Michael Proetto attended the Sheriff's Sale of Valuable Real Estate on 10/10/2008 on the third floor at the Government Center City of Easton and witnessed Mr. Victor Balletta bid the highest and best in lawful money in the amount of \$14,100.00 with no other bidders on property 3474 West Walker Dr Lehigh Township, PA Parcel ID P4 22 7H 0516 Case # CV-0048-CV 2008-03425 # 20 Continued from September 09, 2008. Mr. Michael T. Mckeever, Esq. made an unlawful money bid in credit in opposition to my lawful money bid. I was the only lawful bidder and therefore the only bidder.

	Date	
Michael Proetto		

<u>AFFIDAVIT</u> October 10, 2008

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Date:	October	15.	2008

To: Sheriff of Northampton County Pennsylvania

Government Center

City of Easton

From: Victor Balletta

518 20th Street

Allentown, PA 18104

Re: Sheriff's Sale of Valuable Real Estate

Date: October 10, 2008

Time: 10:00am

2900 Liberty Street Palmer Township, PA Parcel ID L8SE3 2 7 0324

Case # CV-0048-CV 2007-03645

#44 Continued from September 09, 2008

Trustee for American, Mr. Joseph A. Fidler, Esq.

I, Victor Ballatta attended the Sheriff's Sale of Valuable Real Estate on 10/10/2008 on the third floor at the Government Center City of Easton and witnessed Mr. Michael Reis bid the highest and best in lawful money in the amount of \$13,408.70 with no other bidders on property 2900 Liberty Street Palmer Township, PA Parcel ID L8SE3 2 7 0324 Case # CV-0048-CV 2007-03645 # 44 Continued from September 09, 2008. Mr. Joseph A. Fidler, Esq. made an unlawful money bid in credit in opposition to my lawful money bid. I was the only lawful bidder and therefore the only bidder.

	Date	
Victor Balletta		

AFFIDAVIT October 10, 2008

Date:	October 15.	2008

To: Sheriff of Northampton County Pennsylvania

Government Center

City of Easton

From: Victor Balletta

518 20th Street

Allentown, PA 18104

Re: Sheriff's Sale of Valuable Real Estate

Date: October 10, 2008

Time: 10:00am

728 Eden Terrace Williams Township, PA Parcel ID M10 3 41-J15 0836

Case # CV-0048-CV 2008-02655 # 10 Current October 10, 2008

Trustee for Washington, Mr. Scott A. Diettrick, Esq.

I, Victor Balletta attended the Sheriff's Sale of Valuable Real Estate on 10/10/2008 on the third floor at the Government Center City of Easton and witnessed Mr. Michael Proetto bid the highest and best in lawful money in the amount of \$11,288.91 with no other bidders on property 728 Eden Terrace Williams Township, PA Parcel ID M10 3 41-J15 0836 Case # CV-0048-CV 2008-02655 # 10 Current October 10, 2008. Mr. Scott A. Diettrick, Esq. made an unlawful money bid in credit in opposition to my lawful money bid. I was the only lawful bidder and therefore the only bidder.

	Date	
Victor Balletta		

October 10, 2008

Date:	October	15, 2008
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To: Sheriff of Northampton County Pennsylvania

Government Center

City of Easton

From: Michael Proetto

1401 Presidential Drive Whitehall, PA 18052

Re: Sheriff's Sale of Valuable Real Estate

Date: October 10, 2008

Time: 10:00am

25 Morningside Drive Palmer Township, PA Parcel ID L8 6 19-79 0324

Case # CV-0048-CV 2007-07399 # 12 Current October 10, 2008

Trustee for Duetsche Bank, Mr. Michael T. Mckeever, Esq.

I, Michael Proetto attended the Sheriff's Sale of Valuable Real Estate on 10/10/2008 on the third floor at the Government Center City of Easton and witnessed Mr. Victor Balletta bid the highest and best in lawful money in the amount of \$20,627.78 with no other bidders on property 25 Morningside Drive Palmer Township, PA Parcel ID L8 6 19-79 0324 Case # CV-0048-CV 2007-07399 # 12 Current October 10, 2008. Mr. Michael T. Mckeever, Esq. made an unlawful money bid in credit in opposition to my lawful money bid. I was the only lawful bidder and therefore the only bidder.

	Date
Michael Proetto	

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To: Sheriff of Northampton County Pennsylvania

Government Center

City of Easton

From: Victor Balletta

518 20th Street

Allentown, PA 18104

Re: Sheriff's Sale of Valuable Real Estate

Date: October 10, 2008

Time: 10:00am

14 Holly Court Forks Township, PA Parcel ID K9SW2 1 53-14 0311

Case # CV-0048-CV 2008-01665 #32 Current October 10, 2008

Trustee for US Bank, Mr. Michael T. Mckeever, Esq.

I, Victor Balletta attended the Sheriff's Sale of Valuable Real Estate on 10/10/2008 on the third floor at the Government Center City of Easton and witnessed Mr. Michael Reis bid the highest and best in lawful money in the amount of \$15,860.83 with no other bidders on property 14 Holly Court Forks Township, PA Parcel ID K9SW2 1 53-14 0311 Case # CV-0048-CV 2008-01665 # 32 Current October 10, 2008. Mr. Michael T. Mckeever, Esq. made an unlawful money bid in credit in opposition to my lawful money bid. I was the only lawful bidder and therefore the only bidder.

	Date
Victor Balletta	

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Date:	October 15,	2008

To: Sheriff of Northampton County Pennsylvania

Government Center

City of Easton

From: Victor Balletta

518 20th Street

Allentown, PA 18104

Re: Sheriff's Sale of Valuable Real Estate

Date: October 10, 2008

Time: 10:00am

3350 Moravian Court Bethlehem Township, PA Parcel ID M7SE1 28 4 0205

Case # CV-0048-CV 2008-02470 # 64 Current October 10, 2008

Trustee for Deutsche Bank, Mr. Daniel G. Schmieg, Esq.

I, Victor Ballatta attended the Shcriff's Sale of Valuable Real Estate on 10/10/2008 on the third floor at the Government Center City of Easton and witnessed Mr. Michael Proetto bid the highest and best in lawful money in the amount of \$13,101.70 with no other bidders on property 3350 Moravian Court Bethlehem Township, PA Parcel ID M7SE1 28 4 0205 Case # CV-0048-CV 2008-02470 # 64 Current October 10, 2008. Mr. Daniel G. Schmieg, Esq. made an unlawful money bid in credit in opposition to my lawful money bid. I was the only lawful bidder and therefore the only bidder.

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<u>AFFIDAVIT</u> October 10, 2008

Date:

October 15, 2008

To:

Sheriff of Northampton County Pennsylvania

Government Center

City of Easton

From:

Michael Proetto

1401 Presidential Drive Whitehall, PA 18052

Re:

Sheriff's Sale of Valuable Real Estate

Date: October 10, 2008

Time: 10:00am

2486 Easton Road Lower Saucon Township, PA Parcel ID P8 12 4-1 0719

Case # CV-0048-CV 2008-04750 # 79 Current October 10, 2008

Trustee for HSBC Bank, Mr. Daniel G. Schmieg, Esq.

I, Michael Proetto attended the Sheriff's Sale of Valuable Real Estate on 10/10/2008 on the third floor at the Government Center City of Easton and witnessed Mr. Victor Balletta bid the highest and best in lawful money in the amount of \$41,775.15 with no other bidders on property 2486 Easton Road Lower Saucon Township, PA Parcel ID P8 12 4-1 0719 Case # CV-0048-CV 2008-04750 # 79 Current October 10, 2008. Mr. Daniel G. Schmieg, Esq. made an unlawful money bid in credit in opposition to my lawful money bid. I was the only lawful bidder and therefore the only bidder.

Michael Proetto Date	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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Exhibit B

Christmas dream turns for some, leaving 40,000 without power in Poconos.

> By Steve Esack Of The Morning Call

The surprisingly potent storm that blustered through eastern Pennsylvania on Monday and Tues day did more than give fits to Phillies fans. It dumped record amounts of snow in the Poconos. shut down parts of Interstate 80 and knocked out power to thousands of homes and businesses. some of which may not get the lights back until noon Thursday.

The higher your elevation in Monroe and Carbon counties, the more snow you got, and the more likely you were to lose power. At one point on Tuesday, more than 40,600 PPL customers were without power in the company's 29-county service territory and more than 400 cases of damaged power lines or other equipment had been reported.

Monroe, Lackawanna, Wayne, Pike and Luzerne counties bore the brunt of the outages. About 100

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1 inch

Earliest snowfall since records have been kept 16 inches

Greatest amount of snow ever to fall before Halloween



crews from the company's central and southern regions were dispatched to the northeast to help. PPL spokeswoman Kathy Frazier said heavy winds at the tail end of

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the system threatened to wreak

JOHNSON, an employee at Wendy's restaurant on Route 611 in Mount Pocono, shovels the walkway after the first snow of the year Tuesday.

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Pennsylvania gets hit with early snow.

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3 men with gold confuse sheriff's sale

Legal test: They say bidders' paper cash is 'illegitimate.'

> By Matt Assad Of The Morning Call

With the economy in decline, the list of foreclosed properties up for Northampton County sheriff's sale this month was long, but Deputy Sheriff Dave Ruberry figured his last stint supervising the sale would be uneventful.

Then Michael Proetto of Whitehall Township, clutching a bulging sandwich bag,

walked up.

"I'd like to register my bid of \$30 [over costs] in gold and silver U.S. currency," said Proetto, bidding on a two-bedroom condominium in Williams Town-

"Excuse me?" Ruberry said.

"I have lawful gold and silver U.S. currency," Proetto said, plunking the bag of gold and silver on the table.

At the Oct. 10 sale, Proetto and colleagues Michael Reis of Bethlehem and Victor Balletta of Allentown would make unsuccessful bids ranging from \$12,000 to more than \$75,000 on nine properties. At the time, they declined to reveal their motives, and their bids left county officials scratching their heads.

Ruberry thinks the three men are anarchists, while a county lawyer thinks they

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY CHALLENGE

- Background: Three free, during an Oct. 10 sheriffs sale, unsuccessfully bid on nine or gold and silver.
- At issue. The men have shallenged the winning bids, arguing that the bids were made with "illegitimate paper money."

 What's hext: Officials of the county sherif's office have to
- decide whether the matter should be heard by a judge.

could be after a quick buck.

Whatever their motives. the three returned last week to file 27 notices challenging the foreclosure sales, in which they lost bids to people using "illegitimate" paper" money.

"[The other bidders] made an unlawful money bid in credit in opposition: to my lawful money bid," Proetto wrote in nine challenges he made. "I was the only lawful bidder and therefore the only bidder."

In other words, Proetto said earlier this week, his gold was the only valid money at the sale and the rest of the bids used "worthless paper backed by nothing more than black ink."

Ruberry, who has run

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enraged reactions last Friday, but did not have room

for my personal approach. Generally, I ignore anonymous comments. I refuse to talk to callers who do not identify themselves and I discard all unsigned letters without reading them.

One answering machine message attacking my Oct. 15 column about suicide, however, seemed to saliently sum up the way many people felt. "You know what? You're ugly and you're old, and the world will be better when your obituary is in the paper," the woman said. Golly, who can argue with that?

So I decided to share some of my own personal thoughts about suicide.

For one thing, I grew up near Niagara Falls and every time I got within a few feet of the brink, I had an urge to jump in. Later, I learned that many people get that same scary urge. It also happened on the Golden Gate Bridge, Yosemite, the Grand Canyon and the Empire State Building.

Each time, I decided against jumping. Furthermore, if I ever do decide to take my own life, it will not be by jumping off something high. What if I change my mind halfway down? That would be horrible.

Other forms of suicide are also problematic. What if something good, or interesting, happens the next day? I'd miss it. (I can tell you this. If you can hang in

DISAGREE WITH PAUL CARPENTER?



there until you have grandchildren, tomorrows are more precious, unless you are totally self-absorbed.)

Some think I'm already suicidal. I raced motorcycles until I was 38, then bicycles, and I played ice hockey until I was in my late 50s, once getting into a scrape with Dave Schultz in an alumni game. Also, I still like to ski, and I drink the water and eat the food in Mexico. When younger, I engaged in the most hazardous conduct of all, pitching woo to young women.

Despite all that, I have a different idea of how I'd like to go. It is my fondest wish to be murdered in a jealous rage by Kevin Kline because his wife, Phoebe Cates, is in love with me.

Sadly, that glorious end seems unlikely, so I'll just stick around to see what happens tomorrow, notwithstanding the fondest wishes of that anonymous woman.

As for others deciding to kill themselves, I stand by my position that those suffering from painful and terminal illnesses should have the right to choose a humane, doctor-assisted end to life, and those who oppose such an option are sadistic, greedy monsters.

As for people who are physically healthy, I contin-

ue to believe th not deter suicid ing their perver such as self-pit cious goal to hi behind. And I r ly skeptical who chiatry industry ly all suicides re mental illness, that can be solv throwing money trists.

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the sale for five years and is handing the duty over to another deputy, said, "Obviously the United States of America takes a different view and so do we. ... This isn't the barter system, where you can bring your jewelry here to be melted down to buy a house."

Ruberry speculated the three men might be part of an anarchist movement engaging in a "paper terrorism" campaign to clog the courts.

Assistant county solicitor Christopher Spadoni, who handles the sheriff's sales, said they may simply be opportunists.

Most of the properties the men made unsuccessful bids on were bought by the banks holding the mortgages. By challenging the

sales, the men could hold up the bank's ability to sell the property for up to two years, Spadoni said.

"A bank lawyer might just want to pay them to go away. Maybe they are smarter than we think," Spadoni said, "But if their argument is that their money is real, and everyone else's is fake, well, I find their argument baseless."

Courts in Lehigh and Carbon counties report no similar appeals.

Ruberry believes the men may be fellow travelers of anti-government groups such as the Sovereign Citizen, Posse Comitatus and Liberty Dollar movements that believe paper money is not legal tender.

In some states, members of those groups have clogged court systems, flooding government offices with liens, civil suits

and legal challenges to purchases made with what they say is illegal money. In Texas, a group calling themselves Republic of Texas conducted such a successful effort that the Texas Legislature passed a law in 1997 to prevent it, and similar efforts were reported in Wisconsin and Ohio in the 1990s, according to newspaper reports.

Proetto said while he and his colleagues may hold similar philosophies to those organized groups, they are not associated with any of them and are not on an anti-government campaign.

"Don't read too much into this," said Proetto, who would reveal little about himself other than that he is retired and once served in the Navy. "We're just three guys trying to buy \$4 million worth of property with gold and silver - the only real money that was bid."

Spadoni said if the men filed their appeals properly he questions whether that will happen - the matter would have to be heard by a county judge.

In the end, Proetto, Reis and Balletta walked out of the sheriff's sale still carrying the gold and silver they came with.

And Ruberry walked out thankful that if they return at the next sale Nov. 7. they'll be someone else's problem.

"It's not every day you get someone trying to buy property with 30 pieces of gold," Ruberry said. "Interesting, but I won't miss

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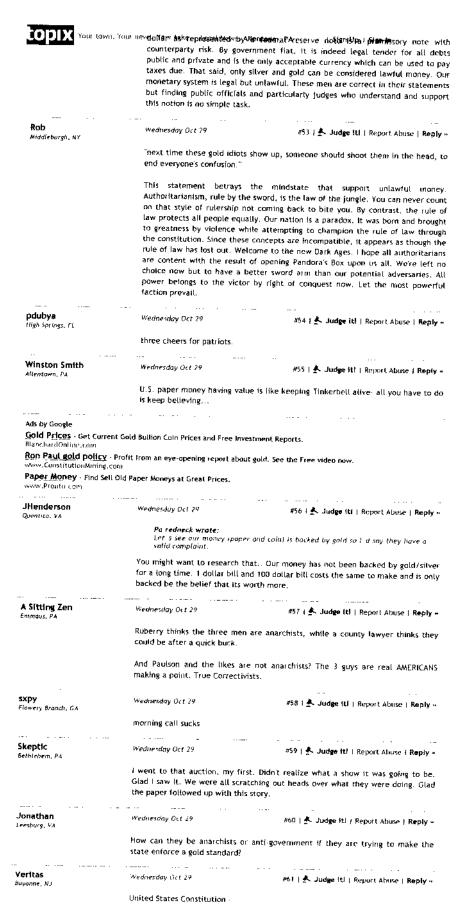
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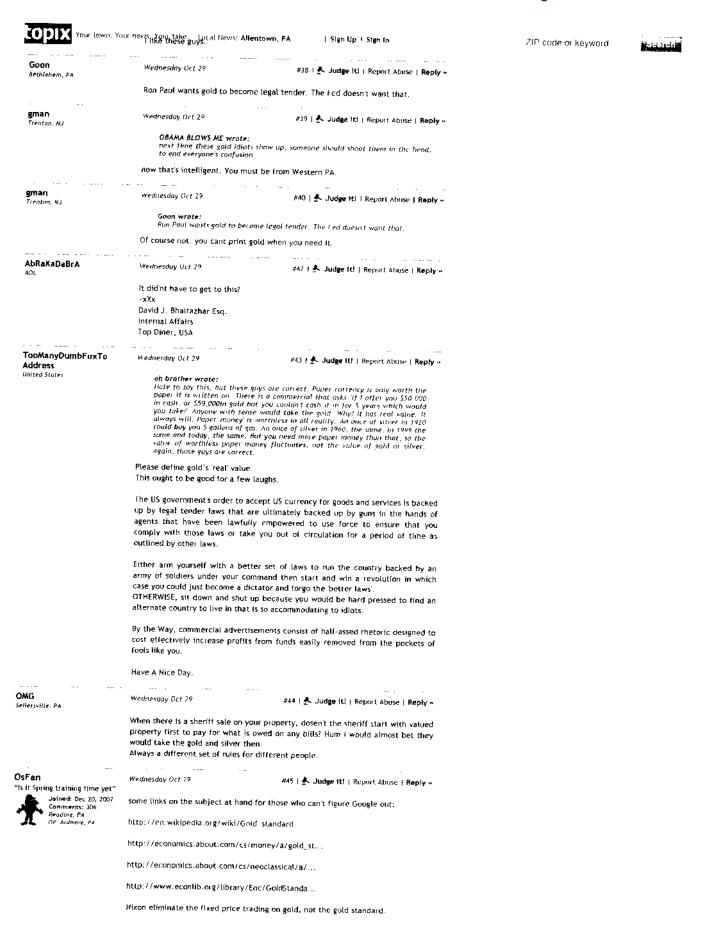
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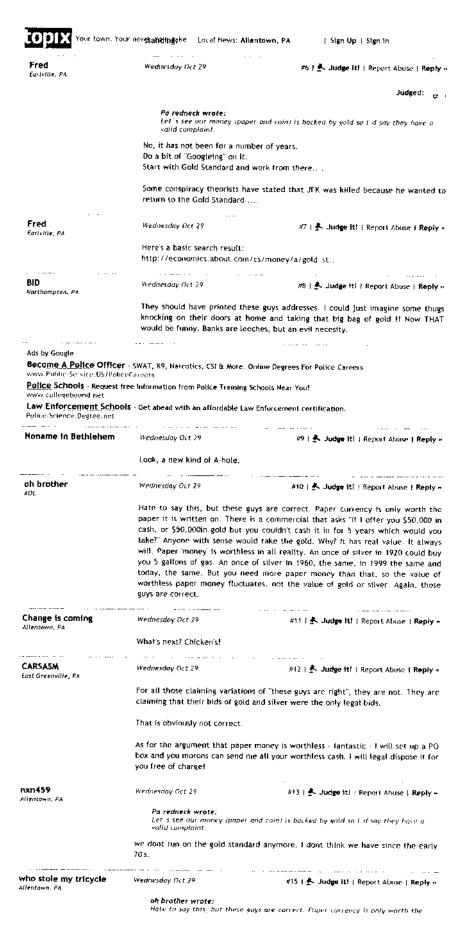
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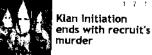


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"Is it Spring training time yet" Joined: Dec 20, 2007 Comments: 306

Reading, PA

Wednesday Oct 29 Justin wrote:

Justin wrate:
These guys are making an excellent point. The commenters here, the returns auctioneer and the reporter all demanstrate a profound ignorance of our money and how it works. The bidders are thought to be terrorists or anarchists because they challenge the system and want to buy property with gold? This in the same month that the government has to buy freddie and framie, and propup the country's major financial institutions, while running the printing presses at full filt. There are still 450 trillion bofters in paper derivatives that have to unwind, based on a tiny, may amount of real property. Let, STRU, this humble, hormless lesson in real value, in Constitutional maney inothing but gold and alver shall be legal tender), is lost on the slumboring, fat, rouch potato Americans as they head over the cliff.

Yep... sheepole just move along with the flock.

Where do people think all that bailout money is coming from? It's just debt... like getting a credit card to pay off a credit card then maxing them both out and getting another one to max out.... and on and on

Moving off the Gold Standard is what has allowed this all to happen.

Does any one ever wonder if there is still actual gold in Fort Knox?

Goldfinger didn't get it.... who did?

BabyHec

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That is why they invented "commercial paper", to accommodate transactions, if these fools want to buy property with gold, fine, turn it in at the current rate and be issued a check for the amount. A check that will be accepted to buy property,

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Brantford, Canada

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Fred wrote:

equoted texts.
No, it has not been for a number of years.

Do a bit of Googleing on it.

Stort with Gold Standard and work from there...

Some conspiracy theorists have stated that JFK was killed because he wanted to return to the Gold Standard.

Nixon took us off the gold standard...last time I checked he was president after

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Wow, I wonder what they think of credit and debit cards.

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💓 Taurus

Venus, your life-roler, enters your sign today, Bulls. It's the ideal time to exert your personal influence. Your charm and sense of humour make a big difference, as you catch more flies with honey than with vinegar. Why not indulge in a new halr style, beauty treatment, or other ways to enhance your appearance. Your physical appearance will have as big an impact as your personality in coming weeks.

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I think the whole exercise was to make the flock of stupid people that makes up our nation aware of what is happening.

acesn8s Aflentown, PA

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Yes, the guys have a point - but did they provide proof that the gold and silver they brought with them was pure and not counterfit?

I would think that if the court was to uphold their claim that they were the only ones with 'legal tender' then they would need to prove that the 'sack of gold and silver' was what they claimed it to be. Unfortunately for them, they left without providing any certification. So, even if they present their gold and silver to the court for verification, who is to say it is the same sack they brought to the auction?

keep it real

Wednesday Oct 29

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Lehigh Valley you are so easily and quick to show how much you DON'T KNOW. These men are more than right do you think that they would show up without knowing or having completed some extensive research beforehand. I know their arguement and paper money is only worth the actual paper it is written on "Zero".....These men are not bamboozled they actual understand more than the average individual does.

I bet none of you know that they are no speed limits in PA while traveling across bridges. Still on the books from the early early days. Do your homework, learn to think for yourself and stop believing what you are told all the damn time. You have a mind and resources use them.....people. Good luck to those men!!!

THE Allentonian Coopersburg, PA

Wednesday Oct 29

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LOT Now THAT is original, for around here!

I guess that judge will have some reading to do. This might make the Judge's job one, some quick reading about legal www.ustreas.gov/education/fag/currency/legal-... The way I read it is this is a local government, concerning taxes. They don't have to accept anything but "ink" backed by the Fed's.

This is Northampton County, spun off of Philadelphia back in like the early 1800's and then Lehigh County from Northampton. I'd bet it has something to do with some old laws before standardized currency across the country. Remembering the colonists founded this area with British pounds and shillings, etc., However, their claim that paper money is nothing more than black ink might have a problem with the Fed's, as it's tendered by the them. Today and since the early 1960's I believe it's been assured by silver, not gold.

To those who think these guys are jerks for doing this....well, at least we're getting a history lesson in modern currency.

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It is all the same Bethlehem, PA

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Can't you make the same argument for the value of gold though? It's worth comes from the fact that people want it. If people didn't put value on the shiny rocks, it wouldn't be worth anything either.

I rather haul around a wad of bills than try to lug around bricks of gold.

Larsen E Whipsnade

Wednesday Oct 29

#34 | 🚣 Judge ttl ! Report Abuse ! Reply »

Nixon Look us off the gold standard, tast time I checked he was president

Wow...i have to wonder where some of you people are getting this stuff from. I'm far from an economist but even I know it was FDR that took the US off the gold standard, in the 30's.

gman

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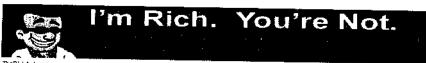
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Gold Standard Bethlehem, PA

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#3 | 🕰 Judge ftl | Report Abuse | Reply =

I don't buy the confusion. If it's a business weekday the price is fluctuating every second. Throw them out.

Pa redneck

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Let's see our money (paper and coin) is backed by gold so I'd say they have a valid complaint.

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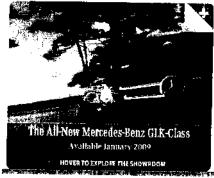
In 1997, when Korea was faced with a shortage of US dollars in foreign reserve. The Bank of Korea asked that Koreans trade in their gold for Korean won to help support the won. In fact, so many were collective concerned about their economy that nearly \$4 billion was donated in gold by the Korean people back to the Korean central bank, Bank of Korea.

These men are correct to state they are legitimate forms of payment. They have a legitimate legal claim.

On the other side, if the bidding process says legal tender. The greenback or "dollar" and associated time drafts or other legal financial instruments are other forms of "legal payment" under UCC.

I doubt they win, but they can clog the court up for some time and the other bidders may just give up and then the bank will sell to them as the last bidder





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As the Moon and Venus dance in your house of friends. you are more concerned with personal aspirations and happiness, especially the satisfaction gained (or not!) in your role as spouse, child, parent, friend, lover, or associate. Promote harmony and encourage co-operation. Joining organizations and participation in group activities can be very rewarding.

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Once the economy crashes (or, is FINISHED crashing...), it'll be worth loads more than our current Welmar' dollars are worth!

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How about these people" coming to buy up your properties, become slum lords, let the properties go....etc, that is mainly what they do here, which is becoming an increasing issue here in the area.

Allentown Renter Milford Square, F

Wednesday Oct 29

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#50 | 🚣 Judge iti | Report Abuse | Reply --

This sounds like one of "DUFFY'S" schemes!!! Hahahahahaaaa..........

us citizen

Pa redneck wrote:

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Let's see our money (paper and coin) is backed by gold so I disay they have a valid complaint NOONOOOO... The U.S. Dollar is NOT backed by gold, silver, or anything else but

empty promises. They stopped printing gold and silver certificates way back in the 50s. The federal reserve is a private company who can print as much money as they want, there is nothing to back it up except an illusion.

Goon Orwigsburg, PA

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I wish I could write "ONE JILLION" on a piece of paper and loan it out to the banks and collect the overnight interest rate on it!.

Better yet, you could just zing it to them over the wires and don't even bother with the messy printing. I think it costs \$1200 to print Sone million.

There isn't enough money in existence to pay back all of the old loans at interest. Solution? You have to borrow more money with new loans to pay back the outstanding obligations!

Whatta system, as brought to you by the Rothschilds and currently used by the Federal Reserve. Keeps them in demand. They are one of the most corrupt organisations on Earth and they have never been audited.

For the brave you can google and watch "The Money Masters" documentary on Youtube or Yahoo video

Middleburgh, NY

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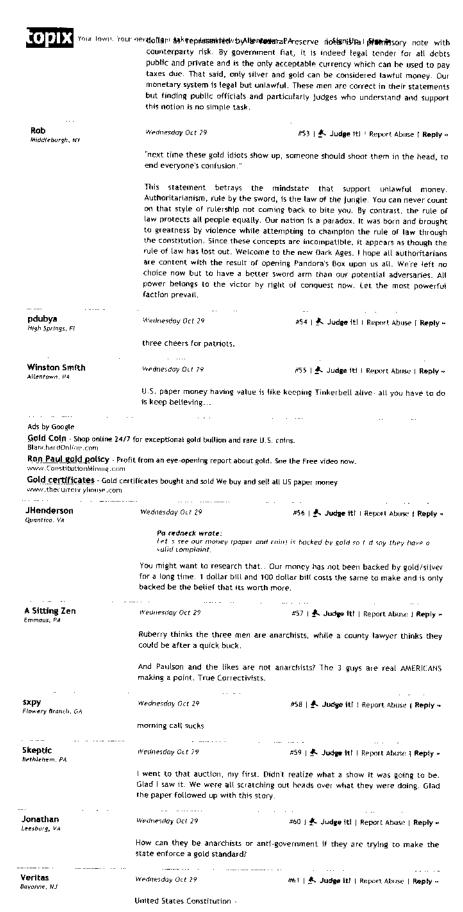
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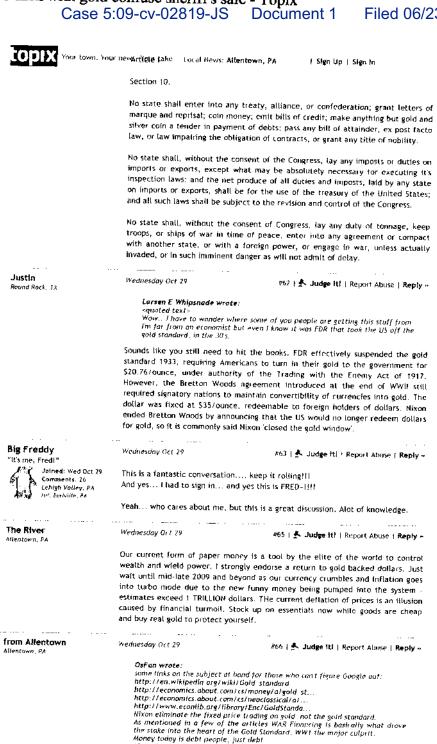


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You're correct on this. As soon as the central bank prints money and "sells" it to our government, it is sold with interest on it. Our country will never be out of debt until we change the monetary system. And next is going to be the RFIO chip placed under our skin.

from Allentown Wednesday Oct 29 #67 | 🏂 Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply -

The River wrote:

Our current form of paper money is a tool by the clite of the world to control wealth and wield power. I strongly endouse a return to gold backed dollars, Just will until mid late 7009 and beyond as our corrency cumbles and inflotion goes into turbo mode due to the new funly money being pumped into the system - estimates exceed 1 PRILLION dollars. The current deflotion of prices is an illusion caused by fluorical turnoil. York up on essentials now while goods are cheap and buy real gold to protect yourself.

Not only real gold but gems also.

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You would think that all these county officials who took oaths to "Uphold the Constitution" would know that that document states that money "shall be coined by Congress in gold and silver of the realm". They obviously don't know what their job really is, and just want to go with the status you.

Federal Reserve Notes are illegal money in that they are unconstitutionally made, by a private central bank, known as the Federal Reserve (which is not federal and has no reserves to speak of).

Here's a good place to start learning about what is lawful and unlawful money: http://www.honestmoneyreport.com/index.php

Then ask a lawyer, or better yet your Congressman: How can it be Legal if it is

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Glen A Pearce

Goon

Gold Standard wrote:

I don't buy the confusion. If its a husiness weekday the price is fluctuating every second. Throw them out.

I am under the impression they were using legal tender coins that were made by the U.S. mint in the distant past, 1964 and before for silver and 1933 and before for gold. These are all still legal tender at the stamped value and can be used as such, I believe they were tendering them at face value.

It would normally not make sense to do so because the metal value (and in some cases even higher collectable value) far exceeds the stamped legal tender value. However what these guys came up with if it actually works was truely ingenious. By invalidating all the other unprepared bidders they would eliminate all competition at the auction and be able to get a low enough price on the properties that it would be worth letting go of the coins at

Though in a practical sense I don't see this succeeding unless they are able to get this all the way to the supreme court. This may in fact be their goal. After all catching the other bidders unprepared would only work once, even if these guys get their way in court other bidders would come prepared with coin the next time and the bidding wouldn't be so easy. As a way of forcing the issue to the supreme court so they have to make a ruling on the validity of fiat money under the U.S. constitution this is an absolute ingenious way of making it happen. As a one time bonus they could get a good deal on this batch of properties.

As a practical matter they have much expense and work ahead of them to fight it through with no gauranty of success. Even if they get that far there is no telling how the issue will be interpreted by the judges.

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Justin wrote:

-quoted text-vounds like you still need to hit the books. Filit effectively suspended the gold standard 1933, requiring Americans to turn in their gold to the government for 520 To ownce, under authority of the Trading with the Enemy Act of 1917 However, the Bretton Woods agreement introduced at the end of WWII still required signatary nations to maintain convertibility of currencies into gold the dollar was fixed at 535 ownce, redeemable to foreign holders of dollars. Nixon ended Bretton Woods by announcing that the Us would no longer redeem

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The campaign of disinformation and perception management continuously undermining gold's natural role in the financial universe inflicts damage on the economy, the scope of which we are now finally understanding.

Vincent Mross Los Angeles, Ca

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nxn459 wrote:

equoted text.

Aerinedy was dead for years before the government changed its system and anyway, there were many more reasons to assawinate him.

It's not that he wanted to return to the gold standard, but that he wanted to reissue paper currency known as US Notes, which looked very much like Federal Reserve Notes but were issued directly by the US Treasury Dept instead of through the privately owned Federal Reserve. They were debt free, meaning that the government didn't have to pay interest on them to the Fed like they do with FRN s.

JFK did this through executive order number 11110, and there were about \$3 million in US Notes issued into circulation (which have never been repealed btw). They are easily spotted by the red seal on the back instead of the green seal on FRNs. He was shot in December 1963, and by 1964 the Treasury ceased issuing them along with 90% silver dollars, quarters, and dimes, which were replaced with mostly copper equivalents.

You can draw your own conclusions.

Robert

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In times past, gold and silver were just too cumbersome to carry so certificates were issued to represent precious metals. Remember silver certificates? All the paper money was backed by the US Government with gold and silver. And, the paper could be exchanged for those precious metals. Now these guys come along with the real stuff and the sheriff thinks they are nuts. Wow! They are offering metals with true intrinsic value and are viewed as wacky???! Boy are we in trouble!

Vincent Mross

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U.S. Constitution:

"Section 10. No state shall enter into any treaty, alliance, or confederation; grant letters of marque and reprisal; coin money; emit bills of credit; make anything but gold and silver coin a tender in payment of debts; pass any bill of attainder, ex post facto law, or law impairing the obligation of contracts, or grant any title of nobility.

The key phrase here is "payment of debts". Any debt discharged with Federal Reserve Notes is not "paid", because FRNs are backed only by the debt of the American people (the "national debt"), "Paying" with FRNs is an oxymoron. What's really happening is the passing of iOUs from one party to another

These guys are correct in their assertion. However, unless they know how to get the courts to actually follow the Constitution, their case won't go anywhere. A man in Nevada was successful in a similar case where he was paying his employees in US Eagle gold coins which by law have a face value of \$42, but on the street had a value of about \$1k at the time. He argued in court that they were being paid at the \$42 rate, and he won, saving himself and his employeds a TON of income tax that would have otherwise gone into the black hole known as

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I love how "officials" resort to terms like "anarchists" and "terrorists" to attempt to summarily discredit anyone with whom they disagree. I don't totally blame them for their ignorance as most would probably refer to our form of government as a "democracy". The gentlemen appear to be setting the groundwork to try and force the courts to dig into the Constitution and make a ruling. I expect they will lose, appeal and probably be ignored as quickly as possible, but hopefully they can get enough press to make people think about what bankers with politicians in their pockets have done to our Republic. Article I Section 10 says what it says in plain English and has never been amended to allow a private cartel of banks, the Federal Reserve (neither Federal nor a Reserve) to issue debt instruments as money.

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I applaud the men's effort to get courts to notice FRNs aren't real dollars, since they don't refer to anything but themselves. Same as a piece of paper saying "one cow" is not a cow. A dollar was defined as something like 24 grams of silver in the coinage act of 1792.

I'm mildly curious whether they offered the pre-1965 type of real US money or the post 1985 type (bullion coins). Either kind should be good enough for their

This case is very similar to the Kahre case in Nevada last year. An employer paid his workers in one-dollar one-ounce 2007 silver US Eagle bullion coins, which were declared at their mere face value for tax purposes. Among something like 160 charges, the jury made ZERO convictions, and several acquittals. I haven't heard if any of the hung charges will be retried.

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oh brother wrote:

on brother wrote: Hate to say this, but these guys are correct. Pope: currency is only worth the paper it is written on. There is a commercial that asks it I after you 550,000 in cash, or 550,000 in cash, o

I'd rather have \$50,000 in ammunition. Then I can get whatever I want once the economy totally tanks.

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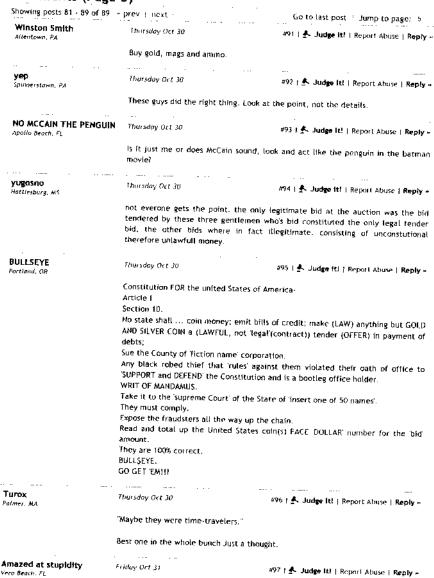
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> For those morons that think these guys are nuts, hold on to your paper money and see what will happen over the next few years. The Fed is expanding thier balance sheet (almost double over the last few months) what do you think that does to your savings? Yes, roduces it's purchasing power.

> To the person that pointed out silver - bravo! You are right, with real money (silver or gold) gasoline as not increased at all. Most people are amazed when they are told we had real silver quarters before 1970 and that quarter would buy a gallon of gas then and will still do the same today.

> People try getting educated - maybe reading beyond grade school would help the vast majority of the mental midgets writing replys.

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yugosno wrote:

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yugano wrote: not everine gets the paint, the only legitimate bid at the auction was the bid tendered by these three gentlemen whos bid constituted the only legal tender bid, the other bids where in fact inegitimate consisting of unconstational therefore unlawfull money.

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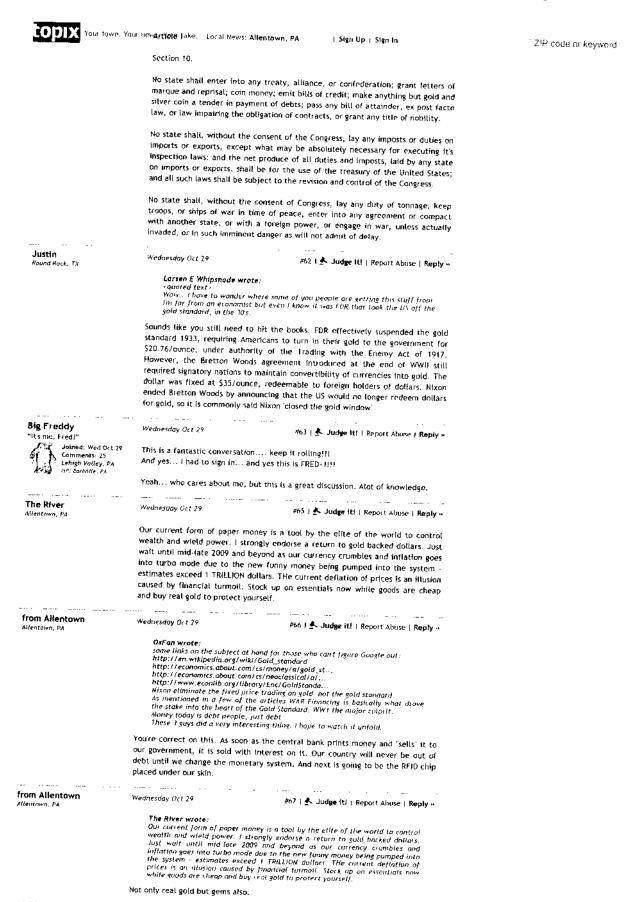
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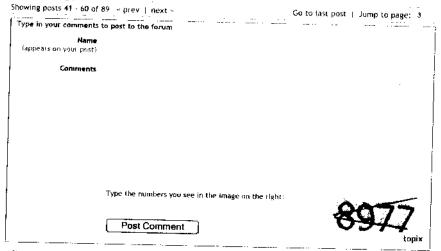
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Federal Reserve Notes are filegal money in that they are unconstitutionally made, by a private central bank, known as the Federal Reserve (which is not federal and has no reserves to speak of).

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