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'Friends of Ceglia' group shows support for Wellsville man, criticizes alleged ties between government, Facebook

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HORNELL — As U.S. marshals continue their search for Paul Ceglia, a private advocacy group has come out in support of the Wellsville man before his criminal trial begins May 4.

The group, called "Friends of Paul Ceglia's Constitutional Rights," alleged in a press release that Facebook and its CEO, Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook's attorneys (Gibson Dunn LLP and Orrick Harrington LLP), and U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara are conspiring to deny Ceglia's civil rights.

In addition, the release claims that Ceglia's treatment "proves that the U.S. justice system is corrupted by corporate deep pockets."

Friends of Paul Ceglia's Constitutional Rights claim that Gibson Dunn LLP, one of the firms that have defended Facebook in court, played an active role in concealing 28 of Zuckerberg's hard drives and emails from his time at Harvard, citing a 2009 case in which Facebook claimed the material was "lost" only for it to turn up two days later.

The release alleges that several judges in the federal system have ties to Facebook in one way or another, whether it be as a direct stockholder or with a firm that has worked with Zuckerberg and Facebook in the past.

For example, Ceglia's case against Zuckerberg was dismissed in March of last year in U.S. District Court. The document alleges that Judge Richard J. Arcara didn't allow Ceglia access to

Zuckerberg's 28 hard drives and emails and "failed to disclose his substantial financial holdings in Facebook interests."

In addition, Magistrate Judge Leslie G. Foschio — Arcara's superior [understudy]— made an unconstitutional argument in dismissing the case.

Later in the release, it is alleged that Arcara holds "substantial amounts of stock in Facebook and (Facebook's) key stakeholders," including: Fidelity, Jennison, Goldman Sachs, Bank of America, JPMorgan, BlackRock, Citigroup, Wells Fargo, Credit Suisse, and Morgan Stanley.

The group claims that Bharara's office carried "out an evident political hit job on Ceglia since Bharara has permitted his former firm, Gibson Dunn LLP, and two former U.S. Attorneys now working at Gibson Dunn LLP, Alexander Southwell and Orin Snyder, to enter the case and help the government press their case against Ceglia."

In addition, Bharara is alleged to have filed criminal charges against Ceglia for allegedly forging a contract between himself and Zuckerberg. These charges stood after Zuckerberg admitted to a contract between himself and Ceglia, but doesn't have the original copy of it.

Friends of Paul Ceglia's Constitutional Rights also argues that the federal government — including the CIA — is biased against Ceglia due to its ties with Facebook.

The release points to the fact that the federal court system has blocked access to Zuckerberg's hard drives in several cases, possibly due to an inconsistency in which Zuckerberg claimed to have developed the program in "one to two weeks" in January 2004. Instead, the group argues that Zuckerberg used code from The Eclipse Foundation, founded with "\$40 million in IBM 'donation' funds," in launching Facebook.

Jim Breyer, Facebook's second largest inside investor, allegedly has a "close association" to the CIA through Gilman Louie, who was Breyer's director at the National Venture Capital Association in 2004. Louie now works for In-Q-Tel, the CIA's private venture capital arm.

It's also claimed that several ties Facebook has made with companies and firms "taints any government proceeding" involving the social media giant, including Fidelity Ventures, Vanguard, Kleiner Perkins Caufield Byers, Cloudera, T. Rowe Price, and Meritech Capital Partners.

In addition, Supreme Court Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr. is said to hold a large amount of interest in Facebook and a "close relationship to Gibson Dunn LLP."

"A widespread head-in-the-sand misconception among judges and attorneys is that judges are exempt from disclosing the portfolio stocks in their mutual funds," the statement reads. "In other words, judges claim that even if their Fidelity mutual fund holds the largest amount of

well-publicized Facebook stock of any mutual fund on the planet, they are permitted to hide this financial interest.”

The group then goes on to attack what’s called the “safe harbor” rule and notes that “it smacks of cronyism.”

In conclusion, Friends of Paul Ceglia’s Constitutional Rights claims that a fair trial for Ceglia is impossible at the moment due to blatant conflicts of interest.

“The U.S. courts are currently a caustic environment in which to find justice for Paul Ceglia in his battle with Mark Zuckerberg and Facebook,” the statement reads. “The judges are protecting their personal and crony financial interests at the expense of solemn constitutional rights.”

“Our interest is in ensuring that Mr. Ceglia is afforded his sacred constitutional right to fair and impartial tribunals — something he has been egregiously denied. We believe that if we do not vigorously defend Paul Ceglia’s constitutional rights now, the abuses will only grow until America becomes a full-fledged plutocracy and ceases to be a Republic.”

Ceglia’s criminal court case is set to begin May 4 and was spurred by what Foschio believed to be fabrications in documents Ceglia used in his civil case against Facebook.

However, he was found missing after removing his tracking device over the weekend of March 7 and 8. A missing persons report on his wife, Iasia, and two kids has been filed with state police.

U.S. District Judge Vernon S. Broderick revoked Ceglia’s \$250,000 bail — which had been modified — in court last week after it was clear Ceglia had fled.

U.S. Marshals and New York State Police searched the home of Ceglia’s parents, Carmine and Vera, last week. His parents had planned to go on vacation but scrapped plans once they heard of Ceglia’s disappearance.

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