



GREY2K USA

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Laura McGrory, Director
Industrial Commission of Arizona
800 W Washington St.
Phoenix AZ 85007

Dear Director McGrory,

I am the executive director of a national non-profit greyhound protection organization named GREY2K USA. Our mission is to pass greyhound protection laws, phase out dog racing and promote greyhound adoption.

During the regular course of our work, we have obtained a witness statement regarding an alleged threat of physical violence in the workplace. This information was contained in a document we received via public information request from the Arizona Department of Racing. It is not clear to us that the Department of Racing has forwarded this information to your office.

Specifically, the statement in question describes an inter-employee incident involving the threat of physical violence and verbal abuse. The victim of this alleged abuse was, according to her, dissuaded from reporting the matter to authorities by her superior.

Attached, you will find a copy of Arizona Department of Racing Ruling 128-34. According to this ruling, in June 2012 a kennel worker at Tucson Greyhound Park named [REDACTED] claimed that she was threatened with physical violence by assistant trainer Michael W. Yelton. According to a witness statement by [REDACTED]

“He flip out and screaming at me to learn how to do my job and I told him not to tell me how to do my job then he started calling me a stupid bitch and dumb cunt and a slut then he got in my face and threaten to hit me with his fist.”

In her witness statement, [REDACTED] also alleges that she attempted to report this threat of physical violence, but was deterred by track security under the direction of Tucson Greyhound Park General Manager Tom Taylor:

“I went to security to get the write up paper when they told me that Tom Taylor told them not to write a report for them to leave Michael Yelton alone.”

For his involvement in this incident, Yelton had his license suspended for five days and was fined \$100 by the Tucson Greyhound Park Board of Stewards.

We are deeply troubled by the accusation that [REDACTED] was deterred from reporting this alleged threat of violence. We hope you will examine this issue and determine whether or not this allegation is accurate. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this information.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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