

Uncle Paul's Mental Health to Be Evaluated

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In yet another bizarre twist in what has become a protracted legal battle, attorneys for Dr. Paul "Uncle Paul" Hollern have introduced a "notice of intent to introduce expert witness testimony relative to mental health treatment of the defendant." The new motion was filed on June 27, 2007, in the U.S. District Court Western District of Kentucky at Louisville.

The motion, which relates to count four of the federal indictment against Dr. Hollern, states: "Comes the defendant and hereby gives notice of intent to introduce evidence of mental condition of the defendant at the time of the offense alleged in Count 4 (retaliation against a witness) relative to his treatment by Dr. Lite at the Park View Psychiatric & Neurology Services in or about March 2005 through April 2006."

On February 5, 2007, a federal grand jury returned a superseding indictment charging Dr. Paul Hollern with four counts covering scheming to defraud, videotaping patients, retaliation against a witness and HIPAA violations. Count four, the retaliation charge, refers to an incident reported in the Jan. 29, 2007 issue of *Dynamic Chiropractic* ("More Legal Troubles for 'Uncle Paul'"). According to the indictment, Hollern "knowingly, with the intent to retaliate against a witness for providing to a law enforcement officer truthful information relating to the commission and possible commission of a Federal offense, took action harmful to the witness by attempting to interfere with the witness's lawful employment and livelihood; to wit, the defendant proclaimed to the witness's neighbors and employers that the witness was involved in child pornography."

If convicted, Hollern faces a maximum sentence of 10 years, \$250,000 in fines and supervised release for three years for counts one, three and four; and a sentence of five years, \$250,000 in fines and three years supervised release for count two. The trial has been pushed back to January 2008; however, additional hearings relating to the mental evaluation most likely will take place before then.

A History of Legal Trouble

Paul Hollern and the UnclePaul Chiropractic Business Training Corporation have been in the legal spotlight dating back to 2004, when charges were first brought alleging that he violated state statutes. In 2005, Dr. Hollern filed for bankruptcy in Jefferson County, Ky., just days before a series of new U.S. bankruptcy laws went into effect. In June 2006, he was arrested and spent several nights in the Grayson County jail before being arraigned in federal court on one count of obstruction of justice. Until his obstruction of justice indictment, Hollern maintained a single chiropractic practice in Hillview, Ky.

For a comprehensive timeline of events relating to "Uncle Paul" Hollern and his legal trouble, including all articles published previously in *DC*, visit www.chiroweb.com/unclepaul.

Resources

1. *United States of America v Paul Hollern*. Criminal Action No. 3:06-CR-82-S. Notice of Intent to Introduce Expert Witness Testimony Relative to Mental Health Treatment of the Defendant; filed in the United States District Court of Western Kentucky, Louisville Division, June 27, 2007.
2. *United States of America v Paul Hollern*. Case No. 3:06-CR-82-S. Grand Jury Indictment; filed in the United States District Court of Western Kentucky, Louisville Division, Feb. 5, 2007.
3. "More Legal Troubles for 'Uncle Paul.'" *Dynamic Chiropractic*, Jan. 29, 2007.
www.chiroweb.com/archives/25/03/10.html.

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