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**From the Desk of Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton:**

**Judicial Watch Obtains Booking File of Illegal Immigrant Murder Suspect**



Over the last few weeks, I've covered the story of Pedro Espinoza, the illegal alien gang member who allegedly killed high school student Jamiel Shaw on March 2nd. What made this crime particularly offensive is the fact that Espinoza had been released from a Culver City, California jail the day before the murder.

Of course, all of this has brought sanctuary policies, such as the LAPD's "Special Order 40," under scrutiny once again. As you will recall, Special Order 40 illegally prohibits police officers from inquiring about an individual's immigration status and contacting federal authorities about someone's immigration status. (Judicial Watch has filed [a taxpayer lawsuit](#) against the LAPD over Special Order 40. We are scheduled to go to trial on June 30.)

Now defenders of nonsensical and highly dangerous sanctuary policies claim Special Order 40 had nothing to do with Shaw's death because he wasn't first arrested in L.A., but in Culver City, on a weapons charge. Fair enough. So what about Culver City?

Judicial Watch recently filed an open records request with Culver City regarding the arrest of Espinoza and the city's general policies regarding illegal aliens. And just this week, we received Espinoza's [official booking records](#).

One thing immediately jumps off the page. Espinoza lied about his place of birth, claiming that he is a U.S. citizen from California – something that is relatively easy to check. Obviously, as we have learned, Espinoza is an illegal alien.

Judicial Watch also obtained records regarding [Culver City's police policies](#) toward illegals. First off, like Los Angeles, an individual cannot be arrested for the sole crime of being in the country illegally. Secondly, if an illegal alien is apprehended and charged with a crime, "there will be no need to notify immigration authorities."

In other words, even if Culver City police officers had determined Espinoza was here illegally, it seems that it would not have mattered. Once Espinoza had been processed, he would have been released onto the streets and federal immigration authorities would have been none the wiser.

The bottom line from all these records is that they reveal the importance of identifying (and deporting) illegal alien lawbreakers so they don't hit the streets and

gun down innocent U.S. citizens.

Perhaps Jamiel Shaw's father put it best, during a recent appearance before the Los Angeles City Council: "If you're a gang member who is suspected of committing a crime, why can't they check a database at the police station to see if you're here illegally?"

Good question for every police department in the country.

### **JW Continues Pursuit of Hillary's White House Telephone Records**

Judicial Watch has been making a lot of news in the last few weeks regarding its pursuit of Hillary's White House records. You may recall that it was Judicial Watch that forced the Clinton Presidential Library to release the former First Lady's White House schedules. And, in March, a U.S. District Court ruled that JW could pursue discovery with respect to how the National Archives processes open records requests.

It is our contention, of course, that the National Archives (which runs the Clinton Library) has been derelict in processing Judicial Watch's open records request seeking Hillary's telephone records. Moreover, the Archives has asked the court for an indefinite stay in our lawsuit in order to take their sweet time in responding to our requests.

We take a different view. We believe the American people, by law, are entitled to the timely release of these records, especially considering that Hillary is a leading candidate for President of the United States. And so, this week, we filed a [new brief](#) in our lawsuit in opposition to the Archives request for an indefinite stay, based on sworn testimony we obtained from an Archives official.

Here's some of what we found out.

First off, the National Archives has established a complicated 17-part queue structure that does not process requests on a "first in, first out" basis. When the request was filed is just one factor in where requests are placed in the queue. So the argument one hears that Archives is processing Clinton Library requests in the order it receives them is a big lie.

Secondly, Judicial Watch has learned that the National Archives has used its limited resources to process less timely and clearly less significant, requests than those filed by Judicial Watch. So, in other words, the National Archives has not exercised "due diligence" in responding to JW's requests, as archivists have claimed.

According to [our brief](#):

"The deposition confirmed that, while other more timely requests have waited, the Library has used its limited resources to process less timely FOIA requests for records relating to "Unidentified Flying Objects." This admission demonstrates that, at the same time it seeks an indefinite stay because of limited resources, Defendant is using its existing resources in a highly questionable manner."

I will be sure to keep you posted on our progress. In the meantime, feel free to read more about our efforts to obtain Hillary's White House records by clicking [here](#).

## Obama in More Hot Water Over State Grant to Campaign Donor

Barack Obama, the purported honest “outsider” is in trouble again for engaging in “politics as usual.” And it has nothing to do with his racist life coach, Rev. Jeremiah Wright.

Regular readers of the Weekly Update will recall Obama’s shady land deal with his indicted fundraiser Antoin “Tony” Rezko. Then news broke that just two months after he joined the Senate, Obama purchased \$50,000 worth of stock in speculative companies whose major investors were his biggest campaign contributors. There is also his friendship with domestic terrorist William Ayers.

And now this, according to the [Los Angeles Times](#):

“After an unsuccessful campaign for Congress in 2000, Illinois state Sen. Barack Obama faced serious financial pressure: numerous debts, limited cash and a law practice he had neglected for a year. Help arrived in early 2001 from a significant new legal client — a longtime political supporter.

“Chicago entrepreneur Robert Blackwell Jr. paid Obama an \$8,000-a-month retainer to give legal advice to his growing technology firm, Electronic Knowledge Interchange. It allowed Obama to supplement his \$58,000 part-time state Senate salary for over a year with regular payments from Blackwell’s firm that eventually totaled \$112,000.

“A few months after receiving his final payment from EKI, Obama sent a request on state Senate letterhead urging Illinois officials to provide a \$50,000 tourism promotion grant to another Blackwell company, Killerspin.” Killerspin, the Times notes, then spun the original \$50,000 into \$320,000 in state grants between 2002 and 2004. What did Obama do for \$8,000 a month? Forgive my skepticism, but this agreement smells like the classic “no show” job – much money for no work. And Obama expects us to believe that there was nothing inappropriate about his pushing for a taxpayer grant for his employer!

In just the last few weeks, I’ve written about all three presidential candidates’ involvement in one scandal or another. Hillary Clinton and John McCain both apparently held fundraisers illegally supported by foreign nationals, a violation of the law. (We filed [FEC complaints](#) in both cases.) And now there is Obama’s scandalous arrangement with a campaign contributor.

We will continue our scrutiny of the presidential candidates’ ethical and legal conduct because, Democrat or Republican, no one is above the law.

Until next week...

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Fitton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tom" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Fitton".

**Tom Fitton**  
**President**

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