

My name is Antonio Rentas. I own mixed-commercial/residential use building at 1400 W. Forest Home Avenue. I also operate my barber shop at that location. I am also a member of the BID 4.

As I understand it BID Board 4 exists to improve the business climate in our area for which I paid \$400.00 in each year. As part of this process, I have relied upon the representations of Nancy Bush, the Executive Director and Ron Giguere, Sr., BID President to assist me in applying for a grants to improve my property. I personally believe that I have been lied to by both Ron Giguere, Sr. and Nancy Bush.

In April 2012, they came to my business to make an evaluation of what my needs were in preparation of a grant proposal. They continued to make periodic visits from May through October 2012 introducing various contractors to me to provide estimates for submission for the grant applications to the City of Milwaukee.

In October 2012, Mr. Giguere brought a general contractor named John H. Bagley who operated as JHB Design & Construct, LLC. Mr. Giguere informed me that Mr. Bagley was going to be in-charge of all aspects fo the construction process.

On November 16, 2012, Mr. Bagley presented a contract to me which both he and I signed. EXHIBIT A. He also requested a 30% down payment (\$7,657.00). I advised him that I would have a check available the next day. Later that same day I called Ron Giguere to ask about paying the money. Ron Giguere assured me that this was required and that Mr. Bagley had to deposit my check into his account to show the City of Milwaukee that work was scheduled to begin. I later found out that this is not an actual requirement. I was deceived by Ron Giguere. In any case, as instructed I gave a check in the requested amount to Mr. Bagley. EXHIBIT B. This was the last time that I saw John Bagley.

I made a couple of calls to the telephone number for Mr. Bagley and was given repeated promises that he would be starting the job. However, he soon stopped answering the phone. I contacted both Nancy Bush and Ron Giguere, Sr. repeatedly to find out when the construction would begin and to find out why I was having no success in locating Mr. Bagley. In each conversation both Nancy Bush and Ron Giguere, Sr. made excuses for Mr. Bagley's absence and his failure to perform.

I actually drove to his business address in West Bend and discovered that it was a residence. The house was vacant. My daughter and I started looking for information and came to discover that Mr. Bagley had no less than 3 complaints with the Better Business Bureau. EXHIBIT C.

Moreover, he was at the time of introduction to me by Mr. Giguere already a convicted felon. He had been charged with Theft by Contractor and Violate Unfair Trade General Orders to which he had pled "No Contest" on July 21, 2011 and was sentenced on November 1, 2011. (Waukesha County 2011CF000076). EXHIBIT D He was placed on probation for a period of 3

years and was specifically instructed that he was not to manage business accounts and was to secure the services of an independent accountant. In time he was to be charged with and convicted of two additional felonies and his probation was revoked. EXHIBIT E.

I continued to call Nancy Bush and Ron Giguere, Sr. for assistance on this matter. They provided no assistance, only excuses and obstacles. On one occasion Nancy Bush told me that John Bagley's wife had had a baby and had been in the hospital for that reason. On another occasion I was told that the reason that John Bagley had not started on my project was because he was "sick". I pointedly asked her how sick Bagley was and she told me it was none of my business. I thought that forwarding almost \$7,657.00 to Mr. Bagley made it my business.

On or about June 20, 2013 Nancy Bush brought me a cashier check for full reimbursement of my original deposit. EXHIBIT F.

However, this brings me to the reason that I am here now. What happened to me raises many questions concerning the work being done by Ron Giguere, Sr. and Nancy Bush.

Ron Giguere, Sr. made a personal introduction to me of a convicted felon. Only two conclusions may be drawn from this: (1) That Ron Giguere, Sr. failed to exercise due diligence in vetting contractors, or (2) that Ron Giguere Sr. knew that Mr. Bagley was a felon, yet failed to advise me of such at any point in this process. As of today's date, despite all of the excuses provided to me by Nancy Bush and Ron Giguere, I have not received any explanation nor any apologies.

I have also noticed certain practices that raise concern:

During one of our meetings Nancy Bush had provided me a couple of proposals. With the proposals I received a "blank Estimate" that appears to be signed by me and John Bagley, but upon closer examination one can see that it is a forgery of both of our signatures. This concerned me. I am submitting a copy of that document along with the original Estimate that had been executed and signed by me and John Bagley for your inspection. EXHIBIT G. (Please compare with EXHIBIT A).

Although it is submitted in a letter by Nancy Bush to Rhonda Manuel on November 21, 2012, EXHIBIT H, that Naegele Awning Company was the lower bidder at \$1,700.00, I clearly recall that Milwaukee Awning was the lower bidder. I believe that their bid had been \$1,700.00 and Naegele Awning Company's bid was originally \$1,970.00 as demonstrated in the document submitted. They also wanted an additional \$400.00 for "window letter". EXHIBIT I. Somehow, they became the lower bidder with a bid of \$1,700.00.

Sincerely,

Antonio Rentas
BID 4 participant