

Amy Sherlock's Statement to San Diego City Council on June 6, 2023

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My name is Amy Sherlock. I'm the widow of Michael Biker Sherlock. Biker and I met in 1996 when I moved to San Diego after graduating college at USC and we got married in 2000. Biker was a famous skateboarder, street luger, surfer, stunt man and entrepreneur. He was a hometown hero who had a display at the San Diego Hall of Champions for over a decade. We had two sons together. Biker died over 7 years ago on December 2, 2015. I was told his death was a suicide by both law enforcement and the County Medical Examiner. This was a narrative that was supported by Biker's business partners and even family members, including for some time, me.

It wasn't until early in 2020 when I came to find out that what my family and Biker's business partners had been telling me about the CUP transfer was simply not true. I came to find out it was self-serving. It was only then that I decided to uncover as much information as possible surrounding Biker's application and eventual award of the CUP as well as who would benefit from that acquisition if he had not been an obstacle to others acquiring it. In short, motive!

I learned that when Biker passed away, he was the owner of not one but TWO CUPs. One at 8863 Balboa Ave and one in the County of San Diego. Biker also had ownership interest in the Balboa Ave. real property. Biker should have been rejoicing with this success not wrapped in a depression that led to his death.

After realizing Biker's estate had been stolen from me, my suspicions around his death compelled me to hire Mr. Trent James, a private investigator who created the Armorous Report. This report contained the PI's conclusions as well as an independent medical examiner and a handwriting expert's report that Biker's signature on a corporate dissolution was a forgery.

Upon a thorough review of the evidence, both Mr. James and the independent medical examiner came to the same conclusion that Biker's cause of death should be changed from suicide to undetermined. Their reasons being that SDPD simply failed to take motive into consideration, and never bothered to consider any of the physical evidence that pointed to foul play. A copy of that report can be seen @ https://www.justice4amy.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/22-11-30_Armorous-Trent-James-Investigative-Report-re-Michael-Sherlock-w-Exhibits.pdf

Armed with that report, it was in December 2022, that I met with Sgt Tien of the SDPD. Sgt. Tien is in charge of cold cases and interviewed me regarding the new information contained in the Armorous Report. When we discussed the strawman practice which was allowing certain individuals to own undisclosed interests in these dispensaries, Sgt. Tien told me that the strawman practice is illegal and that he would review the entire report I had given him. Six months later, he called me and said "there's a ton of motivation behind Biker's death" but he wasn't going to open a case or do anything more about it. In fact, he came to that decision using only the information I gave him and refused to do anything else. I replied with an email requesting him to open a case. Mayor Todd Gloria and City Attorney Mara Elliott were copied. Nobody even bothered to reply. A copy of that email can be seen @ <https://www.justice4amy.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/3X-Email-to-Tien.pdf>

There are clearly issues with how DSD is handling these cannabis CUP applications. Issues that I believe rely on corruption that require action by certain attorneys, in this case it's Gina Austin of Austin Legal Group and her henchman lobbyist James Bartell and certain employees of DSD. Had these DSD employees done their job and enforced disclosure laws these criminals would NOT have had an incentive to eliminate Biker from the license he had acquired.

Additionally, there are numerous issues with how DSD handled the license transfer upon Biker's death. The most glaring is where DSD actually, unbeknownst to me, put Biker's license in my name as would be required under CA Codes and Regulations @ <https://www.justice4amy.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/CA-Cannabis-Disclosure-Regulations.pdf>

What is truly stupefying is how DSD processed this application to the point it's at today where the license went from Biker, to me, to his partner Brad Harcourt and eventually to Ninus Malan under 3 different project numbers! The evidence of their fraud is clear and unambiguous yet both Malan and his undisclosed partner, Salam Razuki, are in court trying to take a dispensary that was never one that either party could have qualified for. If Malan had disclosed Razuki HE WOULD HAVE BEEN DENIED that CUP and Biker might still be alive today! Had it not been for the enormous amount of information I was able to glean from an appeal that was filed in that case, I would have not had the full perspective of the crimes that have occurred that I do today. See https://www.justice4amy.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/23-04-29_Sherlocks-Steering-Documents-RAZUKI-v-MALAN-et-al-Appellate-Records-with-Links.pdf

What have I gotten for my troubles in trying to find justice, to see the disclosure laws actually enforced? Well in addition to losing a husband and my boys not having a father, I have litigated this matter for years only to have the courts give opposing parties anti-SLAPP judgments against me, totaling nearly \$100K for simply exercising my rights. Rights that rely on the City of San Diego simply enforcing their disclosure laws which had they done so in the past I would not be before this council now!

While my FOIA requests with the City have been slow to respond and have not yielded anywhere near the information that would be expected from application process records of this size, I have come to realize that this is a story that requires an audit of DSD, for a much closer look as to what has occurred here. It is to that end I not only bring these issues to this council's attention but am actively involved in expanding the story to as many media outlets as will take interest in it. The story is not finished. Much of it will depend upon what this council will do about it once they have digested the information I and others have provided here. As the disclosure laws are clear, I will never relent when it comes to protecting my family and Biker's legacy.

So here is my ask, like others have requested before me, I request that this council move forward with hiring a qualified, independent party to investigate the DSD and their findings have been brought forward. Failing to do so is supporting the illegal undisclosed owners and the criminality that comes along with it. It is making the statement that DSD can do whatever they want, including ignoring disclosure laws in the application process, illegally transferring licenses and attempting to cover up the evidence.

While I can acknowledge that these activities happened under previous administrations, the information you have now makes it your responsibility to do something about it. Based on the way these disclosure issues have been ignored I have no other choice but to shine as much sunlight on these activities as I can find. I will not go away, and I will not give up until justice is served for Biker, me and our two sons, one of which can be seen here holding his father's hand. Today that young man is 18 years old. He grew up without a father and for what? Because criminals had to have cannabis monopolies and profits that if the disclosure laws were followed would never have put them in a position to commit the crimes that are now coming to light. Give us that audit. Give us that report.

Thank you.

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