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Timothy J. Grendell, Judge
Gauga County Court of Common Pleas
Juvenile/Probate Division
231 Main Street, Suite 200
Chardon, OH 44024

Dear Judge Grendell:

We had another disruptive incident today caused by your staff members, Kim Laurie and Seth Miller. Laurie and Miller entered the Auditor's office this morning demanding information about a purchase order and demanding to speak to a variety of different people who were not available. Laurie and Miller became disruptive and refused to leave when asked.

It was further reported that Seth Miller became overly assertive toward my employee, Pam McMahan, instructing her to interrupt various people and then became increasingly belligerent and harassing. Miller grabbed a stack of purchase orders, vouchers, and warrants, threatened to withhold them from my office, and left the premises with these Auditor documents without authority or permission. These financial records are under my statutory control. Chardon Police were called and assisted in convincing Miller to return these Auditor office documents. We have turned this entire matter over to local law enforcement for disposition.

In the best interest of the security of my employees and the protection of financial records, Kim Laurie and Seth Miller are no longer permitted in the Auditor's office. If they refuse to comply, we will call Chardon Police and pursue criminal trespassing charges. I further am advised that you were overheard threatening Lt. Troy Duncan of the Chardon Police Department outside our offices on Main Street shortly thereafter wearing your judge's robe.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Walder
GEGAUGA COUNTY AUDITOR

cc: Chardon Police Department
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