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Folks-

Yes I am alive and well and yes Neal "something is weird here".

1/ Evening of February 8<sup>th</sup>: Gay was leaving on 9<sup>th</sup> for a week's trip, I was asking after dinner "where is the key to the family safe" having already determined it was not where it was nominally kept. My reason? I was planning a month's trip to Turks & Caicos in May or June to do a television series and my US passport had expired back in May 2013.

2/ I next asked why two bank accounts (Gay did/does ALL banking – I did not even know the access numbers for web access) in my name had been changed the week before to Seth's name. Answer: "He is 18 now." I let it pass, not concerned at that point.

3/ I went to bed but Seth and Gay (I would discover the morning of the 9<sup>th</sup>) then confiscated my wallet, my house/office/vehicle keys. Awaking on the 9<sup>th</sup> and unable to find them for brief (Sunday then) trip to local shop for newspaper, they began shouting at me "It is alright for you to leave but first we need to sort out the businesses!" Leave? In May or June?? This was February 9<sup>th</sup> and NONE of this made any sense to me.

4/ I walked to the store using change in my pocket for the paper, and when I returned they had locked up the house; me with no keys. I stayed locked out for 29 hours, spending the night in our greenhouse which had not been locked. All of my attempts from outside to work this out or have a conversation ended badly – perhaps because I repeatedly said "Give me back my wallet and keys and then we will talk."

5/ Gay's to Tom "*Bob has retired with his new girlfriend. I have no idea where they have disappeared to or what their plans are.*"

The "Girl Friend" (two words – NOT one!). 67, twice widowed, comfortably well off. Been a cable sub for perhaps 9 years; last husband died 4 years ago. She is a published author, twice CEO (Honolulu) in very large businesses, Kiwi born and bred. And an IQ of past 150. I first met her early in November and we rather quickly decided to co-author a novel together. We worked on this with emails, several a day, creating story line and dialogue. And I spent time with her, and her friends but NOT as a "girlfriend" (one word here).

Gay's "retired" is her word – I had no intention of retiring. By being locked out of the house and

being served with first a police and then court order “alleging my abusive behaviour” I have ended up floating waiting for a badly overloaded court to answer her (totally fictitious) allegations that led to the ‘orders’. I had no intention of “*running off with her*” and anyone who knows her would instantly recognize the suggestion was ludicrous. “*I have no idea where they have disappeared...*” is pure baloney; from the back and forth (her attorney to mine and reverse) exchanges she knows precisely where the family that has taken me in out of friendship live – line of sight to my own home!

SO what REALLY happened? Two pieces follow – one a letter for The Sunday Star Times newspaper that is scheduled to appear this Sunday – I wrote it in response to a front page report on how “screwed up the NZ ‘Family Court’ system is’.” The next is my “script outline written for my attorney.

**I NEED HELP.** Shortly after being locked out of my home and meeting with an attorney, it was clear the only way to answer this would be court. But Gay and Seth (as you will see) have FULL control of ALL of my assets, the bank accounts and so on. So I wrote John Ramsey, a close friend from the old days, and asked to borrow \$12,000 to cover anticipated legal fees. John promptly agreed and this was being done through bank transfer when John received an unsolicited (and badly timed for me) “tear jerker email” from Gay and Seth (why they chose him at random I cannot guess). John cancelled the transfer “*not wishing to get involved in your family problems*” he explained. Hell’s bells – this is a bit bigger than a “family problem”! And at 76 years of age, on a much shorter fuse.

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SO first the Sunday Star Times letter (to be published) and then the “attorney script” – lots of numbers – YES – but the essence should be clear without studying for very long the numbers – although \$515,000 spent by Gay in 2013 might be kept in mind!

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## CONNECTING THE DOTS ... ..

### **Letter written for Sunday Star-Times June 22, 2014:**

**Substantial reform of The Family Court based upon a public release tells only one side of the conundrum. This 1995 law, expanded in 1996 with detailed rules, was aimed at abuse of family before abuse turns to violence. There has been a second effect. Family Court orders only require allegations of abusive behaviour; proof awaits an actual court date. I was cited with a 72 hour (police issued) Public Safety Order 10-02-14 which became a court issued non-notice 90 day order February 13<sup>th</sup>. The law allows a written response within 10 days leading then to a scheduled court date. Failure to respond is an automatic ‘permanent order’ after 90 days. Even with a timely filed written response the accused is told to attend mandatory 12 sessions of ‘Anger Management’ mentoring**

administered by a non-government firm under contract to the court. Proof of the original allegations, however, will await a court hearing.

The reality is Family Court is so overloaded by pending cases no court hearing will occur for as long as 9 months; 90 days turns into 270 days. During this extended period the accused has no legal rights to the family home and in my case two family run businesses housed in the home. And the 'victim' thus has ample time to drain all family assets, bank accounts, without my intervention pending a court hearing and hoped for reversal of the original 'abusive allegations'.

Bottom line? Clever people have worked out the law plus court hearing delays provide a time-line shelter to facilitate 'rape and pillage' of jointly held assets. Even if the 'victim' loses the eventual court hearing 9 months down the road, non-recoverable permanent damage is beyond repair by any court decision, especially if the accused is elderly (I am past 75). Where the system fails? "Without Notice (court issued) Protection Orders" should be allowed only when the original police 72 hour notice provides hard evidence of abuse becoming violence; once the court 90 day notice is issued, the accused is reduced to having no legal rights pending a hearing. Family Court was never intended to be a tool of those anxious to assume early control of family assets.

## Did you 'connect' this to "local" - Doubtless Bay???

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And the functional outline for my attorney when we get to court in maybe 2015!!!

## PERHAPS THIS WILL HELP YOU 'connect the dots'

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Reference Family Court Kaitaia (FAM-2014-029-18)  
Applicant Gay Van Zandt Cooper (hereinafter GVC)  
Respondent Robert Britt Cooper (hereinafter RBC)

**Without Notice Application for Protection Order Domestic Violence Act 1995; Rule 21  
Domestic Violences 1996; dated 13th February 2014**

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(draft outline 18-06-14)

The affidavit from Gay Van Zandt Cooper alleges “domestic violence” involving “*three days between Saturday February 8, 2014 and Monday 10 February 2014*”. The essence of her affidavit was a fear RBC “*was going to leave New Zealand, move to United States, and take our assets with him*”. The allegation of abuse involves “*3 to 4 minutes, shouting and abusing me ... trying to bully me into giving him access to our assets*” (GVC 3-b). The applicant admits to “*removing from his wallet a credit card with a \$30,000 limit on it for which I was jointly liable*”. She does not admit to also confiscating his entire wallet, and, his set of home/house/business plus vehicle keys.

Correction: The \$30,000 limit (ASB card ending 8112) had in fact been reduced to \$15,000 on January **31**, 2014 at GVC request. The actual VISA available balance on February 10th was \$6,156.50 and this was total “assets available” to RBC (see VISA card dated February 9, 2014; exhibit A.)

Ms Van Zandt’s affidavit also alleges two events going back an undefined number of years, both of which have been answered in the RBC affidavit on file. The truth here is quite simple: His money had been spent; she elected to create a situation to remove him from his home and physical assets. This is not about physical or mental abuse - it is simply about money, his, now spent. Husband RBC had passed his ‘use-by-date’, and between 2009 and January 2014 GVC having reduced by more than \$350,000 their joint savings, trust assets and his assets, she (on February 9, 2014) had no further use for his presence. Examples follow, from ASB and Kiwibank account printouts:

**A/** RB Cooper Savings account (only in his name) ASB 12-3096-0271975-50) between 29-01-2002 and 31-01-2014 a total in excess of **\$188,848** spent, transferred by the applicant ending on 02-12-13 with a negative balance of \$55.07 (exhibit B) of which **\$44,341** was consumed in the final year of the account. (01-01-13 to 31-12-13)

Note: Unexplained is a revision of this account (by GVZ) on **31 January 2014** where the account as ‘dead’ was revived but now under the name of the Cooper’s son Seth B. Cooper. GVZ explained to ASB’s Joanne Windleborne “*This was always Seth’s account but because of his age (6 years in 2002 when opened) it was carried in his father’s name.*” RBC was not consulted about this revision and her ‘claim’ in no way changes the **\$188,848** she used from the account.

**B/** Bob and Gay Cooper Family Trust ASB 12-3096-0322066-50 between 12-03-09 and 31-12-13 the sum of **\$99,148** with an ending balance of \$52.77 (exhibit C; 31-12-13).

**C/** During the period 01-01-13 to 31-12-13, the last complete calendar year before the incidents of February 8-9-10 (2014) through the following accounts GVC spent:

**1/** ASB 12-3075-0107762 (RB Cooper and Ms G. Van Zandt) **\$130,437**, or, **\$357.36** per day;

**2/** ASB 12-3096-0246163 (Far North Cable TV Ltd.) **\$139,912**, or, **\$383** per day;

Note: Far North Cable TV year ending 31-03-14 shows gross income of \$120,069 (exhibit D) indicating the difference between expenditures and income, (-)**\$19,843**, had to originate from a different (non-cable TV) source.

**3/** ASB 12-3096-0243106 (Far North Cablevision, Ltd.) **\$55,387**, or, **\$152** per day;

Note: Far North Cablevision year ending 31-03-14 shows gross income of **\$39,521** (exhibit E) indicating the difference between expenditures and income, (-)**\$15,866**, had to originate from a different (non Cablevision-radio) source;

**4/** ASB VISA account ending 8112/8113 **\$93,299**, or, **\$256** per day;

Note: Clearly, while many Far North Cable and Far North Cablevision expenditures are duplicated with VISA payments, by being ‘short’ **\$35,709** in operating the two businesses, ANY funds to operate the home/property must come from savings or trust accounts; below;

**5/** ASB 12-3096-0322066-50 (Bob and Gay Cooper Family Trust) **\$72,600**, or, **\$199** per day;

Note: During period 01-01-13 to 31-12-13, this “trust account” was drained to an end of 2013 balance of \$52.77; the #5 citation of **\$72,600** exhausted to help make up for business losses and personal expenses in the 12 month period.

**6/** Kiwibank 38-9011-0490181-00 (RB Cooper and Gay Van Zandt) **\$19,610**, or, **\$54** per day;

Note: Ms Van Zandt used this account primarily to funnel funds from RB Cooper’s US dollar

Kiwibank account (see #8 below).

**7/** Kiwibank 38-0326818-00 (G Van Zandt, RB Cooper) \$3,811, or, \$10 per day;

Note: A 'miscellaneous account' used primarily for small extractions including two by Ms Van Zandt (Rainbow Lights Healing Co.) Yoga sessions (April, June 2013).

**8/** Kiwibank GB23CITI18500812942801 (RB Cooper U.S. dollar account) \$XXX,XXX, or, \$XXX per day.

Note: Awaiting further printouts from Kiwibank, this account remains elusive.

The total cash she manipulated or processed in family and corporate accounts between 01-01-13 and 31-12-13 exceeded **\$515,000**.

Make no mistake here - the assets available to her in family or corporate ASB and Kiwibank on 01-01-14 had dwindled to under \$5,000 and Ms. Van Zandt had a plan in process to replace RB Cooper with a new asset source. This planning was done with the assistance of at least one co-conspirator and was apparently formulated on October 02, 2013 at The Kerikeri Bakehouse.

For example, while Ms. Van Zandt might insist her call for police assistance February 9, 2014 was "*spontaneous*" and in response to the alleged abusive actions of RB Cooper, she created this scenario (after he retired for the night) on February 8<sup>th</sup> by (1) confiscating his wallet, (2) confiscating all of his home and vehicle keys, and, (3) locking him out of the home when he stepped outside (on the 9<sup>th</sup>). In fact, she had for several months prior to February 9<sup>th</sup> been taking financial steps to isolate him from any resources. Examples follow:

**a/** The personal ASB VISA credit card limit, a card she removed from him February 8<sup>th</sup> while he slept, had been reduced from \$30,000 to \$15,000 (she did this with the assistance of Joanne Windleborne at ASB Kaitaia; **31-01-14** or 9 days prior to the 'lock out');

**b/** On January 29, 2014 she paid from the Far North Cable TV account \$200 to Awanui firm Masters Brothers; they would be paid \$512 in four payments over the next two weeks, for which she received 'financial structuring advice' preparatory to the 'lock out' of RBC on 09 February.

Note: All of this happened more than a week prior to the alleged "*spontaneous*" incidents of February 8-9-10.

**c/** Back further, between 29-04-11 and 27-05-11 she had withdrawn in person **\$2,000** three times (**\$6,000** total) from RB Cooper and G Van Zandt personal account (12-3096-0322066-50);

**d/** During 2012, using 12-3096-0322066-50 she withdrew from ATM **\$2,000** in **\$500** amounts and in 2013, including one at Auckland Hospital 19-04-13, an additional **\$1500**.

Note: Part of her 'Buddhist conversion' involved travelling to Australia five times between 2007 and 2012 to attend ten day 'seminars'. In April 2013, by her arrangement, a 'Buddhist lecturer' she had met in Australia conducted a one day seminar in Auckland. She arranged for his lodging (Domain Lodge) and extracted **\$500** from the Auckland Hospital ATM (RBC/GVZ 'personal account 00107762) on 19-04-13 as a 'gift' in support of his appearance.

**e/** And on 07-06-12 she acquired ASB Cash Card (5889-5100-5845-0639) only in her name and, without advising RBC it existed, used this card through 2014 to extract funds from jointly held and corporate accounts for which there is no traceable record.

There is a clear 'pattern' developing here from 2011 as she became 'bolder' in attaching for her personal use family and corporate funds. **There was nothing 'spontaneous' about the events of February 8-9-10 (2014)**. They had been carefully planned, orchestrated down to the repeated 'calls for assistance' to the Mangonui Police Department, the issuance of the 'Police Safety Order (DOCLOC File No. 0007303)', including the arrival (from Kerikeri) of a 'co-conspirator' who stayed (at Cooper home) in 'support' of the lock-out activities to include arranging for an attorney (Simon Pushon) to file the affidavit urging the judge to issue a 90 day 'Protection Order'. All of this was done with conspirator's knowledge that:

1/ Because of the overloaded status of the Kaitia Family Court, the court hearing date would be 6-9 months or longer; not 90 days;

2/ In that period of elapsed time the alleged perpetrator would be unable to participate in the operations of the two family owned businesses (Far North Cable TV Ltd; Far North Cablevision, Ltd. - the radio stations) allowing Ms Van Zandt unilateral decisions including the *immediate* cancellation of RBC health insurance, life insurance, vehicle driving insurance coverage as well as his subscription to various magazines and web sites.

3/ She (and son Seth) would however be able to continue to use funds from the two family owned businesses to support their lifestyle while RBC was denied access to the same funds:

Examples: >From December 13, 2013 to February 14, 2014 (bracketing the period in question) GVZ charged on VISA or paid by direct debit **\$2313.32** in corporate funds for personal purchases or activities (exhibit F. This included 7 payments to her psychiatric counsellor Eileen Birch/Kaikohe totalling **\$664.00** over 8 weeks time span. For a 'family facing economic disaster' these were clearly extravagant expenditures.);

From December 13, 2013 to February 14, 2014 (son) Seth Brett Cooper (SBC hereinafter) made online gaming purchases in excess of **\$991.50** using the family ASB credit card (exhibit G);

During April 2014, while GVZ was visiting Auckland, she charged on her/family VISA card more than \$850 in accommodation, food, purchases of clothing and movies while in the same month RBC's total "income" for living expenses was \$903 from his U.S. Social Security payment;

GVZ has created new ASB accounts (12-3096-316325-50; 12-3096-0346543) for Far North Cablevision and Far North Cable TV funds, and while her attorney Mark Patterson has offered RBC "*access to these records*" nothing has been received. Prior to this action, RBC had been able to 'monitor' GVZ and business banking activities by requesting from ASB printouts of accounts; alas, no more.

1/ That she had transferred corporate revenue to accounts held in personal name(s) without authority of corporate directors (of which RBC is one) is one issue. That all 'oversight ability' has now been removed is another, separate, issue.

On March 6th, through attorney Arthur Fairley (Thomson Wilson Law; Whangarei) RBC provided a 'Group A' list of personal effects denied to him by Officer Tim Murdock (TMJ263) February 10, 2014. This 'Group A' list was repeated to her attorney Mark Patterson 26 March 2014 by RBC attorney Michael Dodds. Not one item on that list had been received as of 18-06-14. Yet on 14 April 2014 GVZ attorney Mark Patterson approved and agreed to the list of personal effects being transferred to Robert Cooper. There are minor disagreements concerning some of the items on the 'Group A' list (for example a 'Kindle ebook reader' gifted to RBC by GVZ and SBC on Christmas day 2012) but even the items agreed to have not been delivered. From being locked out of his own home at 9am February 9th to present, the lock out occurring 28 hours prior to the issuance of the 'Police Safety Notice', RBC has been denied:

1/ Access to family and business bank accounts, bank cards, while GVZ and SBC continue to live from the proceeds of the two family owned businesses;

2/ The opportunity, based upon a decision of police officer Tim Murdock, to select which items of clothing, medicine and personal effects could go with RBC - those provided were selected by GVZ and her co-conspirator(s) and presented as a "*take it or not*" offering to RBC by officer Murdock;

a/ Murdock further erred by not realizing, perhaps due to lack of training, he was dealing in GVZ with a person who has been under consistent 'psychiatric care' for nearly 25 years; an individual dependent upon serious anti-depression drugs (example: Prozac). From this error all that followed occurred.

**3/** Access to his personal computer and the files thereon - as an author of 44 published books and thousands of published magazine articles, this was especially devastating - although during a misnamed February 18 'mediation meeting' conducted by family trust attorney Rick Palmer RBC was promised 'quick access to his computer materials'; it has yet to occur.

**4/** Access to his mail, magazine subscriptions, e-mail and even his e-mail account ([skyking@clear.net.nz](mailto:skyking@clear.net.nz)) which he has maintained for nearly 20 years has been denied to him on instructions from GVZ;

**5/** Access to even the most basic and simplest of requests - example: His Vodafone account instruction booklet explaining how the service functions has been denied to him by repeatedly advising "have your attorney request it" which when done has resulted in no booklet.

In those months of isolation from 'his world' Ms Van Zandt, and son Seth, have 'wallpapered the world' with emails they created with totally fictitious and extraordinary allegations concerning his alleged 'abuse' of GVZ and SBC; including to people they have previously had no contact with, gleaned from the RBC email contact file on his computer, and as he lacked even his email lists (and a computer of his own) these allegations have left him unable to answer their claims. It was only because of his accidental contact with two friends that the content of these emails have become available to him (exhibit H).

There has been a 'rush to judgement' built upon the non-procedural base of a defective '72 hour police safety notice' (Officer Tim Murdock, so *anxious to move on*, misdated the notice 2013 rather than the correct 2014; three times advising RBC "*I have been here 3 times today and I have other work to do...*" as he handed over the order) that instantly grew into a 90 day 'notice' with no more than GVZ allegations of 'abuse' to support the initial affidavit (local attorney Robin Fountain: "*Family court cases are based upon allegations, not fact*"). One of the side effects of the '90 day order' has been RBC attended all 12 of the 'anger management' sessions dictated by the 1996 rules. His 'mentor' in these sessions, Mary Wikaira Williams, is on record stating, "*In 30 years of counselling practice, I have never met a court assigned 'perpetrator' who was less inclined to anger or abuse*". In fact, Mary has volunteered to testify or speak on his behalf at a court hearing.

At 76 years of age, deprived of his lifetime earned assets and work, there has been a significant error here. His only failure is his trust, after 25 years of partnership/marriage and support of Ms Gay Van Zandt Cooper, inclusive of her non-ending psychiatric counselling challenges, to recognize she had from 2007 onward gradually slipped into a new (feminist/religious) world of her own making, with a 'plan' to divest herself from RBC and to take control of his share of the family assets, before his death. She created, with outside assistance, the plan to make this happen and he has in fact been 'the victim' here, not the perpetrator.