

October 24, 2019

Good Day Senators:

My name is Vincen Clendinen and I was born and raised in Coral Bay, St. John. My mother's name is Mrs. Eglah Clendinen. Our family has lived on St. John for many, many generations.

In 2013, my mother, Mrs. Eglah Clendinen and her sister, Mrs. Minerva Marsh-Vasquez, signed a fifty (50) year lease which gave Robert O'Connor and Brion Morrisette (which was also Eglah's attorney) the right to develop a marina on their property. My family did not have legal representation at the time they signed this lease. They placed their trust in Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Morrisette, who is an attorney, and who assured them this would be a good thing to do for their family and for their legacy.

Over the following years my mother and aunt became increasingly incapacitated due to mental decline (ex. dementia) from aging. In spite of this, my mother and aunt were asked to sign additional documents relating to their leased property, sometimes without the knowledge or consent of me or my siblings.

The original lease promised a payment of \$65,000 per year for two waterfront parcels, (Parcel 10-17 & 10-18 Carolina). These parcels are owned by the Marsh Sister Trust, with my mother and aunt as trustees.

In 2014, Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Morrisette assigned the lease to the Summers End Company. In 2016, my mother and aunt were asked to sign a second amendment to the lease. This amendment released the Summers End Company from all unpaid prior lease payments and eliminated all future lease payments until the Summers End Group received all their permits and began the Marina construction. My mother had no legal representation to assist her and her doctor had already diagnosed her as having dementia, when she signed this amendment.

To my knowledge... Over the past five years, the Summers End Company has not paid any monthly rent for our family property in Coral Bay. The Clendinen family is united in our wish to terminate the lease with The Summers End Company and be able to develop our property in a way which benefits our family and future generation. However, the lease which my mother and aunt signed, without any legal representation, does not give us the right to terminate and we do not have the financial resources to obtain a lawyer and take this matter to court.

Our family has been financially and morally harmed by the Summers End Company. They made promises which have turned out to be false manipulations. This company came to the Virgin Islands and took advantage of my elderly sick mother and aunt as well as other citizens of Coral Bay. Therefore, we are moving forward in asking for assistance in terminating the relationship with The Summers End Company and do a project that will be beneficial for our family and the entire St. John Community.

We understand that the permits from The Army Corps for this project may take several years to happen and/or may not even be granted at all. If this is the case, my family's property will be held hostage until such time. We are asking for you Senators, the powers that be, and the St. John Community, to assist us in regaining control of our property by denying the CZM Permits for this Coral Bay Marina.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this sensitive matter.

Sincerely

Vincen Clendinen



And Others

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