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Dear Editor,

We read Steve Berry's article titled "LAPD Denies Missing Deadlines on Purpose" in your Los Angeles Times California Section May 20, 2003. We were not surprised to learn that Michael Berkow, now head of the LAPD's Professional Standards Bureau, is defending the LAPD's sitting on cases of police misconduct until the statute of limitations expires. When Michael Berkow was the Chief of Police of the Irvine Police Department, he twisted justice by using American tax dollars to maliciously prosecute a ridiculous and groundless annoying phone call accusation.

The annoying phone call case itself was groundless and initiated with malice because the so-called annoying phone calls consisted of someone munching potato chips, a child playing with a toy, and inaudible mumbling.

The annoying phone call case was brought without probable cause. The Irvine Police Department did not fully investigate the annoying phone call case because they refused to even contact the suspect. They presented two so-called phone traps on the suspect's home phone at the time that the suspect was at work. They refused to verify if the voice on the tape matched the suspect's voice. They tampered with the evidence because the tape containing the annoying phone calls repeated the same calls multiple times by presenting the exact same date and time stamp.

The Irvine Police Department insisted that this annoying phone call case be prosecuted by the District Attorney's Office. However, the case never went to trial because the Irvine Police Department presented a groundless and ridiculous annoying phone call case with no substantial evidence.

Steve Berry in his above article quotes Michael Berkow as saying, "how we might better coordinate and insure that **appropriate cases** are put before the District Attorney in a **timely manner**". However, Michael Berkow won't hesitate to waste American tax payers' money on prosecuting groundless and ridiculous annoying phone call charges against innocent American citizens.

If you want any more details about the above you are welcome to contact us.

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