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Attorney General Dana Nessel
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Dear Attorney General Nessel,

I'm sure you already have enough to do, but I would like to bring another matter to your attention. A man named Per Wickstrom has established three drug rehabilitation centers in Michigan that use practices based on the teachings of Scientology's L. Ron Hubbard. They are not officially Scientology drug rehab programs, which go by the name Narconon, but use the same methods. This is from a story I wrote for my website:

Clients are duped into large, non-refundable initial payments. They are asked to grant power of attorney and to change their address so that insurance payments go directly to the company. Given the opportunity, the company collects payment from both the client and the insurance for the same services.

Instead of real treatment, clients are subjected to Scientology classes and drills. There is little or no medical supervision. Counselors are former addicts less than two years sober. Clients are treated like prisoners; their phones, money and personal belongings are taken away and calls to family are allowed only by speaker phone with a staff member standing by ready to cut off the call. The facilities are run-down and dirty, the food is scanty and unappetizing. If the client rebels, he/she is dumped off at a homeless shelter. Wickstrom prefers clients from out of state so it is difficult for their family to come to their rescue.


The story is at steveharrypublicpolicy.com/essaysLTE/Essay20180624.html. In it, I have presented all the information I've been able to gather on Wickstrom and his rehab centers, plus links to other sources. Included:

- Information on the three rehab centers
- Complaints filed with the Michigan attorney general and the website Ripoff Report
- Reports by the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
- Wickstrom's political contributions
- Stories by other journalists

After I posted my story last June, I received a call from a female state police officer. She said she was going to investigate. I didn't get her name and have heard nothing further from her.

I am a Michigan resident, but I will be in Florida through April. My Michigan address is 3125 Tecumseh River Rd, Lansing 48906. My phone number is 517-505-2696 and my email address is stevenrharry@gmail.com.

Sincerely,



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