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TO:
Willem deThouars
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CC: Joyce deThouars, Roger Brockman, Wayne Welsh, Keith Mofit, Conrad Bui, Joe Judt, Kurtis Goodwin, Steve Gartin, Charles 'Chas' Clements, Kris Roberts, Derric Haskell, and Trent Beach.

Dear Mr. deThouars,

It is with great displeasure to have to write this letter to you Willem. There are things however, you need to know. Over the last thirty years, you and your brothers have been shielded from so much. This letter concerns every mentioned, and so I speak to everyone, but Willem as a primary reader.

After 20 years of training and teaching Aikido and Tae Kwon Do, I came to Steve Gartin, a Maha Guru of American Kun Tao Silat and Sigung, by your own accord, of Kun Tao Silat deThouars. This was truly the most interesting martial art to me, as Maha Guru Gartin is indeed a Master of it and demonstrated it with ease. The thought of being able to move like a train through a brick wall with ease appealed to my greater senses.

I studied the art of Kun Tao Silat, as taught by Maha Guru Steve Gartin and Maha Guru Chas Clements most diligently until May 30th, 2004 when I was introduced to you by way of Maha Guru Gartin. It was only two weeks before myself and several other students of both Gartin and Clements were thrust into a new class of training by you. It was called the guru classes. An endeavor to teach the system the way **you** wanted it taught. I began paying **you** fifty dollars every month like clockwork. I was neither late or short in any transaction with **you**. It was only a matter of a few months before we brought Ibu (wife) Joyce de Thouars into the fold as a teacher of mine as well. It was clear I after a few short lessons I was not dealing with a real teacher. Though Joyce was always courteous and polite in my face to face dealings with her, she never respected the daytime sleep hours she **knew** I kept.

Shortly after I began training with her, also paying her fifty dollars per month, totaling one hundred dollars per month, there was a meeting I was present for with Gartin, Chas, Willem, and Joyce. They made an agreement that Gartin would give Joyce 60 videos as long as she agreed to pay him and Chas 50% of sales. Joyce sold the videos for sixty dollars per tape.

A week went by, Joyce told Gartin, "I'll pay \$2000.00 at the end of the month." Gartin did not agree, but he also did not argue with her over it, since she is the wife of his

teacher, who he **loved** very much. Another week passed, she said “I’ll pay you \$200 at the end of the month.” After that, no further word was heard, nor was payment made on her behalf. (60 videos x \$60ea / 50% = \$1800 due Chas/Steve.)

In spite of this, Gartin, many others, and I, still gave them money for classes. This carried on for a year. During the year of training and even after, I offered up my 3 students paying Willem \$25 each, every month. This took place over the course of 1 ½ years. (18 months x \$75 = \$1350)

As a side note to all of this, I want to add I was at no time rude, inconsiderate, or otherwise reprehensible for anything, yet Keith Mofit insisted on treating me as though I personally stuck a knife in his back. I believe this is because I am and will always be student of Steve Gartin and Chas Clements. Joyce called me during the last 18 months knowing I was sleeping and asked for money **repeatedly**. I did not give any to her, but a month before it was all over, Willem called me to cry on my shoulder about Joyce going to Central City, Black Hawk, and all of the casinos and spending every penny he had, every penny made during seminars, and also showing me the bills for the countless thousands of dollars she racked up in debt, like it was a video game.

I became quite agitated as Gartin would call me while I was sleeping during the beginning to tell me to take Willem out to breakfast, and bring money with me because he was going out of town, and needed “pussy money.” The more enraged I became at this, he reasoned with me, telling me to have my own student Rex Fingfeld help out Willem because he hadn’t paid any money as of yet. I did as I was instructed by my Guru and instructed my student to give Willem \$50 for “pussy” money. When my student who was extremely broke at the time could not come up with the cash, I was forced to kick out my student. As I thought about it, it was a great idea. It brought new meaning to his training and improved his skill greatly.

Though tensions were beginning to flare between Gartin and Willem, Willem assured all of the students of American Kun Tao that their disputes would not affect the delicate agreement that Willem and the students had to complete their training.

A fateful day soon came for my group. “Willem called me and said I need to have a meeting with you.” Steve and Chas had done it again. Wayne, Roger, and Joyce were involved in pirating the very videos which Steve had a written agreement with Willem(1) about. Chas decided to send a cease and desist notice to Willem about this. As a result, Steve and Chas had kicked themselves out, and Willem made sure to kick me out for association.

This lasted until shortly after I lost the gym at 4140 Lowell Blvd. Willem decided to start back up calling Gartin to maintain a 30 year friendship. Out of respect, Gartin followed suit. On February 19, 2006, Gartin was unable to continue paying for his phone bill which Willem ran up for him by calling every ten minutes to talk to him indiscriminately knowing that it costs money to maintain the cell phone bill. Willem also knew that the bill was charged up by the minute and even though he was **told** the bill was

over \$300, which occurred frequently, he continued to call. As long as Willem maintained contact, all was well between them. It finally became too much and Gartin could not keep it up any more.

Just two weeks after the phone was shut off, Willem called me at all hours of the day and night to ask me what was being said in Yahoo groups, if Gartin had a phone again, and if he was getting one again. When Gartin didn't get a phone soon enough for Willem's entertainment, he [Willem] quickly called me over the period of 3 days to setup a meeting with me for Monday, March 06, 2006 at 9:30 A.M. to discuss how he wanted to disassociate from all American Kun Tao Silat students, because he wanted to move to Hawaii to work on a coffee plantation. A 70 yr old man on a plantation would last about as long as a virgin on prom night. He told me this **lie** 3 times, before he called and told me that he was upset with Gartin because of the video agreement. I don't believe that is still all of it but it makes no difference.

I immediately called all of the gurus involved in the American Kun Tao Silat Association. Joe Judt, Kurtis Goodwin, Derric Haskell, and Trent Beach were all upset with Willem about this sudden change after Joe enlisted 80 people at \$100ea, Derric had 60 at \$100ea, Trent had 50 at \$100ea, I, was however, unable to get started right away because I wanted it to be a big deal. I purchased 5000 flyers which took me 2 weeks of losing sleep after work, working on them during work at times, and a lot of email communication back and forth with everyone involved to ensure the proper information was being added. This was very stressful. I gave only a handful to Kris Roberts to distribute before it was all ended by Willem. I asked Willem, after knowing that the seminars were going to total more than \$20,000, did he still want to just throw it away?

It took him 2 hrs exactly to call me back, while I was sleeping again, and tell me he was ok with associating with us until the end of the seminars. Willem said it in such a greedy tone, as I knew he would, I did not have to even ask the others if they want to hold a seminar for him. The others ARE furious with him. No one in American Kun Tao ever wants to be associated with him again. We did it out of respect for our teachers, but there is only so much manipulation and decept we can take.

I send this letter with 2 attachments, a copy of the agreement about the videos and also a flyer I made for the ungreatfully rude, Willem de Thouars. Let this be a warning to all who read this.

Anyone whosoever shall come to my home, will be taken as a serious threat to human life, property, and I will defend myself accordingly until such time as law enforcement arrives.

Anyone whosoever shall make threatening phone calls, the number will be traced, a log kept, and charges filed in accordance with State, County, and local laws.

Anyone whosoever shall decide to make a video starring Willem de Thouars, Mr. Gartin can and will take legal recourse.

I have written this letter to all because I am tired of being used as Willem and Joyce's personal ATM machine. I personally have given money hand over fist to nearly every Sigung out of respect. Lately, its been without receiving any training in return. This will happen no more. I will no longer send students to Keith, Willem, or anyone else to help them financially. Willem's Sigungs can suffer without my money anymore. I will not quit teaching American Kun Tao Silat for Willem or anyone just because someone with no personality happens to have a school and is unable to keep students.

I included Roger in this because I know he and Wayne are pirating videos also ILLEGALLY. I am also going to drop a note to ibu Rita Suwanda who does not know the lengths of which Joyce will go to get in debt with the casinos.

Do not for any reason, ever contact me again. It will be taken as harassment.

Sincerely,

Aric Fowler
Guru Muda
American Kun Tao Silat Association