

**TO THOSE PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T KNOW THE TRUTH,
HERE IT IS, PRESENTED IN FULL:**

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I am genuinely grateful for your interest in hearing the facts.

Over 48 years ago, at the age of 20, I made a series of poor decisions during a difficult period in my life, which resulted in federal and state convictions for financial misconduct and a misdemeanor charge of arson. These offenses stemmed from isolated incidents of youthful indiscretion, including an ill-advised dare among friends. I take full responsibility for my actions and have carried the lessons learned from those experiences throughout my life.

On the federal and state convictions for what amounted to interstate check kiting, I served roughly 24 months at the Robert F. Kennedy minimum security federal correctional facility (FCI) located in Morgantown, West Virginia with a concurrent state sentence arising from the same set of events. For the ill-advised dare from friends that resulted in a misdemeanor charge of arson, I received a 30-day sentence with 25 days suspended and a fine of \$500.00. I therefore spent five days in the local jail.

Included with this website are the court records, and a full FBI background report on me dated December 27, 2024. This confirms the full extent of any and all inappropriate activity in my past.

While my past includes mistakes, the lessons learned from those experiences have shaped me into a person dedicated to integrity, growth, and meaningful contributions. Over the past four decades, I have achieved the following milestones:

- PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS POST CONVICTIONS:** I earned multiple FAA certifications, including my Private and Commercial Pilot Certificates, Instrument Rating, Multi-Engine Rating, Certified Flight Instructor and Instrument Flight Instructor Certificates, Ground Instructor Certificate, and an Airline Transport Pilot Certificate – the highest pilot certificate attainable. I also hold three jet aircraft type ratings. Throughout my aviation career, I maintained an impeccable safety record.
- I co-founded and led Fiber Network Solutions, Inc., a nationally recognized pioneering technology company that served the Great Lakes region as one of the first *Tier-One* Internet backbones in North America, earning distinctions that included ranking as the *68th* fastest-growing company on the prestigious *Inc. 500 List*, Best in Business, and recognition as a finalist for Entrepreneur of the Year.
- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:** Following my illness that prevented my continuation as President, Chairman and CEO of Fiber Network Solutions, the company that I built from scratch, I dedicated over ten years to *volunteering* at prisons and youthful offender facilities across the eastern United States, as far south as Texas and Florida. I shared my personal journey with youthful offenders, using my own experiences to show them that a better path is possible – that there can be a good life after an infraction in your past.
- I authored *Slaying the Dragon – The Journey from the Dungeon to the Ivory Tower*, a 400-plus page book, which provided a syllabus for my in-person week-long seminars to inspire and guide individuals toward positive transformation in correctional facilities throughout the eastern United States. The

book I authored became the foundation of the rehabilitation programs in numerous facilities.

- My volunteer work, which included covering all travel expenses myself, was a deeply meaningful chapter of my life and a powerful reminder of the importance of giving back. Receiving [letters of gratitude](#) from those I mentored was a testament to the impact of these efforts.
- I served as an FAA Accident Prevention Counselor, educator, and mentor, contributing to aviation safety and youth programs.
- **PERSONAL GROWTH:** I have lived a law-abiding and stable life for over 48 years, embracing personal and professional growth while cultivating meaningful relationships within my community. My experiences have shaped me into someone who values integrity, honesty, accountability, and the opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

I am now retired, and I appreciate you reading this to clear up any misconceptions that may have existed for over two decades regarding my integrity and morality.

Feel free to reach out any time.

Sincerely,



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