



July 25, 2007

Præsident Torben Goldin
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RE: Frederiksberg Court Trial on June 25, 2007. Copenhagen Police vs. United States citizen MMMMMMMMMMMMMM.

Frederiksberg Court case no. SS 1-34639/2006

Dear President of the Frederiksberg Court, Torben Goldin:

In connection with the above referenced trial, I would like to draw your attention to the manner in which the proceedings were conducted. The trial was presided over by Judge Niels Foldberg and two lay judges.

When a United States citizen stands trial in Denmark, it is customary that a representative from the United States Embassy Consular Section attends the court sitting. At the MMMMMMMMMs trial, a Danish national employee represented the United States Embassy. This employee has 30 years experience with consular work for the Embassy and has attended trials regularly during these years of employment. The task of the Embassy representative is to report the court proceedings to our files for the Department of State in Washington and to make sure that the American citizen is treated fairly in line with that which a Dane should expect in a Danish court of law.

At the MMMMMMMMM trial, the embassy representative immediately noted an arrogant and hostile attitude on the part of Judge Niels Foldberg towards the defendant. Defendant MMMMMMMMM was hardly given a chance to begin his testimony before Judge Foldberg stopped him with an exulted laughter. This happened even before the Spanish language translator had a chance to translate a single word into Danish.

Judge Foldberg's attitude was protested by defense attorney Hanne Rahbæk. Judge Foldberg reacted by reprimanding her in a patronizing manner.

During the entire testimony of MMMMMMMMMM, Judge Foldberg demonstrated his open aversion for the defendant, which prevented MMMMMMMMMMMM from completing a coherent testimony. Similar disrespect was given the translator.

The Embassy is not disputing the verdict, but we do try to assure that our citizens are treated as any Danish citizen should expect in a court of law. The behavior demonstrated by Judge Niels Foldberg at the MMMMMMMMMM trial on June 25, 2007 should not be acceptable in any court of law. I look forward to receiving your comments.

Sincerely,

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Consul