

## 1994 Otto Snow

My name is Otto Snow and the expose I'm giving right now concerns, I formed a corporation in 1985 in the state of Maine to develop medical research products and I was arrested after I had the company going for a while. I was trying to get the company going, I was arrested by law enforcement officers who came into the house at 11:00 at night and terrorized me and my family and it took over a year for this incident to be resolved which inevitably the law enforcement officers were fired for perjury and cursing witnesses in court, and having sex with informants. After an FBI investigation I formed my corporation in 1985 and had been in contact with the food and drug administration and also the security division of the state. I was told that I could sell stock to friends and not publicly until we had to be able to back the sales of stock. On Oct 18th, 1985 at my family's house we heard loud banging on the outside of the house. My parents went downstairs and there was half a dozen officers and the chemist for the state came in. They said to my parents, Denis Haden one of the Maine state police officers told my mother and father to keep their hands on the counter and not to move. They were yelling for me, Where's Otto where's Otto, and I was, I came downstairs I was in the dining room which is adjacent to the kitchen, and my father said to Denis Haden what's going on here, where's a warrant and Denis Haden took the warrant and put it on the counter and then slammed his fist on it. My father read the warrant and he couldn't figure it out. At this point the officers were around me in the dining room holding their flashlights next to my head like billy clubs and yelling at me where's the stuff, where's the stuff. I had received a shipment of chemicals that day and I passed it to them, figuring this must be what they want and they just kept yelling at me over and over "where's the stuff?" So I asked to see the warrant and I looked at the warrant and it was for a controlled substance and its precursors and I said I'm not interested in this molecule. I said the chemicals listed here there all in sealed bottles and I'll show you these bottles. They haven't been opened and there not being used in the construction of illicit materials. I went upstairs and the officers followed me. and Trooper Appleton was a trooper Appleton there and I passed him the bottles from my closet and they were all sealed.

They began going through my closet and picking out various chemicals that I had in there small bottles of things. I had a little small chemistry lab set from college that's never been used. Then Dennis Haden said I'm gonna take you downstairs and I went downstairs. And in the dining room my parents were seated with another officer and Haden said "You're not under arrest if you're cooperative you'll be able to sleep at home tonight." And I said, "Well I'm trying to be cooperative." He took me outside and into his car and he read me my- before we went into his car he said to me if you're cooperative you'll get to sleep here tonight. He kept on saying this over and over to me. He held his flashlight next to my head and read through the miranda rights and I waived these because I wanted to be as cooperative as possible and someone holding a flashlight like a billy club next to my head, his eyes bugging out. He was very hyperactive and frightening. I feared for my life throughout this incident. I waived my rights he kept on asking me over and over on a tape recorder "what am I doing with the chemicals" and every time I would talk with him and start explaining these things he would click it off and rewind it and ask me the same questions again till I was going I don't know I don't know. Then I was taken back inside again into the dining room in front of both my parents and another officer. He had mentioned that I'm not under arrest and if I'm cooperative ill get to sleep there tonight. So we went back upstairs and then the officers there was Denis Haden there was Michael Pratt and there was another officer I'm not going to disclose his name because he was still working in law enforcement and its not my intention to cause any grief. These three officers it was primarily Haden Pratt that were yelling at me, "Wheres the stuff?" "Wheres the money" and I was becoming very agitated I had boxes and boxes of my medical and scientific books and they wear tearing through all of these things. I was introduced to Dr. Young and he asked me about my chemistry and I was talking to him and the officers kept interrupting us and yelling at me. Michael Pratt pulled out a manual, it was a CIA manual I had had. And all the officers froze and doctor young had asked is there anything here that would harm the officers, and I said "No there isn't". And at that point they went into their continued frenzy of throwing books and medical paperwork throwing it all over the place. Dennis Haden asked do you have a license and I gave him the incorporation papers that my

attorney, I had an attorney incorporate my corporation. And he takes these papers and just throws them at me and-

Micheal Pratt was saying that everything was illegal in my room. He took books and magazines and threw them at me. I was terrified I was in fear of my life. I've never been so frightened ever in my life. I feared for the lives of my family. Doctor young, they were yelling at me next to my head so intense that I didn't know what was going on at this point it was too much on me. I said I would I went over I grabbed a bottle of the Valiums I had. I was reaching for a valium and Dennis Haden grabs the bottle. He says we don't want you to commit suicide here. And I said I have too many responsibilities. I want one of these tranquilizers. It had been two years I long fought against psychotropic medications. He gave me one tranquilizer. Basically it was useless I was traumatized for it to even affect me. Doctor young asked Dennis Haden to bring me downstairs and then told him, bring him downstairs. Downstairs there was an officer who was sitting with us and he repeatedly made phone calls to somewhere and were asking him what this was about, and he had mentioned that governor breiden didn't like paying the state police overtime. Anyways this went on at it was 1:00 in the morning and Dennis Haden came downstairs and he tells me "Your under arrest we found the stuff". And I asked him "what stuff?" And he says "We found the stuff, You're under arrest." We went out to his car and we drove me out to Ellsworth to the jail in Ellsworth nearby town. And its a half and hour ride there. We arrived there at 1:30 am the 19th. I was booked for trafficking and two controlled substances which I did not have in my home. There was no controlled substances. And neither as I intending on producing these. I cannot patent these molecules and neither can I market them so it would be ridiculous. I was so shaken up by what had taken place that the officers in the jail, I said I'm gonna pass out, and they got me a chair and I sat down the chair, and they asked me if I was alright and I said no I wasn't. I couldn't sweat, I didn't feel good. Everyone reported that I was as white as a ghost. They got me a glass of water. They had asked if I had a laboratory in my house. And I said no I don't have a laboratory. They said that's what Dennis Haden told them that I had a laboratory and a mushroom factory. So the officer says so in the morning your father can come get you and if

you'd like to call home to tell them that you're alright. the officers wanted to bring me into the hospital and I wouldn't go. I didn't want to get traumatized any further. I called my father and told him that I was okay and in the morning he can come and get me. I was put into a cell and the door was left open there was like a little hallway, and I asked the officer if he could keep the light on for me. I developed a after the officers came in I have to have a little light somewhere at all times at night. The officer said that he would leave the light on. Every hour on the hour he came in and told me, You're gonna make it, you'll be okay. They let me keep my shoes on. They had asked me if I was going to commit suicide, I told them I wasn't. They allowed to me to keep my shoes. They allowed me to have cigarettes. When the morning came I had to pay the bondsman \$17 and I went back, my father came and got me. He had told me they must have cleared your room from 1:00 to 4 in the morning they were bringing boxes, cardboard boxes and boxes. There was enough to fill a truckload. And he said he didn't go into my room. And when we went home a friend of the family was with my mother trying to keep her calm. She was very upset over the whole thing. I appreciate that. I went upstairs and my room was a total disaster, paperwork everywhere, title bottles of chemicals tossed all over the place. And I took my camera and took some photographs of this and left the pile like that for quite some time. I could not touch anything. I was so shodden up by it. I developed sleep disturbances that still continue to today. They're a lot worse with stressors, nightmares of police entering my home harming myself, my family. I should probably take a little break here then ill come back, break number one. Continue. When I was at home I was listening to the radio, it says according to Micheal Pratt of the Maine state police (inaudible) the cocaine task force shutdown. A drug laboratory has been shutdown. \$600,000 have been found. This report went across- I went through the radio stations. Many of these radio stations were carrying the same report. Later on during the day, the figure went to \$300,000 of cash. Then afterwards it was put that was \$600,000 worth of drugs were found. There was an illegal mushroom factory. The test results that were done by the state confirm that there was no controlled substances. None of this was true that was being released by Michael Pratt. There was no laboratory. I went and got an attorney.

Karis. And I showed him the paperwork, some of the chemistry paper work. And I had to go back into court. I went into court, and my case nothing happened. And motioned to me at the door to come out, and when I went out, mentioned that it was a hot potato and the state wanted to get rid of the case. I told him that Michael, I had told him that Dennis haden kept saying that when these chemicals are mixed that they produce a controlled substance and only a controlled substance. And I said that's no true and I wanted to see the affidavit to the warrant. I went into the clerks office and was told that could not take this paperwork but that I could look at it. When I looked at it, it had in there a lie that when these chemicals are mixed they produce a controlled substance and only a controlled substance. And I didn't like that at all. My attorney at that point, he had told mother is going to be a grand jury hearing and I wanted the minutes of the grand jury hearing because I didn't want thistle to continue and I also which they did not give us. I moved down to old orchard beach. That was very hard in the area because I was being treated basically as I (inaudible) or whatever, some sort of criminal. I went to old orchard beach and a friend was able to help me get a job. I was having such severe problems at this time, even before the job I was being prescribed sleeping pills and tranquilizers. I was getting panic attacks, memories, I was very frightened. A night I couldn't sleep, I didn't have any rights. They can lie in a warrant come through the door and trash my room and terrorize everyone rights that I have. They went through the entire house, they went through, one of the police had came in they went through my parents bedroom went through their dresser drawers, went through the attic, the cellar, the living room, they took the whole place up. When I was in old Orchard I began a job, it was in November and it was a shipping and receiving job and for most of my life I've had shipping and receiving jobs and I couldn't handle this job. I didn't know what I was doing I couldn't locate things, by the end of the day the count was wrong for the UPS to pick up the boxes. I was getting repeated panic attacks. The constipation was so severe that I had to remove the bowels with my fingers, it was very intense on me. On the 17th of November I had parked my car in a tow away zone when I went to work. I had to stop working. I couldn't work any further. I was too confused. I couldn't concentrate on anything. I went

to the- my friend brought me to the hospital in Portland. I was seen by psychiatrists, social workers and psychologists. They gave me various medications because of the post trauma. I was very frightened even in there. I was terrified to even go in there. There was a meeting with my attorney, I had called an attorney up north where the arrest had taken place, and attorney Karis mentioned that the grand jury had dropped the psilocybin charge because there was no psilocybin and no mushrooms and they changed the charge from trafficking and controlled substance to intention to manufacture a controlled substance. I said this is ridiculous so I got another attorney, attorney Weinstein in Old Orchard and we requested the paperwork that they had for it. And the court paperwork was crumpled and then photocopied. We could hardly make out what was written. He set up an appointment with the- When I went to the arraignment and when I went to the arraignment a new prosecutor had been put in on the case. It had gone to a federal level. The prosecutor Nicholas Guess, who had previously worked for the state of Maine was now working for the US Ag's office in the district of Maine and he was going to be handling this case. This would be his first federal case. I was released on personal recognizance. I signed my name and they said I could leave the court. Attorney Weinstein set up a meeting with Nicholas Gess. At this meeting was Dennis Hayden I felt very intimidated. I was having problems sleeping the night before, taking halcyins during the evening and early morning to get some sleep. Attorney Weinstein gave Nicolas, I explained some of the chemistry. And attorney Weinstein gave Nicolas guess several sheets that have been type written on the chemistry, then we left. This went on for a period for over a year. The charge was again change. It was changed to intention to possess a controlled substance. Over that period of the year I was given anti psychotic medications, tranquilizers, sleeping pills, these anti anxiety medications. Thousands of dollars worth of medications, thousands of dollars worth of medical bills. I went in to the, I switched my attorneys from attorney Weinstein to attorney Stern in Bangor because it was closer I had to return home. My parents before Christmas of 85 I couldn't take care of myself anymore, my parents had to care for me. During the following year in 86, I was under the care of doctor Goodman psychiatrist and the family physician.

They also wrote out that there no intention of me, I was not intending on producing any controlled substances. And that had formed a corporation to develop new psychotropic medications. This had gone on for a year. And attorney goldsmith had taken over the case when I was supposed to go for a change of plea. He looked at the paperwork that I said and he said to me, he said your not guilty why would you want to change it to guilty. And I said well Nicholas guess is not giving the exculpatory evidence of my chemistry, most of my chemistry paperwork had been taken from me during this rave when the police came in an it had not be returned and repeated request to attorney stern also attorney billings to Nicholas agues for paperwork being returned were not being granted so I couldn't develop my case. I couldn't build the case to defend myself. I have limited paperwork to prove I'm not intending on producing these types of molecules. Illicit molecule. He looked at it and said you're correct I can see that your not guilty. I'm not going to let you take a felony. They wanted to give me a felony for intention to manufacture a controlled substance. We went into the court room and I told the judge I dint know what I was doing in this court room, what I was coming in here for, why I would be wanting to change my guilty plea. I wasn't going to change to a guilty plea when I'm not guilty. The judge yelled at Nicholas guess. Attorney goldsmith mentioned that Nicholas guess was not turning over a (inaudible) that had been granted by the judge for the evidence that he would be presenting in court to where Nicholas guess hd said that he was just gonna bring everything in, piles chemistry paperwork, a few bottles of chemicals, I was being tried for being a neurochemist not. terrible. The judge yelled at him its been over a year I want this thing straightened out now. With that we left the court room and I told mr guess I said I'm not guilty. Then all of a sudden, I said the whole thing was going to be straightened out, they changed the charges now to intention to posses a controlled substance and I said to my attorney, I said I'm not even intending on producing a controlled substance. He said to me well we can think it over and look at it. So it was December I went in and they said it wouldn't be processed. The case wouldn't be processed. All I had to do is sign this thing and it wouldn't be processed any further. My psychiatrist had written that I was pre psychotic at this time. It was very severe on

me. I didn't know what was going on. I signed the papers and then the following month it was reported that the state police had been Hayden and pratt had been under investigation for several months. When is signed this paper I was not told that they were under investigation. I had repeatedly said that they were liars and what they had done to me. And the state did not investigate when I mentioned what had happened but then all of a sudden the FBI's in investigating the officers. What they had done is they had lied to get warrants. They had committed perjury in court. They coerced witnesses to commit perjury in court. And they intimidated officer into not coming forward with evidence to the FBI as to what these officers were doing. Michael Pratt was fired after the FBI investigation. Dennis Hayden was also fired. Another officer was dismissed. Ever since then I have this condition. Stressors triggers horrible nightmares. They surround even previous traumas have pulled out in these nightmares. It's really bad. I have continued gastrointestinal problems, constipation. I have to take laxatives all the time. I have to take tranquilizers. I have to take them near bedtime so I can get to sleep. I wake up early during the evening severe depression. And as soon as it starts getting dark I get a little frightened and severe depression. Mornings are really bad. I don't want to keep going and talking about what had happened. I think its pretty much evident to anyone seeing this what had been done to me was very severe. It took me many years to even get the medical paperwork and the legal paperwork all these things have seem to be withheld from me for quite some time. I try for years to get help, psychological help and when I would go into places they would say forget about it, I didn't know what all these conditions- what I was having. They had mentioned oh well just give you all sorts of medications which I had toxic effects to and I can't take. It's only been in the past year I've been able to get psychotherapy. Someone who knows about my condition. My condition is post traumatic stress disorder as a result of those law enforcement officers coming in terrorizing my family on October 18th 1985. And I have been unable to work since November- the week of November 17th 1985. I hope that I can get better and that I can move on with my life. Its really been hard, I didn't even know what I had for many years. I have hope but its really hard. It's too much.