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Subject: Re: Casey Crowther

Ms. Waid,

Thank you for the clarification on the information gathered and reported by my staff.

Any legal concerns involving our reporting should be referred directly to me or our attorney [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



On Thu, Feb 11, 2021 at 8:32 PM Nicole Waid <nicole.waid@fisherbroyles.com> wrote:

Mr. Lieze-Adams,

I am the attorney for Casey Crowther. [REDACTED] just published a completely inaccurate news article claiming that Mr. Crowther is charged with seven new charges in his PPP fraud case ("Casey Crowther faces 7 additional charges in his PPP fraud case"). The article states "Now, Crowther faces a total of 15 charges." This is blatantly false. If [REDACTED] bothered to read the Superseding Indictment attached to her article, she would see seven counts - the same amount of counts as the prior superseding indictment. If she bothered to perform any due diligence at all, then she would have reviewed the record and understood that the Judge pointed out a technical error in the government's superseding indictment and the superseding indictment published yesterday was merely to fix that small error. The counts are otherwise exactly the same. This type of negative publicity can severely financially damage a local company such as Target Roofing. It is careless, reckless, and unacceptable.

I called the newsroom and spoke to [REDACTED]. She stated that the information "just came into the newsroom" and she wrote the article. She admitted that she did not even read the superseding indictment provided in the link that she attached to her article. She admitted that NO further due diligence was performed. Is this how you run a news organization? This level of incompetence and disregard for the truth is unbelievable. Not only does this cause financial damage to a company that employs over 150 employees,

Mr. Crowther personally faces criminal charges. These type of false and inflammatory articles poison a potential jury pool and could cost him his freedom. Spreading inaccurate information can significantly damage a person's life – a person with a family and a legitimate businesses. The least you can do is check your information before publishing it to a global forum.

I would like to add that [REDACTED] took such little time in preparing this “news” article that she couldn't even get her inaccurate facts straight. Seven additional charges would equal fourteen, not fifteen. That's how little she cared.

I would like a response immediately. I can be reached at 202-906-9572.

Sincerely,

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