Darryl Cotton, His Mission As of 12/20/20

Born in 1960, I am a product of the Midwest. I grew up in the 60's and 70's in a suburb outside of Chicago, in a time where I got to see massive social upheaval occurring in my very own backyard. As a young boy I watched the 1968 Democratic Convention. I saw firsthand that something wasn't right. Protestors at the convention were being beaten and killed which led to trials and persecution of people for their ethnicity and free speech. These times left an indelible mark on me. In 1979 I decided I'd had enough of the Chicago winters and loaded up a van and moved to San Diego, CA.



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As a trained electrician I had no problem finding work and found myself gainfully employed up until the mid-1980's when I decided to get my contractor's license and work for himself as the owner of Fleet Electric. While not schooled in the traditional sense, I've always had an insatiable quest to learn about not only my chosen profession but all things that I find interesting. As such I absorbed knowledge in numerous disciplines such as science, religion, engineering, architecture, law and history to name a few.

One of the ventures that spawned from my work as an electrical contractor came as a result of my intimate relationship with various lighting technologies that would save energy. The Tesla electrodeless induction lamps fascinated me due to their simplicity and long, 100K hour, life spans. In my early 30's I began suffering from nocturnal seizures. While harkening back to my times as a youth, where during the summer I would work on the farms in Southern Illinois, I knew that the indoor cultivation of cannabis, which had showed some success in helping to reduce these seizures in others, was worth investigating for my own use. Afterall as a youth I smoked and grew because it was wildly popular with the spirit of the times and I did learn a thing or two from working on all those farms. But if I could find a way to be on the cutting edge of scientific advancements in the treatment of a wide range of human conditions without the use of prescription drug's I was going determined to pursue that with all my resources. It is with that in mind I began Inda-Gro Lighting, with Tesla lamps, in 2010.

Inda-Gro did pretty well for itself but within a few years of its launch the Tesla induction lighting technology was being surpassed in energy efficiencies by a new lighting technology that relied on diodes not gas and phosphor lamps. These Light Emitting Diodes (LED) would soon come to take over the entire world of artificial lighting which would also include plant lighting. As the LED energy efficiencies only improved over time, and the plant response to various artificial light source spectra and intensities became better understood, I decided to also look at ways to not only convert our products to LED but to also tie plant response with the amount of water being used to optimize plant development.

Through my relationships of private labeling Inda-Gro lights with large multi-national businesses such as Pentair, I got a chance to learn from some of the best minds in the industry as to how water savings for plant cultivation could be managed in a system being referred to as aquaculture. A system design that relied on the recirculation of fish water, with the waste nutrients carried within that water, to the plants. This appealed to me and in 2012 I began experimenting with growing cannabis strains that would get their water and primary nutrients from the fish water. By 2015 I had enough experience with these aquaculture systems and certain genetics I developed

with my lights so that I decided to give the broader project its own identity. Something that would be known outside of Inda-Gro. With that came 151 Farms and my sense of purpose to share what I'd learned with others.

My lifelong passion has always been about trying to leave the world a better place than the way I came into it. As I was getting older it became clear to me, at numerous levels, that this was not necessarily going to be the



case. I felt like the 151 concept was one that could open more economic and social opportunities by creating the union that occurs from a shared mission. Growing food and eating being one of those shared missions. Also, with the passing of time, we have seen cannabis move into more mainstream acceptance for both medical and what is now being termed "recreational" use. These new cannabis laws and regulations are truly dangerous to the medical cannabis patient because they tend to create a situation where monopolies are created and access to medical cannabis becomes Controlled, Taxed and Regulated so that profits become the main driving force behind those who would control it over those with

medical needs who are then denied access to strains that both they and their doctors, have found to be effective in treating a myriad of conditions. Conditions where cannabis may be used as an alternative, or in combination, with conventional pharmaceutical drugs. As a medical cannabis patient myself, this was entirely unacceptable.

I wanted to open up the 151 concept so that more people could take advantage of growing their own food and medicine with an eye on creating laws that protected those rights. I created the 151Farmers website in which I not only could share the way that my closed loop aquaculture systems design worked for both traditional and non-traditional crops, but I also spent a considerable amount time educating others as to the laws and regulations that control, as in deny, their ability to set these farms up in the first place. I created the Know More On 64 website to take a hard look at the language that accompanies these initiatives. It's usually confusing and contradictory to the extent even lawyers can't decipher the true meaning of what is being proposed and how it will be implemented. Dangerous stuff we're dealing with when it comes to those rights we lose in the blind ambition that is to create "progressive" cannabis reforms. My suggestion is that people pay attention to the details. It's where you'll usually find the devil that seeks to marginalize cannabis for medical purposes.

Finally, I became engaged in a protracted legal battle over cannabis licensing on a commercial property I own in San Diego. Beginning in March of 2017 the case involves a very simple matter of contract law that stems from the sale of my property and a joint venture agreement that I never executed. The other side responded by bringing on a sham state court lawsuit to deprive me of my property and the rights to operate a cannabis

dispensary at that location. The incredible set of circumstances that has developed since that original, and my counter lawsuit, is that this has now turned into a **much larger matter** where it provides evidence of judges protecting judges, lawyers who commit fraud upon the court and the City of San Diego being complicit in illegal activities that, as named defendants in federal court, are now Being brought to light. As the old saying goes, it's not so much the original crime that gets you in trouble as it is the coverup and that coverup is now being exposed, for all the world to see, in federal court.

While I pursue my rights in federal court, I bring additional attention to this matter by being in front of the state and federal courthouses protesting that show pictures of the judges who are named defendants in my federal case.



These **quiet protests** occur between 11-1 pm on court business days. I invite people to join me and unlike contemporary protests we do not rely on burning cars or breaking windows to make our points. I believe that those "burn and loot" style protests do not represent solutions and frankly I have never even understood what they were expecting to gain unless it just subterfuge to create lawlessness. If that is their purpose and intent, then I guess it can be said they succeeded, at least temporarily, in accomplishing those goals. However, I consider my style of continuous protest to be an alternative to more radical forms of protest when it comes to creating tangible, long term, positive change when it's required. Indeed, I welcome your support.

I currently represent myself in court because I'm broke and because no lawyer out there will take on other lawyers much less judges. But other lawsuits have come from my original complaint. Parallel lawsuits, filed by lawyers who represent themselves and co-plaintiff interests, whereby the same pay to play corruption is proven to exist in cannabis licensing within the City of San Diego are now moving forward. And that is a good thing!

As I write this I do intend to eventually prevail once I find a federal judge who will do their job and rule on the law. Since February 2018 I have yet to find that federal judge and indeed have had 6 previous judges recuse themselves from the case so they would not have to stand in judgement over another Judge's corrupt manipulation of the judiciary. Nonetheless these judges need to be called out or it will most certainly continue to happen.



As a society guided by laws, we simply cannot tolerate, or sit idly by and allow judicial corruption, or incompetence, to occur! It is to that end I continue to FIGHT FOR THE JUSTICE WE ALL MUST BE DEMANDING!

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