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Dear Sir/Madam:

I am the president of the board of Forfeiture Endangers American Rights ("FEAR"), a national non-profit charitable organization recognized under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. I have registered a complaint with Amazon over the posting of a book for sale which purports to be from our non-profit organization, but it is not authorized by us. The listing is entitled: "Asset Forfeiture: Usa V. \$124,700, Nicholas L. Bissell, Jr., Forfeiture Endangers American Rights [Paperback]." It can be found on the Amazon website at:
http://www.amazon.com/Asset-Forfeiture-Nicholas-Endangers-American/dp/1158552653/ref=sr_1_37?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1294337504&sr=1-37

The person I spoke to yesterday emailed me instructions on how to report copyright infringement. I have not read the book, so I am not sure whether it infringes our copyrights, but it certainly infringes our organization's right of publicity, in that the listing falsely suggests that this book was written or published by FEAR.

I suspect that this so-called "book" may include original material downloaded from FEAR's website, which would infringe FEAR's copyrights. "U.S. v. \$124,700" and "The Nicholas Bissell story" are two original articles written by FEAR personnel, published on the FEAR website. The listing says in small print that the book is **26 pages long** and lists as its source wikipedia. There does not seem to be enough material on wikipedia about those subjects to comprise 26 pages, which is why I suspect they included material from our website.

This listing is tortious for several reasons, even if it does not infringe any of our copyrights. Even if they got the contents entirely from wikipedia, charging \$20 plus shipping for a 26 page "book" which is comprised of material anyone can access for free on the internet is a scam in itself. Attributing this to Forfeiture Endangers American Rights portrays FEAR in a false light and invades our right of publicity. For Amazon customers it constitutes false advertising.

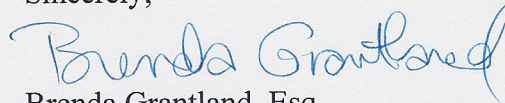
We demand that you remove this listing immediately. I also want to know who the person is that posted this listing and thereby profited from it so that we can make sure that they do not do it again.

I also ask that you take a serious look at "Books LLC" which apparently is running a similar

scam on a wide scale on Amazon. Run an internet search for "Books LLC scam" and you'll see many postings from disgruntled customers who bought "books" published by Books LLC through Amazon and were shocked to see they had paid for material they could get for free from Wikipedia. If this legally constitutes fraud, Amazon is an aider and abetter. Even if it is just a scam and not outright "fraud" – since there is that subtle notation "source: wikipedia" in the small print – you demean the reputation of Amazon to allow such scams to proliferate under your roof.

I have long been an Amazon customer. The slowness of Amazon to remove this obviously infringing listing is very quickly eroding my trust in your company. Amazon itself is listed as a seller of this forfeiture "book". I contacted every one of the 9 sellers listed on Amazon last week when I first discovered the listing. Two sellers took down the listing immediately. A third sent an email back quibbling about it, then took down the listing yesterday or today. The rest have ignored my complaint. After chatting on line with Amazon last week, and speaking to an Amazon rep on the phone at length yesterday, Amazon is still not taking action. I expect much more of you.

Sincerely,



Brenda Grantland, Esq.
Board President