

# Where's The Money?

Behind the Scenes of the Petters Scam: Part 17

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The Stop the Petters Scam Foundation has prepared a lawsuit against the Minneapolis Star Tribune for breach of contract because the newspaper abruptly refused to keep publishing this series of ads, after running nine of them. Unless the Star Tribune can offer another explanation, it seems obvious that some powerful people intimidated the newspaper's executives. What were they afraid of? Who might those powerful people be? If you think you might know, please contact our attorney, former U.S. Senator Dean M. Barkley, or attorney Phil Villaume, at 952-851-9500.

In fact, the actions of a powerful ring of insiders in the Tom Petters affair have attracted national attention. Ryan Frost, an independent filmmaker in Manassas, Virginia, has spent eleven months producing *The Second Fraud*, a documentary about the handling of the Petters case. While the feature-length film will be submitted to film festivals, a shorter, one-hour version will be screened in the Twin Cities soon.

Both the film and these ads have carefully avoided using anonymous sources. All statements of fact have been based on public records or on-the-record interviews. The ads were written by James L. Merriner, a Chicago-based author of five books about political corruption and reform. Merriner's *Mr. Chairman*, a biography of former Congressman Dan Rostenkowski, and *Grafters and Goo Goos*, a history of corruption and reform in Chicago, have been adopted as texts in some college courses.



Citizens Against Unjust Seizures (CAUS) is a newly founded public-interest group based in the Washington, D.C. area. CAUS plans to commission Merriner to write a book about the corruption of power in white-collar prosecutions and property seizures, focusing on the Petters case.

Meanwhile, the Stop the Petters Scam Foundation is stepping up its efforts to attain justice for Petters' victims and creditors. We invite you to urge your public officials to correct the documented abuses of power that occurred in the aftermath of Tom Petters' arrest in October 2008:

- United States Attorney B. Todd Jones, 612-664-5600
- Senator Amy Klobuchar, 612-727-5220
- Senator Al Franken, 651-221-1016

If these public officials don't stand up for the rights of victims and creditors, who will?

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