

April 13, 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

I am one of the nine women involved in the Murdoch Carriere case. We wish to clarify a few points that have been overlooked.

Some of us witnessed, firsthand, the relationship between Buckley Belanger and Murdoch Carriere. Mr. Belanger was in our office often, the two spoke on the telephone (many times on speaker phone) frequently, and they would chat about what a great weekend they had or other personal topics. There were other cabinet ministers who visited the Prince Albert office as well, however, the relationship between Mr. Belanger and Murdoch Carriere was clearly a close friendship. There are others in the office who also witnessed the closeness of these two individuals as well. We felt it was important to clarify this point because the Minister for the Public Service Commission continues to say that Murdoch Carriere wasn't a friend of government. This isn't true.

We also want to clarify the seriousness of the letter we sent the Premier. It's insulting to hear him say that he didn't understand the seriousness of our letter dated March 10, 2003. The letter outlined the harassment, the findings of the Gilles Report, the fact that the RCMP were investigating the situation, that we had gone to the Deputy Minister again because he was going to promote Murdoch to Regina where Murdoch had already harassed women, and much more. All we asked for was help. We wanted a meeting because this was such an important issue. The Premier sent us a letter saying 'go back and talk to the Deputy Minister'. We could not believe that even the Premier turned his back on us back in March of 2003. Then, to say he didn't understand the seriousness of the letter recently, he did it again.

In closing, we also wish to add that we believe giving Murdoch Carriere \$275,000 plus lots of money added to his pension, is REWARDING harassment. Murdoch Carriere should have been fired with cause many years ago. If he would have been fired with cause, he would not have received a penny in compensation. This is what SHOULD have happened. Instead, no one in high places listened to our harassment complaints and as a result, Murdoch Carriere kept harassing women. And there are more besides the nine of us.

We ask that the details of this harassment be brought to light. We feel we do not have to testify about what was done to us by Murdoch because some of that is already known. We do want answers from people who ignored us for years and did nothing to stop the harassment. Many people know the truth. We support an independent inquiry or some sort of process that will get to the truth because people deserve to hear it. We want to make sure this doesn't happen again to other women in this province.

Sincerely,

A large, solid black rectangular redaction covering the signature area of the letter.