

Archie, Doug

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From: Tressel, Jim  
Sent: Friday, April 02, 2010 6:32 PM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]

Thanks [REDACTED] ...I will get on it ASAP ...Happy Easter to you as well !! Go Bucks !! jt

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, April 02, 2010 2:32 PM  
To: tressel.3@osu.edu  
Subject: [REDACTED]

Dear Coach Tressell:

- A lot of my friends are in law enforcement. The Federal Government raided the house of [REDACTED] yesterday. His name is Edward "Eddie" Rife.
- He lives [REDACTED]
- His [REDACTED]
- He owns and operates a tattoo parlor call Fine Line Ink off Hague and Sullivant
- When the Federal Government raided his house yesterday they seized 70,000 in cash and a lot of Ohio State Memorabilia; including championship rings.
- I am being told [REDACTED] and other players have taken Eddie Rife signed Ohio State memorabilia (shirts/jerseys/footballs) to Eddie who has been selling it for profit. I dont know if he gives any money in return to any players.
- I have been told OSU players including [REDACTED] have been given free tatoos in exchange for signed memorabilia.
- Just passing this on to you.
- Hope all is well with you. Have a Blessed Easter

[REDACTED]

p.s. Eddie was convicted about 9 years ago for felony forgery and possession of criminal tools in Franklin County. Case number 01 CR-3245

p.s.s. He also was with his friends (most in drug trafficking) at [REDACTED] where he witnessed the homicide of one of his friends that night in the parking lot; and where he was the State's chief witness in that case 03 CR-922

p.s.s.s The Federal Government was at his house for alleged drug trafficking, but they knew about the memorabilia before they even got there.

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From: Tressel, Jim  
Sent: Friday, April 16, 2010 11:20 AM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] and Eddie Rife Update

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, April 16, 2010 9:43 AM  
To: [tressel.3@osu.edu](mailto:tressel.3@osu.edu)  
Subject: [REDACTED] and Eddie Rife Update

Good morning.

- I hope I am not bothering you. I know you are busy with Spring practice.
- And, I hope you are doing well and being blessed.
- I had Eddie Rife in my office for an hour and a half last night.
- What I tell you is confidential.
- He told me [REDACTED] gave him some type of [REDACTED] ---but I dont know the year
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- He told me he has about 9 rings Big Ten Championship, among them were [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] (no surprise here), etc...( I didnt press him for all the names because I didnt want to emphasize this part of our meeting more than others)
- [REDACTED] National Championship ring (no surprise here either)
- He will not talk publicly about this.
- If [REDACTED] and he may, I will try to get these items back that the government now wants to keep for themselves; which is screwed up in an of itself. I know who specifically in the District Attorney's office that is working on this matter and know both of them well so I will try if the opportunity presents itself.
- These kids are selling these items for not that much and I cant understand how they could give something so precious away like their trophy's and rings that they worked so hard for. In their life they will have children or maybe a parent who can really appreciate their hard work for what they earned. My father had two jobs; he [REDACTED], and when he got off work he spent 26 as a [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] a [REDACTED]. He died in 2001 at age 67. [REDACTED] I dont get it and I am still old fashion.
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- Take care Coach.
- [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, April 16, 2010 2:24 PM  
To: Tressel, Jim  
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Rife Update

Coach:

- Only thing we can do is keep him, his house, his tattoo parlor off limits to players. I would also make sure you tell [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (and whoever else) NOT to call him on his cell phone too because if he gets arrested, and that seems to be the plan, we dont want their phone numbers in his cell phone that the government will trace. He really is a drug dealer. And I know [REDACTED] has his phone number and has called him. All I tell you is factual.
- He is in really big trouble. The federal government has told him that his best offer is to take 10 years in prison. He wanted my opinion yesterday on his situation.
- I will get you a slate photograph of him from the sheriff so you can show these guys you know what is going on and know who they are dealing with.
- I have to sit tight [REDACTED] but at least he [REDACTED]
- One correction from my first email to you...he did confirm [REDACTED] that he put out on the street [REDACTED] his house, but he [REDACTED] so they [REDACTED]. But, he had that much [REDACTED]
- Okay. That is all for now.
- I like the world you live in a lot better than the one I do with regard to dealing with people, despite loving what I do for a living.
- Take care. I will keep you posted as relevant information becomes available to me. Just keep our emails confidential. Thank you.
- [REDACTED]

On Fri, Apr 16, 2010 at 11:19 AM, Tressel, Jim <[TresselJ@buckeyes.ath.ohio-state.edu](mailto:TresselJ@buckeyes.ath.ohio-state.edu)> wrote:

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From: Tressel, Jim  
Sent: Sunday, June 06, 2010 9:15 PM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: Names ??

Thanks [REDACTED]! Hope you are feeling better !! Go Bucks !! jt

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 4:09 PM  
To: Tressel, Jim  
Subject: Re: Names ??

Coach, I am sorry for not getting back to you earlier. Since we last talked I had an [REDACTED] and while they were at it, [REDACTED]. I am fine now. No more names as the federal government appears to have reached a resolution for [REDACTED] Eddy Riffe [REDACTED]. As a result, all communciation [REDACTED] and the district attorney had to cease. The names I gave you for the two current players are still good. Those are some beautiful rings. I hope they cherish them forever. [REDACTED]

On Tue, Jun 1, 2010 at 7:33 AM, Tressel, Jim <TresselJ@buckeyes.ath.ohio-state.edu> wrote:



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[REDACTED]--- our rings arrive this week for 2009 Big Ten ....any names from our last discussion ?? I would like to hold some collateral if you know what I mean .....jt

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