

Here's the letter from Rigby to the Horses Ass Blog

Goldy –

I read with interest your blog post of 3-16-10 blog where you suggest an improper connection between Dino Rossi and Michael Mastro and his imploded financial empire.

I am the leader of the team that is tasked with investigating and suing Mastro to recover for unsecured creditors. For the last six months our team of over a dozen attorneys, accountants and real estate experts have dug into the financial affairs of Mastro the hard money lender and real estate developer. We have combed through his computer records, paper files, emails, tax returns and public records. We have reviewed thousands of pages of records and investigated over 100 real estate transactions. We have not only filed a law suit against Mastro, but also his wife and a trust located in Belize to recover his multi-million dollar waterfront house. We have filed a lawsuit against Mastro's son to recover millions of dollars allegedly transferred to him. We have file a lawsuit against one of Mastro's business partners for \$50 Million, an asset which Mastro tried to hide. More lawsuits are in the works and will follow.

Like Bernie Madoff, Mastro's actions have been financially devastating for hundreds of people.

Your blog claims that there might be a shady tie between Dino Rossi and Mastro. I have seen no evidence to support your claim. Not a shred. You claims focus on a 1997 transaction wherein Dino Rossi's purchased one apartment building from Michael Mastro. I haven't seen any evidence at all that this transaction was anything but legitimate. Purchases of large properties are complex and often involve multiple loans secured by multiple properties, there is nothing shady about that fact.

I understand that you write your blog to try to influence politics and the media and that you disagree with Dino Rossi when it comes to politics. That is your right as an American. Still, you should be required to have some evidence before you attack Rossi's character by mere association. You provide precisely zero evidence to support your accusations. Your logic that every person who ever did business with Michael Mastro is a crook, is patently untrue.

You also tie Dino Rossi to Mel Heide's misdeeds in the 1980s and 1990s, without any evidence. Again, I was also the person tasked with investigating the financial dealing of Heide's company, Imperial Real Estate, after it collapsed. We pursued many people and recovered \$1.0 Million in 1990's dollars, and again, there was absolutely no evidence of any wrongdoing of any kind on the part of Dino Rossi. If Michael Mastro and Mel Heide both used the same coffee vendor would you accuse the vendor of crimes? And without any evidence?

I know more about Mastro and Heide's shady dealings than probably anybody alive. You don't know what you are talking about when you assert that Dino Rossi has any connection to their wrongdoings. Your tactic is guilt by association plain and simple. Your blog is no different from the McCarthy tactics of guilt by association during the Red witch hunts of the 1950's. Knock it off and stick to political disagreements instead of sleazy character assassination.

Dino Rossi is now a member of another group, Michael Mastro victims. That group included many legitimate business investors, bankers, employees, contractors and subcontractors

who did business with Michael Mastro and now their reputations are damaged because of that fact. When a train comes off the tracks innocent bystanders get hurt, that is a fact of life. You do everyone a disservice by implying otherwise.

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