

**IN THE WESTMINISTER MAGISTRATES' COURT**

**B E T W E E N:**

**Ministry of Justice, Estonia**

**Judicial Authority**

**-AND-**

**Anna- Maria Galojan**

**Requested Person**

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**PROOF OF EVIDENCE**

**OF**

**OLGA VAIJNA**

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I, Olga Vaijna of Vasara 20-33, Tallinn, Estonia wish to make the following comments in relation to Ms Galojan's extradition hearing.

1. I am an Estonian citizen and I was born on 9<sup>th</sup> May 1974.
2. Before I met Anna-Maria at the end of 2006, I had worked as a security guard in the prison of Tallinn where my work directly involved handling convicts and those who were under investigation. I had also seen the way the politically ordered convicts were held, namely *the Night Watch* (eston. *Öine Vahtkond*). A voluntarily public mo-

tion in Tallinn aimed to protect the monument (*the Bronze Soldier of Tallinn* – a monument to those who died in *World War II*) from relocation or other actions directed against it. On 27th April 2006 the activists of *the Night Watch* were arrested. They were acquitted on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009. However, on 22nd July 2009 the public prosecutor appealed against the acquittal. The *National Court of Estonia* declined the cassation appeal of the procuracy, thus, ending this case. At the instance of investigators the activists of *the Night Watch* were held in cells together with other convicts who mocked them just for a pack of cigarettes that the operative workers had given them.

3. All prison workers had to attend professional development courses as well as to work in prisons other than their own. I had worked in the female prison of Harku. What I saw there was horrifying. When a prison camp is divided between convicts who maintain illicit relations with guards, it is impossible to ask for help. A female prison has no restrictions. I had worked for over 8 years in a male prison which was a real trial for me. Violation of human rights takes place in prisons on daily basis. For instance, one of the activists of *the Night-Watch* was in a cell together with other prisoners who put burning matches between his toes at night. The participant of *the Night-Watch* had complained about it to the prison worker but no actions were taken and, consequently, he remained in the same cell.
4. Once I was on a night shift. According to instructions, a prison worker must enter every cell during his/her shift and check if any convict had been beaten up. I recall an incident when one of the members of *the Night-Watch*, after being attacked by other convicts who threw a boiling water on him, threw himself towards the door and poured the boiling water on one of the prison workers because he knew that was

the only way to get out of the cell. The prison worker took him out of the cell right away. He was handcuffed and an investigation had commenced. He explained that he could no longer handle the harassment by other cell mates, particularly, when other convicts had put matches between his toes or dissolved 1 kg of salt in water and forced him to drink it all up. This is only one of many more stories about human rights violation.

5. If Anna-Maria was to serve a sentence in prison, it would be a real triumph for the government and its officials as they who would like to see Anna-Maria's spending a long time in prison. Initially the European motion was presented by an advocate Indrek Teder who is currently a chancellor of right. Therefore, it would be very harmful for Anna- Maria to spend time in prison for something that appears to be a political manipulation backed up by the government. In female prison violations of human rights also takes place, as the prison workers have intimate relations with women prisoners.
6. I met Anna-Maria in 2006 – 2007, when I was working for the Reform Party on its pre-election campaign, and I was a manager of three Russian-speaking candidates - Anna-Maria Galoyan, Sergey Ivanov and Andrey Grickov.
7. Anna-Maria was working for 24/7 during the pre-election campaign for *the Parliament* in 2007. She did her very best and came across as a hard working person. Other candidates had tried their best to spoil her campaign because they had seen Anna- Maria as their main rival. That is how her problems began.
8. Amongst the candidates was the then government secretary and Minister of Justice - Kristen Mihail. He had run for the Parliament from the same list and district. He did all he could to cause problems for Anna-Maria. With the police and Europol

assistance he was trying to have Anna Maria extradited to Estonia.

9. Anna-Maria had offered me work in 2007 in the European Movement to help to organise a large project - the *European of the Year*. At the time the head of *the European Movement* was Ulrika Khurt. After the pre-election campaign, Anna-Maria was chosen for the position of a leader of *the European Movement* because the former leader Ulrika Khurt had been accused of money laundering.
10. Anna-Maria asked me to work for *the European Movement* as a legal consultant (I was on a law course at the faculty of law). I accepted her offer as I knew Anna Maria was a responsible woman who had a wonderful gift of working and getting on with people. She had done a lot of things for *the European Movement* at the time. I found a great number of contacts who were willing to co-operate in projects with *the European Movement*. We happened to be together at one of the largest conferences on Schengen in August 2007. I was chosen to attend this conference because Iiti Pällin was pregnant and could not attend for medical reasons. Also she did not have any legal education.
11. This trip was like a regular thing for *the European Movement*, but it happened to be under a vigilant investigation on the part of the government procuracy, for not complying with the government's order. Everyone was on business' trips, including the secretary Mary Tamsalu, who I was standing in for and did her work when she was away.
12. Following Ulrika's resignation, my duties in *the European Movement* included preparing all contracts, re-checking the legitimacy of the outdated contracts

because a lot of them clashed with the interests of *the European Movement* and happened to be illegal. With the arrival of Anna-Maria, all the wages were paid which the former leader of *the European Movement* had left unpaid.

13. Anna-Maria and I had found a lot of discrepancies. We found out that the workers of *the European Movement* had been transferring money. However, by the time Anna-Maria discovered all money issues and reported it to Mr. Siniyarv, it was all turned against her. In August, 2007, when we were at the conference in Greece, the workers would not leave Anna - Maria alone. She had been working hard there, making important phone calls all the time. For example, we were in a constant consultation with Viktoria Vaader, the accountant. We had also prepared reports on the past years when Ulriki Khurt was in charge and which he had not prepared. While being on a business trip to Krite, as a lawyer I had made contact with Kristiine Ling. Upon our return from this conference, we provided the workers and the council of the organization with a report on our trip. While we were in Greece, Mr. Siniyarv had already sought a new leader, Kristiine Ling, to replace Anna-Maria. Mr. Siniyarv did not sign a contract with Anna-Maria Galoyan as he knew he was going to appoint someone else and get rid of Anna Maria.

14. Mr. Siniyarv clearly wanted to get rid of Anna Maria as she discovered where and how the organisation's money were spent. It was after we return from Greece, in October 2007, that the *European Movement* made an application to the police with regard to money theft. Indrek Teder, an advocate, was instructed by the Reform Party. She had worked for many years for one of the founders and a long-time leader of *the Reform Party* - Siyma Kallasa who was also a partner of Myarta Raska, an advocate of the *National Court*. Soon after, Teder was nominated for a

position of the prosecutor.

15. Subsequently, the harassment had begun. I was shown by the police documents with my signature. Anna-Maria had no witnesses to present to the court. Although I was Anna-Maria's witness, I was not allowed to speak in her case and the court tried to turn me into a prosecution's witness, thus, violating her rights. The judge only acknowledged the public prosecutor, and disregarded and rejected an application made by Anna-Maria's advocate.

16. You do not need a legal background to understand that the trial was politically motivated. An innocent person was tried and put into prison. That is how Anna-Maria's political career both in Estonia and in *the European Union* came to an end. This was because she was seen as a political threat to the whole government of Estonia, particularly *the Reform Party*.

17. Even though she is in London, she is still being harassed in Estonia. She is reported to be a danger to society. They want her in prison. This harassment and persecution from the media has been going on since 2007. This has escalated since the state and the government had declared a hunt for Anna-Maria. They are scared because this is a fabricated case held together by tacking cotton.

18. Having 8-years of experience in the prison of Estonia, I believe that extradition of Anna Maria would violate her human rights. It would be harmful not only to her health but also to her life, particularly, whilst the *Reform Party* is in the ruling coalition.

I confirm that I have provided this statement to Anna-Maria's Galojar's solicitors Guney Clark & Ryan Solicitors, of 58 Green Lane, London N16 9NH

I confirm that the information given in this statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name: **Mrs Olga Vaijna**

Signed: 

Date: 24.04.2014