

# BRIEF "SUM" OF OTT'S INNOCENCE (THE TRUTH)

On May 7, 1992, Marshall Ott was wrongly convicted of crimes for which he has always heartily maintained his innocence. I'm sure that you will agree that a prisoner protesting his innocence is not an unusual circumstance, but I have no doubt that you will find the facts of his case to be most unusual. Enclosed, is a brief overview of a criminal case that has more twists, turns and sub-plots than most of today's major motion pictures. The most unusual and unbelievable aspect of this case involves the infamous "Lost Dutchman Gold Mine."

Marshall Ott, son of world renowned chemist Dr. Arnold C. Ott, was born in Kalamazoo Michigan in 1946. Marshall graduated from Stanford University (Dean's List) in 1968 and was awarded an MBA from the University of Michigan in 1969. After working for eleven years within the chemical industry, Marshall used his chemical experience to pursue a lifelong dream of bringing inexpensive high technology metals to the general public. Marshall's vast experience in this industry, along with a great bout of serendipity or luck, led to the discovery of a lifetime.

In 1986, Marshall purchased land ripe for mining within the Arizona desert. A short time later, Marshall made the discovery of a lifetime. Marshall believed he had stumbled onto the infamous Lost Dutchman gold mine and immediately set out to verify his belief. Chemical analysis by world renowned teams concluded that the deposits found within Marshall's property were consistent with samples of gold from the Dutchman mine. Yet another of the world's greatest mysteries had been solved.

Shortly after the confirmation of Marshall's find, odd things began to occur. Marshall began receiving death threats and was even subjected to gunfire. As one can well imagine, a discovery of this magnitude not only draws out those with a penchant for greed, but also draws those who will stop at nothing to obtain the riches that so rightly belong to another.

In August of 1986, The Arizona Corporation Commission began an investigation of M&M Enterprises (Marshall's Company). A criminal indictment against both Marshall and his partner Mary Anne Howard was vigorously sought by then Attorney General Bob Corbin. What those familiar with this case find suspect is that Corbin is a huge treasure hunting buff and a fanatic for finding the Dutchman mine. Corbin has openly stated that he would do "whatever it takes to get that land." Gestapo styled investigative methods were employed in turning Marshall's customers into "victims." When customers refused to cooperate with either the Attorney General or the Corporation Commission, they were threatened. Marshall was even offered the chance to have all of his criminal charges dropped if he would merely agree to sell his land. Marshall refused and took his case to trial.

To call Marshall Ott's trial "fair" would take more than a lengthy stretch and rewriting of the Constitution. Numerous errors exist to include the denial of reasonable bail, improper introduction of false testimony, ineffective assistance of counsel and a clearly excessive sentence imposed by the court. The Arizona Board of Executive Clemency agreed and in 1995 recommended to then Governor Fife Symington, that he be given time served and released. The Governor denied the Board's request and despite the former Governor's tough stance on "crime", Symington garnered enough sympathy for himself to seek a pardon from President Clinton for his own felony conviction.

In the end, the government of Arizona, to include Bob Corbin, got what they sought, control of the property containing the Lost Dutchman mine. The state used malicious and vindictive prosecution to obtain their reward and clearly has no intentions of ever setting this matter straight. Marshall Ott has sat behind bars for over ten years for crimes he simply did not commit. The Clemency Board has recently (02/22/01) denied his release despite Marshall's parole eligibility, inconsistent with it's 1995 ruling, claiming he's "in denial."

This letter was written by an informed advocate friend who hopes that media coverage of this amazing discovery will help the truth surface and will restore the good name of Marshall Ott. Arizona has along history of those elected to public office abusing the power bestowed upon them by the people. It should come as no surprise that they would do so in an attempt to control a piece of property that could conceivably be worth many many billions of dollars.

Marshall is available to answer any questions or inquiries regarding this case and can back up his assertions with both fact and evidence. Marshall continues to actively seek an organization that will conduct a thorough investigation into this matter and expose the great injustices that have been forced upon him. Any assistance you may provide would be greatly appreciated.

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