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How Bigger companies ran by men, take advantage of smaller companies ran by women.

(CNN) 2017 has been a turbulent and trying year for women.

Beginning with the inauguration of Donald Trump, the year saw an escalation of the Republican Party's attacks on women, including efforts to defund Planned Parenthood, undermine women's legal rights and slash essential benefits for women in the business field. The year 2018 has shed light on how men have tried to manipulate women and dominate the business industry.

Bad Business Deals concerning the West Oakland Community

Businessman Jabari Herbert, formerly affiliated with The West Oakland Development Group, and another group called DCSI, has been known for their shaky business deals between the two. How much more will the city continue to support them by giving Herbert and his associates tax-payers “hard-earned” money, for business deals that go south?

In 2017, two mothers of the West Oakland community decided to get together and use the legalization of the “Cannabis Industry to create jobs and help with the homelessness crisis in the Bay Area. In good faith, the women were introduced to Jabari Herbert by Jumoke Hinton, who is an (Oakland Unified School Board Member) in hopes of Mr. Herbert making an investment with Top Flight (the Cannabis Delivery service that the two women designed) to aid in creating jobs, homelessness assistance, job readiness programs, and sponsoring lower income families. The new and upcoming Cannabis business: Top Flight Herbal Relief, “did not anticipate being bamboozled”, says: Cooks, “I thought he was a stand up guy, because he came to me highly recommended by, Jumoke Hinton, which I inturn, met her through one of the Oakland Mayor’s staff, David Silva!”

Cooks and Lawrence: “All we wanted to do was give our neighborhood an opportunity to grow”

Believe it or not, Jabari Herbert has a long history of making bad business deals under fictitious names, with suspended licenses. Since 2017, lawsuits and misfortune seem to follow Mr. Herbert, and his associates. A news article published by Lynda Carson in April 2017, set the record straight, by exposing these real estate bullies and scammers. The headline reads: “Displaced tenants of fatal fire damaged 2551 San Pablo apartments to file lawsuit”. The tragic fire comes on the heels of the Oakland Ghost Ship fire which killed 36 people late last year, and these fires in buildings with hazardous conditions and slum-like conditions raise questions about housing standards and safety in residential buildings in Oakland and throughout the Bay Area. Three nonprofit organizations allegedly managed the building...
Our Vision

"While most people in the Cannabis Industry is only out to make a profit, our mission is to create jobs, assist with the homeless crisis, and help displaced children affected by homelessness.

(KCBS) — Despite years of trying to end homelessness, the number of homeless children in California, and the Bay Area, is at an all-time high. California has 20 percent of the nation’s homeless kids. More than a quarter million of them go to school even though they don’t have a permanent place to live.

On June 29, 2018, Jabari Herbert is shown signing an agreement with Top Flight Herbal Relief for “finder’s fee”... followed by CANCELLING a check for payment!

Operating under Suspended License

Among the three nonprofits that were operating at 2551 San Pablo, Jabari Herbert is listed as the agent for service of process with the Secretary of State for House of Change. Records reveal that House of Change has a suspended license,

and records reveal that Jabari Herbert was listed as the secretary for the alleged nonprofit organization.

Alleged nonprofit organization, because there are not any public records available that can confirm that House of Change ever had a nonprofit status. Jabari Herbert also has a website for a company called the Herbert Enterprise Group, LLC. A search of other records fail to turn up a real estate license or a contractors license for Jabari Herbert, and it appears that despite the hype of the website for the consortium called Herbert Enterprise Group, LLC, that the consortium is dysfunctional, or may have dissolved. Based on information and a recent article in the East Bay Express, it also appears that Jabari Herbert has become a front for slumlord Keith Kim and his brother Hahn Kim, and their company called the West Oakland Development Group, LLC, in a $4.2 million shady land deal involving the City of Oakland, and developer Patrick Kennedy of Panoramic Interests in a project to build micro-apartments in West Oakland.

Doing the right thing >>>

Starting with the Community

Cooks and Lawrence are natives of the West Oakland community, LGBTQ community, NAACP members, President/Vice President of “The New West Oakland Movement nonprofit organization, as well as being honor-roll students/graduates of Chabot college, who are now attending Stanislaus State University.

Despite the many challenges and struggles that West Oakland natives face, Cooks and Lawrence are still able to bring comfort and a smile to those in their neighborhood. Catering to the needs of the disadvantaged, these “female entrepreneurs”, on limited budgets have been able to provide meals, clothing, volunteering jobs, and shelter. Shown here on the right: are community outreach activities, which includes giving a birthday party for a mother, Sheila Coleman who lost both of her children. Her daughter died from receiving “tainted” blood via blood transfusion at the age of 16, and her son lost his life, due to senseless violence in the Oakland streets at the age of 18. Though, Ms. Coleman is heartbroken, she says: “This is the happiest day of my life, thank you for showing me that there is still people with a heart!”

Dedra Cooks and MeSwayla Lawrence
Owner/Co-Owner of Top Flight Herbal Relief

Real Estate Scheme

Going into business deals with no intention of committing
Finding An Agent That’s Right For You

In photo: Larry Farmer (Lanski), MeSwayla Lawrence, Uncle Pat, and Dedra Cooks form new partnership for community outreach for Oakland, CA.

Larry Farmer, a former basketball player, and a native from Topeka, Kansas, sparked interest in Top Flight Herbal Relief for their community outreach efforts. Both entities, have a passion of making a difference in their communities. Larry Farmer’s heart went out to the women, when he seen how businessman, Jabari Herbert tried to manipulate, and sabotage Cooks and Lawrence’s business ventures. Mr. Farmer is a native of Kansas City, Missouri, but has the same mission of: “Creating Change”, and with that alone the team are now working together to make this possible. “Its sad that you can’t get native people within a community to come together and support a “positive” vision that would benefit a nice portion of its own geographic area”, says: Lawrence. Cooks also added: “Thank God, for people like Russell from Alaska, and Larry Farmer from Kansas, that don’t mind jumping right in to add assist to an environment that they see in dire need, while others who are in the position to help, just walks by and turns a “blind eye!” Unlike, Jabari Herbert, who goes out of his way to “swindle” smaller businesses for his own selfish interests and gain, Mr. Farmer is focused-driven to help the many, many homeless children throughout the United States. Even though, the ladies hit a “snag” with a “real estate scammer”, their goals and mission continue to thrive through individuals like themselves, who only want to give their community, the children, and the environment a chance to succeed. “There is always a light at the end of tunnel, and a “pot of gold” at the end of every rainbow!” Believe, and Achieve!

For further information about Larry Farmer and his associates:
http://www.collegencreative.com
http://www.cjonline.com/article/20151126NEWS/311269849
http://www.cjonline.com/article/20111230/NEWS/31230984?template=ampart

For information for Top Flight Herbal Relief:
http://www.topflightherbalrelief.org

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