

# JOSEPH ZIEGLER[‘S FILTER DOCUMENTS] SAY DEREK HINES IS LYING

For years, there have been questions about whether, and if so how, Hunter Biden could ever be prosecuted using evidence from the laptop. As I noted here, David Weiss and Derek Hines revealed how they intend to do that yesterday. The answer is, by engaging in unbelievably dickish sandbagging of the President’s son.

The ploy involved two steps. First, prosecutors provided Hunter digital evidence in October, with warrants *only* for tax crimes. At that point, there was no reason to assess those warrants for suppression, because they did not permit searches for gun crimes.

Then, exactly seven days before the motions deadline in the case, they provided a new warrant, for the first time presenting a warrant covering gun crimes. They now claim that because Abbe Lowell did not move to suppress the laptop by that motions deadline seven days later, he has waived his opportunity.

I’m not saying that this kind of ethically problematic gimmick won’t work, nor am I saying it only happens to privileged white men like Hunter. But it is shocking that that is how they plan to bury legal and forensic problems with evidence from the laptop.

I think it likely Lowell may respond by saying there are a whole bunch of things – such as evidence the FBI conducted analysis long before they obtained the laptop and determined John Paul Mac Isaac had unlawfully accessed it and known forensic reports describing problems with the data – that he should have been provided. I expect Lowell will point to this gimmick and describe that it is proof these men are no longer entitled to the presumption of

regularity, and therefore the gun charges should be reviewed for vindictive prosecution.

Lowell may also point out that evidence Joseph Ziegler made public shows that a key premise behind this gimmick is false.

Part of Hines' gimmick is a claim that investigators could, and – the response suggests – *did*, find evidence pertaining to gun crimes while seeking evidence of Hunter's state of mind *pertaining to the tax crimes*.

The warrant authorized investigators to search for the same violations referenced in the previous paragraph, that is, violations of 26 U.S.C. § 7201, Tax Evasion, 26 U.S.C. § 7203, Willful Failure to File Tax Returns or Pay Taxes, and 26 U.S.C. § 7206(1), False Tax Returns. Relevant to this case, this warrant also authorized investigators to seize "evidence indicating the state of mind of the owner and user of the TARGET MACBOOK PRO and TARGET EXTERNAL HARD DRIVE as it relates to the crimes under investigation." Again, evidence that showed the defendant's addiction to controlled substances indicates "the state of mind of the owner and user of the TARGET MACBOOK PRO and TARGET EXTERNAL HARD DRIVE as it relates" to the to the tax crimes enumerated in the warrant.

Except Joseph Ziegler helpfully told us what he looked for with that very same warrant when he provided the filter term document to Congress. While he included "halliebiden" (meaning a few of these texts might come in), porn, and girl, he did not include drugs, cocaine, crack, or any other drug-related term.

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That is investigators *wouldn't* find most of these communications as part of the tax investigation.

In fact, Garrett Ziegler has identified several that involve Hunter's then still licensed psychiatrist, Keith Ablow, which would have been filtered, and aren't drugs at all.



Marco Polo  
@MarcoPolo501c3

Unsurprisingly, @USAttyWeiss's subordinates made at least one mistake. Time will tell how important the mistake will be.


On page 9 of 10 in Exhibit 1, Wise & Hines submitted a photograph of three lines of a substance, stating that Hunter took the photograph in question & implying, more importantly, that the substances were illegal narcotics and, most importantly, that they belonged to @HunterBiden. None of that is true. It's a picture sent to @HunterBiden from @keithablow on 11/20/2018, confirmed via the iPhone backup file from @HunterBiden's abandoned hard drive.

These unforced errors are going to make it much easier for smear merchants & professional, paid liars such as @attya1977, @emptywheel, et al to throw cold water on everything.


However, we are not disappointed, per se, in @USAttyWeiss & his team because that would imply we believed them to be competent & honorable in the first place.

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During November and December 2018, the defendant took multiple photographs of cocaine, crack cocaine, and drug paraphernalia. ECF 68 at p. 9.



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In my office is of lines of sawdust sent to me by a master carpenter who is a coke addict. I told him that, ultimately, he would have to choose between his art and his drug. He sent me the photo and a message that said, "choice."

20KXP19AKPPY on 2022-06-02, 4:41 AM with Blazing by DigDNA. Database date when 5:10 AM

iTunes Backup (iPhone 11) - Production 1

Again, to be clear, Hines intends to bypass all scrutiny of the laptop with his unethical sandbagging, and he might get away with it.

But in the process, he's making claims refuted by public evidence.