

Editor's Note:

In August 2004 we were in hot pursuit of the Aztec story and able to uncover former employees who were fired for knowing too much about the illegal goings on at Aztec Environmental and Big Wheel Recycling, Bay county firms with U.S. government contracts for deadly asbestos abatement.

Former employees told a story of how Aztec president Jimmy Livingston would reportedly make trips to Honduras and other Central American countries to smuggle illegal aliens into the United States to work for him in the dangerous occupation of asbestos abatement.

Employees told us Mexicans and possibly some Pakistani's with Spanish passports and surnames were forced to work without required protective gear on government contracts in the disposal of asbestos and other toxic wastes. Those who became sick from asbestos inhalation were sent home to die in Mexico without medical treatment. Employees reported that the Pakistani's were the first to quit work and leave for unknown destinations.

Possibly it is this fact that draws us into more questions as to why Homeland Security was the lead agency in the February 2004 raid on Aztec's Panama City offices. Did Livingston import Al-Qaeda operatives illegally?

At the worksites the threat of deportation always looms like a giant bear watching for the disloyal or disgruntled employee. According to our sources Livingston liked to brag that he had the law on his payroll and was immune from prosecution.

We believe our sources who told of Immigration officers tipping off Livingston days in advance of raids to find illegal aliens who were hidden throughout Bay county.

We also believed our sources when they told us the Florida Department of Environmental Protection was on the take and protected the companies corrupt and criminal operations.

These acts tied to a larger criminal conspiracy leading us on a trail of crimes throughout the South East United States, those crimes are murder, drug running, child prostitution, violation of child labor laws, welfare fraud and food contamination, money laundering and the list goes on defying the rule of law.

Linking the refuted Russian Mafia operating locally as Southern Amenity and Coggins Farms in Valdosta, Georgia, we stepped head long into a den of snakes where both federal and state law enforcement officials were ordered to cover-up the criminal activities at the behest of powerful political figures, including the President and his brother Jeb Bush.

Complaints are coming from dedicated federal officers who are loyal to the nation and not the President and his party.

We refuse to name the brave individuals until they publicly step from the shadows, that is our pledge to the countless people who have contributed to this series of stories dealing with an attempt to put the nation and it's people at odds over resurrection of an old and evil system, the "Peonage System".

Like the old Mexican Peon, Americans now face the very real possibility they will become Peons in their own nation. The President and his co-conspirators lay plans to kill the safety net of Social Security and replace it with a system of involuntary financial servitude being shoved down our throats by the overrunning of America with people who have come to take our future, our jobs, our security and divide us into civil rebellion.

My friend Suzie who is now 74 drawing Social Security working at Wal-Mart just to make ends meet, cries at the door of the Winn Dixie, she won't let go of my arm.

John she says. "Please tell them, print the story we don't know what we are going to do or how we will make it. Wal-Mart announced to us they were going to lay us off and bring in Mexicans and Chinese to replace us in the next few months. After my medications I don't have \$100 a month to live on and those damn people come in here, draw my Social Security up, get food stamps, welfare and now my job!" Suzie was on target, as Wal-Mart recently announced appointment of a Mexican National as Chief of U.S. store operations geared toward a new diversified work force.

Others like Suzie are coming forward to sound the alarm bells and we interviewed former Big Wheel - Aztec employee Danny Walker who gives us first hand information .

INSIDER: Tel us when you were employed at Big Wheel – Aztec and what you know about their operations.

Danny Walker: I worked there for tree or four months in 2002.

INSIDER: What did you do there?

Danny Walker: I was a heavy equipment operator. I buried the asbestos.

INSIDER: Did you run the bulldozer?

Danny Walker: Yes, I operated the bulldozer and excavator.

INSIDER: Where did you work exactly? Can you describe the place?

Walker: It was the dump off Steel Mill Road off of West Bay.

INSIDER: Is this the county landfill directly next to Big Wheel?

Walker: Yes

INSIDER: When you worked there, did they have no trespassing signs on the property?

Walker: Yes, Sir.

INSIDER: Tell me about the gates and at which locations were they?

Walker: Southbound had two gates and west northbound had a gate. There were the two gates that I remember.

INSIDER: While working at Aztec, what were your work duties and position?

Walker: I co-ordinated where the loads were dumped and dug holes with the excavator. I used the bulldozer to push the oil drums with asbestos off into a hole.

INSIDER: You say you pushed oil drums, where did the oil drums come from?

Walker: They were bringing them in from Pensacola, Tallahassee, and Crestview. Everything was mixed with asbestos when it would come in.

There was more quantity of asbestos than oil drums when it would come in. When I first started working with them, nobody told me about the asbestos.

They just told me to bury everything that came in and I did as I was told.

One day I was out there punching a hole and we were running out of room...Gulf Asphalt owns the dirt that is out there and they didn't want their dirt messed with. Jimmy Livingston wanted me to dig as deep as I could dig. I went down about 30 or 35 feet deep, I was bringing up oil drums that were already busted. Well, some I busted because I didn't know that they were in the ground.

INSIDER: Were these oil drums there before?

WALKER: Yes Sir. They'd been there for a while. Some had rusted up pretty good.

INSIDER: Do you think the previous owners of the landfill buried the oil too?

Walker: I doubt it because it was the same drums that Jimmy was shipping in to the landfill. There was nothing different about them; they were all black 5-gallon drums.

INSIDER: What was written on these drums?

Walker: Nothing.

INSIDER: Were they plastic?

Walker: No, they were metal

INSIDER: Did anyone say where the drums were coming from?

Walker: No, Sir. They would come in with the loads and I would sign off on them. And like I said, they were coming out of St. Joe, Crestview, Tallahassee and Pensacola.

INSIDER: Were the drums sealed well?

Walker: Pretty much. Every now and then when I removed them from the truck, a lid would come off.

INSIDER: What kind of truck were they brought in on?

Walker: Roll- Back.

INSIDER: When they came in would they be mixed with anything?

Walker: They would be mixed up with asbestos.

INSIDER: Mixed in with torn up asbestos?

Walker: Yes, Sir.

INSIDER: Did you see anything with a hazardous waste symbol on it?

Walker: Now that I recall. Now there was a shipment that came in that had hazardous waste on it, but it was also marked non-friable. But I believe that was only one load that came in like that. Everything else said non-friable.

INSIDER: What was being brought in more, the drums or the asbestos?

Walker: Asbestos

INSIDER: The drums were what percentage of the shipments?

Walker: Maybe two to five percent.

INSIDER: How many drums would they bring in to unload?

Walker: Well it varied. Sometimes you might have ten or fifteen and other times it would be only five or six. I would say from five to twenty drums a day.

INSIDER: Whenever you pushed these drums down into the holes that you dug, you ran over them with your bulldozer. Is that correct?

Walker: No. I didn't run over them. I just pushed them in the hole with the dozer blade. It was the asbestos that was coming underneath the blade and as the bags of asbestos would burst open and it would come all inside the cabin and burst open and the asbestos became airborne.

INSIDER: Would the drums burst?

Walker: Sometimes when they hit the hole. Every once and awhile you would have one to burst.

INSIDER: Tell us where we would go if we wanted to dig this up?

Walker: I would say if you would go through the Southeast gate...

INSIDER: Do you mean down the dirt road you would go through that gate, like you're going behind Bay County landfill?

INSIDER: I am going to show you a map of the area, now show me where you're talking about.

Walker: If you go in the gate about 500 yards...just a rough estimate...go north.... about a thousand yards...if I was out there I could show you.

INSIDER: There is a big pit right here. So, what they have done, they have stacked it up real big with dead trees and everything to make it impossible to move it. Did anything else come in there?

Walker: Yes, construction debris that they would haul that included tires and batteries, but we would separate them and put them in dumpsters. Everything else was pretty much legal to come in except the asbestos. But they would average 5 to 10 loads a day of asbestos.

INSIDER: How often would they come in?

Walker: Once or twice a week. They were all big wheel drivers driving the roll-offs.

INSIDER: Tell me about the toxic waste. What do you know about this and were they trying to get into the tanker business?

Walker: Yes, I believe they were trying to get into the Port-A-Potty business. But they were getting oil from the base, pumping some kind of oil from the base. They would suck the oil out. The government was storing it in the ground and Aztec would pump it out and dispose of it.

INSIDER: Do you think that maybe the oil came from a government facility?

Walker: I doubt it. Because, I remember when they were completing the demolition of the St. Joe paper mill. A lot of the drums were coming in from over there. That place I do know for sure. I don't know what they were tearing down in Crestview, but two or three loads were coming in from there.

INSIDER: Was it the same kind of material?

Walker: Yes Sir.

INSIDER: Did any of it smell like kerosene?

Walker: Yes Sir.

INSIDER: Did you see it when it busted open, did it have metal in it?

Walker: No Sir.

Insider: Did they have any markings at all? Were they white or black?

Walker: The drums were black with no markings.

INSIDER: So they wanted to get in the tanker business. Did they tell you this?

Walker: No, but there were rumors. The new man that Jimmy hired, I can't think of his name. But he came in and told me that there was a leak from within and when they found that leak I could have my job back. I know that somebody signed a piece of paper stating that I was the leak, but I never said anything to anybody.

INSIDER: A leak to whom?

Walker: They just said there was a leak and they going to find out who was talking and they laid off four or five of us.

INSIDER: What do you mean by leak?

Walker: Apparently, somebody knew too much. With all the stuff I was digging up, my boss just told me to keep my mouth shut. When I asked for protective gear, such as goggles or a mask, they told me to keep my mouth shut. Now, they claim they never told me to move it with a dozer, but that's how they showed us and that's what I did. Jimmy told my boss to tell me that if I could not do my job without complaining and worrying about what's in the air, that I should find somewhere else to work. And the following Monday morning, I was out of a job.

INSIDER: Did you talk with the DEP?

Walker: Yes, I did. I called and spoke with someone in the Tallahassee office. When I mentioned the name Aztec Environmental, they acted like they didn't care.

INSIDER: What did you tell them?

Walker: I told them what was in the ground. I told them about the drums and about the asbestos and how it became airborne. I told them about the two big bags of asbestos that blew out of the truck and I buried them. The bags should have been sealed up, but they weren't.

INSIDER: So you were terminated for being a whistleblower.

Walker: Yes, Sir. Well, no because I didn't talk until I was terminated. When I got home the more I thought about it and what I should do. Then when I when went to work Monday, I was terminated. So yes, I got terminated because I blew the whistle.

INSIDER: So you blew the whistle and what happened?

Walker: Nothing. I received this info from the Dep't of Labor

INSIDER: And the Department of Labor said they cleared them right?

Walker: They said they would get back with me and they never did?

INSIDER: Did you give them a phone number?

Walker: Yes. I gave them my home and cell phone number.

INSIDER: What about all these bogus certificates that were issued to you indicating that you attended training school?

Walker: Oh, No. Mine was on the wall. The certificates were to show that you were trained to work in the landfill. Most of them were truck drivers and mechanics that didn't have time to work in a landfill. There may have been one or two that were trained to work.

INSIDER: So the certificate said that you were trained to work in the landfill.

Walker: Yea, it also said that you were trained to use the breathing apparatus test.

INSIDER: Did you ever take a breathing apparatus test?

Walker: No, I didn't take the test. And then I noticed it had been removed from the wall.

INSIDER: I wonder who cleaned them off?

Walker: Well, even his wife had one.

INSIDER: How about anybody else who was threatened with their job?

Walker: My supervisor, Tom. I could probably find his phone number for you. There was talk that he was running his mouth. My boss said he was tired of the way things were being done and sooner or later, somebody would make a phone call. About a day or two before I got laid off, they canned him. But I heard he was running his mouth, but I kept my mouth shut until I was laid off.

INSIDER: Who else was running his mouth?

Walker: All the truck drivers knew about it and then there was a big stink.

INSIDER: Tell me more about the suspicious loads that were coming in on the weekend.

Walker: I saw different tracks from my truck tracks after I left the yard I know this because sometime I would take the dozier and smooth the road out. The only track that would be from my four wheel drive Chevrolet. And when I came in Monday morning, the dozier and excavator would be moved. Sometime the gate would be unlocked or it would be left open and there would be tracks going in from a tractor-trailer. You could tell it was loaded because of the ground.

INSIDER: When they brought the tractor-trailers in, what came off the tractor-trailers?

Walker: Most of the time it would be drums or asbestos, but some of the time it would be construction debris.

INSIDER: Did you ever see any bigger drums?

Walker: No, Sir.

INSIDER: Did they bury the stuff all over the property?

Walker: No, Sir. They had designated spots.

INSIDER: If you get in touch with the EPA guy, could you show them where it is on a map?

Walker: Yes, Sir>

INSIDER: Would you be willing to do that?

Walker: Yes, Sir.

INSIDER: I'm not talking about a civil case here; I'm talking about a criminal case.

Walker: Every time I get involved in this, it just blows up in my face.

INSIDER: I think the things you have from OSHA are good. But, I'm not going to promise you. I think the EPA could see through. This is apparently a scam the EPA could see through. They are relying on Debbie Livingston's word that you had asbestos training on how to use the equipment. If you get cancer down the road, you would have a problem. Are you willing to go in front of a Federal judge?

Walker: Yes, Sir.

INSIDER: Are there any other people we can talk to?

Walker: My Brother-In-Law, he worked for them for years.

INSIDER: Tell me about the Mexicans that worked at the landfill. How did he hide them?

Walker: The place was in the yard off of Sherman Hill. He would house them in camper trailers

Livingston