



**UNION COUNTY
WATCHDOG ASSOCIATION**

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The Honorable Christopher Christie
Office of the Governor
PO Box 001
Trenton, NJ 08625

Re: Union County Prosecutor's Office involvement in county government investigations

Dear Governor Christie:

On August 13, 2011 the Union County Prosecutor released a scathing report on the management of the 2010 Union County Musicfest with 28 recommendations but concluding that "there is insufficient evidence which warrants the filing of criminal charges in this matter."

We believe there is indeed insufficient evidence as the management of the county has covered up obvious thefts, including money intended to ease the suffering of cancer patients. Based on circumstantial evidence, it appears that hundreds of thousands of dollars raised on behalf of a cancer charity, Union County Love Hope Strength Foundation (UCLHS), was unaccounted for in 2010 and likely misappropriated by former county manager George Devanney and/or his underlings.

Yet not one county employee has been held responsible for MusicFest 2010. Freeholder Chairwoman Debra Scanlon went on the record by stating the freeholders had nothing to apologize for. Further, the freeholders allowed Devanney to be very much involved with the running of MusicFest 2011, and refuse to answer the public's questions as to what capacity he did that in since he had resigned his position as county manager just prior to the Prosecutor releasing his report. The County Prosecutor and his First Assistant were still publicly socializing with the Devanney family just weeks after they released their Musicfest 2010 report.

Our Mission

The Union County Watchdog Association, Inc. is a nonpartisan, nonprofit 501(c)3 organization working on behalf of residents and taxpayers to monitor Union County government and advocate for the elimination of waste, corruption and incompetence. We believe that good government can only be achieved through a system of checks and balance - a system that includes the watchful eye of the people.

