

July 13, 2005

Chancellor John Wiley
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Dear Chancellor Wiley:

I'm sorry you declined to meet with me when I called to suggest it, so I must write once again to tell you of bad news regarding Professor Webster's Taser experiment.

When Robert Stratbucker was outed as a Taser employee and the conflict-of-interest issue was added to our objections of redundancy and cruelty, UW's consternation was reported by MSNBC News (<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/7842957/>): "Eric Sandgren, a UW-Madison professor who leads a committee overseeing animal research, had previously defended the study but said he was troubled by the revelations. He said removing Stratbucker was appropriate."

Again, we must haul Taser's intimate involvement in this experiment into the limelight, this time in the person of Wayne McDaniel. Like Stratbucker, McDaniel also appears as a consultant in Professor Webster's experiment—an experiment that was touted as being independent of Taser. (Indeed, it is unfortunate for UW that Webster allowed this misconception to persist.) Wayne McDaniel is a paid consultant and primary researcher on Taser International experiments; and again, the conflict of interest cannot be clearer:

- McDaniel has worked hand-in-glove with Stratbucker since at least 1999, when they began Taserizing animals. (A)
- McDaniel has coauthored numerous articles with Stratbucker, concluding, unsurprisingly, that Tasers are safe (posted on the Taser Web site). (B)
- McDaniel and Stratbucker collaborated again in a U.S. Navy/Taser-funded experiment, the results of which are published in a PACE article that was referred to in Taser Vice President Max Nerheim's deposition in a personal-injury lawsuit. (C)
- McDaniel and Stratbucker sent the manuscript of the PACE article to Webster for his input before it went to press. (D)
- McDaniel and Taser CEO Rick Smith worked together to develop the protocols for the PACE experiment, and McDaniel was the lead researcher for two of the three safety studies commissioned by Taser International. (E)

You may be interested to know that PETA has asked the U.S. Department of Agriculture for an investigation into the circumstances and legality of



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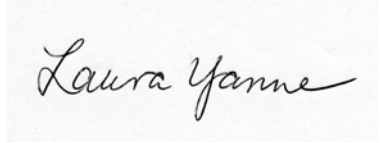
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McDaniel's involvement concerning an incident where a bovine was shocked (<http://www.taser.com/law/videos04.htm>). (F)

We are asking, once again, that you withdraw your university's participation from this experiment, which is certainly not enhancing the reputation of your institution or advancing a body of knowledge. Dr. Sandgren said, "One of the strengths of this experiment was that it was distanced from Taser," but it becomes ever weaker upon closer scrutiny. He admitted that you "have to address that as a university."

If you fail to act, you are failing to address this as a university, and Sandgren's stated intent is simply more lip service. Removing Wayne McDaniel would be appropriate, and halting this tainted experiment, even at this late stage, might just salvage a vestige of honor for your university.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Yanne". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored, slightly textured background.

Laura Yanne
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Enclosures: A-F