

URGENT BRIEFING FROM AMAZON WHISTLEBLOWER

FOUR FEDERAL LAWSUITS FILED IN SEATTLE — EXPOSING SYSTEMIC FRAUD & RACKETEERING

ENCLOSED AND TO BE FILED SHORTLY: THE FINAL AND MOST CONSEQUENTIAL CASE

Amazon.com is operating a de facto criminal enterprise — a cartel disguised as a platform — engineered to carry out felony theft under the guise of automated enforcement.

Amazon sits atop millions of legitimate businesses like a privatized regime—silently extracting cash, inventory, and intellectual property, cloaked in policies and legalese designed to evade scrutiny. Sellers are told, via one-sided contracts, that they've forfeited their right to challenge this theft in court. But they haven't. Not under the law.

These five lawsuits with attached Amazon exhibits expose Amazon for:

- Systematic Seizure of Private Funds Without Trial or Even Internal Hearing
- Strategic Blacklisting, Surveillance, and Asset Theft of Millions of Small Businesses
- Fabrication of Vague Internal Policy Violations to Justify Theft and Seizures
- Reassigning Legally Owned Trademarks to Amazon-Controlled Shell Brands
- Racketeering, Fraud, and IP Laundering Under Color of Platform Enforcement
- Intellectual property trafficking, inventory trafficking, proprietary information trafficking

Amazon seizes private business funds it has no claim to—in clear violation of theft statutes — without trial or even an internal Amazon hearing. When caught, it claims to be a victim of automation. But, in reality, it is intentionally and covertly operating a dragnet designed to strip businesses of their cash, inventory, registered intellectual property, and supplier relationships.

This isn't enforcement. It's extraction.

When Amazon wants to show higher profits for a quarter, it raids seller accounts en masse. Inventory is liquidated. Balances are kept. Brands owned by individuals and small businesses are stolen and rebranded as Amazon's property. Amazon's blacklisting and seizure operations are often timed to its quarterly earnings calls, artificially inflating its financials by illegally retaining cash that belongs to others. These tactics prop up an overvalued stock price built not on innovation, but on asset forfeiture of the actual innovators.

Amazon has built a private regime, presiding over millions of sellers, enforcing its own policies without oversight, court access, or consequence.

Amazon has privatized the justice system—and then erased the right to be heard. Not even within its own ecosystem are sellers granted a hearing, a question, or a ruling. Amazon doesn't seek truth. It doesn't investigate. It doesn't care. Especially not when invoking its infamous "multiple accounts" excuse—a catch-all justification for instant deactivation, blacklisting, and asset forfeiture. It's not about policy. It's about taking the cash.

In Amazon's system, everyone is already blacklisted and pending deactivation. Amazon lurks in wait for the ideal moment to harvest the victim's work, and then take the victim's business, trademarks, money, inventory, trade secrets, and proprietary information. What is the victim going to do, sue a 2 trillion-dollar corporation in a 5-year federal lawsuit and give 2 million to a law firm? Of course not. They're going to walk away and let Amazon keep the stolen property.

I inherited a retail business from my late father, whom I consider the greatest man who ever lived and miss more than the world. Amazon seized that operation based on their infamous "association" allegation—being connected to someone connected to someone who had once used Amazon.

Nearly every modern retail business has some linkage to Amazon — even those who primarily sell on Etsy, Shopify, or in-store. Amazon's policies make it impossible to run more than one business without risking blacklisting. If you're "associated" — even by IP address, ZIP code, or surname — Amazon can seize your accounts. Not just suspend them, but take your cash, cancel your trademarks, and fold your IP into its own platform. No warning. No appeal. No oversight.

Every allegation in these lawsuits is grounded in Amazon's own internal records and supporting exhibits—much of which is already submitted or attached to the five federal cases I've filed or am preparing to file.

If Amazon's actions aren't stopped, we're not just facing corporate overreach. We're staring down a private regime with more power than Congress, more control than the federal government, and no real legitimacy in its internal operations.

My story began over a decade ago...

My story began over a decade ago. My partners and I helped fuel Amazon's explosive growth—launching #1-ranked products, defining entire categories, and building bestsellers that helped turn Amazon from an \$80 billion company into a \$2.3 trillion empire. Then, without warning and despite a spotless performance record in Amazon's own dashboard, they shut down my 12-year-old account. No violations. No hearing. No explanation.

They claimed my Rhode Island corporation, Central Concepts, Inc., was “related” to an Arizona company I'd never been part of. They kept all the funds owed, left me with millions in unpayable debts, and sat on \$1 million in inventory still stored in their fulfillment centers. And years later, the official reason for permanent fund confiscation? That I had “failed to disassociate” from a company I was never associated with in the first place.

They also replaced my trademarked brands with Amazon-controlled shells. For example, my Point brand of nosebleed plugs was overwritten by a fake brand called “Ayojoy.” Amazon's own policies prohibit unregistered brands and unauthorized brand changes — yet they force both routinely. They ignore correction requests, even by certified mail to their legal department. And they know which brands are legitimate — they check the USPTO themselves. That's what they do.

This isn't a joke. It's not Frank Herbert's *Dune*. It's happening right now globally. An entire industry now exists just to help sellers recover accounts that were wrongfully taken.

This story must be told. And I urge you to publish it.

And I thank you in advance.

The materials are enclosed, and you have my full permission to investigate, report, and share.

Please reach out to me directly for any questions or clarifications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ben Ligeri', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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