

Alexander Kashin vs. the US Government

By Mark Grueter

For those not familiar with the case of Alexander Kashin vs. Douglas Barry Kent, let me give you the US Consulate General in Vladivostok, Doug Kent, smashed his SUV into a car carrying 23 year old Kashin was paralyzed from the neck down and will spend the rest of his life in a wheelchair.

Witnesses and police allege that Kent blew three traffic lights leading up to the accident, came out drunk. Kent then fled the scene to a nearby club, Nautilus. The owner of Nautilus confirmed this sometime after the crash, taking down the panties of a stripper with his teeth. The guy's got balls, you have

Once word got out about this, outrage was expressed in the local media, so the United States government removed Kent from Vlad. He left without forking over a penny to Kashin and was re-assigned by the State Department. Kent and the US ignored Kashin's pleas for help in paying medical bills.

Enter John Gallagher, a Philadelphia-based attorney who in 2000 took on Kashin's case pro bono. Gallagher spent over \$200,000 on private investigators just trying to find Kent, who was eventually located at an apartment complex in Arlington, Virginia. Kent was hard to find because he used several false names (in an obvious attempt to elude the hammer of justice). He even had a phony name on the lease of his apartment. They found Kent after he carelessly used his real name at a local dry cleaner. He was served a subpoena and the case of Kashin vs. Kent was filed in US courts.

Gallagher flew to Vlad to investigate the matter and got sworn affidavits from five eye-witnesses indicting Kent. The State Department countered by shifting Kent to a series of overseas assignments ranging from Panama to Liberia, as opposed to, say, firing him. Kent's attorney case, to no avail. By and by, it was determined that Kent was "acting within the scope of employment protected under diplomatic immunity. Of course! And since that's the decision, Kashin is essentially to sue the State Department.

So eight years later while medical bills mount, the paraplegic Alexander Kashin still hasn't received government. Gallagher and his team estimate the total damages at \$10 million. "What shocks me in use of diplomatic immunity the United States wouldn't make provisions for the medical attention we

But I'm not shocked. It sounds pretty typical of the callous, indifferent and evil old US of A I've encountered blatant hypocrisy of the American government, when in 1997 it forced Georgia to remove diplomat woman while drunk driving. The Georgian diplomat was prosecuted in America and spent five years

The Kashin case is an example of why people around the world hate America. We lecture others about seriously those principles ourselves. Most people can figure this out for themselves, but Americans being back in the US is that the place is a communications vacuum. Anything that happens outside of acknowledged by the media or government. Liberals and conservatives are of equal guilt, and what's better. Supposedly progressive New York media and ridiculous websites like The Huffington Post are self-obsessed they are. If a bit of news has no obvious connection to the Democratic Party, you won't see it in the New Yorker that they mispronounce Maria Sharapova's name or that North Korea didn't actually test completely blank, stupid look.

What kind of country shelters and protects a dirtbag like Doug Kent? The kind that kicks the living order to recklessly pursue its own perceived interests, that's what kind -- America. The truth is, they do just about anything they want and get away with it -- because it's all done in the name of freedom outback like Vlad where they can dismiss the locals as savages. We assert moral superiority over the

terrorism" when we obviously have none. The civilized world, to the extent that it exists, is laughin

This past August, the wheelchair-ridden Kashin approached US ambassador to Russia William B. Burns for help. A confused Burns -- who had clearly never heard of the disgusting affair -- promised Kashin the State Department. Does anyone believe that for a second?

Late Note: As of going to print, the FBI raided John Gallagher's office in Philly as part of the mo... How convenient for Kent.