

## Anti-glyphosate activist Carey Gillam ‘collaborated’ with attorney charged in extortion plot

In a [press release](#), the [Department of Justice] said that one of the lead plaintiffs’ attorneys, Timothy Litzenburg, who helped land a [\\$289-million hit job against Monsanto](#) has been arrested for the attempted extortion of \$200 million from another chemical company involved in the production of [the glyphosate-based herbicide] Roundup.

If the company (which the *Wall Street Journal* [identified](#) as Nouryon) did not cough up the money, Litzenburg would send in a “parade of horrors” (i.e., cancer patients) like he did to Monsanto, according to an [affidavit](#). He also [promised](#) a “40 percent stock loss” and a “public relations nightmare.” But if Nouryon complied with his demand, then he would intentionally lose the case ....

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And, as it just so happens, Litzenburg has a buddy in Carey Gillam, a former journalist who .... took a job with the anti-GMO activist organization U.S. Right to Know (USRTK). USRTK, a [corporate front group that is primarily funded by the organic industry](#), routinely smears and spreads disinformation about biotech scientists.

### The Litzenburg-Gillam-USRTK Axis

Gillam has continued her crusade against GMOs by publishing in sympathetic outlets, such as *The Guardian*, which has gotten into the lucrative business of spreading [anti-science and anti-American propaganda](#). In a June 2019 [article](#), Gillam lied about our organization, claiming that we receive “marching orders” from Monsanto.

Lawyer Tim **Litzenburg**, who represents several plaintiffs suing Monsanto over claims Roundup causes cancer, told me that he has traced what he calls a “dark money project” by Monsanto aimed at winning favorable public opinion. The project includes planting helpful news articles in traditional news outlets; discrediting and harassing journalists who refused to parrot the company’s propaganda; and secretly funding front groups to amplify pro-Monsanto messaging across social media platforms.

“We now know they had pet journalists who pushed Monsanto propaganda under the guise of ‘objective reporting,’” **Litzenburg**, a partner with the firm Kincheloe, **Litzenburg** & Pendleton, told me. “At the same time, the chemical company sought to amass dossiers to discredit those journalists who were brave enough to speak out against them.”

According to the internal Monsanto documents **Litzenburg** has received through discovery, pro-Monsanto narratives are disseminated by individuals and groups that promote the work of journalists who follow Monsanto’s desired storylines while seeking to smear and discredit journalists whose work threatens Monsanto.

Gillam's Guardian article citing Litzenburg

As it turns out, Gillam was getting her marching orders from Litzenburg. She even dutifully repeated his deceptions several times in the aforementioned article.

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