

Absurd police intimidation and a confession

I was now renting a non-self-contained room in a large house on the Springweg in Utrecht, directly opposite the conservatory and the headquarters of [Institute of Parapsychology Netherlands](#).



The house had 14 young residents, many of them students and recent graduates.

Like a bolt from the blue, in 2018 the landlord suddenly expressed the false suspicion that I was growing cannabis in the room and threatened with a police raid.

The suspicion was absurd and there was no reason for anything like that in my previous history with the landlord.

Previous history with my landlord

I had good contact with the landlord and I had the impression that the landlord had been happy with my tenancy until then.

I had helped the landlord several times. As an example, when the shopkeepers complained about garbage that was in front of the door during holiday periods in the summer, to which I had not contributed myself, I had someone come for 70 euros to take it away.

I also encouraged my housemates to support the landlord when he was involved in a lawsuit with the Municipality of Utrecht. The landlord responded in 2017 to be grateful with the encouragement.

Hi Jan Jaap,

Thank you for your excellent response.

The landlord had indicated in several emails to the tenants that he had an aversion to 'civil servants'. For example, he once wrote the following:

Yesterday I intended to send an angry email to the municipality, but of course it gets lost anyway..

You have officials and officials... sometimes I loathe.

I am a non-smoker and I was working on an international project for clean air in cities - www.e-scooter.co - which was

very popular at the time. The landlord was aware of the fact that I did not smoke since the start of the lease.

The house was located in the middle of the city in one of the most beautiful areas of the center of Utrecht above an expensive clothing store. The small room could possibly have accommodated ten cannabis plants, which makes the idea of a 'weed plantation' nonsensical.

As far as I know, hardly anyone in the house used or smoked weed. There was never a smell of weed in the house.

Housemates not informed

The house had 14 residents who had good contact with each other, including via a WhatsApp group.

The landlord had not consulted with the housemates. If he had, the suspicion would have been impossible.

After I informed my housemates about the absurd suspicion, the landlord apologized and gave the motive that he had to deal with a major police raid in the past and closure of his company for half a year because of a cannabis plantation on his company.

In my opinion it was a weak apology and I made it known to the landlord that I experienced the suspicion as blackmailing.

I wrote the following response to the landlord:

The suspicion of criminal activities logically worries me. In essence, it is a form of slander. What should the residents think if you just make that official? There was no logical basis for the suspicion.

I accepted the landlord's apology in 2018 although there were doubts about his motive for suspecting me. The threat of a police raid was inexplicable to me.

Confession that it wasn't the landlord

In 2020, the landlord suddenly and without reason confesses that the false suspicion in 2018 had not come from himself but from 'people from the municipality'. He also wrote that he has come to admire me.

The landlord's confession came at an odd time. Until then, as described in the next chapter, the landlord had destroyed my home and contents and had ignored the report of damage against reasonableness. Also, the landlord had behaved absurdly disrespectful.

Personal email of a police chief

Shortly before the confession the landlord had forwarded a personal email from a municipal police chief that seemed to show that the police boss was protecting the landlord.

Jan Jaap, for me you are a special man who is a good tenant in every way.

You know that I once suspected you of having a cannabis plantation in your room, which didn't even come from me, but from people from the municipality.

Slowly I could appreciate your person. That is why I think the current calamities are very annoying.

I responded that I still felt that the responsibility for the false suspicion lay with the landlord.

As for the suspicion of growing cannabis in the room from the municipality, that is nonsensical. There was no reason for you to take such a suspicion serious, so the responsibility for making such an accusation certainly lies with you.

I could not explain why 'people at the municipality' would have raised a false suspicion and threatened a police raid on my small room in the middle of the center of Utrecht.

I was the founder of Ik Hou Van Utrecht with 14,000 readers at the time, which was actively managed by several social media editors and with which many people were happy. Publications regularly had more than 500 likes.

Furthermore, I had no relationship or history with the municipality.

Repetition of the false suspicion while the police chief watches on

Shortly after confessing to the false suspicion, the landlord

makes the same false suspicion again while the municipal police chief watches on. The landlord sent an email with the subject "*appearance of a cannabis plantation*" and again threatened a police raid.

The landlord seemed to want to make something clear with his confession and the repetition of the false suspicion, namely that he was not behind the attack on my house and his disrespectful behavior.

The landlord is an engineer so he must have known what he was doing.

The landlord would behave increasingly absurdly disrespectful and even violent while the police boss watches. Among other things, there was a violent trespass in which both my arms were injured and for which a report was drawn up by the regular police. That violent incident was absurd and seemed unprovoked.

There were more absurdly disrespectful incidents that seemed to increase in severity which was illogical because at the time there was heightened surveillance by a municipal police chief and because the landlord had communicated that he had come to admire me.