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LETTER OF CLARIFICATION

To whom it may concern:

It has come to my attention that there is a rumor spreading regarding the name of and successorship to the National Karate Jiu Jitsu Union (NKJU). This letter shall serve as clarification to set the record straight.

Fact 1: Richard Peter Baillargeon, aka Soke Baillargeon, Soke B., or Mr. B. (1930 - 1989) is the founder of the National Karate Jiu Jitsu Union (1st Director or Kaicho, aka Shodai Kaicho)

Fact 2: Prior to Soke's passing, he named me, Tola Ethridge Lewis, Jr. (1945 - current) as the successor of the National Karate Jiu Jitsu Union. (2nd Director or Kaicho, aka Nidai Kaicho)

NOTE: This is well documented in the 1989 & 1990 NKJU Annual Encyclopedia of Martial Arts, the 1991 NKJU Annual Yearbook, as well as Black Belt magazine, July 1989, page 67, Black Belt magazine, May 1990, Page 87, and Bushi Newsletters dated February 14, 2017, January 1, 2018 and April 11, 2018.

Fact 3: The name or spelling of the National Karate Jiu Jitsu Union, National Karate Jiu Jitsu Union-International, and National Karate Jujitsu Union are synonymous with one another. There is no separation or division.

NOTE: The spelling of Jiu Jitsu was later changed to Jujitsu or Ju Jitsu. The original spelling of Jiu inferred that NKJU's grappling art was of Brazilian origin, which was incorrect. The corrected name of Jujitsu or Ju Jitsu points to our Okinawan roots.

Fact 4: I did not leave or split from the National Karate Jiu Jitsu Union to form the National Karate Jiu Jitsu Union-International. (Refer to Fact 1)

NOTE: The "I" in NKJU-I was created as an extension to NKJU. The governing bodies of some foreign countries will not allow for various home-based clubs, associations, institutions, or organizations to affiliate with a U.S. entity unless it demonstrates from a business perspective that said organization is an international body. Hence NKJU-I was founded for this purpose only.

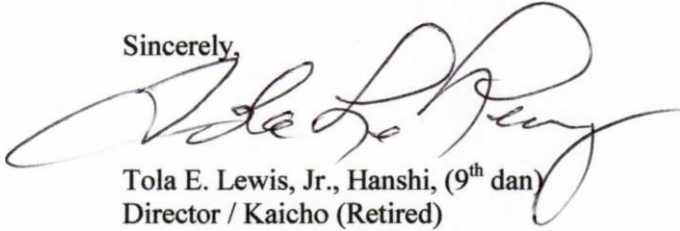
Fact 5: On March 12, 2016 I retired from NKJU/NKJU-1 and verbally named, Steven E. Johnson as the 3rd Director or Kaicho, aka Sandai Kaicho of the National Karate Jiu Jitsu Union. On June 7, 2016 I drafted a letter of confirmation of succession. It has been recorded in the history and lineage of the NKJU.

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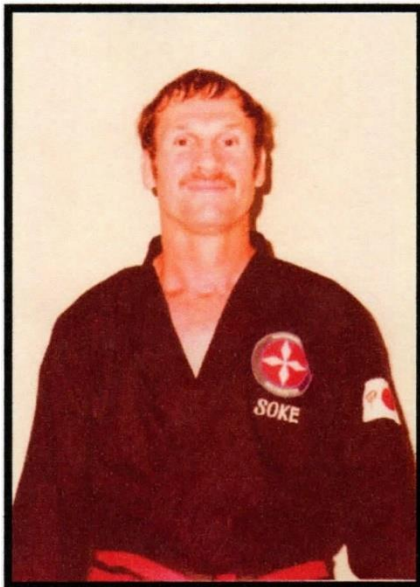
FACT 6: The name of the National Karate Jujitsu, regardless of spelling rightfully belongs to the founder and his successors. Other organizations that may be using the name of NKJU have not been authorized by me, or by my appointed successor to use said name or represent the name of NKJU. Doing so, without permission is considered false representation. One can purchase a name, but one cannot buy the lineage, or the history associated with such a time-honored and beloved organization.

If anyone wishes to dispute any of the above, my contact information is annotated above.

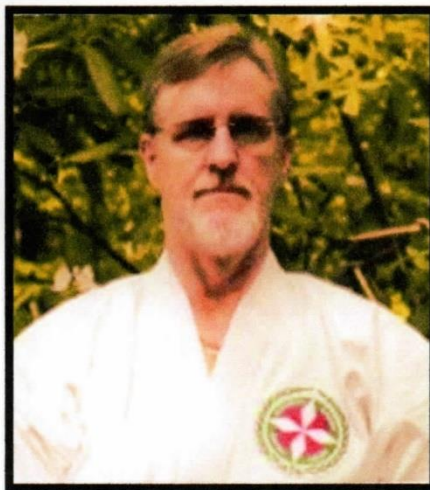
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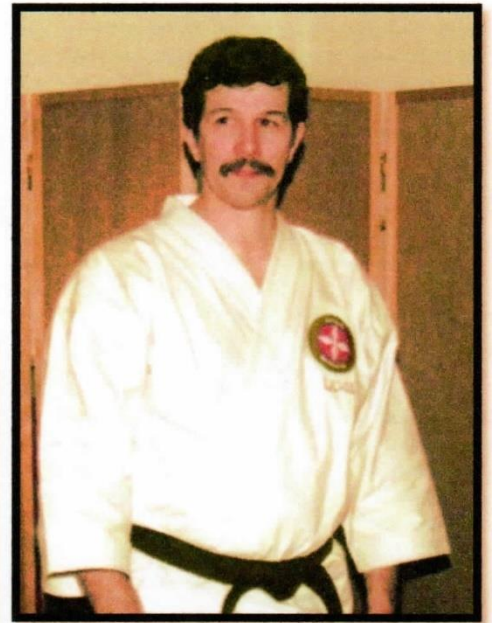
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