

The Riis case: Lawyer demands 27,9 million NOK
Deleted from Wikipedia

Crime: Herman Berge (44) has used Wikipedia as a weapon to get his hands on Amelia Riis's settlement money. Now the Wikipedia users have taken matters into their own hands.

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The article on Wikipedia about the deceased Einar Riis has created a stir among the users of the online dictionary. After a lengthy discussion about the contents of the article, it was deleted with user consent on December 27.

“The article was clearly deceptive” concludes one of the many contributors of Wikipedia. This is an opinion that Amelia Riis and her two children can confirm.

“Herman Berge was accepted in our home for several years. Now he uses private family information and inflates it out of proportion on the Internet. This is like a nightmare for us” says Kenneth Riis, son of Amelia and Einar Riis.

Outrageous declarations

In the article and the attached documents, all signed by Herman Berge himself, undocumented allegations are presented, amongst others that Einar Riis was supposedly murdered. Berge's lawsuit for billions against Nicholas Sarkozy and Prince Albert II of Monaco amongst others, on behalf of the Einar Riis estate, is also described in detail. Amelia Riis, who was left in charge of the unpartitioned inheritance, has distanced herself from Berge's lawsuit. According to Norwegian courts Berge does not have the right to act on behalf of the estate. Since he is not concerned about this, Amelia Riis has also found necessary to create her own website – ameliariis.no – where she warns in Norwegian, English and French against Herman Berge's actions.

Secret Services

Finansavisen has for over a month tried to contact Herman Berge, who announced moving to Luxembourg shortly after Amelia Riis filed a lawsuit against him. Berge has not answered emails, telephone calls or faxes. The 44 year old has commented on the deletion of the Wikipedia article on his personal website, rettsnorge.no. He suggests that it is the Norwegian Secret Services that stand behind the deletion, within a « clandestine operation » against him. One of the Wikipedia users who has considered the article has a different and more reasonable explanation : « The article was clearly published to promote a subjective opinion ».

The articles on Finansavisen are also, according to Berge, part of the alleged « clandestine operation », activated by unloyal employees of the Finance Department to damage him. He will not answer as to why he states he has a claim to almost 40 of Amelia's 55 million NOK settlement funds.

YouTube

In addition to actively using the Wikipedia site, Berge is also very visible on the site YouTube, where readers can download, show and share video clips. Berge has published several dozen videos where he attacks the Riis family and many other people. « We can put up with the offenses if we could be done with this situation soon » says Kenneth Riis. He hopes the two court decisions from Norway can now contribute to the Monaco courts rejecting all claims from Herman Berge.

Berge knows no limits

Annette Roennov is the daughter of deceased Tore Nuland, who sued INTRUM Justitia for billions several years ago, with Herman Berge as a legal representative.

« The Riis family history is from what I understand, scarily similar to my family's history. Herman Berge shows up on the scene as someone who is going to right all the wrongs that were suffered. He suddenly finds himself starting several billion NOK lawsuits and has control over the legal and financial

situation. » says Roennov. « If you were to doubt Herman Berge's strategy, you would find yourself excluded from everything and declared an enemy of the family. My opinion of him is that he knows no limits and I do not have words strong enough to warn against collaborating with him » she concludes.

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[1] - Gone berserk with estate. Finansavisen wrote on Wednesday 12/31/08 about Herman Berge's attempt to get his hands on the lion's share of Amelia Riis' record settlement with the State.

[2] - Lawyer Herman Berge dives into a desperate hunt for creditors to stop Amelia Riis from having access to the money left her by her husband.

[3] - Contested investment: Finansavisen reported yesterday that Amelia Riis has a 2,4 million NOK claim against Herman Berge, following a supposed investment into a research boat.

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[1] - Secret Services: Herman Berge suggests that the Norwegian Secret Services are behind the deletion of his article on Wikipedia. "The article was clearly deceptive" say the Wikipedia users who deleted it.

Background

- Amelia Riis's husband Einar Riis died on May 30, 2006. The majority of the assets from the 55 million NOK settlement with the State were at that time in Monaco, where Einar Riis was resident.
- That same fall lawyer Herman Berge (44) advances a claim of 27.9 million NOK against the estate. Berge had already received more than 10 million NOK from Amelia and Einar Riis.
- Berge also claims that he is the executor of the estate. The 44 year old has thus blocked the assets in Monaco.
- Berge claims he was the architect behind the settlement of 55 million NOK with the State. Earlier Chief of the Justice Department Odd Einar Doerum, who made the decision to settle the case on behalf of the State, denies this statement.
- Amelia Riis now has two valid judgments from Norway where the so-called wills and agreements that Berge bases his claims on, are declared illegitimate.
- Berge does not give up. Last fall he sued amongst others Nicolas Sarkozy and Prince Albert II of Monaco for 1,8 billion NOK on behalf of the estate.

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