

Various broken promises from Val'a Fusco (his email excerpt text in RED)

- On November 20, 2002, Val'a Fusco wrote:

"I have your quickie here with that tracking number because the company that is doing the laser parts is sending me the missing laser parts and I will ship out then." (As of 09-06-03, I have never received these items.)

- July 3rd, 2003

I notified Val'a Fusco that I had received a bill from Airborne Express for a foam shipment that should have been billed to him. On the same day, Val'a Fusco wrote:

"I called airborne today and have taken cared of it" (On September 6th, 2003, I received my 4th copy of this still unpaid bill.)

- On June 20th, 2003, I received my normal bi-weekly salary check from Val'a Fusco, and deposited it in my bank. I also paid some bills immediately, leaving about \$320 in that account. On the following Monday, I received a notice from my bank that a previous check of Val'a Fusco's had bounced. It was sent to his bank 3 times, and was returned each time, stamped "Insufficient Funds", before my bank charged me for it. This meant that I suddenly was broke and \$300 in the hole, since the bank deducted that money (\$600) from my account. Val'a Fusco claimed to know nothing about it, but did correct it on June 24th.

- On July 2nd, the Wednesday before my next Friday payday, Val'a Fusco wrote:

"...most everything is going great other than I have been down for the count due to eating something wrong."

- On July 3rd, 2003, less than 24 hours later, I received this message from Val'a Fusco:

"Your check will not arrive till next week. I'm having to take out a loan just to keep us a float for the next ninety days "

- On July 8th, 2003 Val'a Fusco wrote:

"I have funds that I'm waiting to clear and then I will over night payment to you."

- On July 9th, 2003, I told Val'a Fusco that I would do no more projects for Fusco Aircraft, and that I was suspending work on the final Berkut parts (cowling and mnaual) until I was paid up to date. I reminded him of his many promises already broken, including the fact that he also owed me a kit and some missing parts for another kit, for work I did A YEAR AGO, at that time. Val'a Fusco wrote:

"I will send you a kit that was owed to you and the other canopy in the near future."

and... (July 9th, 2003)

"Mike, I will be releasing you a letter that we no longer will be requiring your services after the berkut project due to the economy and set backs. You of course can use this publicly or keep it for your records. I will have this for you by tomorrow night." (As of 09-06-03, I have never received this, nor has it been posted on the Fusco web site.)

- On July 6th, 2003, Val'a Fusco wrote:

"I was so curious of what the contract amount was that I made a call and had her pull it up. Contract amount is \$13,100 , in this case it won't take long to pay you off."

- On July 10th, 2003, Val'a Fusco wrote:

"I don't have a buyer but looking for one. I think this is for the best interest and your right, I'm not the man for this job and I appreciate you leaning me toward the right direction. I need to be back at my old job!"

- On July 11th, Val'a Fusco wrote:

"I have funds that are waiting to clear my bank, I can't write a check nor take out cash until it clears. It could be possible that I see the funds released late tonight but right now it isn't. My bank holds any out of state check until it clears. It normally would clear then but I don't have funds in the bank that would clear the bank if it didn't clear."

- On July 12th, Val'a Fusco wrote:

"I'm done with the business! I have a company buying me out. "

- On July 14th, Val'a Fusco wrote:

"I don't think you will have to wait for a check to clear because there will not be a check coming. It will be a money order therefore we should have NO delays of waiting for a check to clear."

- On July 17th, Val'a Fusco wrote:

"On this next payment to you it is possible that it will be done by western union and I WILL know this later this evening. I want to avoid this but it's a fast way for you to get cash. I will not be selling out to anyone and will be on my own for a while but will have some serious help with the berkuts. I will be sending you a total of two payments of \$1,200."

and...(July 17th)

"I will be paying you off much sooner than you think and I don't have a buy out and if I did I would be screaming yahoo."

and...(July 17th)

"I don't plan on stopping to pay you at all. I am more worried about getting you some cash of \$1,200 and thinking realistically, nothing wrong with being honest and telling you the truth instead of making you wait more."

• On July 18th, after a VERY direct letter from me regarding all the lies, Val'a Fusco wrote:

*"I'm doing my best to get funds to you. I don't need a break down of dates listed below nor to explain my delays and don't treat me like a child and give me some f***ing respect!!! I do have your funds and your funds are being sent out tomorrow to arrive for Monday! I will have a tracking number for you tomorrow afternoon! It could be Tuesday at the latest before it arrives if I can't get a pick up tomorrow but I do have funds for you!"*

• On July 20th, Val'a Fusco wrote:

"I have one Money Order in the amount of \$600.00 coming to you will arrive Tuesday morning and I will have another one follow late this week or your weekend for another \$600.00 we then should be back to a normal schedule."

• On July 22nd, 2003, Val'a Fusco wrote:

"I'm doing a press release in regards to you no longer being with the company other than the berut project. It was a pleasure working with you and we will settle up extremely soon!"

• (I received the \$1200 in owed back pay, July 23rd, THREE WEEKS later.)

• On July 25th, I made a public announcement on my web site, and on RC Universe, that I would no longer be affiliated with Fusco Aircraft. Even with all the history up to this point, I attempted to create a non-negative posting. In response to that, on July 25th, Val'a Fusco wrote:

"Thank you sir for the kind words..... I appreciate it. In fact we got another return this morning because of the posting but we can't stop that but life will go on and Mike I do care about you as a person and want to see you be a success in everything you do. I think you will like the press release we are doing for you, it's ethical and say's nothing but nice things about you."

•This press release (above) never appeared, and was never sent to me.

• On August 4th, Val'a Fusco sent me a small payment, and wrote:

"Your funds will be arriving on Wednesday morning total \$300.00 - 100.00 for the crate and \$200.00 to get you by until the crate is ready to be shipped and I will then over night the total amount less owed, western union money orders and look forward to moving on as you are."

• On 08-08-03, Val'a Fusco wrote:

"I will have funds ready for you and over night them on Monday and you will have a pick up at the same time as the drop off."

• On 08-11-03, Val'a Fusco wrote:

"Your funds will not arrive till wednesday and there will not be a pick up till that date."

• On 08-14-03, Val'a Fusco wrote:

"I have the funds on the way and were sent from someone else and I will call on this."

• On 08-25-03, Val'a Fusco wrote:

"You will be paid anything that is owed to you before this week is up or sooner."

• On 08-26-03, Val'a Fusco wrote:

"I have your address and this will be forwarded to the law firm that is handling this incident and it will be a check from their law firm."

This was the last contact of any kind I had with Val'a Fusco, or any Fusco representative. As of today (09-06-03) there have been no phone messages, no emails, no regular mail, and no contact of any kind with any attorney on Fusco's behalf. He does not answer his phone, and even his own distributors and customers are unable to contact him. The stated "September 1st" press release on the Fusco web site did not occur, and his web site's last apparent update was on August 19th, when a Berkut photo from an unknown source was added. Val'a Fusco has also left me with the bill (above) for an Airborne Express shipment.

- Mike James