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Happy Holidays from Chariots of Fire!•

Judge Wierengo, Harry Knudsen, Paul Ladas and James Waters: Thank you! Letter to the Editor:

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! For all your articles that appeared in the *Muskegon Chronicle* during election time. Finally, others are coming forward who really have clout in Muskegon County to inform the people here about the vendettas, corruption and lies that prosecutor Tony Tague and his good old boys are really capable of.

The first article, titled "A Message to Muskegon County Voters from two former prosecuting attorneys," appeared in the *Chronicle* on Wednesday, October 27, 2010. It was written by Harry J. Knudsen and Paul M. Ladas. Both men have worked with the court system here in Muskegon County for many years. In their article, they point out how the Muskegon County prosecuting attorney's office launched a campaign against Judge Wierengo. The real intent was to intimidate and dominate the courts by threatening when they do not meet the demands of their office.

The next article, dated Friday, October 29 was entitled, "Election alert to Muskegon County voters," came from three master lawyers with combined legal experience of 150 years. It was written by Paul Ladas, Harry Knudsen and James Waters. All three of these seasoned attorneys clearly point out how one of the prosecutors lied, claiming to have won every armed robbery case that was presented to a jury trial. In fact, he caused a mistrial because of prosecutorial misconduct. Consequently, we, the taxpayers, paid the bill for this five-day jury trial when the prosecutor had to be replaced by another prosecutor for the retrial. (People vs. Blackshire)

Lastly, District Judge Wierengo's letter to the voters appeared in the *Chronicle* on the back page of Section

Wake up, Muskegon County! Letter to the Editor:

Here we go again and again and again! Since last year, I have sat back and watched more and more innocent people who were wrongfully convicted or forced to accept a plea bargain be sent to prison here in Muskegon County. The justice system here is corrupt, and through research, you will come to this conclusion. Unfortunately, all of you who live in the county are in extreme danger of being falsely accused and convicted, especially if you are in one of the following professions: teacher, coach, minister or pastor, day care provider, or involved in children's clubs such as scouting and the YMCA. You face the same danger by being near or left alone with any young stepchildren or young teens.

Here are a few examples of a few people I am aware of who have been wrongfully convicted and who have gone to prison and have had their lives ruined by the prosecution here in Muskegon County. The Cassell Dance Studio gymnastics instructor, the Whitehall teacher and coach, the day care providers and a young man I previously wrote about are all victims. Surely, there are many others that, to this day, have not been made public, so we are not aware of the quiet convictions. In fact, it seems that the cases made public through the media are the people who fight back with hired attorneys and take the case to trial to fight the injustice. Through my extensive research, I have learned that there is another side to these cases. As readers of the *Muskegon Chronicle* and viewers of local television stations, you only hear one side — from the prosecutors.

First of all, do you really believe that the gymnastics coach who coached over 2000 kids for 36 years without one complaint of any sexual abuse is guilty? It does not matter if a jury found him guilty of a lesser charge or not. The jury should have found him not guilty, period. Did you know that jurors are also hand picked by the prosecution? So who's to say one of them is not a golf buddy, a friend of a friend, in a club or organization, or a co-worker of a prosecutor?

Jurors here are somehow manipulated and swayed by this prosecution team to side with them to obtain a unanimous vote. Another interesting point, the prosecution is given the opportunity to give the last statement the jury hears. The prosecution is allowed to say whatever they desire to the jury whether it is true or not. Believe me, they take full advantage of this. Also, because no one has held them accountable, they slander and defame the defendant. Prosecutors are guilty on numerous occasions of misconduct, but receive no repercussions such as prosecutorial misconduct charges. I have sat back and witnessed for myself professionals in their field defamed and made out to be liars while they are under oath on the stand. This has even happened to seasoned defense attorneys who have much more experience than the prosecutor has.

In addition, judges can give harsher sentences with their own biased feelings if they believe something to be true. However, the State Supreme Court recently overturned a 20-year sentence given to a man here in Muskegon County, reducing his sentence to four

B the day before the election, November 1, 2010. In his article titled "Re-elect District Judge Wierengo," he stated he "...fought with the prosecutors' office for 12 years to keep our court independent of their meddling, pressure, and outright intimidation. In addition, he stated that the prosecutor wished to teach him a lesson: "Mess with us and we will run someone against you, and we will come at you with guns blazing and use every tactic we can, from deception and distortion to outright lying about your record and matters of the court."

Wake up, Muskegon County! This is what I have been warning you about for the last year and a half. This prosecutor's office will stoop to any level to win every case, even if it is illegal, for they abuse their power. Hopefully, most of you have read these articles. If not, the articles can be found in the *Muskegon Chronicle* archives. You will clearly see that these respectable seasoned men have stuck their necks out to bring the truth to the public. The prosecutor's office uses blackmail, extortion, downright lies, and intimidation in the court system here. And if you never had the glory of going through their wrath, consider yourself real, real lucky, because someday it surely could be you or a family member. Only in Muskegon County!

Sandie Christiansen
Fruitport
(Sandie Christiansen sent a letter to the *Muskegon Chronicle* containing much of the same information printed above. She sent it by fax, email and registered mail before the election, but the *Chronicle* chose not to print it.)•

years, because the judge's sentence was beyond the guidelines, which was an injustice. We are talking about a 16-year difference of someone living a life behind bars! As taxpayers, we are paying \$35,000 a year for housing that inmate.

Secondly, what really angers me is how these young teenage girls go to the police department and file bogus charges and then downright lie in front of a jury and get away with it. In my opinion, and through my research, this is what happened to two individuals recently. For liability reasons, I can't mention their names or situations.

In fact, another example is the history teacher in Grand Rapids who was found guilty of sexual misconduct by a jury. This story ran on WOOD TV 8 last year. During the trial, the young teen, wearing a skirt barely covering her buttocks, appeared in court. She testified that this veteran history teacher, took pictures up her skirt or dress in the classroom while all the students were present. Do you believe this one? She was failing the class and had just failed another test. She asked the teacher to change her grade, and when he refused, she sought out her revenge. No pictures of her were found on his camera, just the ones from his vacation with his wife that he brought in to show the class. Sadly, this teacher, who is an outstanding citizen, had to mortgage his home and use all of his savings to fight these allegations, which ended in a guilty verdict. The jury believed the young teen's testimony while under oath.

A recent example televised of a teen's lying. The young girl stated that someone had thrown acid in her face. After an investigation, it was found that she threw acid into her own face. In my opinion, most of these vindictive lying young teens have serious mental problems and need professional help. They are vindictive and vicious, seeking out their revenge for the attention they so desperately need.

In my opinion and through my research, this is what has happened right here in Muskegon County. Wake up Muskegon County! I am trying to warn you that this could happen to you, and you're not going to take this seriously until it does happen to you. You need to protect yourself in every way possible.. All of us need to team together and contact our State Representative, the ACLU, the state Attorney General, the governor, and the Justice Department. You may contact me through the *Fruitport Area News*.

Sandie Christiansen
Fruitport

Concord Grapes
By Pete O'Brien

One of the hard things
That I sure did find
Was big bumble bees
In Grandma's grape vine!