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Mr. Allen:

In response to your inquiry, I fulfilled my obligation as State's Attorney adhering to my oath of office and charged Mr. Kristopher Karcher with those counts for which there was ample evidence and which supported a sentence of not less than 20 years. I cannot in any way help explain why the current State's Attorney, Ruth Woolery, would have agreed to a sentence of only five (5) years, when with day for day credit and good time credit and the months awaiting trial, he will be out in less than 1.5 years for repeatedly raping a child. The devastation to that child will last a lifetime. I believe the agreement to the sentence of only 5 years does not comport with the oath of office for a State's Attorney. This was a case that was easily proved and for any sex case could be characterized as a slam dunk. However, during my term of office as State's Attorney I was often aware of facts and circumstances the public was unaware of with regard to other cases that resulted in a decision that the public did not necessarily agree with. I attributed those reactions to the uninformed nature of the scope of the public's knowledge on those matters. However, I do not respond without a full understanding of the facts and charges and underlying evidence.

Mr. Karcher (34yrs old) drove from Shelbyville to Taylorville and picked up a 13 yr old child and repeatedly raped her. He was arrested in his apartment where the police located the minor with the Defendant. That was after several days where the police were looking for the abducted child and news coverage everywhere! Upon his arrival at his apartment in Shelbyville, Karcher immediately raped the child. The child's description is seared into my memory, but not appropriate for me to repeat. Karcher even instructed the child to turn off her cellular phone so the police would not be able to find her. (That showed a guilty mind, and was a great fact for trial). Fortunately, he left his own phone on, and police tracked his phone to his apartment in Shelbyville. He was found with the child in his apartment! There were crimes that were not charged such as his digital penetration of the child in the car in Taylorville, as that act took place in Christian County. There is no doubt that Karcher engaged in the acts charged and there was no legitimate defense to the charges.

I offered **20 years, not a day less!** I made the offer known to Ms. Woolery before I left office giving her a list of cases and offers pending. If the matter proceeded to trial, I believe I could have obtained a sentence of at least 30 years.

During the detention hearing, I proved by CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE Karcher was a child rapist. The court after hearing the evidence stated:

COURT CONSIDERS THE 48-HOUR AFFIDAVIT AS WELL AS THE SEARCH WARRANT APPLICATION IN 2024-MX-1; COURT FINDS THAT **STATE HAS PROVEN BY CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE THAT THE DEFENDANT COMMITTED THE OFFENSES AS CHARGED**; FURTHER, BASED ON THE EVIDENCE, **THE STATE HAS PROVEN THE DEFENDANT POSES BOTH A REAL DANGER TO A SPECIFIED PERSON AND TO THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE**; FURTHER, THE COURT FINDS THAT NO COMBINATION OF CONDITIONS CAN MITIGATE THE REAL AND PRESENT THREAT;

There is no legitimate reason not to take that case to trial for a sentence of only five (5) years with only 12 months of MSR (Mandatory Supervised Release). Perhaps you could redirect your inquiry to Mrs. Woolery as she may be aware of something that developed after May 10, 2024.

Karcher is one of the worst people I had to encounter as the Shelby County State's Attorney.

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