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Hon. Dave Chomiak
Minister of Justice

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Dear Sir;

Before traipsing off to Ottawa in a publicity seeking attempt to promote the fight against Crime , you should first assure that the fight against crime is promoted properly right here in Manitoba. Under the sanction of your government, the appointed prosecutor, Mr. Minuk has completely abdicated his mandate to prosecute. Allowing the Harvey-Zenk case to continue through the courts under the present questionable conditions is a complete travesty of Justice. There is nothing sacred about a court case that has been put forward in contravention of all the rules of conduct and of justice.

The two lawyers involved, Mr. Wolson and Mr. Minuk, (the appointed prosecutor) have succeeded in tying the judges hands by refusing to provide him with any evidence against a renegade cop who through a criminal act killed another human being. It is appalling that these two lawyers, including the one appointed as prosecutor, could simply refuse to provide any information to enable the judge to render an appropriate sentence for this crime. They even had the gall to inform Judge Wyant that this was all the information they were providing and he must sentence accordingly. What kind of a prosecutor is that? Isn't a prosecutor's mandate to prosecute to the full extent of the law? This is either total incompetence or blatant lawlessness.

On July 16th, 2007 when Mr. Minuk remanded the preliminary hearing of Mr. Harvey-Zenk to the following day, he, Mr. Minuk stated that Mr. Harvey-Zenk would be pleading guilty to Dangerous Driving causing Death because the crown had 33 witnesses against him scaled down to 12. Then, when Judge Wyant asked for some evidence and information about Mr. Harvey-Zenk's activities leading up to this crime, Mr Minuk simply refused to provide anything. Is that a prosecutor fulfilling his mandate? It sounds more like suppressing evidence than executing proper prosecution. If, as Minister of Justice, you do not put a stop to this travesty before it concludes in total contravention of all the laws of proper justice, you are condoning these miscarriages and in fact promoting a criminal act that destroyed an innocent life.

Sincerely;
Victoria & Sveinn Sveinson
Parents of Crystal Taman

