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Re: Roger Gunson Testimony

Diana,

Thank you for the opportunity provide my statement regarding the release of Roger Gunson's sealed testimony at this time. I have been actively advocating for the release of this testimony since 2014 and for an investigation into the misconduct in my case for far longer. My request has repeatedly been denied. I've been told that Mr. Polanski must surrender himself to the American authorities in order to have the misconduct in this case investigated. Further, the testimony must remain sealed unless there is an investigation. I believe this answer is disingenuous.

In 2009, the Opinion of the Court of Appeal states in regard to The Fugitive Disentitlement Doctrine, "The doctrine is a blunt weapon, not appropriate in every matter in which a party has fled criminal prosecution." Further, "We all exhort all participants in this extended drama to place the integrity of the criminal justice system above the desire to punish any one individual, whether for his offense or his flight."

In the 45 year history of this case Roger Gunson has been the only person from the DA's office who has treated myself and my family with dignity and respect. That is until now. I have felt that this misconduct has been deliberately concealed and the only interest in my case has been to use it to garner PR value or personal advancement of those who sought involve themselves in it. I hope that even at this late date, your administration will take a fresh look and the truth will finally come to light.

I understand there is no benefit to gained to anyone by releasing this testimony and it may be seen as politically incorrect or an unpopular decision. But I implore you to see that is it the right thing to do.

If these allegations cannot be investigated, if Mr. Polanski will never get the sentence he was promised of time served, the very least that can be done is for Mr. Gunson's testimony to see the light of day. I believe it is in the public interest not to allow the misconduct of the court to remain hidden. I believe as the victim in this case I deserve to know the whole truth.

The lack of resolution of this case has haunted my family for decades, I now await the day when media attention will force me to explain to my granddaughter who is only 6 now, what happened to her Nana all those years ago. The fact that my sealed grand jury testimony was released to journalists, without my even being notified, assures she will find out more than she needs to know and only rubs salt in my wounds. The contempt and callousness of previous administrations towards myself and my family remains fresh in my memory. I had given up hope that anyone would seek the truth in this matter, whatever the testimony contains.

In closing I request in the strongest possible terms that you allow Roger Gunson's testimony to be unsealed. It is the interest of the public and the victim in this case. I ask for the consideration and respect I have been denied until this time. I appreciate deeply the opportunity to make this statement and hope my words have informed and moved you.

Thank you for your kind consideration,

Samantha Geimer