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Honorable Judge Hanshaw
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Honorable Judge Lance Hanshaw:

The Lonoke Police Department has been investigating a multitude of sexual molestation cases where several victims have identified Charles A. Walls III as the perpetrator. This has been a very difficult investigation because Trust and Confidence had to be instilled in victims and families that the judicial system works. These citizens have watched politics in our community and have developed a lack of trust where certain people are concerned.

Some victims that were first interviewed showed support when Charles A. Walls received the first two charges.

The Lonoke Police Department has not received support, guidance, suggestions, or communication from Larry Cook of the Prosecutors Office.

On 9/25/97, Mr. Cook was in my office where he received the lengthy case file. I had some evidence that was to be submitted to the crime laboratory for serology and print analysis. Mr. Cook questioned me as to whether it was wise to send this evidence to the State Crime Laboratory.

On 10/3/97, Larry Cook came to my office and stated that he was only going to pursue three of the charges against Mr. Walls. He did not give any explanation on why he did not seek warrants for two counts of solicitation of Capitol Murder. He stated that he was not going to seek Rape charges on behalf of one Rape victim because he had a gut feeling that he should not because this victim would steal the spotlight. Out of seven requests for Warrants, one victim was eliminated by The Statute of Limitations and the other required more investigation to determine an age group and date of offense.

On 9/25/97, a letter recommending no bond was requested because of the seriousness of the offenses and statements of retaliation from Mr. Walls on those that testified against him in a misdemeanor trial. If he was angry enough to solicit murder on someone that brought misdemeanor charges, what is he going to do to someone bringing serious felony charges.

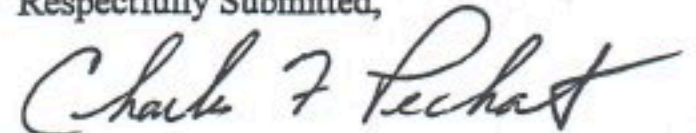
On 10/5/97, Larry Cook discussed this case with two of the families of the victims. He tells one family that I am playing Lawyer and does not know anything about how to conduct an investigation. He tells another family that I am not a good investigator and prepared a poor case file. Both of these families have stated to me that they do not have confidence in Larry Cook or the Prosecutors office. He is playing both sides against the middle where he should have an open line of communication, working toward he prosecution of this case.

On 8/19/97, a letter was sent to Larry Cook requesting certain documents from the Boy Scouts of America. We did not receive all information requested and Larry Cook refuses to furnish me a copy of the subpoena or letter. He said he made a second request for documents not furnished, but he says that I can not have any requesting documentation. This is only one example of lack of cooperation or interest in this case from the Prosecutors office. I will give others upon request.

Judge Hanshaw, I respect the position of Prosecuting Attorney and have worked with Attorneys for 21 years without many problems. I receive phone calls daily from citizens, families, and victims as to why these other charges have not been filed. They have asked that Larry Cook and his office cease from having any further involvement in this case.

It is with the deepest regret that I must agree and respectfully ask that Larry Cook and members of his office be removed form this case and a special prosecutor should be appointed. There is an appearance of conflict including a \$300.00 campaign contribution from Hubert Alexander to Larry Cook when he ran for Prosecuting Attorney.

Thank you for your Consideration
Respectfully Submitted,



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