

# Contempt charge dropped, grievance filed

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The Michigan State Attorney Grievance Commission will investigate the conduct of a Bloomfield Hills attorney who allegedly advised his client to not report for a jail term.

In a related action, Oakland County Circuit Judge Hilda Gage dismissed a contempt of court charge against Stanley Kurzman, attorney for Conale Doa, 24, of Novi.

Doa was convicted of manslaughter in connection with the 1985 traffic death of Beverly Ann Lambert, 10, of West Bloomfield Township in the parking lot at Mulwood Apartments in Farmington Hills. Doa was living in Mulwood at the time. She was supposed to turn herself in to begin a six-month jail term Dec. 1. Her sentence also included five years' probation.

Kurzman ordered his client to lie low and not turn herself in because she recently had given birth, Lippitt charged.

When Doa appeared Dec. 3, Lippitt delayed the start of Doa's jail term to May 1 to give her time to complete bonding with the baby.

APPEARING BEFORE Judge Gage March 4, court administrator Joan Young, representing Oakland County Circuit Court, and Birmingham attorney David DuMouchel, representing Kurzman, agreed to withdraw Lippitt's order for Kurzman to show cause why he should not be held in contempt.

The contempt charge alleged that Kurzman may have been guilty of obstructing justice, fraud, aiding and abetting a fugitive, and deceit, according to Lippitt's court personnel.

Kurzman's formal letter of apology influenced Lippitt's decision to drop the contempt charge.

DuMouchel said Kurzman felt he had authorization from Lippitt to advise Doa not to appear Dec. 1 because she had given birth recently.

"That is why Mr. Kurzman acted as he did, based on what he thought were the facts at the time," DuMouchel said. "However, permission apparently had not been given by Judge Lippitt."

IN Hindsight, there were other ways Kurzman could have handled the matter. That is why he apologized.

"There certainly wasn't any contempt intended or any kind of intentional disrespect or ignoring of a court order. It was simply a misunderstanding," DuMouchel said.

Lippitt felt the letter of apology was "sufficient to feel Mr. Kurzman was aware of some improper conduct on his part and was sorry for it, or was aware that his conduct could have been construed as inappropriate," Young said.

Also influencing Lippitt's decision was his referral of the matter to the Michigan State Attorney Grievance Commission. The commission will determine whether or not Mr. Kurzman's conduct, inside or outside the courtroom, was contemptuous.

Young said.

"It will investigate to determine if there was a violation of the canon of ethics by the attorney," Young said.

"We feel the investigation will be very thorough and that the commission will take appropriate action if any is needed."

A DETERMINATION of misconduct could result in a reprimand. It also could bring suspension or removal of an attorney's license to practice law in Michigan, Young said.

DuMouchel said he understands the positions of both Kurzman and Lippitt. "Mr. Kurzman was trying to represent his client zealously and with a concern for her situation. So was Judge Lippitt trying to handle the matter in the right way."

As for the pending grievance hearing, DuMouchel said, "We'll deal with it when the time comes."

## Teen center volunteers sought

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If you like kids, Farmington Youth Assistance would like to hear from you.

The youth assistance program's Summer Activities Center for teens — scheduled to open in June — is in need of at least four or five volunteers as soon as possible.

"We need volunteers to be co-chairs so we have someone who can help hire a director, co-directors (about three or four) and check on the center," said Andrea Cooley, FYA caseworker.

"Basically, we need people who like kids even though they actually won't be working with kids that much. It would be good if they have training with kids, but it's not necessary."

Volunteers would serve on the summer center committee — a sub-committee of the larger umbrella General Citizens Committee, which operates FYA programs, Cooley said.



Andrea Cooley

IN ITS 10th year, the activities center is designed to "be there for kids, middle school to high school age, so there is something for them to do rather than run around the streets," Cooley said.

The activities center is open for eight weeks. It offers teens a non-structured atmosphere where they can talk with friends, the adult director or college-aged assistant directors.

Farmington-area teens are offered a slice of fun during the long, hot summer months. Activities include basketball, baseball, air hockey, video games, movies, crafts, and pizza and ice cream parties.

The center also offers teens field trips. They include horseback riding, canoe trips, a visit to the Oakland County Wave Action Pool, a picnic at Kensington Metropark and a visit to Boblo Island.

Teens interested in attending the summer center must register and obtain their parents' permission. Activities are free and voluntary. A nominal fee is charged for some of the field trips, Cooley said.

THE GROWING number of teens who attend the center each year testifies to the program's success. Last year, the center reached an all-time high with 83 teens attending.

"The program accomplishes what it set out to do," Cooley said.

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