

NY Times Whistle-Blower in Federal Court Exposing Wide-Scale Abuse & Neglect within Cuomo's Agencies

Overwhelming evidence produced reveals many of the same systemic failures of Willowbrook that allow countless people with disabilities to be harmed or die

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Instead of holding sexual predators and pedophiles accountable, Governor Cuomo is protecting and shielding most from being fired and prosecuted. Gov. Cuomo's actions are similar to the Catholic Church" *Michael Carey - Advocate for people with disabilities and their families* Whistle-Blower, Jeffrey Monsour, who is a voice for the voiceless, cannot be silenced in federal court. State attorney's from the New York State Attorney General's office have and continue to do everything imaginable to try to stop and silence Mr. Monsour further and to squelch the truth and evidence from the jury.

The federal trial started on November 14th in Syracuse, NY at the federal courthouse on the 11th floor in Courtroom #5 and is set to resume today at 9:30 AM. Jeffrey Monsour is an amazing person and advocate for the most vulnerable. Mr. Monsour brought numerous basic safety and major health concerns to Attorney General Cuomo many years ago and to Governor Andrew Cuomo for the last seven years and vital actions to save lives were never taken. Many people with

disabilities have died or have suffered great harm because of basic safety issues ignored by Gov. Cuomo personally and his administration.

Jeffrey Monsour is a famous New York Times Whistle-Blower who was a huge part of exposing major systemic problems happening behind closed doors in the massive award winning NY Times "Abused and Used" investigative reporting series http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/nyregion/abused-and-used-series-page.html. The first report featured Mr. Monsour and how State documents he obtained through Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) requests revealed a pattern of protecting abusers and moving them from group home to group home

<u>http://www.nytimes.com/2011/03/13/nyregion/13homes.html</u>. These horrific practices protected abusers and <u>pedophiles</u> and is almost the exact same game plan used by the Catholic Church that was exposed by the Boston Globe <u>http://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/specials/schaeffer</u>.

You must read these extremely damning news stories to get a scope of the evil and the massive amounts of money involved <u>https://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/04/04/sex-abuse-catholic-church_n_5085414.html</u>

https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/mar/01/catholic-church-sexual-abuse-victims-payout-loannew-york

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Super Lawyer, Robert Sadowski hit a grand slam in his opening statements to the jury, reminding everyone of the horrors of <u>Willowbrook</u> and that this federal court case is about the defenseless and holding abusers accountable. Geraldo Rivera was a young reporter at the time and became famous because of the rampant abuse and neglect of people with disabilities at the infamous Willowbrook State Institution.

Here are some of the extremely powerful opening statements by Robert Sadowski;

"This case is really about the people with disabilities."

"Mr. Monsour became the voice for the voiceless; he took up their cause, to keep them safe from abuse."



Jonathan Carey "Champion for the Disabled" Born September 12,1993 Killed by caregivers on February 15,2007

"Mr. Monsour's life goal is to stand up and speak for the disabled, he is their voice."

"Why would not the State Office of People with Developmental Disabilities laud his efforts to stop the discrimination?"

"Mr. Monsour saw wide-spread problems and in his free time he made FOIL requests that revealed that the State of New York was protecting abusive staff."

"So why isn't Mr. Monsour treated like a hero?"

It was an amazing time in history, everyone in the courtroom knew immediately of the significance of this federal whistle-blower case. Everyone now knows that it is really about the safety and lives and the future of people with autism, down syndrome, cerebral palsy, developmental disabilities and every other type of disability. You could have heard a pin drop in the courtroom; it was that powerful, only to be followed up by the State claiming there was no evidence, which Mr. Sandowski immediately began to prove was untrue. Mr. Sandowski began to lay out the overwhelming case with massive amounts of evidence and documents against the State of New York.

Lawyers for the State from the New York State Attorney General's office go crazy, objecting to almost everything and try to conceal documents, key evidence and silence other voices and witnesses from being seen or heard by the Jury. The State fought hard and tragically was successful to silence another strong voice for the vulnerable from being heard by the jury, Michael Carey, who advocates for the disabled and their families since his son Jonathan was killed in State care in 2007 http://www.nytimes.com/2011/06/06/nyregion/boys-death-highlights-crisis-in-homes-for-disabled.html and https://www.nytimes.com/video/nyregion/10000000849083/a-failure-to-protect.html

One thing is for sure, Mr. Monsour has suffered unbelievable damages over many years of blatant retaliation for being a whistle-blower. Mr. Monsour's doctor explained to the jury the horrific affects of the long term ongoing stress and anxiety Mr. Monsour endured from work because of his whistle-blower activities.

Mr. Monsour should have long ago been promoted, Governor Andrew Cuomo promised it in a 2012 meeting with well known advocate, Michael Carey. State attorney's have done everything possible to keep key evidence out that link Attorney General Cuomo and now Governor Cuomo to the gross negligence, including the fact that Cuomo made sure Mr. Monsour was never promoted, but instead retaliated against. Countless appeals went to Governor Cuomo or his top staff to stop the hostilities against Mr. Monsour and to get him out of the known hostile work environment within OPWDD, every request went ignored.

"Jeffrey Monsour is a hero, he is an amazing person, and he is a strong voice and defender for the voiceless and the defenseless. Mr. Monsour must be rewarded greatly by this jury for his heroic actions for doing everything possible to end discrimination and save the lives of countless vulnerable people for close to two decades." - Michael Carey

There is a Criminal Conspiracy surrounding Governor Cuomo's mental health agencies and the governor's fraudulent Justice Center that is hiding and concealing documents and evidence of sex crimes and many other types of crimes, including homicides, from local police so that criminal investigations in most cases cannot happen. No 911 call, no tape of the reported crime, no police report, no independent medical report, no criminal investigation, then it didn't happen is how New York State is operating under Governor Andrew Cuomo.

Governor Cuomo knows full well about these atrocities, he has protected most of the criminals involved and he has taken no significant actions to stop or prevent any of these sex crimes or criminal cover-ups. Governor Cuomo must be investigated and criminally charged as soon as possible.

No longer can 911 and local police be bypassed. 911 call systems must be immediately called by all mandated reporters regarding all sexual abuse and obviously all other crimes and medical emergencies. Donate to support this vital Civil Rights Movement for the disabled and their families, but also for our country and the world, the maltreatment and unequal treatment of the disabled is an international societal problem that must be addressed now. People with disabilities are equal and just as valuable and precious as anyone else- period. http://jonathancareyfoundation.org/donate/

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