

April 11, 2016

Dear Judge Perry,

Thank you so much for offering me a chance to give written testimony regarding the negotiated consent decree between the Department of Justice and the City of Ferguson. My name is Angelique Ayn Kidd. I am a 43 year old white female. I am a veteran of the United States Army and have two children, one who is currently serving as a MP in the United States Army. My husband and I moved to Ferguson from Texas back in 2004. We used my VA home loan to purchase our first home. We have been active in our community.

I support the Consent Decree. I'd like that you would support it also. More specifically I'd like that you support and find fair Section XIX Accountability A. 2. 363 (page 89) Duty of Candor, and Section II 12. (page 3) where the decree states that if the City of Ferguson "establishes, reorganizes, or contracts" with any other policing agency that they also be bound to the consent decree. There is a true need in the City of Ferguson to have police officers that are truthful.

On November 12, 2015 I was arrested by a Ferguson police officer while I was at my neighbor's house. Her husband had just been hit and killed in the street while

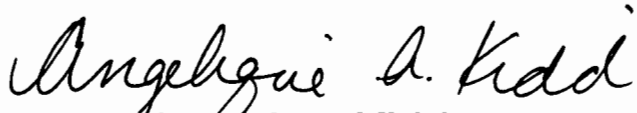
walking his dog. I was charged with failure to comply. It was several days later when I got my police report. The officer that arrested me told many lies on my report. He said that I “became aggressive and continued cussing at me”. I did not. He also said, “Fearing for my safety as well as others” (I’d like to point out here that I am 5’3” and weighed about 120 lbs at the time and was not threatening in anyway). He also said that I resisted arrest. I did not. The most heinous of all lies that this Ferguson police officer put in my report is that, “I observed medics working around the suspect, identified as Kidd, who would not move back as they attempted to render aid.”

Ben was my friend. Because he walked his dog Cody often throughout the day, and because I’m often outside in my yard, we spoke on a daily basis. He was a Vietnam Veteran like my father. He hated gardening.

The lies that this Ferguson police officer wrote about me have been damaging to me. I had applied for a US Census job. I passed the written math/map reading test and two oral interviews. Then the corporate office in Chicago called and said that since I had an open criminal case, that they would have to see a copy of my police report. Needless to say, I could not give them a copy of something so completely full of lies. I did not get the job.

According to the consent decree, Ferguson police officers and all City employees must be truthful at all times. I was raised in a family where honesty was valued, and I have raised my children the same. Police officers carry a lot of weight in our current court system. It now becomes a burden on me to procure legal representation, to go through the court system, and potentially face a jury that won't care how many witnesses saw otherwise, but that if a police officer said it happened then it did.

Please Judge Perry, I ask that you find it fair that all police officers in Ferguson (even if contracted) be honest and bound by their duty of candor.


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