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On September 22, 2011, my sister and her husband were brutally murdered in their Grand Ledge home by Chris Perrien who had a long violent history involving dozens of female and child victims. He also was a prolific thief ranging from old fashioned breaking and entering to fraud. Prosecutor Doug Lloyd promised my family after the murderer was identified that he would stand fast with us through the trials and appeals. He said to expect the process to take 9 years before the perpetrator could exhaust all appeals. Ironically, I have been conducting violence research for the past 20 years and yet nothing prepared me for the excruciating pain and the lack of control my family experienced.

It is hard to imagine that the weeks and months following the homicides were worse than the murders themselves. My poor elderly parents found Mike exsanguinated and staged in the house as a victim of some sick perverse sexual assault and my sister's body posed in the backyard pond with a wheel barrow and cloth covering her corpse with her hair floating to the top of the pond and visible from the back deck. These were the final visions my parents had. Mine are of a bloody crime scene filled with bullet holes and fingerprint dust. The perpetrator was arraigned 3 months to the day after the homicides but the defense's delays pushed the homicide trial back over and over until it was two years after the deaths. We had to live on a roller coaster of anxiety and total loss of control for months. Lloyd continuously explained that if we give the perpetrator every delay he asked for that there would be less of a chance of him winning an appeal. The one shining light during the legal process was Doug Lloyd. Every bump along the way - - he was there. My father regularly stopped into Lloyd's office to ask questions about the process. Lloyd gave comfort to my parents especially during those times when my brothers and I could not be there. Our isolation was tempered by this man who was "on our side". Doug took phone calls, emails, and visits from all of us before and after the murder trial. He kept us informed and showed great compassion. I cannot imagine my parents surviving this process without Lloyd.

When the date of the murder trial finally was arrived, Prosecutor Lloyd was well prepared and dominated the court room. His closing arguments were superb and iron clan until the prosecution rested. While I don't feel one ever gets justice after a loss such as ours, we were able to get closure when the perpetrator was given life without parole and comfort that he would not hurt anybody again outside his prison cell. The minute the murder trial was over, the appeal began. My family had to endure another two years until the killer was given a court date. While appellate court is not under the jurisdiction of the prosecutor and is passed onto another legal team, Prosecutor Lloyd was there. I felt horrible that my parents were going to have to experience the appeal alone because my brothers and I were unable to attend due to work. My mother called me minutes after the appeal was denied. She said that she and my father were flanked by Prosecutor Lloyd and the Assistant Prosecutor. They felt supported and relieved at the outcome and were so appreciative that they did not have to go through the appeal and verdicts alone.



The murders of Terri and Michael weighed heavily on my family and it will have a permanent impact on our lives. We have survived to the other side of the trial and appeal. The trauma and devastation were beyond the pale. I personally cannot vote for Prosecutor Lloyd like my parents and brother will because I am a Connecticut resident. However, I urge the people of Eaton County to think carefully before casting their vote and not to get caught up in politics with Lloyd's challenger. I can only speak from experience. I would hope nothing so horrible will ever happen to another person - - but it will. I promise that if you ever have to wear my shoes, you will want Doug Lloyd to walk that path with you. In all likelihood, my family will have to endure one more appeal to a higher court. I have no doubt Prosecutor Lloyd will be there with us even though it is no longer his jurisdiction or fight. It is personal to him. This loyalty and support cannot be feigned.

I close this letter with a request that Eaton County citizens keep Prosecutor Lloyd. You deserve the commitment, support, and justice he devoted to Terri and Michael Greene.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lori Ann Post', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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