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In re: Stephen Lukach, Case No. 2013 R367

Dear Your Honor:

Kindly consider this as a Victim Impact Statement on behalf of the Clerk of Courts Office. For many years, Mr. Lukach operated a scheme whereby he took taxpayer funds to pay for his personal expenses. Indeed, the Automation Account, which is to be used solely to cover improvements to the Office, was used as his own private piggybank.

Lukach also had a system whereby he took bail monies himself and then went to the bank himself to deposit these monies. There were no checks and balances. The women in my Office actually kept a bail log as they feared that they would be blamed for his improper acts.

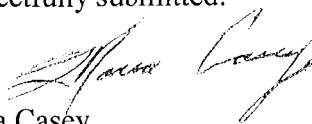
When the women in my Office complained to Administration about Lukach's many improprieties, they were admonished.

Likewise, when the Pennsylvania Auditor General's many reports showed massive red flags regarding Lukach's operations of the Office, these reports were ignored by those in power who received them.

This is part of a larger systemic problem in Schuylkill County where those in power often look the other way when improprieties and crimes are committed.

In closing, we hope that your sentencing today will change this culture of protecting the politically connected and, send a message that it will not be tolerated.

Respectfully submitted:



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