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FreeRyanFerguson Committee

In the decision announced today, Judge Jodie Asel has ruled that then Prosecutor Kevin Crane did not commit two Brady Violations and did not misrepresent in court Shawna Ornt's testimony that Ryan Ferguson and Chuck Erickson were not the two people she saw near Kent Heitholt's body the night of the crime.

Jody Asel should have recused herself from this case.

2.03 Canon 2 of the Missouri Code of Judicial Conduct : "A Judge shall avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety in all of the judge's activities.

A. A judge shall respect and comply with the law and shall act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary."

Judge Asel's husband Don Asel is employed as Director of Marketing Services at Missouri Book Services, where Robert K. Pugh is Chief Executive Officer.

Robert Pugh's daughter Leslie is engaged to marry Kevin Crane.

Judge Asel's judicial duty was to recuse herself from this case

when the appearance of impropriety became evident.

Our family is considering filing an allegation of misconduct against Judge Asel with the Missouri Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline.

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