

WRITTEN/ORAL TESTIMONY LCO 3471 AN ACT CONCERNING POLICE
ACCOUNTABILITY

My name is Tom Curran I have been a Resident and Business Owner in Fairfield County for 50 plus years and I currently reside in Milford

I am a "Justice-Impacted" Individual and a Victim of Police and Prosecutorial Misconduct testifying regarding LCO No 3417 an Act concerning Police Accountability, Specifically Section's 41 Qualified Immunity and Section 23 Prosecutorial Review of Charges

My Grandfather, (my Mother's Father) was a Police Officer his entire life.

I was raised to Respect the Police and All Law Enforcement

That changed in 2012 as a direct result of my experience with a Few Cops and TWO UNSUPERVISED members of the Bpt States Attorney's Office which will be explained.

I Recommend The 3 year Statute of Limitations for Misconduct in Section 41 be Increased from 3 years to at least 7.

Section 23 is supposed to already be happening, but doesn't, anyone that sits through a day of arraignment hearings can see that.

I recommend that the States attorney be required to TURN OVER every Police Report, Warrant and Every Piece of Evidence it Possesses to Every DEFENDANT (not just the Defendants Attorney) Before or on his First Court Date.

I recommend that Ct Practice Book 40-10 thru 40-14 that Limits a Defendants access to information about the Charges against him/her be ABOLISHED entirely

I recommend Legislation be Introduced that Allows for Criminal/Civil Prosecution of any Prosecutor for Misconduct, ie: creating, destroying, withholding evidence.

I recommend that the Laws Regarding the Requirements of the States Attorney's Office to keep and Provide a Brady List be enforced.

I'd like to tell you what qualifies me to make these recommendations.

It's not from watching Law and Order on TV

Its from my THOUSANDS of hours I spent proving my Innocence against False Charges filed against me.

Between August of 2012 and Jan 2014 I had 30 Criminal Complaints filed against me spread out over 6 different Towns

Out of these 30 Complaints 7 Poorly Trained and Supervised Cops got suckered in to arresting me.

Two Poorly Supervised States Attorneys got suckered into Prosecuting me.... City Hall isn't the only Pay to Play game in Bpt is what I quickly learned.

My experiences involve the following

Over 100 Court appearances with and without a Lawyer

47 Days in Jail related to Excessive ALL CASH Bonds

I was Physically pulled out of my house and assaulted by a Stratford Police Officer during a Warrantless arrest..I moved out of Stratford out fear for my Safety.

One of the Prosecutors CREATED a Crime and Charged me in Court so that the Lawyer for one of my Accusers could obtain a Protective Order Against Me.

It took 3 Hearings at the FOI Commission in Hartford with the Stratford Police Dept in 2016.... 4 years after my First arrest that I finally obtained what the States Attorney's Office had all the time and never turned over....proof of my Innocence in 3 of 7 charges against me.

One of my arrests involved a Prosecutor who actually CREATED a Protective Order in the Clerk's Office and Directed a Police Officer to Create a Report/Warrant Charging me with Violating the Order ... he got a Judge to sign it...it took me 4 years to get all the supporting documentation on this including a Statement from the Head of the Protective Order Registry ,Chris Duryea.... saying the Order was Fraudulent.

I now have proof of Innocence in 4 of the 7.

I proceeded to the 2 remaining Police Departments with FOI Complaints and Complaint against the Officers involved.....between meetings I had with the Chiefs of these Departments along with Internal affairs I secured the remaining Documentation that showed my Innocence in the remaining 3 cases AND this was all information the States Attorney's Office had ALL THE TIME and never produced.

One Chief actually gave me an Apology and his PERSONAL CELL PHONE NUMBER to use if I ran into any further problems.

PS...I did most of the Above on my ownNO LAWYER

It took me SEVEN YEARS to acquire what I should have received Immediately.

Since 2012 I have sat in and observed 100's of hours of Arraignment hearings at Both the Bpt. and Milford Courthouses.

I have compiled my own database/library of almost 1000 police reports/warrants that track a case from arrest to disposition.....I can review these cases by Name, Sex, Age, Race, Cop, Charge etc.

This IS Information which the Courts have and it should be made available to the Public so that EQUAL JUSTICE can be administered.

If I was given more time to speak, I would have submitted and walked this Committee through the HUNDREDS of Pages of Police Reports/Court Transcripts and Supporting Documentation for my above Statements.

Additionally.....I would like to be considered as a one of the Justice Impacted Individuals that this Committee this Bill refers to is looking for.

I am also a Justice Impacted Individual with a Physical Disability that is also on the list. I have a Vision Disability which is part of my whole story and has been used against me.

Thank You

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