

Judge James T. Moody

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Do you remember me? I am Matthew Hale's mother? I sat in your court-room as you, Thomas Durkin and David Weisman destroyed my son, his father and me.

You allowed the prosecutor to bring into my sons trial, the Ben Smith crimes which should never have been allowed in. It was obvious to everyone in that court-room, that you hated my son. When your face wasn't twitching or grimacing, you had difficulty staying awake.

I believe you knew that Matthew was not guilty of any crime, you hated him because of his racist opinions. You probably will be happy to know that Matthew's father died of Alheimers in April, 2012. Matthew couldn't attend his fathers funeral. I have only seen Matthew once in the ten years that he has been in solitary confinement and that was through glass.

You allowed David Weisman to tell the jury that the government had evidence that Matthew ordered a member of his church to go out and kill and injure many people. That was the last thing the jury heard from the prosecutor and it was a lie. Durkin did not object and you said nothing!

Facts about this horrible travesty!

1. The jury foreman was a man that worked at Northwestern university with Ricky Byrdsong, a man killed by Ben Smith(the Ben Smith you allowed into Matthew's trial). He should never been allowed to serve on that jury!
2. Matthew was only there for 48 % of the jury selection, the law says he had a right to be there for 100%. No, he never told his attorney that he didn't want to be there for all of the selection. He didn't sign anything saying that he didn't need to be there for the entire selection. Several African-Americans were selected to serve. They knew about Matthew's racist beliefs. The jury was prejudiced and tainted and you knew it.
3. When it came to the sentencing, you made a personal decision to lock him away for as long as you could, 40 years!

No crime was planned and no crime was committed, yet you chose to

destroy Matthew, his father and me. OH! You didn't commit this crime alone, you had Weisman and Durkin working with you. You requested that Matthew be sent to Pekin, Il. where his family could visit him, knowing that could never happen, that he would be sent to Florence, Colorado where he would remain locked in a cage until he is 65 years old. Did you know that when an inmate has a visitor, he is brought to the visiting area in shackles? Blood on their ankles! Security is so tight , shackles are so unnecessary and yet that is what is done to prisoners, the guilty and the innocent ones like Matthew.

I remember sitting there when you gave Matthew 40 years for crimes he never committed. I remember shaking my head back and forth in disbelief. Matthew never told the government mole to kill anyone, the prosecutor never had any evidence of that because it never happened!

Matthew went to law school, past the bar and was refused his law license by people like you! Matthew wanted to create change by legal means, that's why he went to law school! I guess it must be alright for people like you to hate, you seem to live unscathed.

I saw something on TV the other day. A wise person said that a mother is only as happy as her saddest child. I cry every day for Matthew's lose of life. Our justice system is broken and you, Weisman and Durkin are guilty of being a part of it. Shame on the three of you!

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