

### **Statement of Bret Peace, an attorney and a friend of the Condit family:**

In the 2010 trial a metro police detective lied on the stand. The response from Assistant US Attorney Amanda Haines was "sorry, but the Justice Department is not in the business of prosecuting cops."

The Justice Department won't put the corrupt investigators on the stand because its mission is to convict Mr. Guandique, not lead his defense. How many times did assistant police chief Terrance Gainer publicly clear Mr. Guandique? Why did the FBI and metro detectives formally agree to cut the metro police brass out of the investigation? Those are tough questions to answer.

The commonality between the Justice Department and defense is a strategy of avoiding the actual investigation. Defense attorneys - paid by taxpayers - are once again flying around the country interviewing people who know nothing about Mr. Guandique or Ms. Levy. How much money between law enforcement and the public defender's office has been spent chasing a known dead-end? Are US Citizens receiving the same level of funding from the public defender or is this a special case?

Nobody believes that Mr. Condit had anything to do with Ms. Levy's tragic murder. At this point, had he been given the benefit of being charged, he would be the most renowned and deserving client of the Innocence Project. Instead, here we go again with an incredulous third party defense strategy that affords Mr. Condit none of the rights to defend himself that have been afforded to the accused.

The "Condit did it" defense was used in 2010 and here was the outcome: Mr. Guandique was convicted, the cops got a pass, the Justice Department got a win, and the defense attorneys moved on. Why isn't the defense putting the corrupt cops on the stand? If Mr. Guandique is convicted who is held accountable if the better defense is to take on the investigation rather than banking on finding a juror willing to believe a salacious narrative long ago proven false? If Mr. Guandique is not convicted, who will be held accountable for 15 years of incompetence and corruption? We understand that at least 2 US Attorneys are now under investigation in this matter. That's a drop in the bucket.

Nobody has any real incentive to do the hard work. The only people who can lose are Mr. Guandique, Mr. Condit, taxpayers and, most of all, justice for Chandra Levy. Question is whether the press will once again go down the rabbit hole and give the system and the corrupt players behind it a pass."