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There has been a grave miscarriage of justice committed in Logan County, regarding the robbery-murder of Th[...] Manager Arthur Smith. The injustice was not only to George Skatzes, who was wrongly convicted of the murder, but also to the taxpayers of Logan Co.

My name is Dan Stanley + I was serving time at the London Correctional Institution when I was brought to Logan Co. on Nov. 2, 1982 & offered a deal by the Logan Co. Prosecutor's Office in exchange for my testimony of crimes I had committed with James Rogers + George Skatzes. My testimony resulted in the numerous indictments of both.

While housed at the City Jail, I also received ma[...] "off-the-record" gratuities. Although still under a prison sentence for armed robbery, I had virtual freedom. I was give a year's membership to the Buckeye Court Club, was allowed to frequent the downtown bars, + was even allowed to have females spend the night with me at the City Jail. All my needs, (food, clothes, cigarettes, etc.) were paid for by the Ch[...] of Police or the Prosecuting Attorney.

Rogers later made a deal with the prosecution to testify against Skatzes. His testimony put the weight of Art Smith's ' murder on Skatzes. On exchange he received immunity on the other 20-odd counts of his indictment. He also received substantial financial gratuities including his wife's car payments, house payments, utility bills, shoes + clothing for himself, his wife + kids, + numerous other financial aids which still continue today. In addition, policemen from Bellfontaine were sent to Kenton for months to guard his family, at great expense to the taxpayers.

When Rogers gave his statement as to how the murder of Art Smith occurred, many of us doubted the truthfulness of it. When it was suggested that Rogers be given a polygraph to verify his story, it was stated by the prosecution that they couldn't afford to. It seems to me that they couldn't afford not to since they were giving up so much on his word alone.

Rogers + I were in the City Jail together, + one time while he was under the influence of drugs, Rogers told me confidentially that Skatzes was not even there when Art Smith was killed. Since the prosecution refused to listen to anything anyone had to say which might prove negative to their case against Skatzes, I contacted Skatzes' attorney + informed him of what I knew. As a result, I have been transferred to the old County Jail where I am locked up by myself with no privileges.

As for the new jail that the citizens of Logan County seem to be so proud of, there is only one prisoner in it at this time, + that is James Rogers. He has a complete area to himself where he is permitted 3 hour conjugal visits with his wife daily, is the only one permitted to use the new recreation facilities at the jail, + is escorted to Kenton regularly to have dinner with his family by members of the Sheriff's Dept.

And you all thought crime doesn't pay!

I'm not saying that George Skatzes is a poor innocent caught up in the judicial system. He has committed many crimes + I will personally testify to that, but he did not kill Arthur Smith. I have nothing to gain by revealing what I know. In fact I will probably lose a lot by doing so. However, I will

not sit by + let one man do a life sentence for another man's crime simply because of an elected official's political ambitions.

I have been on a hunger strike since June 6, 1983, + I will continue to do so until an investigation by an outside agency is conducted in this matter.

Not only has James Rogers gotten away with the murder-robbery of Art Smith, but he is also getting away with the robbery of the taxpayers of Logan County. Don't you think it's time someone starting asking questions about the misuse of your taxdollars?

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