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Judge Koenig issued the Order of Recusal from case 05-2021-CF-020747 on his own accord, without a request by any party.

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**Subject:** OPEN LETTER - Judicial Bias Within The Kathleen Edwards Prosecution

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Ref: Judge Charlie Crawford's recent assignment / probable judicial bias regarding the Edwards prosecution.

Dear Michelle (others)

Regarding the Kathleen Edwards prosecution - we feel that the recent recusal of Judge Koenig from the case - especially given no particular rationale for the recusal - is suspicious at best - at worst - is probable judicial misconduct / bias.

<http://volusiaexposed.com/brevard/kathleenedwards/kedwardsfiles62022/orderofrecusal.pdf>

As expressed within our June 13, 2022 article - we (VolusiaExposed.Com) have little faith in the over-all veracity of the 18th Judicial Circuit.

<http://volusiaexposed.com/brevard/stateattorney/2022/recksiedler52022.html>

We find it suspicious that Administrative Judge Jennifer Taylor would replace Judge Koenig with Judge Charlie Crawford.

<http://volusiaexposed.com/brevard/kathleenedwards/kedwardsfiles62022/reassignment.pdf>

Additional suspicion attaches - given the timing of the recusal and reassignment. Judge Koenig had recently denied the State's Motion to Strike the defendant's (Edwards) Motion for Dismissal. (see below web links - for court documents)

Defendant's Motion to Dismiss

<http://volusiaexposed.com/brevard/kathleenedwards/kedwardsfiles62022/defmotiontodismiss.pdf>

State's Motion to Strike

<http://volusiaexposed.com/brevard/kathleenedwards/kedwardsfiles62022/statemotioNSTRIKE.pdf>

Judge Koenig's Order Denying State's Motion To Strike

<http://volusiaexposed.com/brevard/kathleenedwards/kedwardsfiles62022/orderdenyingstatemotioNSTRIKE.pdf>

Our concerns surrounding Judge Crawford's probable bias within the Edwards prosecution - is Crawford's past on-the-bench statements regarding another criminal defendant's alleged involvement - with third parties (media organizations) making "derogatory" statements about Sheriff Wayne Ivey, and the over-all court process.

During Dana Loyd's December 19, 2019 probation reduction hearing (see below linked youtube video) - Judge Crawford made some disturbing statements questioning whether Loyd was responsible for the continuing media coverage - and the "derogatory" statements made within that coverage.

[https://youtu.be/1Tbx340e\\_9Y](https://youtu.be/1Tbx340e_9Y)

(particular attention should be given to minutes 8:25 to 12:04)

Supportive Article - see below link

<http://volusiaexposed.com/highprofile/danaloyd12192019.html>

Mrs. Edwards has personally - and publicly made "derogatory" statements regarding Sheriff Ivey, and the Brevard County Sheriff's Office. Further, numerous publications (far beyond those that covered the Loyd prosecution) - including local, state, national and international publications have covered Mr. Edwards' in-custody death - the lawsuits filed by the Edwards family AND the media regarding that death, and Mrs. Edwards' arrest (by the sheriff's office) attached to her infant son's accidental pool drowning.

<http://volusiaexposed.com/brevard/edwards2020/gregoryedwardsnovember2020.html>

<https://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/2020/12/09/ben-crump-files-lawsuits-against-brevard-sheriff-west-melbourne-police-veterans-death-jail-edwards/6506680002/>

<http://volusiaexposed.com/brevard/kathleenedwards/openletter.pdf>

Will Judge Crawford covertly hold Mrs. Edwards accountable for the high level of media coverage that will obviously be attached to her prosecution and trial? Surely - the media coverage will include some "derogatory" statements - or questions - regarding the Court, the State Attorney, and Sheriff Ivey.

We forward the "opinion" - that this particular judicial bias (against journalistic criticism) - heavily influenced Judge Crawford's denial of Loyd's post conviction appeal (3.850).  
<http://volusiaexposed.com/highprofile/danaloyd3850denial42020.html>

Given Judge Crawford's recorded statements from the Loyd probation hearing - coupling that with our earlier concerns regarding Judge Ben Garagozlo's assignment to the Edwards prosecution (see below linked article) - we suspect that the state attorney, with the assistance of the Court is "judge shopping" in order to assist the prosecution, and the sheriff - in a criminal prosecution - whereas, the evidence is lacking against the defendant - but the "derogatory statements and lawsuits" against the sheriff are accurate and strong (Our OPINION).

<http://volusiaexposed.com/brevard/court/2021/fixisingaragozlo72021.html>

We wish to gain some clarity - on whether it was the the State, or the defense that requested Judge Koenig's recusal - and how was Judge Crawford selected to be the replacement.

Any clarity your office (or any of the persons being BCC) can bring to this matter - it will be greatly appreciated.

Regards,

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*"In a time of deceit, telling the truth is a revolutionary act" ~ George Orwell*