

Our Readers Write

Public should demand more accountability from judges and Crown Attorneys

Dear editor:

Re: Keep Karla behind bars

Thank you for having the courage to print this excellent editorial. The public should be continuously reminded that they still have a say in the affairs of our community and country. There is no such thing as a "done deal" where justice and decency are concerned.

Karla Homolka and Paul Bernardo can not be compared with Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker who shot their way to infamy during the 1930s. No indeed, these two planned and

carried out the most fiendish of crimes imaginable, together.

It now looks like only Bernardo will carry the can, and that a slip of a girl has out nerved and out smarted our judicial system. High-powered "legal eagles," career-conscious Crown Attorneys, and a Judge that might well have been off fishing somewhere, allowed all this to happen behind closed doors, away from the view of "common folks."

What has gone wrong in our justice system?

The police force, despite being continually strangled by the cocktail circuit legal experts, make do with their restricted resources and do an amazingly good job.

It appears to me that the problem lies with our Crown Attorneys who look for an easy kill on convictions, or indeed a conviction at any cost regardless of sense and reason. Guy Paul Morin could tell a story about that.

How about the elderly jewelry store owner in Palmerston. A man in his 80's

defends his shop the best way he can against robbers, fires a gun, and he is charged as if he were the criminal.

Or there is the drugstore owner in Eastern Ontario, who after repeated robberies at his store, shoots the tires of the robber's vehicle. After thousands of dollars in defense costs, a sensible judge finally throws out the Crown's "brilliant case" against him!

Finally, the pathetic attempt by the prosecutor of Paul Bernardo to get some mileage out of a case that could have

been handled by any first year law student, with the same result. No jury needs any help in interpreting what they saw on those horrific video tapes.

It is time the public call for an end to secrecy and demand more accountability from judges and the people's representatives in the justice system. These people are the servants of every citizen, but they have forgotten.

A concerned citizen
and taxpayer
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Dressing:
1 cup mayonnaise
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1 tbsp vinegar

Wash broccoli and cut into small florets. In large bowl, combine broccoli, grapes, sunflower seeds, onion and bacon. In small bowl, whisk together dressing ingredients. Just before serving, pour dressing over broccoli mixture and toss well. Makes 4 to 6 servings. Cost: About \$4.00

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