

Letter to the Editor – Cayuga County Edition

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To the Citizens of Cayuga County:

There is an upcoming election and one of the candidates for the District Attorney's office, Jonis Strodes, was interviewed on October 13, 2011 on WAUB radio. The first question Mr. Strodes was asked was what he would do better if he was DA. His response was, "It comes down to prioritization of how you handle cases. Simple DWI's...can take literally years to resolve." He apparently does not want to take the time or spend the money to follow through on simple DWI cases and it appears he doesn't feel that DWI cases should be a number one priority for him.

My name is Lenore Ellis. A drunk driver killed my oldest son, Christopher Spack, who was only 41 years old. DWI cases may not be important to Mr. Strodes, but if someone drove drunk and killed a member of his family, I don't think he would call DWI cases "simple" anymore. Drunk drivers kill and injure innocent people, and every drunk driving case should be taken seriously.

My family had a first-hand experience with Jon Budelman as the District Attorney. He prosecuted the DWI case against the drunk driver who killed my son. That driver is now in prison where he belongs. He will not be on the roads to harm or kill another person.

Losing your child to a drunk driver is a horrific experience and my entire family still suffers the loss of Chris each and every day of our lives. Citizens of Cayuga County, keep Jon Budelman as District Attorney so that he can do what it takes to get drunk drivers off the road and keep your streets safe. Jon Budelman takes drunk driving seriously!

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