

THE SENTENCING OF KELLEY LYNCH

I am grateful, Your Honor, for this opportunity to speak.

I want to thank the Court, in the person of Your Honor, for the cordial, even-handed and elegant manner with which these proceedings have unfolded. It was a privilege and an education to testify in this courtroom.

I want to thank the City Prosecutor, Ms. Sandra Jo Streeter for her unflinching commitment to the case, for her wise, honest and straightforward method of uncovering the truth, and for her life-long devotion to the People's cause.

I want to thank the members of the jury for their patience and their discernment, and for their gracious acceptance of the interruption of their lives. It is much appreciated.

I want to thank the Public Defenders for their restraint in presenting only a portion of the material that they knew was untrue.

I want to thank the Defendant Ms. Kelley Lynch for insisting on a Jury Trial, thus exposing to the light of day her massive depletion of my retirement savings and yearly earnings, and allowing the Court to observe her profoundly unwholesome, obscene and relentless strategies to escape the consequences of her wrongdoing. This eight-year ordeal of harassment of my family, my friends, my associates and myself was designed specifically to avoid or postpone the inevitable day of reckoning with the IRS, the day when she will be bound to account for the taxes she has neglected to pay on the stolen monies that she received and failed to report.

Immediately upon a forensic analysis of the theft by Moss Adams, a highly respected accounting firm, we submitted a theft loss amendment to the IRS, and this was the considered basis for their refund to me, a refund for the taxes that I had paid on the stolen monies that I did not receive.

Ms. Lynch herself, her former tax attorneys (whom she fired), her accountant (who resigned), the IRS, and two courts of law, one in California, the other in Colorado, have long been in possession of these very same and very public forensic reports which the Public Defenders dare to assert we withheld, and offer this fictional withholding as justification for Lynch's daily obscenities, death-threats and menacing fantasies of revenge. Ms. Lynch is in full possession of the forensic analysis. She just doesn't like it, and she has gone to unacceptable lengths to ignore, discredit, threaten and vilify any person who, or institution that has affirmed it.

This is, as Prosecutor Sandra Jo Streeter sharply observed, "nothing but the unraveling of a con."

It gives me no pleasure to see my one-time friend shackled to a chair in a court of law, her considerable gifts bent to the service of darkness, deceit and revenge. I fear that her obsessive commitment to these activities will resume as soon as Ms. Lynch is released, therefore I will be grateful for whatever respite the court will allow my children, my grandchildren, my friends and associates, and myself.

I must confess, Sir, that Ms Lynch's contempt for every court order and every legal restraint that we have obtained in the past, her defiance of the law, and her pledge of unrelenting warfare, do not produce confident feelings of relief or optimism.

Finally, Your Honor, I would like to read into the public record my gratitude to my attorney Ms. Michelle Rice. Without her meticulous attention to a staggering volume of material (thousands of emails, dozens and dozens of vile voice messages), we would not be here today, and the full extent of Ms. Lynch's deliberate cruelties and evasions would not be known. It is through Ms. Rice's pain-staking management of these toxic details through multiple courts, and before eminent judges, that we were able to present the case to the City Prosecutor, Ms. Sandra Jo Streeter, who then so skillfully and steadfastly argued it in the name of justice before this court and this jury.

Your Honor, I am deeply grateful to all who have helped me end this vicious intrusion into my life and the lives of my family, friends and associates, even if it be temporary. I am grateful to the taxpayers who have funded these proceedings, and I am grateful to the LAPD, in the person of Detective Jose Viramontes, who arranged and executed the arrest of the Defendant, and I thank Mr. Steve Stevens for his invaluable consultations.

It is my prayer that Ms. Lynch will take refuge in the wisdom of her religion, that a spirit of understanding will convert her heart from hatred to remorse, from anger to kindness, from the deadly intoxication of revenge to the lowly practices of self-reform.

Many thanks, Your Honor, for this hospitality, and for this opportunity to address the court.

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