

## EDITORIAL



### “VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE” PETITION TO REMOVE GRANT COUNTY STATES ATTORNEY TODD SCHWARZ

February 6, 2015

This petition will be passed around to Grant County citizens over the next few months.

*We, the undersigned, being qualified citizens request that the Grant County Commission terminate the employment contract of the States Attorney Todd Schwarz for the following reason or reasons:*

*1. We, the undersigned citizens of Grant County, North Dakota have signed this petition to express our dissatisfaction with the current States Attorney Todd Schwarz. This petition is an expression of our "Vote Of No Confidence" with Grant County States Attorney Todd Schwarz when it comes to demonstrating honesty, integrity and respect for the citizens of Grant County, North Dakota. Todd Schwarz has chosen to look only at what is best to serve his personal goals and has forgotten that he works for the citizens and not the County Commissioners. We, the citizens of Grant County, North Dakota deserve to be treated with the same courtesy, dignity and respect he expects from us when dealing with county legal issues. He seems oblivious to the fact that the personal needs of the citizens are more important than the needs and desires of the county government officials.*

*2. He is accused of mis-handling the highly notorious criminal cases of Craig Cobb and Kynan Dutton so much from the beginning that it turned into an international humiliation. Under pressure he folded his legal hand and offered plea agreements to both men, as he did not have the courage or the legal mind to take the two men to trial. Furthermore it is alleged he intimidated victims and witnesses to agree with his approach to justice instead of listening to the crime victims and their wishes.*

*3. He is alleged to have provided worthless legal advice to the county commission in reference to the Randy and Colleen Volk gravel dispute by failing to properly advise the commission to obtain a written contract from the Volks that resulted in a statewide media debacle that embarrassed the county and its citizens.*

*4. It is further suspected he was terminated from the position as acting States Attorney for the County of Sioux for shoddy law practice and an intolerable attitude.*

*5. Moreover, it is contended he was influential in a possible cover-up of improper use of county funds by the former County Auditor Kelly Bachmeier.*

*6. Additionally he may have provided reprehensible legal advice to Commissioner Payne and the former County Auditor Kelly Bachmeier with regard to the termination of county employee Reva*

*Weekes in that they may have been under the opinion she was covertly leaking information to the press about ongoing corruption in county government and that is the actual reason she was terminated.*

*7. Furthermore it is now suspected he is collaborating with two residents in Leith (Michael Bencz and Deby Nelson - Photo Below) by using their complaint that the Mayor of Leith has committed a misdemeanor crime and has turned it over to the North Dakota Attorney General's prosecutor Paul Emerson for trial.*

*8. We the undersigned feel Todd Schwarz is a detriment and an embarrassment to Grant County and should be immediately terminated and required to pay back his salary paid to him from January 1, 2015.*

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Grant County, North Dakota  
States Attorney Todd Schwarz

*File Photo*



Leith, North Dakota Residents Michael Bencz  
and Deby Nelson

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