

Here are the Top Ten Questions about this case and Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer that we hear the most from those who have reviewed The Wrongful Conviction of Temujin Kensu and some of our Responses:

Q:1) "WHY won't Governor Whitmer grant Clemency to Temujin Kensu?"

A: Please read our article "Michigan's Shame" included here.

Q:2) "WHY won't Governor Whitmer discuss this case publically?"

A: The only responses received from the Governor's Office so far have been a completely contrived "re-interpretation" of the statute on Clemency in Michigan, prepared by Asst. Legal Counsel Suzanne Shkreli, and a repeat of this same error-filled "conclusion" in a letter signed though likely not penned by Governor Whitmer.

The false conclusion that somehow the Governor "didn't have the authority" to act, was and is pure bunk. The statute only requires a Clemency Petition to be submitted (which it was) and that there be some kind of ruling from the Parole Board (which there also was). There's nothing in the law that says for example, that the ruling must be within a certain time period (let's say 90 days for example), but even if there WAS, the ruling from the Board sent to the Governor was only a few MONTHS old!

The whole intention was to find a completely bogus "excuse" to not act, ignoring the fact that very experienced lawyers to include from the University of Michigan's Law School prepared and submitted the Petition for Clemency (included here).

Q:3) "WHY won't Governor Whitmer or her staff answer inquiries about their inaction on this case?"

A: Simply stated, speaking about the case means either denying Kensu's innocence (which would be completely foolish and patently absurd) or admitting that the Governor was indifferent to the suffering of an undeniably innocent Citizen of the State; a Citizen, a State and a Constitution she swore an oath to protect and defend.

Q:4) "WHY won't Governor Whitmer have the Michigan State Police investigate this case, especially considering multiple, former members of the MSP support his complete innocence?"

A: The answer to us seems obvious; the Michigan State Police are some of the best and Temujin has several supporters from their ranks. Investigation by their agency would not just prove Temujin's innocence, but provide law enforcement support for the much-needed exposing of the parties responsible for what was done here. Many wish to avoid that!

Q:5) "WHY won't Governor Whitmer direct the Attorney General's Office to conduct an investigation into this case, especially considering that two former members of the A.G.'s Office visited Kensu in 2001, confirming their belief in his actual innocence?"

A: We have enormous respect for Michigan's new Attorney General Dana Nessel who we see as a "Justice Champion" and who to her credit, established The Michigan Conviction Integrity Unit (or CIU). The problem in part is that the new unit is fresh, minimally staffed (though headed by the incredible Robyn Frankel, a Michigan Attorney well-known for her own struggles for justice for the accused and the innocent alike) and new to this work.

We are hopeful, considering the overwhelming evidence not just of Kensu's innocence, but of the mountain of civil rights violations, actual criminal acts and abuses he has endured since his arrest, that The Office of the Attorney General, beyond just the CIU's work, will open a formal investigation into all the factors that led not just to Temujin being framed, but the abuses that followed and continues to this day. Here, YOUR voice is needed!

Q:6) "WHY won't Governor Whitmer direct the MDOC to provide Kensu with appropriate medical care or settle his litigation permitting him to pursue care on his own, knowing he has serious, painful conditions and untreated, disabling joint injuries and damage?"

A: For decades the MDOC has subjected Kensu to every possible form of retaliation: transfers, due process violations, threats, intimidation, fraudulent misconduct charges ("tickets") and elevation of his security level, property destruction, harassment of visitors, denials of medical care which almost killed him TWICE and resulted in numerous disabilities and much, much more.

After federal depositions and a trial in 2016, Kensu won a major judgement against the MDOC. Not only did they not

relent, they INCREASED the abuses and violations and still refuse to restore illegally seized property, expunge fraudulent charges, provide care he already won a trial over or settle another case that now costing taxpayers upwards of \$1,000,000 and set for trial, likely costing much more. Unable to get that suit (Kensu v. Borgerding) dismissed, the state (and Corizon) continued the abuses resulting in yet ANOTHER (third) case pending! Simply stated, they do not care if they "abuse and lose" (though the Governor SHOULD) as it's not they, but YOU, the innocent TAXPAYERS that shell out for all of this! Demand the Governor fix this too!

Q:7) "WHY is Governor Whitmer allowing an unquestionably innocent man to remain suffering in prison for a crime she knows he did not commit?"

A: It's likely she just sees no "personal profit" and perhaps some "risk" in action. Please see our "Michigan's Shame" article (included).

Q:8) "WHEN will Governor Whitmer finally do ANYTHING about this travesty?"

A: Sadly, we have no clue, but there's an enormous amount of local and national media interest in this case which we hope will soon result in action and justice. Remember, it was not just Temujin that was wronged here. An innocent man was killed and his real killer never even looked for! Is that JUSTICE?

Q:9 "What will it take to get Governor Whitmer to finally acknowledge and correct this injustice?"

A: Sometimes "shaming" and sometimes a "political price" are required to get a politician to act on a matter he or she knows they should have acted on right away. Elected officials are sadly "too often talk and too little walk". To date, Governor Whitmer, though priding herself on "acting immediately when she sees a problem" has been apparently unmotivated, indifferent and even seemingly stone-deaf to the many entreaties from every corner, asking her to "step up" here, and even though correcting this terrible travesty would offer enormous benefits to her, her office, her future campaign and obviously all those involved.

First, it would show she actually cares about truth and justice MORE than just "politics and appearances". There is no question that she would have the backing of countless officials, fellow politicians, members of the judiciary and law enforcement community and of course the media, not to mention the electorate and the many social justice groups that support our cause and Temujin.

Yes, there would be some quiet, back-room "whining" from those who wish to keep this debacle hidden and swept under the rug, but that is not going to happen. Two networks, an in-production podcast, a growing online presence, a possible book and movie being considered and more, as well as millions around the world reading about "Michigan's Shame" ensure that this matter is NOT "going away" even should Temujin pass tomorrow!

Next, Temujin himself has been and will continue to be a Champion for the Oppressed and the Innocent. Rather than ignore his plight, Governor Whitmer should release him and avail herself of his enormous talents and knowledge of all things corrections, prison, justice and innocence! Imagine what they could accomplish together!

Lastly, if Governor Whitmer is going to tout herself as a Champion of Justice herself, she needs to "walk the walk" and not just "talk the talk". We would wholeheartedly put our support behind her if she would only show that she CARES about this issue and about the hell that this innocent man has been put through. Maintaining the status quo is a disgrace to her former profession and many prosecutors (also members of PAAM no less) SUPPORT Temujin, believe in his innocence and want him freed NOW!

Q:10 "Who should we contact to get the Governor to take immediate action on this matter?"

A: Many incredible people have personally written the Governor's Office only to have their wonderful and heartfelt letters and entreaties completely ignored, usually without even a form letter in response, which in itself is shameful.

Though you should reach out to her office to let your voice be heard, please also contact your state and federal representatives for your district, and the Democratic Party both locally and nationally, to include the DNC and present Chairman Tom Perez and ask for his assistance in obtaining the justice that Governor Whitmer alone can provide in a flash, if only she is inclined to do so!

Remember; a victory here is not just a victory for Temujin. It's a victory for ALL of us, free and imprisoned!

Thank you for taking the time to read this and for any support you are willing to offer us in this most just noble cause!