

Dear Sir/Madam:

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Haileselassie Girmay Gezahegn. I am writing to you as a last resort after I have made numerous efforts to contact people with influence and wrote in vain to various newspaper editors and mass media institutions regarding a miscarriage of justice I, my family and the late brother of ours - Mesfin Girmay Gezahegn suffered at the hands of a murderer.

My brother, Mesfin Gezahegn was murdered by then a 19 years old woman, Amber Torrez, on 29/03/04. Shortly, after she murdered my brother she was caught and arrested. In an interview, she gave to the Denver police the same night she was caught, she admitted to the killing in self-defence as she claimed my brother tried to rape her.

Few days after her arrest, police investigators in Denver proved forensically, beyond any doubt, using blood sample found at the site of the Killing that matched of the accused. To back up their case they also presented with material evidence of video clippings where Amber Torrez, the accused, fraudulently using credit cards that she had stolen from Professor, John Hand, after she had killed him on the night of the 28/03/04.

It was after she was implicated that she had killed another person a night before she killed my brother that she changed her story of events that she killed the two people because she believed she had been assigned by divine order to carry out such killings of what she regarded were as an undesirable people to be privileged to live.

On the 13/03/04, she had also attempted to set fire and burn alive a disable person but whose life was spared when other people appeared on the scene. She and her friend tied the disable person to his wheelchair with a duct tape, punched him several times, and roped his money and run away.

Clearly, this was a woman out and about to deliberately kill recklessly innocent people for unlawful financial gains. This being the case, the district court judge of Denver Colorado passed a sentence of not guilty by insanity on the 28/08/06 and set her free of any crime to our shock and dismay.

The accused has no incontrovertible recorded mental medical history. The judged deliver the verdict of insanity at the time she killed the two people because she fabricated the Story of divine mission that she was assigned to carry out

against what she called bad people.

Coupled with this, according to the judge, she was deemed insane because the psychiatric doctors who testify in her defence thought she was forthright in her claim to admitting the crime she committed.

According to the psychiatric doctors who testify, she was insane at the time of the killings because no sane person would admit to such brutal killings unless the person is suffering from mental illness and does not care the consequences that follow for her actions.

However, the psychiatric doctors knowingly failed to see that Amber Torrez had no other options but to admit to the killings because she was caught red-handed with the weapon of murder and the victim's blood drenched clothe and footwear and was also seen by an eye witness who testify to the killings in court on 28/08/06.

One of the psychiatric doctors who testified in defence of the accused as insane at the time of the killings on 28/08/06 also testify a year earlier (16/08/05) for the prosecutor that the accused knew what she was doing when she did committe the crimes of the killings and the fraudulent use of credit card stolen from her victim to shop items.

Bizarre as it may sound, a year later on 28/08/06, the same psychiatric doctor who testify for the prosecutor turned round and testified for the defence claiming the accused was indeed insane. How in God's name the same doctor under oath could say two contradictory things and appeared for the prosecution and the defence without committing perjury and escape the consequence in a nation such as the USA is beyond me!

Why wouldn't the prosecution team object the presence in the witness box of such a psychiatric doctor as a defence witness when the same doctor was used as a witness of the prosecution a year earlier?

Why would a prosecution team agree to a trail without jury, when the judge who finally sentenced the accused to go free was the same judge who invited the accused to a private person to person talk lasting 40 minutes to advice her on what line of defence she needed to adopt to mitigate the case against her crime? Is not the case that a judge needs to be unbiased and independent and make no close contact with an accused to give clean judgment?

Why would a member of the prosecution team go out of his way to publicly be quoted on record by a newspaper admitting that the prosecution had no strong case against the accused in the light of the testimony given by what appears to be paid three psychiatric doctors?

Why would a prosecution team that demanded the court that the accused ought to undergo mental evaluations to prove her sanity/insanity at the time of the killings, without preparing the ground work that they in fact have doctors to prove the case of sanity?

The cannot be naive we, the family members and friends had, in fact questioned and reminded the prosecution team of the danger of such a request fearing that a psychiatric doctor for whatever reason may not come up with what was expected to be - that she was sane and knew what she was doing?

Clearly, this was a give away ticket that revived the accused lifeline considering the prosecution team did not produce any psychiatric doctor in their defence to prove that she was sane at the time of the killings. Why would a prosecution team undermine its own case unless it was operating knowing or otherwise for the defence?

Why couldn't they bring long time friends of the accused who on TV interview claimed that she was and has been a sense person who knew exactly what she was doing and implicated her that she was involved in an organized crime at night while she put a friendly and caring face by day time?

The family of the second victim, John Hand, appeared to be, from the word go, in favour of the accused to go free. In 16/04/04 the brother-in-law of John Hand, Michael Bend, a Supreme Court judge, in Denver Colorado, approached me and gave me his office/Business card; just to plead with me that we the victims should let the accused be housed in a mental hospital provided she admitted to the crime she had committed. He reassured me she would stay in the mental hospital for long time to which I categorically objected. His wife, Helen Hand, the sister of the victim is on record, as published by newspapers, prepared to forgive the accused and let her go free.

One keeps wonder the motive behind such a gesture of gratitude by a family who lost a loved one and considering there are two people involved in the murder crime. One also keeps wondering how Justice Michael Bend conducts his business of justice if he mixes up his private interest with serious legal matters.

John Hand was a professor who owned and ran a Colorado Free University that has a substantial asset and wealth. One wonders, whether there is financial and insurance dealings that could have made his family disregard the law and the feeling of rest of the victims - us, the family of Mesfin, the other humble victims of the accused.

They appeared as if not wanting the accused probed her relations or the circumstances on how she met John Hand and the level of illegal substance found in his blood that may jeopardize insurance claims.

It is not surprising, when one, as I did find out, that the legal system in the State of Colorado is inept and that certain judges and prosecutors are corrupt. Equally, it is not surprising, if the family of John Hand, the other victim, choice to let his blood go in vain and defend the accused for whatever reasons rather than seek justice for the victim.

It is also on record, that the sister of John Hand, Helen Hand, hugged and kissed the mother of the accused upon hearing the not guilty verdict.

However, it is surprising, if not shocking when I fail to find one upright individual in the entire establishment of the State of Colorado, who would stand up and oppose injustice at least by helping me and/or letting me air my feelings of injustice to the wider American/Colorado public through the newspaper establishment where the murder story has been appearing with certain facts twisted and distorted. A case in point: it has been reported the accused had a history of mental illness when there was not evidence brought to court of such a health record. I was not given the chance to air the truth as obtain from the health record.

This is a time where my faith and trust of society has hit rock bottom, that after all America is not what it preaches to be. Where is the freedom of expression when I could not be given any chance and space to explain what has happen to my family and how I feel?

Where is justice when a killer walks out free from court laughing and smiling?

What does it mean and what kind of precedence is the court setting in motion when killers walk free? Criminals will have to only admit their crimes and express flimsy excuses

backed by paid psychiatric doctors to walk free in the future! Is every one of us safe under this system?

I beg of you to publish this article so as the wider and freedom and justice loving American people could read the travesty of justice my family is enduring. Likewise, I would invite you to carry out your own investigation about the case and help justice regain its place in American legal system.

Thank you

Sincerely

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