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Largest Newspaper in
Cattaraugus County, New York,
Threatens Website That Is
Exposing Local Corruption

Newspaper Attacks 1st Amendment Rights



Article that caused the threat involves corrupt Cattaraugus County Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth Ensell and other corrupt officials that is so bad it is reminiscent of the Kevin King case that rocked the county decades ago...

1st Amendment

[Jamie Ervay](#), employed by the Olean Times Herald threatens CatCountyCorruption over article on “ADA” Ensell’s Criminal Conduct.

On April 7th, 2017 a courageous member of the [Olean Safety and Traffic Alliance Facebook Fanpage](#) posted our article on the criminal conduct of ‘ADA’ Elizabeth Ensell, which was based off of a ‘police report’ that appeared in the Olean Times Herald (OTH) on November 16th, 2016. Any intelligent person, who read the ‘police report’ would have questioned what actually occurred concerning the incident in which [‘ADA’ Ensell stuck a pedestrian](#) in a clearly marked crosswalk sending the pedestrian to the hospital. Did [Ervay](#) make the threat on his own accord or did someone entice him to do so? A subpoena should issue and be served upon him to find out. Ironically, **Ervay’s threat confirms that the OTH publishes police reports “... as they are delivered by police.” THANK YOU, that is exactly what we...**

...needed to be confirmed, also you will notice that Ervay uses the acronym of the Herald, not the full name in his facebook post. Is he trying to hide something? We investigated one ‘police report’ case that made the local newspaper, which was reported incorrectly, that involved an incident concerning a corrupt public employee. The newspaper was blaming the police report and the police were blaming the newspaper. Once CatCountyCorruption jumped in the victim of the corrupt public official finally had the charges against him dismissed. The victim must also be credited with the dismissal because he understands his rights and knows how to exercise them.

Newspaper’s are considered part of the dinosaur media [who’s readership is dwindling](#) due to the

industry not covering the news that really matters to the people, like local public corruption. **The general public has an instinctive mistrust for newspapers** which is one of the reasons for readership decline. As [one respected writer put it](#);

“Fast-forward to 2016, and the newspaper business is a shell of its former self. Far from cutting newsprint and delivery costs, newspapers remain utterly reliant on their shrunken print editions for most of their revenues...”

The article itself which the quote was from does have some inaccuracies, that being the author claims that the alternative, digital is “...No Savior”. That could be further from the truth, more and more Americans are [turning online to get the news](#);

- As of early 2016, just two-in-ten U.S. adults often get news from print newspapers. This has fallen from 27% in 2013.
- This decrease occurred across all age groups, though the age differences are still stark: Only 5% of 18- to 29-year-olds often get news from a print newspaper, whereas about half (48%) of those 65 and older do.
- Compared with print, nearly twice as many adults (38%) often get news online, either from news websites/apps (28%), on social media (18%) or both.

As the statistics show, newspapers are at the bottom of the barrel. If they would report on real worthy news stories, like local corruption, such as CatCountyCorruption maybe their readership would improve.

Ervey goes on to alleged that CatCountyCorruption libeled the Olean Times Herald “by suggesting OTH in any way edits police reports or conducts themselves” Please point out where we you allege CatCountyCorruption did that Jamie Ervey... by all means.... where is it... and we suggest you study up on the legal term ‘prima facie’. **Ironic how Ervey is an employee of a Newspaper which the 1st amendment is all about and he is attacking the 1st Amendment Right’s of We the People. It tells you a lot about the organization he works for.** It is not libel to question the accuracy of anything reported in any newspaper and is the right of every citizen to question such reporting and who reported it when they believe it is not accurate, especially this one and who it involves. Any person who caught the 'police' report (that was regulated to a small print on the inside of the paper) would have questioned its accuracy and wondered what actually happened. **But thank you again for confirming that report was allegedly copied verbatim from the police report. Now everyone reading the original article knows where the point the blame, the Olean Police Department. Did anyone at the OTH actually investigate the incident?** Well, did they? IF so why wasn't it reported. **We have news for you Jamie Ervey; THAT IS THE JOB OF THE NEWSPAPERS, GET IT?** If OTH would actually take the time and investigate local public corruption and report both sides of the story accurately, to let the people decide what to believe then there would be no need for CatCountCorruption or the [Olean Safety and Traffic Alliance](#). The proof is without question, why do you think the Alliance has over 4000 members? In a city of under 15,000 people that is close to 30%. What is the circulation of OTH in the City of Olean proper?

[The article of Ensell is one of the most read locally of any article published on CatCountyCorruption](#), **Just image if the Olean Times Herald investigated like CatCountyCorruption did and reported on it accurately. That edition probably would have sold out.**

The next article that is schedule is on Catherine Ensell, [‘ADA’ Elizabeth Ensell’s](#) sister. Both are daughters of retired State Police ‘Investigator’ John Ensell, the nepotism at the county level (which runs through the local levels too) and how the Judicial Branch ([County Court Judge Ronald Ploetz](#)) and Executive Branch ([District Attorney Lori Rieman](#) and her crew) covered-up and/or alleviated Catherine’s crimes when clearly she should have been held to the same standard as

everyone else and **we will provide copies of actual court documents that prove it. Where is the Olean Times Herald on these serious issues?** The article will focus on the crimes committed that were moved to the County Court and what Judge Larry H. Himelein did, who set the proper standard and [called out local corruption when he saw it](#), versus what ‘Judge’ Ronald Ploetz, has done, when Ploetz and Lori Rieman took over and how it progressed from there. Any intelligent person will easily be able to connect the dots and see what is going on. Please note we did not investigate the cases that occurred in the local town and city courts concerning Catherine because we are in fear for our life’s, due to the corruption we did and are discovering and the targeting of us by the corrupt elements within the county and local governments, [including what appears to be attempted murder](#). Other courageous citizen journalist can take up that cause by utilizing [Judiciary Law § 255](#) and investigate it themselves and report it back to us if they so wish. Maybe the Olean Times Herald will.

Obviously the article of the [criminal conduct of ‘ADA’ Elizabeth Ensell](#) has struck a chord, good, it needed to. Local citizens need to be made aware of the corruption and nepotism that permeates county and local government agencies, that benefit a vile local oligarchy of public employees, that protects their corruption at the expense of We the People so We the People can do something about it to protect themselves.

As to Newspapers in general; John Swinton (1829–1901) was a Scottish-American journalist, newspaper publisher, and orator. His statement, made in the 1880’s still rings true concerning print media today, even more so. Remember this statement was made in the 1800’s;

*“There is no such a thing in America as an independent press, unless it is out in country towns. You are all slaves. You know it, and I know it. There is not one of you who dares to express an honest opinion. If you expressed it, you would know beforehand that it would never appear in print. I am paid \$150 for keeping honest opinions out of the paper I am connected with. Others of you are paid similar salaries for doing similar things. If I should allow honest opinions to be printed in one issue of my paper, I would be like Othello before twenty-four hours: my occupation would be gone. The man who would be so foolish as to write honest opinions would be out on the street hunting for another job. **The business of a New York journalist is to distort the truth, to lie outright, to pervert, to villify, to fawn at the feet of Mammon, and to sell his country and his race for his daily bread, or for what is about the same — his salary.** You know this, and I know it; and what foolery to be toasting an “Independent Press”! We are the tools and vassals of rich men behind the scenes. We are jumping-jacks. They pull the string and we dance. Our time, our talents, our lives, our possibilities, are all the property of other men. We are intellectual prostitutes.”*