

# Re-elect Cindy Stormer District Attorney

"I observed Cindy Stormer trying a murder case when I was a juror in Cooke County. She is a remarkable trial lawyer. The case was six years old and a very difficult one but she did a great job and we returned a verdict of guilty and a long sentence."

Pat Cheaney, Gainesville, Texas

"I have observed Cindy Stormer on numerous occasions in front of Commissioner's Court and she is always very professional and respectful to all and a credit to her profession. I also served on one of her first grand juries and know that she has prosecuted hundreds of very old cases in order to make Cooke County a safer place. We need to keep our tough, effective District Attorney."

Ken Arterbury, Dexter, Texas

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## Judge finds former prosecutor, (Janice Warder), broke law

**Excerpts from The Associated Press 3/13/08**

DALLAS -- A former prosecutor and judge now running for Cooke County district attorney broke the law by not disclosing evidence favorable to a man accused of raping and killing a woman, a Dallas County judge has concluded.

Janice Warder was the lead prosecutor in the case of a 1986 slaying in Garland. She has previously denied any wrongdoing in the murder trial against Clay Chabot.

The Dallas County district attorney's office and another judge previously agreed that Chabot should receive a new trial. But before reaching a decision, the higher court, (Texas Court of Criminal Appeals), asked for hearings about possible misconduct in the case.

But in recommending to the Court of Criminal Appeals that Chabot get a new trial, Judge Mike Snipes found Wednesday that Warder failed to turn over statements and discussions to the defense.

The judge found Warder did not disclose inconsistent statements given by Chabot's brother-in-law, Gerald Pabst. Snipes also found Warder did not reveal discussions with a witness about not being interested in prosecuting him for drug dealing.

Chabot and Pabst were accused in the slaying of Galua Crosby, who was tied up, raped and shot in her home. DNA tests now show Pabst was the rapist, but he testified that it was Chabot who raped and killed the woman.

Pabst's testimony was critical in convicting Chabot. Warder charged Pabst with misdemeanor theft for stealing and pawning Crosby's radio.

The former prosecutor has provided different accounts about when a deal was made with Pabst for his testimony, according to court records.

At a federal hearing in 1994, Warder testified that her previous affidavit was false, saying she became confused and misinterpreted the date on a memo used to aid her memory. Warder also testified that dismissing the case against Pabst was not discussed until after Chabot's trial ended.

Warder, a Republican, spent 14 years on the bench before losing her seat in the 2006 Democratic sweep of Dallas County judicial elections. She is trying to unseat Cooke County District Attorney Cindy Stormer.

**This story has been reported throughout the State of Texas including the *Dallas Morning News, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, NBC5i, KXII Channel 12, Denton Record Chronicle; Houston Chronicle; KDFB Channel 10, Amarillo; KRISTV.com - Corpus Christi, TX; kvia.com - El Paso, KWTX Ch 10, Waco; KTRK, ABC 13, Houston; South Plains Public Radio, Lubbock; ...***

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