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Crusade against "bullies" _____ currently representing three - Andy Lynda & Claire!

By Mike McIntyre

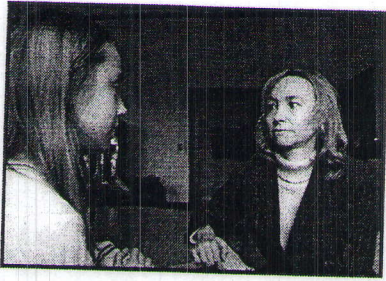


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CROWN attorney Colleen McDuff is trying to reduce her busy workload -- she's helping address some of the social ills that result in so many people heading to court.

McDuff is one of a handful of trained Red Cross volunteers who regularly go into local schools armed with a wealth of knowledge and a razzle-dazzle presentation, which they hope will leave a lasting impression.

Domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, bullying and harassment are some of the key areas McDuff focuses on through the RespectEd program.

McDuff's motivation is simple. She has seen the sad result of so many cases in her legal career and believes it's important to address some of the root causes of crime.

"I wanted to get involved because I thought this was right up my alley," McDuff told the *Free Press* in a recent interview.

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"And it's clear this has an effect on them. It's nice to think that maybe you're able to make some difference in their lives."

The two-hour presentations include a series of games and videos and fall within the required curriculum in all Manitoba schools. They make it much easier on educators to get the message across to students, said McDuff.

She and her fellow volunteers try to do at least two per month, time permitting.

"I just love doing it and wish I had the time to do a lot more presentations," said McDuff.

Marian Hijkoop, the Winnipeg program director at Red Cross, said they are desperately seeking more committed volunteers like McDuff.

"Right now, our demand far exceeds our capacity," she said.

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H. Angie - this email was sent to me when I was away - please copy it for Andre - I will email you with any progress
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I'd missed the message to the department. I'd just started my vacation. I'm sorry - I'm trying to catch up on all the things I've missed. I'm sure that you know what to do. I'll be back in the office on Monday. I'll be sure to get back to you as soon as I can. I'll be sure to get back to you as soon as I can. I'll be sure to get back to you as soon as I can.

When Andy Bouchard's theft of my celular & Dad's were dropped citing "family dispute" Colleen McDuff told my lawyer that that she was looking at a way to drop the charges - while still "saving face" with the FAMILY (ANDY & LYNDA & CLAIRE) who were putting immense pressure on her and which she did or was not a big fan of theirs.

private conversations in the past and again yesterday – how could she have known that Mom had chosen and showed me her dress for her last day - She asked Mom to see the dress and Mom said – I picked it but no – you wont see it.

Marlene said – so does that make you proud???? So Sad... what she is doing to my parents.

My mom is down to 113 lbs, very sick, raised nine kids and absolutely does not deserve to be treated this way.

Can we somehow stop her from using these listening devices???

Thanks for all your help. We absolutely appreciate your assistance with this disturbing situation.

Sincerely,

Lynda Staub
945-6096

From: McDuff, Colleen (JUS)
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2006 7:56 AM
To: Staub, Lynda (TPR)
Subject: RE: Marlene

I was actually talking about coming to court this am – but, as I say, I'll leave it up to you as to whether you think you should be there. You know the situation best. I actually don't think our office is open until 8:30 but I'll pick up the affidavit when I get in.

From: Staub, Lynda (TPR)
Sent: Jun 29, 2006 7:54 AM
To: McDuff, Colleen (JUS)
Subject: RE: Marlene

Hi Colleen – I am bringing up the affidavit to the 5th floor right now. No – I am not invited to the reunion – just her class – but that would be a breach of her conditions right,,

From: McDuff, Colleen (JUS)
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2006 7:52 AM
To: Staub, Lynda (TPR)
Subject: RE: Marlene

Hi, Lynda. I don't know if the court will accept the affidavit but, at least, I'll have it to make your mom's wishes clear. I don't know if the court will add any additional conditions as there is a procedure for these things and the only motion on is to delete the one condition but I will make the court aware of the circumstances. It may, ultimately, require another bail review but we'll see how it goes this am. I will also raise the issue of the reunion and my concerns relating to that. I'll leave it up to you but it may be best if you didn't attend only because of Marlene's unpredictable behaviour.

From: Staub, Lynda (TPR)
Sent: Jun 29, 2006 7:44 AM
To: McDuff, Colleen (JUS)
Subject: RE: Marlene

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAS HAPPENED

From: "Staub, Lynda (TPR)" <LStaub@gov.mb.ca>

Date: Thu, 29 Jun 2006 11:45:58 -0500

To: <bob.staub@pratts.ca>

BOB - CAN YOU IMMEDIATELY CALL ANDRE - 857-2096 AND READ HIM WHAT THE CROWN ATTORNEY WROTE HERE - I cannot talk at my desk - everyone is listening. Urgent that he have RCMP stonewall involved in testing for listening devices - Marlene is again driving the Focus Sedan - grey - Licence EJM 316 which Andre knows already the number
Please confirm return as soon as you reach andre - thanks!!!!!!

From: McDuff, Colleen (JUS)
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2006 11:21 AM
To: Staub, Lynda (TPR)
Subject: RE: Marlene

CAUTION ATTORNEY

Hi, Lynda. The judge deleted the condition allowing Marlene to visit your mother. She would not, however, add a condition that Marlene not contact your mother because she is not a complainant in the criminal proceedings. So, Marlene can still call - I don't know if your mom has call display but if she does she should just not answer or simply change her number. I know this puts some onus on her but because she isn't a complainant it ties my hands somewhat.

Marlene's lawyer also put on the record that Marlene was not attending the reunion and that she was flying back to BC tonight. If you find out any information to the contrary I would suggest you contact the RCMP and advise them as she would then be in breach of her bail order.

I also spoke to Sgt. Gibbs and he suggested you contact the RCMP in the area your mom lives to report what happened last night. There may be sufficient evidence for charges to be laid relating to what happened. I would also suggest you speak to the RCMP regarding your concerns about the listening devices as that is something they can check and test for.

Andre was not there so perhaps you can pass this info on to him as well.

Thank you for the affidavit - it did help and is on the record.

I'm sorry your mom has to be going through this when she so ill. At least she now knows Marlene can't legally come near her.

If you have any questions let me know.

Colleen

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Hi Colleen - the Affidavit has been delivered to the 5th floor - the receptionist is taking it to your office at this very moment - I hope it doesn't get lost.

I have been at the hospital all night and only had 2 hours sleep so I am barely functioning today - and must run back to hospital later - so I probably will stay away from Court - (but I think Andre might attend)

Please let me know how it goes by return email.

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7. There will be no psychiatric assessment of any kind without the written consent of my client's counsel. In this regard, I understand that, at the recent meeting of my client with your client and Mr. Mike Slegers, your client, without the knowledge or consent of my client or Mr. Slegers, arranged to have Dr. Bruce Jamieson present who conducted a short private meeting with my client, wherein he asked my client some questions and concluded by stating that there was no reason why my client could not look after his own affairs. This event that appears to have been arranged by your client requires an explanation.

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