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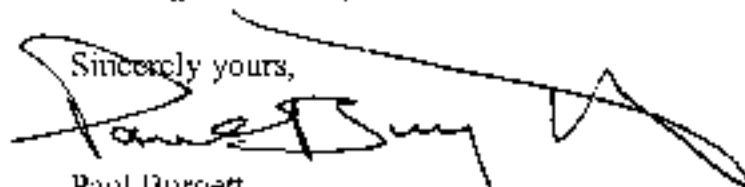
Re: March 25 article "Prosecuting the Victim"

Dear Mr. Pratt:

Apparently you took one side of this story and ran with it. The fact situation you set out in your article does not resemble the facts in the police reports, nor the facts adduced at trial. I have enclosed a copy of the interview of Dr. Hosack and the search warrant affidavit that briefly set out the facts of the case. I think you have been sold a bill of goods. Only two people were fighting- Wyatt and Andrade. No one attacked Dr. Hosack. Hosack struck Andrade in the head with a loaded, cocked .45 Government Model that was not on "safe." Not a good idea, as admitted by Hosack. The fight had already stopped. Hosack hit Andrade because he "was in his face." An innocent bystander was seriously wounded. A little restraint and maturity would have gone a long way to settle this situation without someone being shot. As one of the detectives said, "testosterone, alcohol and guns do not mix." Thank God no one was killed. The Grand Jury indicted Dr. Hosack after hearing his testimony, and that of his other witnesses.

I am getting letters from people who are unhappy with the inaccurate facts alleged in your story, which you did not bother to check for accuracy. You might be interested in knowing that my office, which you criticize, did not even prosecute Dr. Hosack. The Oregon Attorney General's office handled the entire prosecution because of our close working relationship with Dr. Hosack.

Sincerely yours,



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