

## State clears Troy nurse yet again

It pains me to report that the nurse-practitioner from Troy who testified against Jack Carroll in the sex-abuse case that I have written about has again been cleared of wrongdoing by the state Education Department, Office of Professional Discipline.

The nurse-practitioner is Jane Szary Weber, who back in 1997 reported to her police boyfriend (now husband) that she made "positive findings" of sex abuse in a 13-year-old girl without mentioning that the girl had a simple yeast infection which would adequately account for the redness and discharge in the girl's private region. It was bogus evidence that helped justify Jack Carroll's arrest and contributed to his conviction.

Last year, from his cell at Greene Correctional Facility, where he is doing 10 to 20 years, it occurred to Jack Carroll to file a formal complaint of professional misconduct.

He did, the state investigated, and, incredibly enough, found nothing amiss. I wrote about it, some other people protested, and the state reopened the investigation.

And now we have the second result, reviewed, we are assured, by no less than three members of the state Board for Nursing. The assurance comes in a letter from Daniel J. Kelleher, director of investigations, of which I have a copy.

"In both investigations," Kelleher writes, "we had occasion to speak with, not only Ms. Weber, but also with the prosecuting District Attorney and the arresting officer" - in other words, with Ms. Weber's very confederates. How's that ! for comforting?

They spoke with the person who concocted the misleading report; they spoke with the officer who zealously used it to back up an arrest; they spoke with the prosecutor who zealously presented it to a jury; and they came to the conclusion that everything was fine.

I'm sorry I wasn't present at the interviews to observe the body language of those three, to see how they might have crossed or uncrossed their arms as a sign of guilt, and to interpret their every protestation as an "admission by denial," as was done with Jack Carroll.

From his cell, Jack Carroll writes: "All I can say is it makes me sick to think I'm the same species as these people."

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