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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

Detroit Free Press: Driver who uses medical marijuana wins appeal

"The Michigan Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that medical marijuana users aren't automatically breaking the law if they're caught driving after using the drug. The court unanimously overturned an appeals court decision in the case of a Grand Traverse County man, Rodney Koon."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Associated Press: Driver who uses medical marijuana wins appeal

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Lansing State Journal, the Midland Daily News, the Traverse City Record-Eagle, WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit and WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit.

Grand Rapids Press: Supreme Court: Medical marijuana law offers protection to motorists

[Full story](#)

MLive.com: Michigan Supreme Court: Medical marijuana patients have some protections from being charged with DUI

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Judge denies request for testimony in Detroit emergency manager lawsuit

"An Ingham County judge, citing a recent Michigan Court of Appeals opinion, refused today to call an evidentiary hearing in a lawsuit seeking to overturn the appointment of Detroit emergency manager Kevyn Orr. Circuit Judge William Collette also said he knows of no court rule that provides for an evidentiary hearing during the discovery process of a lawsuit, as requested by attorney Andrew Paterson of Novi."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Judge won't allow hearing in lawsuit to void Detroit EM Orr's appointment

[Full story](#)

MLive.com: Judge denies effort to force Detroit emergency manager to testify on appointment

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Embattled Judge Wade McCree: Affair with witness clouded my judgment

"Wayne County Circuit Judge Wade McCree told his side of the story for the first time publicly Tuesday in a case that could cost him his job. His animated testimony in an Ann Arbor courtroom included sordid details about his sexual relationship with Geniene La'Shay Mott, a complaining witness in a nonpayment of child support case before him."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: McCree says he 'lusted after' woman in his court

[Full story](#)

WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: Suspended judge and wife testify in his misconduct hearing

[Full story](#)

WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Detroit judge testifies at misconduct hearing that he 'lusted' after mistress, regrets affair

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Tougher sentences allowed under elder abuse law

"Judges in Michigan can impose tougher sentences on criminals who embezzle money from senior citizens and the mentally ill under a new state law. Gov. Rick Snyder on Tuesday signed the Vulnerable Adult Embezzlement Statute which allows consecutive sentences for multiple offense convictions."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Associated Press: Tougher sentences allowed under elder abuse law

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit.

The MiLW Blog: Tougher sentences allowed under elder abuse law

[Full story](#)

Daily Press & Argus: Court Docket: Handy Twp. medical marijuana case moving through court

"The criminal case against four people associated with a now-defunct Handy Township medical marijuana dispensary is once again proceeding through court.... The cases against the four co-defendants was placed on hold in April 2012 while the Michigan Supreme Court heard arguments on a similar case, State v. McQueen, in which the Isabella County prosecutor wanted the courts to declare a medical marijuana dispensary, Compassionate Apothecary, a nuisance and close it."

[Full story](#)

Cheboygan Daily Tribune: McNeil: Commissions set up illegally

"According to a Bellaire, Mich., man, all but two counties in the state have an illegal county commission. Kent McNeil, 53, told a group in Onaway Saturday the illegality came about in 1968 when the state Court of Appeals made a ruling in an Ontonagon County case."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The MiLW Blog: Law student: Most Michigan county commissions are set up illegally

[Full story](#)

The Daily Tribune: Wildlife property owner beats feds in state court over fence

"... The state Court of Appeals recently sided with the Red Run Wildlife Sanctuary, owned by Fred Kaluza, in a legal dispute over the fence Kaluza erected to ward off trespassers who hunted, snowmobiled and drove all-terrain vehicles on the natural habitat."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Former justice Hathaway lawyer: Don't lock her up for bank fraud (second article)

"An attorney for a former Michigan Supreme Court justice says community service would be an appropriate sentence for a scandal that forced her out of office. Diane Hathaway is returning to federal court next Tuesday for her sentence for bank fraud."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Former Michigan Justice Hathaway seeks community service, no prison, for fraud in home sale

[Full story](#)

WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Hathaway presents letters from friends and family as she fights to stay out of prison

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Bill signed to revise judicial makeup in Clinton County (third article)

"A bill revising the number of judgeships in Clinton County has been signed by Gov. Rick Snyder. Senate Bill 43, sponsored by state Sen. Rick Jones, amends a 2011 law that eliminated several judgeships statewide, by retaining the Clinton County District Court seat and eliminating one of the two circuit court judgeships instead."

[Full story](#)

Grand Rapids Legal News: Supreme Court Justice Cavanagh honored

"The Catholic Lawyers Society (CLS) hosted its Annual Meeting and Brunch on Sunday, April 28, at The Ark at St. Ambrose in Grosse Pointe Park. After mass and during the brunch, Michigan Supreme Court Justice Michael Cavanagh was presented with the Monsignor Malloy Award, the highest honor given by the CLS."

[Full story](#)

Kalamazoo Gazette: Appeals court overturns Van Buren County man's theft conviction, says jury heard inadmissible evidence

"The Michigan Court of Appeals has overturned a Van Buren County man's 2012 felony theft conviction, ruling that the judge who presided over the case allowed the jury to hear inadmissible evidence about a prior conviction."

[Full story](#)

Midland Daily News: New probate court programs save \$3 million since 2008

"Though there was resistance at first, programs set in motion in 2008 have lowered not only Midland County's delinquency rate, but also resulted in the court coming in under budget to the tune of nearly \$3 million.... The Day Treatment program at the Juvenile Care Center continues to achieve high outcomes, with a 7 percent reoffense rate within six months after the completion of probation since 2008."

[Full story](#)

MLive.com: How much should Michigan officials earn? Panel approves boost for judges, not for lawmakers

"Michigan judges deserve a pay raise, according to the State Officer Compensation Commission, which is charged with recommending salaries and expense allowances for top elected officials. The seven-member panel on Tuesday approved a 3 percent salary increase for state Supreme Court justices, pending legislative approval.... It would also mean a pay raise for trial and appellate-court judges across the state whose salaries are based on those earned at the Supreme Court level."

[Full story](#)

Monroe Evening News: Flat Rock Man Charged In Threats To Judges

"A Flat Rock man, angered about how the judicial system is handling his divorce case, was charged criminally for apparently making telephone and social media threats to two Monroe County probate

judges. Mark W. McNamee, 43, of 3820 Will Carleton Rd., stood before First District Judge Vitale on three counts of malicious use of telecommunication device. Each count carries a maximum penalty of six months in jail."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: Man in divorce case accused of threatening judges

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Former chief justice speaks on professionalism, integrity

" 'Ethics, integrity and credibility are the keys to successful public service whether appointed or elected and is the key to being an outstanding lawyer,' said Dennis Archer, former Michigan Supreme Court chief justice and Detroit mayor, speaking to a large group of lawyers, students and professors gathered in the Cooley Center lobby in Lansing."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Juvenile Drug Court to conduct 39th graduation

"On Tuesday, May 28, at 7 p.m., the Oakland County Family-Focused Juvenile Drug Court (JDC) will hold its 39th graduation since its inception in June of 2001. The 125th and 126th graduates will be honored with a ceremony and reception to be held in the courtroom of the Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Mary Ellen Brennan in the Oakland County Courthouse, 1200 North Telegraph Road in Pontiac."

[Full story](#)

Press & Guide/Dearborn: DEARBORN: Council to hold one more budget workshop for court before public hearing

"... A seventh workshop will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday in the mayor's conference room, just before the 6:30 p.m. public hearing in the council chambers, so the council can again discuss 19th District Court's budget. The question is should the court still have a line-item budget or should it have a lump-sum budget?"

[Full story](#)

The Times Herald/Port Huron: UPDATED: Sara Ylen arraigned on two charges in St. Clair County

"Sara Ylen was arraigned this afternoon on charges of filing a false felony report and tampering with evidence. Magistrate S. Keith Bankson scheduled Ylen's preliminary examination for June 4 in front of District Court Judge John Monaghan."

[Full story](#)

**** The article is available by subscription only.**

Saginaw News: Judge dismisses Tim Ader's 2008 Open Meetings Act lawsuit against Delta College

"A judge again has dismissed a former Thomas Township man's nearly five-year-old Open Meetings Act lawsuit against Delta College. Saginaw County Chief Circuit Judge Fred L. Borchard on Monday, May 20, granted the college's request to dismiss Timothy W. Ader's lawsuit on legal grounds.... Ader's case has gone from Borchard's courtroom to the Michigan Court of Appeals and the Michigan Supreme Court twice each."

[Full story](#)

WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Appeal denied for husband in 'comic book store' killing

"A former comics shop owner convicted twice of the murder of his wife in 1990 has been denied an appeal. Michael George had argued that there was weak evidence and improper tactics at trial.... He was

convicted in 2008, but won a second trial after a judge found errors by prosecutors and potential new evidence emerged. He was found guilty again in October. George could still appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court."

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