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Amy Bramuchi Wins Bizarre Hearing, Loses More Rights Again

FULTON COUNTY, GA – On Sept. 25, 2013, a team of **14 Alpharetta Police officers** and 5 support personnel **broke into the townhome of Amy Bramuchi without a warrant as she slept in her bedroom.** They refused repeated requests to leave and **shot her 3 times after she called 911.**

Amy suffered massive, gruesome, permanent **injuries.** In April 2015, **Amy Bramuchi was charged with aggravated assault, obstruction and possession of a firearm all stemming from the Alpharetta police attack.** When she learned of the charges she immediately appeared and had her father post a \$10,000 standard bond that Fulton County attempted to revoke in a somewhat bizarre hearing on Friday, June 26.

On Friday, **Fulton County deputies tried to block pre-authorized video recording twice.** Judge Alford J. Dempsey Jr. approved four Rule 22 recording request forms that were delivered to both security checkpoints by his judicial assistant on Thursday. On Friday, the forms were missing and **camera entry was denied.** After the Public Information Officer (PIO) resolved that problem, **deputies denied camera entry again at the courtroom.** Finally, the judicial assistant ordered the deputies to let the cameras in but by that time **two camera operators from two local news stations including 11Alive had departed.**

Six Alpharetta police officers **testified** at the hearing (Ofc. Unger, Valone, Robinson, Wessel, Lt. Little, Capt. West). They stated they had been “harassed” by some of Amy Bramuchi’s comments or emails since her April indictment. Their two hour testimony proved adequate to justify a restraining order but it included some hearsay and was reminiscent of childlike whining at unnecessary taxpayer expense. **All officers admitted that Amy Bramuchi had never threatened them with any type of bodily harm.**

To support harassment claims against Assistant District Attorney (ADA) Lauren McCauley tried to introduce an audio recording received by police from an **unidentified** individual who was not Amy Bramuchi. That was finally disallowed as irrelevant. McCauley also **falsely contended** that Bramuchi’s bond had special conditions but was unable to produce a copy of the bond she claimed to have negotiated. Judge Dempsey produced the standard bond and repeatedly explained that it had **no special conditions.**

In addition, McCauley **falsely claimed** that Amy Bramuchi had posted an entire GBI report on social media with personal officer information. Judge Dempsey determined that **no such personal information from the improperly redacted report was posted.** McCauley published and distributed the postings from the copyrighted website, Georgia CopBlock without permission. **None of Amy Bramuchi’s postings were found to be threatening to any officer.**

But perhaps the most bizarre incident occurred when Amy’s public defender* referenced the above false allegations in her closing argument and **told the judge** that “*if your honor would be inclined to modify the [bond] terms...Ms. Bramuchi would have no problem with the court’s direction.*” **Judge Dempsey** then responded by imposing social media gag order conditions on Amy Bramuchi against her will. Those conditions violate her First Amendment rights, limit her ability to obtain legal counsel and further stack the deck against her chance of obtaining justice.

*Author’s Note: Public defenders work for the court, not defendants