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Statement by District Attorney Pat Lykos
Concerning Comments Made this Morning by Mr. "Chip" Lewis

Chip Lewis has once again demonstrated that he and the truth are strangers, and calumny is his constant companion. Defamation spews from his lips as naturally as breathing.

Kari Allen is a hardworking, conscientious, ethical prosecutor. Unlike Mr. Lewis, her integrity is unassailable. Despite literally standing at the side of a family member about to enter surgery this morning, Kari has been in contact with our office and categorically denies Mr. Lewis' bald-faced lies.

Today's plea was her decision, made after a careful review and thoughtful deliberation of the facts surrounding the Stern affair. I trust her judgment, and she has my full support.

Mr. Lewis, by way of contrast, left the Harris County District Attorney's Office under a cloud. For now, one example should suffice to reveal his character.

While working as an ADA, Lewis was the prosecutor in a sexual assault case wherein three defendants were charged with raping an unconscious young woman. One afternoon—off docket and without notifying the victim in advance—Lewis went before the Judge of the 262nd District Court and had charges against two of the men dismissed outright, with the third reduced to a non-sexual offense. Shortly thereafter Lewis resigned from the District Attorney's Office and went to work for one of the defense attorneys involved.

This is the man who proposes to stand in judgment of Kari Allen's ethics and integrity. Were he capable of it, he should be ashamed.