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<u>David Ellin, Candidate for Carroll County State's Attorney – Press Release</u>

Last week we learned that Carroll County Acting State's Attorney Allen Culver and Deputy State's Attorney Edward (Ned) Coyne were embroiled in a scandal unheard of before in our county. Now, Mr. Coyne has resigned, and Mr. Culver is prevented from appearing in court because the Circuit Court Judges in Carroll County have decided to recuse themselves from any case in which he is he involved.

It is alleged that both the State's Attorney and the Deputy State's Attorney failed to disclose before the judge that a narcotics officer working under Sheriff Jim DeWees had serious integrity issues and committed perjury.

Mr. Culver cannot lead this office with his veracity and ethics called into question. Mr. Culver's name appears on all indictments and charging documents, yet he is barred from court appearances. As a candidate for Carroll County State's Attorney, and an attorney with twenty-five years of experience, I immediately call for the resignation of Allen Culver as Acting State's Attorney and for a full investigation into this matter.