

If a judge tells a personal story in court, it's not an automatic sign of bias by that judge...

La Crosse County D-A Tim Gruenke makes that argument, in a brief opposing a new sentencing for Jesse Herrmann...serving 30 years in prison for a drunk-driving death. Herrmann claims Judge Ramona Gonzalez was biased against drunk drivers in general, because she talked in court about a drunk driver killing her sister. Gruenke filed a brief last week, arguing that Herrmann hasn't shown that a judge speaking in a comforting way to victims is evidence of bias. Music teacher Theresa Kroes was killed last year, when Herrmann rear-ended the car she was riding in.