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## Court date today for judge accused in Plants case

Mary Waterstone seeks dismissal of charges

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Retired judge Mary Waterstone will be in Detroit 36 District Court today asking for dismissal of perjury-related charges stemming from a 2005 cocaine trial.

Waterstone is accused of misconduct in office for allowing false testimony in Wayne County Circuit Court in order to hide a star witness's role as a paid informant for the Inkster police. The case's prosecutor, Karen Plants, and two cops – detective Robert McArthur and Sgt. Scott Rechtzigel – are charged with conspiracy to commit perjury.

Among the motions to be heard by Judge David Robinson is Waterstone's contention that a judicial decision – no matter how mistaken – isn't a crime unless she acted with corrupt criminal intent. Her lawyers also say the Michigan Attorney General should not handle her prosecution because the office defended her in a federal civil suit connected to the criminal trial.

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