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Plants said she allowed 3 witnesses to lie

Letter from 2006 may be used against her

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A former Wayne County drug prosecutor, now charged with perjury, admitted to wrongdoing in a 2006 letter she wrote to state legal watchdogs.

"If faced with the same situation today, I would handle the case differently," Karen Plants wrote the Attorney Grievance Commission about allowing two cops and a witness to testify falsely in a 2005 cocaine case. "I realize that allowing false statements is wrong."

PDF: [Read Karen Plants' letter](#)

Her letter explained that the lies were an effort to protect the identity and safety of an informant. Her attorney Ben Gonek declined to comment Thursday.

Plants, the trial judge and two Inkster cops were charged Tuesday with perjury-related crimes.

Steven Scharg, a lawyer for one of the drug defendants, said there's no excuse for perjury. Besides, he said, there was no proof anyone was in danger.

Michael Alan Schwartz, former head of the grievance commission, said the letter could be used against Plants at trial.

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