

Judge Sanctions Attorneys for 'Intentionally Misleading Conduct'

A King County, Washington, judge has sanctioned two attorneys hired by Pierce County Prosecutor Mark Lindquist's office, citing their "intentionally misleading conduct" during a long-running lawsuit, according to a report in the *Tacoma News Tribune*.

"The ruling Wednesday from Superior Court Judge Beth Andrus sanctions Seattle attorneys Richard Jolley and Stewart Estes," the report says. "It orders them to pay \$32,000 for withholding information from civil attorney Fred Diamondstone and conducting 'misleading settlement negotiations' that fell apart in December."

The case involves false-arrest lawsuit filed by a former resident who was twice charged with sex crimes by Lindquist's office.

"Those charges were dismissed initially in 2011 because of erroneous evidence: a picture wrongly identified as Dalsing. The charges were dismissed again by Pierce County Superior Court Judge Ed Murphy in 2015, due to a finding of prosecutorial vindictiveness," the report says.

Read the article.