

REVENGE OF THE “LIB TARD:” JEANINE PIRRO WINS FIRST HUMILIATING ACQUITTAL

Sydney Reid, who was arrested in July after a tussle as she was filming an ICE arrest, was just acquitted by a jury.

This was a case that should never have been charged, one of at least dozens just like it. Pirro and her prosecutors have been damaged over and over in trying to bring it to trial.

First, *three grand juries* no-billed the case. Pirro charged it as a misdemeanor Information anyway.



Then, the government unsuccessfully tried to exclude evidence that damaged their case and the credibility of their primary “victim,” FBI Agent Eugenia Bates.

- That Bates called her “boo boos,” “boo boos”

- That Bates twice complained that she had to turn this thing into an assault charge:
 - “I’m going to the attorneys [sic] office for a bystander that I tussled. Dinko arrested her for ‘assault’ ughhh”;
 - “Do you want the arrest EC separate from the ‘assault’ or am I good to put it in together in one 302”
- That she called Reid a “lib tard”
- That she declared “I sacrificed life and limb for the mission. I think it’s worth a trump coin,” after the incident

Then Reid presented evidence that prosecutors had not provided – or even collected – a video she believed would be exculpatory, an issue that Judge Sparkle Sooknanan spent several days last week considering, only to have the government’s story keep getting worse.

While I haven’t reviewed the trial transcript, in her instructions, Judge Sooknanan gave three adverse instructions against the government:

- Inconsistent testimony from Special Agent Bates
- Late disclosure of evidence
- Self defense

This is a case that DOJ should have given up when they were no-billed. But because Jeanine

Pirro is a stubborn bully, she persisted, and now both the DC US Attorney's Office (for the evidentiary fuck-ups) and Agent Bates (for the inconsistent testimony and bias) will be tainted by the process.

And most of all, it was an example of Federal Public Defenders – Eugene Ohm and Tezira Abe – doing superb work ensuring Reid had a vigorous defense.

We will see many more bullshit cases in months ahead. But this acquittal matters just as much as the flashier cases, because until the government stops trying to prosecute people because thuggish cops beat them up, this will keep happening.

Update: CBS' local affiliate appears to have been the only outlet that covered the trial. It describes that Bates didn't even turn over all her text messages.

Bates was the sole witness called by prosecutors and spent more than five hours on the stand across two days. Much of the questioning centered on her text messages following the incident, where she downplayed it and disparaged Reid as a "libtard." She didn't turn over additional text message evidence until early Wednesday morning, and in the middle of cross examination, Abe discovered one message was missing.

"Conveniently, the most damning one wasn't there," Abe said. "... Agent Bates' story is riddled with holes."

Update: Reid's comment is spectacular.

Reid, in a statement through her attorneys, said the verdict shows "that this administration and their peons are not able to invoke fear in all citizens."

"I feel sorry for the prosecutors really, who must be burdened by Trump's irrational and unfounded hatred for his fellow man," she said. "Knowing that I can stand in front of 12 of my fellow citizens and be found not guilty for standing up for basic human rights makes me feel like, despite the scary times we live in, we have hope for the future."