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(On January 30, 2007, a Superior Court jury found Cynthia Sommer guilty of murdering her husband, Marine Sgt. Todd Sommer, by arsenic poisoning. On November 30, 2007, the court ordered a new trial because it found Ms. Sommer's attorney had been incompetent in defending her. On April 17, 2008, the District Attorney's Office asked the court to dismiss the charges against Ms. Sommer after additional test results, which did not exonerate her, but led to concerns about our ability to prove the case beyond a reasonable doubt.)

**Statement by
San Diego County District Attorney
Bonnie M. Dumanis**

“Over the last seventeen months, Ms. Sommer’s new attorney has repeatedly accused the trial prosecutor, Deputy District Attorney Laura Gunn, of gross prosecutorial misconduct. Today, the court made a finding that counsel for Ms. Sommer has presented no evidence to support those accusations.

“As District Attorney, I have personally reviewed every aspect of the handling of this case in great detail. The accusations made by Ms. Sommer’s counsel are untrue. At all times during the prosecution of Ms. Sommer, DDA Gunn acted in a professional, ethical, and legally appropriate manner.

There will be no further comment about this case at this time.”

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The District Attorney’s most recent motion in this case can be found here:
http://danet/news/sommer_motion.pdf