

Quotes from Philadelphia television after the Engelhardt/Shero verdicts, January 30, 2013
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ABC 6 Philadelphia, Wednesday, January 30, 2013, 5:03pm

David Henry, live reporter, “a big win for the prosecution on what some observers had considered to be a somewhat shaky case.”

Philly D.A. Seth Williams:

“I am overjoyed that there was a conviction, most because of this victim: and with the message it sends out to other victims. But I really didn’t expect it.”

McGovern, Engelhardt defense attorney:

“I’ve been doing this 37 years, presenting trials to jurors, and this is the first time in my life I can tell you that I am extremely disappointed and actually shocked.”

Seth Williams:

“It should send the message to archdioceses, organizations across the country: Do not protect pedophiles.”

McGovern, Engelhardt defense attorney:

“There will not be a night that goes by for many, many nights when I don’t ponder how I let him down.”

NBC 10 Philadelphia, Wednesday, January 30, 2013, 6:03pm

Christine Maddela, live reporter

McGovern, Engelhardt defense attorney:

“I do believe that a Roman collar has become a bulls-eye ... (cut) ... I also believe that there is child abuse undoubtedly, and it’s an insidious and tragic occurrence. However, also, when an innocent priest is convicted of something he didn’t do, that’s equally tragic ... (cut, McGovern “emotional”) ... There will not be a night that goes by for many, many nights when I don’t ponder how I let him down. Thank you.”

Seth Williams:

“We have the same standard of justice for everyone, and for years of protecting pedophile priests or people because of what their status is, hopefully those days are over. There is not enough jail time that they could get for what they did to this victim.”

Fox 29 Philadelphia, Wednesday, January 30, 2013, 6:02pm

Chris O'Connell, live reporter

McGovern, Engelhardt defense attorney:

"I do believe that a Roman collar has become a bulls-eye, that the presumption of guilt has become overwhelming in our society."

On accuser: "I think he is a lost soul. I think he is a sad individual. We hope that his life comes back together."

Burton Rose, Shero defense attorney:

"There are many inconsistencies in this case that would have created a reasonable doubt – in our thinking. But apparently the jury did not agree."

CBS 3 Philadelphia, Wednesday, January 30, 2013, 6:06pm

Pat Ciarrocchi, live reporter

Seth Williams: "To think that this would happen, and repeatedly to a child who was in their care, and then to have the Church protect them, to defend them, to cover it up is disgusting."

Ass't D.A. Mark Cipolletti (Ciarrocchi said he called the victim "courageous"): "It's awful, it's tragic, no one should ever have to go through it, and I think the sad thing is that this victim brought to light the fact that a lot of kids do, and hopefully this will give those victims the courage to come forward."

Burton Rose: "It was very disappointing. I thought the evidence of my client's innocence was extremely strong. It was a lot of reasonable doubt in this case. I'm at a loss to explain why the jury did not see it that way."

Ciarrocchi says jury eight men, four women, civil litigation will be pursued "vigorously."