



# JUDGE, HUSBAND CHARGED!

## LeSures Shackled With a 32-Count Fraud and Perjury Indictment!

### Judge Off Bench For This Week

Only Court On Judiciary Can Remove Her

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The Oklahoma County presiding district judge has asked Judge Tammy Bass LeSure to remain off the bench for this week, it has been learned.

On Friday, the judge was charged with 32 counts of fraud and perjury.

After prosecutors said late last year they had evidence of Judge LeSure's misconduct and asked her to recuse herself from a high-profile murder case, she announced she had requested to handle only probate, guardianship and adoption cases beginning this month.

At the time, Oklahoma County District Attorney David W. Prater indicated he

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### On the Bench

Oklahoma County District Judge Tammy Bass LeSure in her courtroom several days ago. She and her husband were hit with an indictment on Friday, which charged them with 32 counts of fraud and perjury.

## Both Said To Collect Funds Erroneously

### Twin Foster Tots At Center of The Felony Case

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Several weeks after a group of Black lawyers presented her with one of its highest awards as "a champion of justice," Oklahoma County District Judge Tammy Bass LeSure and her husband were hit with a 32-count indictment for fraud and perjury.

The beleaguered judge (who, strangely enough, got the award from the Oklahoma City Black Lawyers Association at a gala affair held shortly after she was forced off a high-profile murder case) and her husband were accused of collecting state funds to care for twin toddlers whom



Judge Tammy LeSure

Karlos A. LeSure

she secretly gave to her bailiff's sister.

Judge LeSure, 43, and Karlos Antonio LeSure, 46, the indictment alleges, orchestrated the scheme to defraud the state out of public funds for a three-year period.

The indictment was filed on Friday.

### Mug Shots

Both Judge LeSure and her husband were fingerprinted at the county jail on Monday morning

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# McCall Given Two Life Terms for Abusing Son

## She and Her Boyfriend Convicted Of Beating Teen, Locking Him in Closet

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The woman who beat her son and locked him in a closet was handed a sentence of two life terms for child abuse.

LaRhonda Marie McCall, 38, will serve the terms consecutively.

She cried after she was sentenced.

An accomplice, Steve V. Hamilton, 40, was given a life term plus 20 years behind bars.

Oklahoma County District Judge Lisa Davis handed down the sentences after both defendants pleaded guilty last year.

Both are likely to spend the rest of their lives in prison.

Prosecutors said the boy was tortured over a four-years period, and said the boy was beaten with bicycle chains, wire cable, belts and a car jack.

They said he was regularly locked in a closet and was not even allowed out to use the bathroom.

The judge was told the boy also was choked, starved, stabbed, tied up and set on fire.

Once, he was tied to a ladder in a garage, doused with sugar water and left there for hours to be bitten by bugs. He also was



LaRhonda McCall cried after she was sentenced Thursday to spend the rest of her life in prison. (Photo/Jim Beckel/The Oklahoman)

forced to stand nude in the snow. He never was allowed to go to school.

Prosecutors showed the judge photos authorities took the boy's scars and emaciated body after he escaped from his mother in Sept. 2009.

He was 14-years-old at the time.

The victim, Bemell McCall, told the judge in a letter, "I forgive my mother, but I will never forget what she did and words she said to me."

He wrote that he hopes one day to open a therapy center for

abused children.

"You can hit, burn, shoot, stab, but you can't break me down because I'm a son of God and a brother of Jesus," he wrote.

The victim sat Thursday in the jury box about a dozen feet away from his mother.

He wept at times during her sentencing.

The 16-year-old boy abruptly left at one point just before his mother spoke to the judge.

"I thank him for forgiving me, but I don't deserve it," the boy's mother said, sobbing. "He couldn't hate me any more than I

hate myself for what I've done."

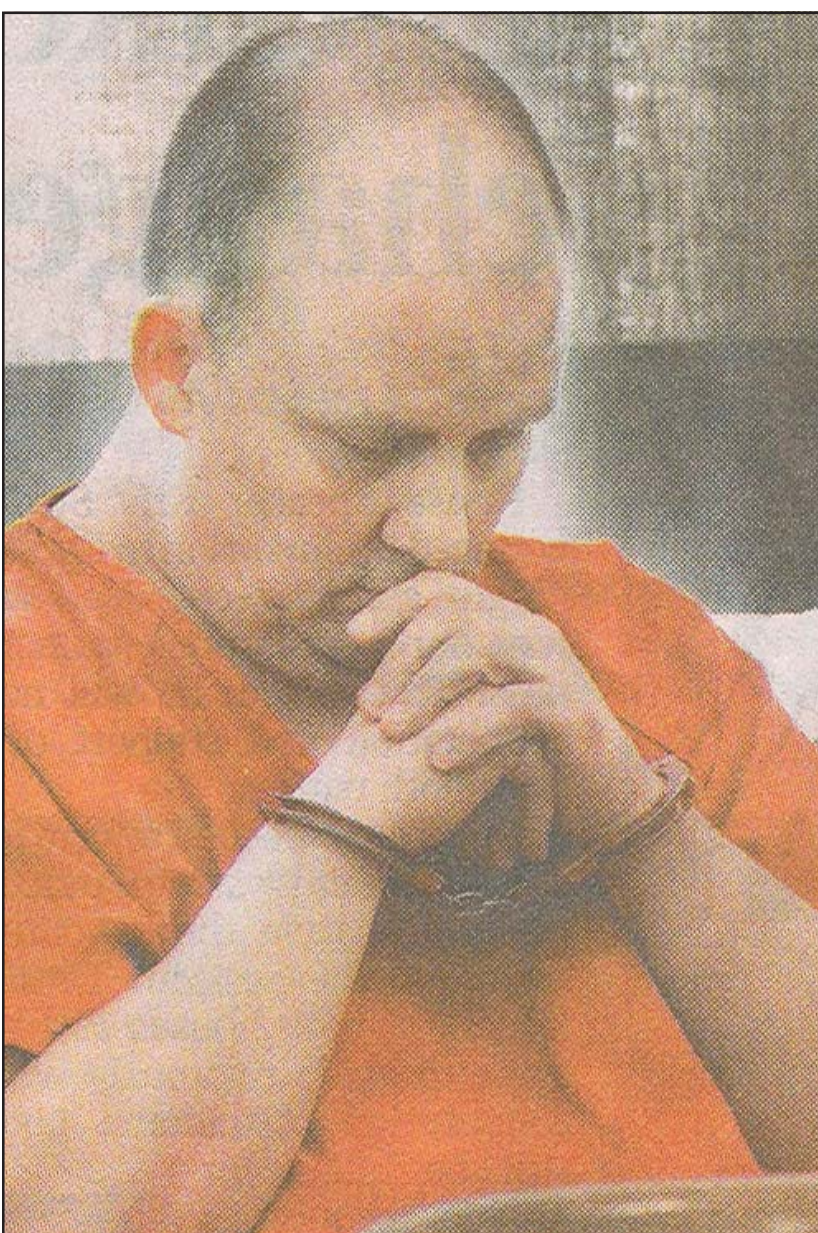
Mr. Hamilton apologized for his role in the abuse.

"If I could take it back," he said. "I would. I don't know what got into me."

The victim lived with a relative for years before being reunited with his mother in 2006.

Defense attorneys told the

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Steve V. Hamilton was given a life sentence plus another 20 years behind bars. (Photo/Jim Beckel/The Oklahoman)

