

"Christina Hines Is A Soft On Crime Prosecutor. Instead Of Prioritizing Victims, Hines Has Been Called Quote 'Compassionate Towards The Offenders,' Including A Criminal Who Committed Domestic Violence, Sex Crimes, And Stalking, Which Forced The Man's Victim To Flee And Hide For Safety."

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- **Local Civil Rights Lawyer Guy Conti, Who Assisted The Victim, Said He Had Never Seen Anything Like Savit's Response, And He Feared It Would Have A "Chilling Effect On Sexual Assault And Domestic Violence Victims Coming Forward."** "Guy Conti, local Ann Arbor civil rights lawyer and one-time judicial candidate, is assisting the victim.

He said of Savit's statement, 'I have never seen anything like it. No other lawyer I've talked to has seen anything like it. It's mind-boggling.' ... Conti said, 'There's no way this [Savit's statement] doesn't have a chilling effect on sexual assault and domestic violence victims coming forward. No Way.'" (The Ann Arbor Independent, 10/27/21)

- **Domestic Violence Activist Nicole Beverly Said Hines Warned Her That Savit Would Seek To Discredit The Victim If She Continued To Express Objections. Hines Also Did Not Question Savit's Decision To Release The Statement To Discredit The Victim.** "Domestic violence activist Nicole Beverly and others who communicated with Savit and First Assistant Prosecutor Hines prior to the statement's release, say they were told no public statement would be issued. On October 21, First Assistant Prosecutor Hines, when speaking to Beverly, who has been assisting the victim, allegedly said that should the victim continue to speak to the media, and should the 'negative publicity' continue, the Prosecutor would release a much longer statement, which would be much more damaging to the victim. In an audio recording shared by another individual with The Ann Arbor Independent, Christina Hines can be heard saying that the Prosecutor released his statement, 'because [the victim] talked to The Ann Arbor Independent.' Hines acknowledges the victim 'has First Amendment rights,' and then repeats that Savit released the statement because the victim spoke to the media. At no time during the recording does Hines, hired by Savit in early-2021, question his decision to violate the First Amendment rights and damage the credibility of her witness. Hines did not respond to a request for comment." (The Ann Arbor Independent, 10/27/21)

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