

"While Leading The Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Special Victims Unit, Christina Hines Let A Man Charged With Raping A 12-Year-Old Girl Off On Probation."

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- **No Comment From The Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office:** "The Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office declined to comment, citing the nonpublic nature of the case." (*Detroit Free Press*, 2/1/22)
- **Hines Served As The SVU Division Chief In The Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office During Boucher's Sex Crime Case.** (Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office Website, ["Division Chiefs" Page](#), Time Stamped 1/21/22; Accessed via Archive.org)



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