

Sugar Creek Scouts Participate in Mock Trial with Indiana Supreme Court Justice Steven David

David Riley, a Lebanon city police detective received an anonymous tip to investigate a "weird container" with an unknown liquid that resembled a bomb at Lebanon High School. Jake Ellis, a Lebanon student that was recently bullied, had contacted the detective after making the discovery. He witnessed Tom Fisher around the area of the bomb and was told by Mr. Fisher

"you will be sorry that you ever picked on me".

This brief description of a hypothetical trial became a real life trial for twenty-five Scouts from Sugar Creek district.
Studying the law merit badge, Scouts from Boone, Montgomery and Clinton counties assembled at the Boone County
Courthouse to participate in the mock trial.
This workshop was led by attorney
Jeremy Fetty and sponsored by Parr



Richey Obremskey Frandsen and Patterson law firm.

Area community leaders participated in the unique merit badge workshop including Major Mike Neilson of the Boone County Sheriff's department, Boone County Circuit Court Judge Jeffery Edens and special guest speaker Indiana Supreme Court Justice Steven David. After brief introductions, Justice David spoke about the law and his definition of what the law means to him. He later quoted from a card he carries in his wallet stating "the law is defined as the system of rules of conduct established by the sovereign government of a society to correct



wrongs, maintain the stability of political and social authority, and DELIVER JUSTICE."

Ending his speech to the Scouts Justice David said to remember his five rules "Work Hard. Do Good. Be Proud. Have Fun! and "The Rule of Law Always!"

With inspiration from Justice David, Acting Judge Fetty called the court to order. Scouts divided themselves



into the prosecution, defense and jury. Ultimately the jury's verdict was not guilty but the victory was the Scouts experienced this real life event.

When asked about this first experience leading a mock trial, acting judge Jeremy Fetty stated, "It was great to be a part of the mock trial experience with this group Boy Scouts community leaders in the Judicial and Law Enforcement fields. I truly believe this group of Scouts had an opportunity to learn a bit about the judicial system and hopefully had some fun with it. Hopefully this experience will be something this group of young men can look back on as a positive experience as they look toward future careers."

For more information on the Law merit badge case visit http://www.lawmerit.homestead.com.

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