



geoffrey moulton kane report

Special Deputy Attorney General H. Geoffrey Moulton Jr. walks media through his report on Sandusky investigation. (*Dan Gleiter, PennLive*)

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Attorneys for victims of Jerry Sandusky agree with Special Deputy Attorney General H. Geoffrey Moulton Jr.'s conclusions that there were shortcomings in the way the investigation into Sandusky's child sex crimes was handled.

But they also say those flaws don't overshadow the way it concluded.

"Thank goodness, the guy is behind bars," said Michael Boni, who represented Aaron Fisher, the first victim to step forward with sex abuse allegations against the former Penn State defensive counsel.

However, Boni and **Tom Kline**, who represented Victim 5, both found it disturbing that Attorney General Kathleen Kane disclosed today that two more alleged victims came forward claiming abuse by Sandusky that occurred six months after the attorney general's office took over the investigation in March 2009.

To this point, prosecutors involved in the case have insisted that Sandusky had not molested any additional victims after launching the investigation.

"To the extent there were additional preventable victims, then that would constitute an exacerbation of the tragedy," Kline said.

Kane revealed information about the two additional victims at a news conference on the release of the Moulton report. However, his report doesn't delve into that matter. Kane said the two additional Sandusky victims were beyond the original 10 victims who made up the case that led to Sandusky's conviction on 45 counts in 2012.

Lead prosecutor Frank Fina and investigators who worked the case called Kane's claim about additional victims a fabrication.

Fina subsequently conceded there was one victim who stepped forward during the course of the investigation who alleged abuse that extended into 2009 but his story was not found to be credible.

They expressed outrage that Kane would drop that news outside the four corners of the Moulton report.

"If the Moulton investigation was intended to address the Sandusky investigation, any delays or oversights attached to it, how can it possibly not mention in the report these eleventh-hour, 59th minute allegations that the attorney general makes?" said Joseph McGettigan, Fina's co-counsel at the Sandusky trial.

They also complained that Moulton never raised the issue with any of the prosecutors when they were interviewed during his review of the investigation.

But given the pattern of Sandusky's conduct with young boys that began well before 1998 and didn't stop until the late 2000s, Kline said, "it is not a quantum leap of the imagination to find additional victims. Those facts will likely unfold in more detail as days and weeks go on."

He expressed disappointment that the report failed to delve into the case when allegations of child sex abuse were first raised against Sandusky in 1998 and how, as Kline said, that case was "terribly mishandled" by law enforcement and social service agencies as well as Penn State.

However, he said it was the failure to bring Sandusky to justice in 1998 or 2001, when he was seen assaulting a boy in a Penn State shower, that allowed him to roam the streets of State College and hallways of Penn State without any restrictions for a couple more years.

"There is no denying that additional preventable tragedies occurred," Kline said.

Boni agreed the delay in getting an indictment was exceedingly frustrating for Fisher and his mother.

"It really did take a long time and that exacted a heavy emotional toll on Aaron and I'm sure the other victims as well," Boni said. "They were really losing faith in the justice system and whether he was being believed. It was a very scary, frustrating time for him and his mother. You can't even put it into words."