

# PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE

## Press Release

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### State of San Andreas v. Johnathan Rochester

“If things were different, things would be different” is a phrase I often tell myself, both when I need to be humbled as things go well, and when I need to be encouraged as things go poorly. You cannot change what has already happened.

Myself and Kathleen Brown took the Jonathan Rochester case because it was difficult, and because the Public Defenders Office is there to serve those who cannot go elsewhere. We are proud of our work and we stand by it. The hours of work between us and our many colleagues who offered insight and advice on the matter formed our case, which was strong. However, even the best laid plans can change, whether or not you want them to.

Regardless of the result of the case on Sunday, this much is undeniable: the breaths of many hold the name of Kathleen Brown, the name of Montana Moss, and the Public Defenders Office in higher regard than it did before the first gavel struck, all without asking a single question.

The Public Defenders will remain committed to providing the best legal defense possible, regardless of your income.

Of course we hoped for a different result with the verdict, but “if things were different, things would be different.”

Signed,  
*Montana Moss*  
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