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## **BUTLER DODGES DEBATES; SPINS FALSE RECORD**

*Butler refuses Supreme Court debates and back peddles on record*

{Webster, WI...} The Gableman for Supreme Court campaign today is asking why Justice Louis Butler is dodging debates with former prosecutor and Judge Michael Gableman as news reports reveal Butler has been using phony statistics regarding his record on the Court.

Justice Butler has either canceled or dodged three debates leading up to the final two weeks of the campaign including the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Forum in Milwaukee, the Waukesha County Bar Association Forum and the Marquette University debate with WISN UPFRONT host Mike Gousha.

Gableman for Supreme Court campaign consultant Darrin Schmitz says Butler is refusing to debate because he cannot defend his record of anti-law enforcement decisions and the phony numbers he's been spinning to the media regarding cases taken up by the Court.

"Louis Butler is running away from his record and attempting to hide," said Schmitz. "In the ultimate April Fools joke, Louis Butler has been spinning phony statistics hoping to trick voters on election day. Louis Butler needs to come clean as to why he's been misleading the public and the media about his record of siding with criminals."

According to March 19, 2008, WKOW TV report, Butler's campaign is now back peddling on statistics regarding Butler's record in criminal cases taken up by the Supreme Court calling them a "draft":

**A Butler campaign spokesperson also released to 27 News a revised record of Butler's participation in supreme courts case since he was appointed to the high court in 2004, to support ad claims Butler has upheld criminal prosecutions in the vast majority of cases. A blogger had cited a previous record of Butler's actions released to the Associated Press as flawed, citing several omitted cases where Butler had sided with overturning convictions. A Butler campaign spokesperson called the material released to the AP "a draft."**

"The Butler campaign's lies have been revealed. They've known all along their spin was phony. It's a shameless attempt to fool the media and voters about his real soft on crime record," said Schmitz.

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