

# Reporter Pins It on the DA

Dade City, Fla.

Lucy Ware Morgan, a reporter for the St. Petersburg Times, under court order to show why she should not be held in contempt for refusing to disclose the sources of a story, filed an affidavit Monday identifying one of the sources.

Mrs. Morgan identified that source as State Attorney James T. Russell, the official who subpoenaed her and demanded she name the sources for a story she

wrote about a Pasco county grand jury.

Mrs. Morgan said she identified Russell because she believed he had "waived any right of confidentiality" when he subpoenaed her and demanded to know the sources. She did not name any other sources.

Russell was not available for comment.

Mrs. Morgan was held in contempt by Judge Robert L. Williams last month and

was sentenced to five months in jail, or until she disclosed if the source was a member of the grand jury. She is free on appeal bond on that contempt citation.

The affidavit filed Monday was in support of a petition for a rehearing on the original contempt citation. Attached to the affidavit was a copy of the news story in question.

It was color-coded to show sources of information for

each paragraph. Russell was shown as the source for all or part of six paragraphs, including a statement the grand jury presentment did not indict anyone.

Russel also was listed as the source of a statement that the jurors reportedly looked into business transactions of the Dade City mayor and several city commissioners and into complaints about the Dade City police chief.

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