



Lou Anna Simon's case will stay in circuit court



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LANSING, Mich. — Former Michigan State University president Lou Anna K. Simon's case will stay in the Eaton County Circuit Court.

On Monday, Judge John Maurer ruled against a motion by the prosecution to send the case back to district court.

Scott Teter, a prosecutor from the Michigan Attorney General's Office, requested that the case be remanded to district court so that Judge Julie Reincke could clarify inconsistencies in her ruling.

Simon's defense lawyer, Lee Silver, argued against that motion. He claimed a lack of precedent, meaning the court did not have the authority to remand to district court.

Simon will appear in court next on March 30. She and her legal team are attempting to get her charges in circuit court thrown out. But to do that, Simon's team is asking a circuit court judge to reverse Reincke's decision.

Simon is charged with two felonies and two misdemeanors for lying to police about what she knew in the Larry Nassar case.

Her legal team argues that Reincke was, "not objective and ignored an absence of evidence."

Simon was in circuit court in January where her attorneys filed a motion to have the case against her thrown out.

Back in November of 2019, Simon's attorney said the charges "have no merit whatsoever asking to file a motion to quash.

A motion to quash is a request to a court to render a previous decision of that court or a lower judicial body null or invalid, according to Cornell Law.

In October 2019, Reincke ordered Simon to stand trial, saying there is probable cause that she "concealed information with the intent to deceive."

That information was regarding whether or not the president of the university was aware that Nassar had been under investigation in 2014 when a med student, Amanda Thomashow, came forward about the abuse. Simon said she was aware that a sports medicine doctor was investigated, but not who or why.

"When asked if you were aware of any investigation involving Larry Nassar prior to 2016 you falsely or misleadingly said that 'I was aware that in 2014 there was a sports med doc who was subject to an investigation' when in fact you knew it was Larry Nassar who was the subject of 2014 Title IX investigations," Reincke said in November.

However, documents from May 2014, discovered by detectives showed Simon and an advisor discussed Nassar and the sexual assault investigation -- and yet, the doctor was cleared by the MSU's Internal Office that same year.

If the judge grants the motion, Simon's case will get sent back to district court.