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Christian Rock Musician Requests Judge's Recusal in Defamation Lawsuit against Rachel Maddow

Christian rock musician and youth preacher Bradlee Dean is fighting a war on more than one front nowadays. The popular speaker, who has been featured in the *New York Times*, MSNBC, and Fox News, is fighting back after getting death threats following controversial news coverage of Rachel Maddow.

Dean, who brings his heavy-metal band Junkyard Prophet into public high schools across the nation, made comments about Muslims' disapproval of homosexuality on his radio program, The Sons of Liberty. That was too much for the ultra-liberal Maddow, who claimed that he was calling for the execution of homosexuals. That was simply not true, Dean said, and he followed up last year by filing a \$50 million defamation lawsuit in Superior Court against Maddow and her host, MSNBC.

In the hearings, Dean, responding to obvious prejudice on the part of Judge Joan Zeldon, motioned to move the case to federal court. Zeldon then advised Dean that if they decided to do that, he would have to pay Maddow's attorneys fees of more than \$24,000. In response, Dean motioned for the judge's recusal.

Furthermore, this amount was "inflated and fraudulent," according to Dean's [July 10, 2012 request](#) that Zeldon recuse herself. In the request, Dean makes clear her prejudice against him and his lawyer, and her obvious favoritism toward Maddow's lawyers. Dean is now hoping to get a fairer trial in federal court.

Payment Order Never Finalized

"We were never given a finalized order to pay the attorneys' fees, as the [Huffington Post described it](#)," Dean said. "If we had to move out of her court, then we would have to pay, so we instead decided to request that the judge be removed, due to her prejudice."

Concerning the charge about homosexuality, Dean posted [a disclaimer from the very beginning on his website](#) that,

"Using an excerpt from our radio show, taken out of context, to suggest that I have called for the execution of homosexuals is not accurate, nor is it correct. I was not affirming Islamic law. I was

contrasting its excesses with the approach of Christianity which recognizes both the law and grace. I have never said that homosexuals should be subject to any kind of violence. I oppose exercising any kind of violence on them.”

What forced Dean’s hand in filing the lawsuit is that Maddow failed to include his disclaimer in her second report, made in May 2011, that Dean does not advocate the execution of homosexuals. Maddow had properly included the disclaimer in an earlier report of hers in August 2010.

“I began to get death threats when she didn’t issue the disclaimer the second time,” Dean said. “This type of journalism – if you can call it that – is truly irresponsible and fosters the kind of hate and violence that the left is always accusing us of.”

Dean started his full-time ministry, *You Can Run But You Cannot Hide*, after his conversion to Christianity in 1995. He has since dedicated himself to reaching the young to help them find a purpose in life, and to educate them in the Constitution and America’s biblically-based foundation.

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