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Contacted District Attorney, Todd Martens, to discuss prosecution with him. He told our representative that "libraries are exempt from prosecution" and that it was not his job to tell libraries what to do.

He also said that the intent of legislature is not necessarily to "protect kids." He furthered that the statutes referring to libraries being required to shelve books with "diversity" is not the "balance" we are talking about and that they have great discretion that allows them to do as they like.

When asked if the library could be required to have limited access to sexually explicit books, Atty. Martens again reiterated that he had no authority to prosecute the library and, since he is "not in the business of burning books", he will not touch this.

According to Atty. Martens, because the library cannot be prosecuted, that gives them "special protection."