

## Reporting missed the point

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To the Editor:

Given the recent past, one would think that the Kane County Chronicle would have learned a lesson or two about careful reporting. Alas, it appears to not be so, as evidenced by the Jan. 26 story "Monsignor must give deposition."

Whether Father Joe Jarmoluk must give a deposition was not the point of the Jan. 25 hearing (I don't know anyone who thinks he will not).

The hearing was about the motion that alleged that attorney Michael Brooks violated a protective order in the cases. Why did the Chronicle not report on the matter before the court with as much vehemence as the newspaper's continued dogging of Jarmoluk? Had the Chronicle's reporters been listening, they would have heard Brooks admit he named Jarmoluk in open court – something he apparently thinks insignificant.

He is quoted saying the motion "has no merit," implying that concern of how a videotaped deposition would be handled is insignificant.

Given his firm's association with the Anderson Law Firm of St. Paul, a firm that proudly posts videotaped depositions of clergy on its Web site, any reasonable person would think that Canice Rice's motion certainly does have merit and concern about the handling of the deposition is significant.

The story states: "According to court records, Brown scheduled a March hearing ..." Are court records from a Thursday morning hearing filed quickly enough for your reporters to quote them in the Friday morning edition of your paper?

Or did another party release them to your reporters?

Why was it necessary for the Chronicle's reporters to call Jarmoluk and his attorney for comments?

For future reference, Jarmoluk is the man wearing the Roman collar. Rice is the man sitting next to the man wearing the Roman collar.

Both were in the courtroom and could have given immediate comment, as could the 20 supporters in attendance.

It might behoove the Chronicle's staff to read the motion filed for which Judge Brown ordered the hearing in March.

Potential witnesses who will, in all likelihood, be subpoenaed are named in the document. A copy is easily downloaded at [www.ctlnyc.com](http://www.ctlnyc.com) under the documents link.

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