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Subject: Cyril Wecht Rides Again

For everyone's information: Last Saturday's Washington Post contained a news article on the back page of Section A describing how a criminal case in Pennsylvania had been dismissed due to the inflammatory testimony of the Allegheny County Coroner, Dr. Cyril Wecht. Wecht had been called as the star prosecution witness in a Rodney King-type case of police abuse of a black DUI suspect who died from injuries inflicted by the policemen who stopped him. Under cross examination, Wecht lost his cool and snapped at the defense counsel that "it is not for me to explain how these injuries occurred, but for you to explain what your client(s) were doing that they caused them." (Or words to that effect: I'm recounting this from memory.) The defense immediately moved for a mistrial, which was granted.

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