

against Sandra L. Lyles (phonetic) has been dismissed. Deputy County Greg Abboud, it doesn't say Deputy County Attorney, Deputy County Greg Abboud said the charge against Ms. Lyles was filed to encourage her cooperation in the prosecution of a co-defendant. So, they filed a charge against her that should not have even been filed to pressure her into testifying against somebody else. If you leave these kind of things available to prosecutors, it is not there just as a basis to have somebody plea to a lesser offense. It is an offense available for misuse and improper use by a prosecutor and some can be pressured to bring these bad cases. You could have the instance that I mentioned of a female who is 16, well, just under 16, 15 years old and 360 days, a boy who is anything younger than that, he can be 12. So five years later she is 20 years old, almost 21. He was 14 at the time, so now he is 19, and a charge is brought against him of having touched her in an improper manner, and he is brought before the judge, and Senator Langford cannot conceive of this happening. But it can and I will try to find examples where things like this have occurred. This person who has been charged can't even remember where he was on the date in question, can't remember anything that is being alleged, even having been with the woman. But she brings some friends who say, yes, he was, and that is what he did. And she doesn't have to say why she was a long time in bringing it, but if she does have to say that, she can just say, well, it bothered her. She didn't want to be embarrassed. But he went on off to school, forgot about her, he is making it real well. She didn't go to school, she has got a lot of problems, and she is going to fix him, but it doesn't matter what her motivation is. The charge can be brought, and if you are going to extend the statute of limitations, you ought to see the way the current law deals with misdemeanors. The statute of limitations for other crimes, except murder, arson, treason, and forgery, is three years. For misdemeanors, it is 18 months. The policy of this state indicates that a misdemeanor is not as serious as a felony. Now for the purpose of this statute of limitation, you are going to make this misdemeanor on the same level as a felony that can carry from one to 50 years. And for this misdemeanor, there is no minimum and the maximum is a year. So a misdemeanor with a maximum of a year is being made as serious as a felony that can carry 50 years. The one who does the touching, for the purposes of this bill, is in the same category as the one who used force and violence and committed serious physical injury to the victim. They are both treated the same. Some people see no need for the law to make distinctions. I do. The purpose of