

Press Release

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Office of Ryoichi Hattori,
House of Representatives member

Catherine Jane Fisher, a victim of US serviceman crime, enters her claim for compensation against the perpetrator in USA

—Court proceedings starts from 18th October at Milwaukee Circuit court, Wisconsin—

Catherine Jane Fisher (an Australian now living in Japan) is a victim of US servicemen crime. She has filed a suit to Milwaukee Circuit court, Wisconsin, where the perpetrator now lives, demanding the performance of the November 2004 sentence of Tokyo district court which approved the defendant's rape and ordered him payment of 3 million Yen. The court proceedings is to start from 18th October at the above court.

Fisher was raped by Bloke T. Deans, an US serviceman stationed at USS Kitty Hawk ,on April 6 2002 in Yokosuka, Kanagawa Prefecture. But she was treated by the Kanagawa prefectural police who conducted the investigation in a manner completely violating human rights. The perpetrator was not prosecuted by the Yokohama District Public Prosecutors Office on July 2002 without providing any reasons, although he was restrained by US military police. Subsequently, she brought a civil suit against the perpetrator claiming for compensation and the Tokyo district court has ruled in favor of her claim in November 2004. But the perpetrator was discharged during the trial and compensation remained unpaid.

In July 2008 his whereabouts was known and a trial in USA was sought with the full cooperation of the Australian embassy in USA. Finally, she filed a suit directly to the perpetrator in USA demanding the performance of the sentence of Tokyo district court and it will start from 18th October. (This is the first foreign case to be treated at Milwaukee Circuit court, Wisconsin.)

We would like to invite you to listen to Catherine Jane Fisher's appeal asking for a fair justice of US forces crime and also listen to her questioning of the present Japan-U.S. Status-of-Forces Agreement.

◆Press conference

Date : 18th September(Tuesday) 3:00 pm~4:00 pm approx.

Place : Second Members' Office Building of the House of Representatives, No7 Meeting room
(B1)

Attendee : Catherine Jane Fisher (The plaintiff)

Ryoichi Hattori (Member, House of Representatives)

Jun Chisaka (Japan Peace Committee Secretary-General)

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