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### The Medical Examiner's Decision

*Carly Stewart*

This is the third case I've seen today,  
Identical to the others who died in this way.  
A prominent citizen, one of New York's finest,  
Overdosing on cocaine; it seems rather heinous.  
Once again, I have that nagging feeling deep down in my gut.  
It's my conscience making me feel in a rut.  
The public must be made aware of this recent trend.  
Perhaps this could save a few lives in the end.

My higher-ups say it's my job I could lose  
If I went to the media with this type of news.  
"Your conscience doesn't belong in this job,"  
They tell me, "and the media is really just one crazy mob.  
They'll jazz up your story and distort all the facts.  
Now, would we want that burden of risk on our backs?  
It's a social thing, you know, completely political.  
Besides, these OD's are not at all that critical."

But people are dying and I can't help but think  
I could undoubtedly save a few with a media link.  
It's my conscience and morality versus strong social standards.  
I suppose the newspapers could cause great harm with their slander.  
I decide to keep my medical findings to myself  
Letting more and more druggies abuse their health.  
So this fatal trend continues, and I still get paid...  
I only wish social expectations weren't so demanding today.