You Decide

6.4 Georgia Carradine was held in contempt of court based on her refusal to testify after witnessing a gang-related homicide, explaining that she was in fear for her life and the lives of her children. Carradine was sentenced to six months in the Cook County jail. She persisted in this refusal despite the government's offers to relocate her and her family to other areas in Chicago, Illinois, or the continental United States. Carradine had been separated from her husband for roughly four years and supported her six children aged five to eighteen through payments from her husband and supplemental welfare funds. She explained that she distrusted the State's Attorney and doubted that law enforcement authorities could protect her from the Blackstone Rangers youth gang. Carradine's fear was so great that she was willing to go to jail rather than to testify. The Illinois Supreme Court, in affirming the sentence, stated that criminals could not be brought to the bar of justice "unless citizens stand up to be counted." Do you agree with the decision to deny Carradine the defense of duress? See *People v. Carradine,* 287 N.E.2d 670 (Ill. 1972).

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