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Re: Kevin J. Pecor-Fatal Accident 01/13/03-West Springfield Case #03-585

Dear District Attorney Bennett,

Thank you so much for all of the kindness and assistance that you have continued to offer me. It has been extremely helpful knowing that people care.

It has come to my attention that you believe that the civil case is more important to me than the criminal prosecution of Mr. Johnny J. Martinez. I must state that is not accurate. That young man had no guilt or remorse and even laughed at least twice at the first pre-trial hearing. This demeanor was witnessed by Victim Witness Advocate Kathleen O'Connor.

I have written many letters to the West Springfield Police Department as well as to the Mayor citing what I believe to be reckless driving and failure to yield the right of way on the part of Mr. Martinez. There was even a similar case in East Longmeadow that I cited in one of my letters. I have repeatedly asked them to explain to me where my interpretations of the laws that I researched were inaccurate. My letters remain unanswered and my phone calls unreturned. The lack of social justice, the fear of Mr. Martinez hurting someone else, and the lack of understanding as to why he was not charged is not allowing me any closure.

You had agreed to take a lengthier look at the case. I have copied you on all of my letters and hope that they have been helpful. I would appreciate it if you could explain to me where I am wrong, or bring charges against Mr. Martinez.

If the lack of evidence from the Police Department is the reason that you are unable to go forward, may I request that you request the State Police Reconstruction team to look at the accident with a fresh set of eyes. If that is not possible, could I please request a judge's inquest (I am not certain if that is the correct phrase, but it would involve a judge looking at the case instead of the Grand Jury).

I have a large number of people who would be willing to sign petitions to defend such action if that is necessary.

Thank you so much again for all of your time, patience, kindness and assistance as this tragedy stripped me of my entire family and has been overwhelmingly difficult.


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