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Mayor Ed Gibson  
City Of West Springfield  
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West Springfield, MA. 01089

Hand Delivered

August 18, 2003

Dear Mayor Gibson,

I am still awaiting a written response from you to my letter dated July 31, 2003. I appreciate the many times that you have interrupted your busy schedule to listen to me cry. Although you have assured me that you are drafting a response to my many unanswered questions, the injustice that exists is haunting me. The more time that goes by, the more I believe that Mr. Martinez should be charged with Vehicular Homicide, and for this reason, continue to ask for your assistance in ensuring that right thing is done both morally and legally.

You informed me that your Officers did not contact the State Police Reconstruction team, as the West Springfield Reconstruction Team has a much better reputation for doing a thorough job. I must stress to you that the officers on the scene that night, the officers doing the reconstruction and the officer involved in the lengthier investigation were all the same. When you consider human nature, this does not allow the objectivity that is needed in such a critical decision. A young man's life was taken, and the person responsible has had little consequences. Mr. Martinez is now 21 years old and with the courtroom demeanor that I witnessed, he is likely to hurt someone else.

I would deeply appreciate your response to all of my unanswered questions, as well as the perceived lack of integrity. It is extremely difficult to attempt to get any closure and grieve my son's death while I am attempting to pursue justice. As I have previously stated the continued lack of response from the Police Department that commenced the day after Kevin's death is appalling. The Police are paid to serve the community and ensure that there is social justice. Although this lack of sensitivity is not from the entire department, considering the seriousness of the tragedy, it has been extremely damaging. Officer LaFrance handled the recent incident concerning my dog in a much more sensitive manner. I believe if he had been the responding officer to my son's death I would have been treated in a much more appropriate manner. As I have also stated, it is my hope that there be some sensitivity training for the officers involved, and I would like to see Officer LaFrance commended for his demeanor in dealing with the public.

I would also like you to look at the attached clip from the Republican dated August 16, 2003. There was a woman in the road that a licensed driver did not see, and hit. Mr.

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Martinez saw Kevin. That person violated civil laws, much like Mr. Martinez. She is being charged with negligence as a result. Mr. Martinez failed to yield the Right Of Way, and if he attempted to pass Kevin, would have had to cross marked lanes, and did not allow Kevin enough room. All of these do constitute negligence in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. There were several civil infractions that lead to Mr. Martinez negligence. East Longmeadow called in the State Police Reconstruction team. Is it possible that you could now contact the State Police Reconstruction team for an independent evaluation as well as possibly contact the East Longmeadow police department to determine how they arrived at the decision that they did? The two cases do seem somewhat similar, although it is still my belief that Kevin was entitled to the entire lane of travel. I would imagine that the family of Lisa Quinn is not feeling a need to read graphic police reports and do investigating that causes them to relive the accident repeatedly. Their local Police Department appears to be responding to the situation in a more effective manner to allow justice. It certainly could only help to get all of the assistance possible.

Any assistance that I can get to come to an understanding or pursue justice is greatly appreciated.

Thank you again for your personal time and consideration in this very important matter,



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cc: Atty. General Tom Reilly  
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Atty. William Fallon  
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A/DA Tim Rogers  
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# LOCAL

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2003

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THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2003

The Republican

**EAST LONGMEADOW**

## Pedestrian killed on Chestnut Street

A 43-year-old East Longmeadow woman died last night after she was hit by a Chevy Blazer in front of 44 Chestnut St., police said.

Lisa Quinn of 97 Chestnut St. was walking on Chestnut Street when she bent down about 4:45 p.m., said Officer Timothy F. Daley of the East Longmeadow Police Department. As she stood up, she was struck by a Blazer traveling eastbound on Chestnut Street, he said.

The cause of the accident is under investigation, but it appears the driver didn't see Quinn, Daley said. She was taken to Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, where she died last night, he said.

No charges were filed last night against the driver, Donna Stanton, 41, of 21 Brentwood St., Springfield, police said.

The accident is being investigated by town and state police.

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**EAST LONGMEADOW**

## Arraignment slated in pedestrian death

Police said yesterday that a Springfield woman was expected to be arraigned today on charges of vehicular homicide and marked lane violations in connection with the July 25 traffic death of a pedestrian.

According to police records, Lisa Quinn of 97 Chestnut St. was walking on Chestnut Street at about 4:45 p.m. Friday when she was struck by an eastbound Blazer driven by Donna Stanton, 41 of 21 Brentwood St., Springfield. Quinn was transported to Baystate Medical Center in Springfield where she died later that night.

East Longmeadow Police Sgt. Thomas A. Templeton said he expected Stanton to be arraigned in Springfield District Court.

**SPRINGFIELD**

# LOCAL

TURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2003

# LOCAL

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2003

## WEST SPRINGFIELD

### Driver, 80, cited for hitting girl, 16

A 16-year-old girl was hospitalized after being struck Thursday by a vehicle on Elm Street as she was crossing the street. A second pedestrian sustained minor injuries.

Heather Young of 86 Birch Park Circle was listed in good condition yesterday at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, according to a hospital spokeswoman. Nelson Camyre, 18, of Roseland Ave., the other injured pedestrian, refused medical treatment, according to police Sgt. Gerard P. Connor.

The driver of the vehicle, Walter J. Zagula, 80, of 21 Cleander St., was cited by police for failure to stop for a pedestrian at an intersection. The accident remains under investigation, Connor said.

The incident occurred around 3:07 p.m. Thursday, Connor said.

## EAST LONGMEADOW

### Arraignment set in traffic fatality

A Springfield woman is scheduled to be arraigned in Palmer District Court Sept. 9 in connection with the July 25 traffic death of town resident Lisa Quinn.

According to East Longmeadow Police Sgt. Patrick Manley, Donna Stanton of 21 Brentwood St., Springfield, will be arraigned on a criminal complaint of motor vehicle homicide by negligent operation and a civil infraction of marked lanes violations.

Manley said that Quinn was walking on Chestnut Street just before 5 p.m. July 25 when she was struck by an eastbound Chevrolet Blazer driven by Stanton. Quinn was transported to Baystate Medical Center in Springfield where she died.