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Re: Kevin j. Pecor-Case #03-585

Dear Mayor Gibson,

This letter is in reference to my son, Kevin J. Pecor's death, and the undated letter from you that I received on 9/15/03. As per our conversation on 9/16/03, this letter is vague and although sympathetic, does not answer any of the unanswered questions that I have surrounding my son's untimely and tragic death. I have been attempting to receive answers since the day after my son's death in January. It has now been eight months, and although you have listened to me cry repeatedly, you have not ensured that I received the answers that I truly need to try to attempt to get some closure surrounding Kevin's death. The complete lack of cooperation from the Police Department Personnel involved, as well as the lack of results and answers from you, as leader of the Town of West Springfield, continues to cause me more unnecessary pain and anguish. The immeasurable pain from the loss of a child, in particular my only child is heart wrenching enough without the additional pain that I have suffered from the apparent ambivalence of the Police Department and the unfulfilled promises and rhetoric from you.

You claim to be sorry that I "feel" that the Police Department was insensitive. My son was killed, and although it was one of the most serious accidents of the year, they could not find the time to even meet or speak with me for three weeks. Since that time, they have refused to speak or meet with me or try to answer my questions surrounding the accident. You claim that this is a result of my retaining an attorney although this behavior commenced long before I retained an attorney.

I did request that you have the police department perform a lengthier investigation. I cited examples of why I felt that this was necessary and that a fresh set of eyes might be helpful to maintain objectivity. A token effort was made and one of the examples that I gave you was investigated by the original Captain involved. A lengthier investigation would have involved speaking with all of the people involved to get any information that may have been missed or misunderstood.

I truly appreciate the many times that you personally went to or called the District Attorney's office on my behalf. You say that they claim that the laws I cited do not apply and that I should speak with them. The West Springfield Police Department gets paid to know and enforce the laws. They responded to the scene of the accident. They made determinations based on their own accident investigation people because they are "experts and the State Police tend to do a shoddy job." It was their report that claimed that there was no negligence on the part of Mr. Martinez despite all the actions that I believe are indicative of reckless driving. Therefore, I must assume that since Martinez stated that he saw Kevin in the lane of travel, and attempted to pass him without ample room that they applied some Right of Way Law that I could not find. From every law that I have read, either as a pedestrian or as a cyclist, Martinez should not have attempted to pass Kevin without ample room and complete control of his motor vehicle. I have therefore asked what Right of Way Laws that they applied in coming to their decision. I must assume that some law was applied in their determination.

I was aware of the Law that you stated surrounding driving on a suspended license and informed both

you and Captain Campurciani in my previous letters that I was aware of that law. That does not answer any of my very specific questions.

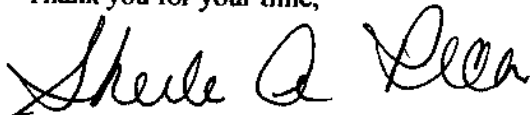
You also claimed that since we last met on August 13th (we met on August 11th) that you were in contact with Dr. Richmond at my request. I am assuming you are including that as a possible excuse for the lack of timeliness in your response to me, as on August 11th you verbally made a commitment to get me a response in about a week. Not only did it take quite a bit longer, but you failed to touch upon any of the questions I asked in a specific way such that I could attempt to understand and get closure. I must add for clarification, that I suggested you contact Dr. Richmond to negate what you believed to be a fact that was told to you from the police department. You claimed that they told you in all likelihood that the second driver killed Kevin. I explained that I had spoken to Dr. Richmond and that maybe you should get the facts straight since she told me that there was so much damage to my son's body that it was impossible to determine which car actually killed Kevin. I am amazed that the Police Department could come to a conclusion that the coroner's office could not. I also must say that it was Mr. Martinez' negligent and criminal behavior that was the catalyst for my son's death either way.

I appreciate your sympathy and kindness, but now I must request of you as Mayor of this town answer my questions so that not only can I get closure but that no other parent needs to suffer the additional pain that has been inflicted upon me by the people who get paid to protect and serve and enforce the law within this community. You claim that children and public safety are your priorities. I must ask what SOP's have been implemented to ensure humane treatment of people by the Police Department in a timely manner. I will also request at this time that you call the State Police Accident Reconstruction team or a private reconstruction person to perform a lengthier investigation. For the reasons I have cited in previous letters, the credibility of our own Police Department is questionable. Both I and the community are entitled to know that the Police Department is truly performing their job with the integrity, commitment, accuracy and sensitivity that the position warrants.

I also will ask one last time that you respond in writing with answers to the questions that I have posed in my previous letters. I am truly tired of talking about my son's death with people over and over and getting no closer to the truth and an understanding. I must re-live these thoughts in my head repeatedly and they continue to haunt me. I will also again request of you that you provide me with a police call log and all of the radio correspondence on January 13th from 6:00pm until 6:00 a.m. on January 14th. These are public records that I have already requested in writing. I would also request that you include a complete copy of the Accident Reconstruction Report as well explain why no A/DA was present at the scene.

I understand this letter is very direct. It has been eight months and I am no closer to the answers that I have been asking since January 14th. This is beyond ridiculous under such tragic and serious conditions.

Thank you for your time,



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