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Dear Mayor Gibson,

I am awaiting the response from you to my letter dated July 31, 2003. As well as the questions that I posed in my first letter, I would appreciate a response to the following questions as well.

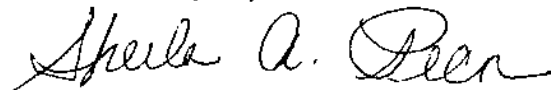
1. Why was Johnny Martinez not arrested that night? He was not treated at any of the local hospitals and allowed to go free.
2. Why did the police tell the newspaper that the cause of the accident was dark clothing and a radio headset? Kevin was wearing beige pants and his bicycle fully equipped with more than mandatory reflectors. Martinez stated he saw him. Also, they had no evidence that Kevin was listening to a radio headset. I found his Walkman several weeks after the accident on the side of the road. This left me wondering how well they actually investigated the accident as well as doubts as to the integrity of those involved. (See article dated January 15th)
3. Why did the police tell the paper that no citations were issued when Martinez was mailed a citation for driving on a suspended license in an unregistered, uninsured car?
4. Why was the State Police Reconstruction team not called in? To have the same officers that initially responded to the accident to the reconstruction does not allow for a truly open mind.
5. You had informed me that Chief Burke was going to have a lengthier investigation done by a "fresh set of eyes". This would mean someone not involved in the original investigation. Captain Campurciani was one of the original investigating officers. It is my belief that this lengthier investigation did not entail a thorough investigation either. I know that the second driver was never questioned again. Mr. Vassallo has since told me that Martinez did not even pull over immediately, but kept driving some distance after hitting Kevin. It is unlikely that there were any skid marks despite the fact that he saw Kevin.

Also, I would appreciate it if you would provide me with a copy of the call log from 6:00 PM January 13, 2003 until 3:00 AM on January 14th. I would also like a copy of the radio correspondence for that period of time. I would attempt to get it directly from the Police Department, but they have continued to be unwilling to speak with me.

As I have previously stated, it my hope that Mr. Martinez will have consequences for his behavior so that he does not hurt anyone in the future. It is also my hope that through awareness and education, no other parent ever needs to endure the additional pain that I have had to endure as a result of the insensitivity and unresponsiveness that the Police Department has shown me.

If the result of the investigation determines that there are still no charges brought forth, it is my intent to request a coroner's inquest and continue to pursue this matter.

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

  
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cc: Atty. William Fallon  
Atty. Terrance Dunphy