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Via Hand Delivery

Honorable Judge Tony L. Abbatangelo
Las Vegas Justice Court, Department 3
Regional Justice Center
200 Lewis Avenue, 7th Floor
Las Vegas, Nevada 89155

Re: Status of Hearing on Motion to Preview Evidence Pre-Inquest and to Provide Accurate and Complete Jury Instructions pursuant to Clark County Code §2.12.080(h) and §2.120.080(m)(7)

Dear Judge Abbatangelo:

This letter serves to follow-up on scheduling a hearing date to address the relief requested in the above-referenced Motion given that the inquest is now one (1) week away. Of particular concern, given the fast approaching date of the inquest, is that Michael Murphy is out-of-town and not returning until the day before despite assurances from Mr. Murphy that he takes this Motion "seriously" and would "meet with the presiding judge" to discuss scheduling a date or a response to the Motion. Specifically, Mr. Murphy emphasized that his office has no objection to releasing the evidence to the Family. However, we have yet to receive any response regarding the status of this Motion and letter brief served by the ACLU in support of this Motion.

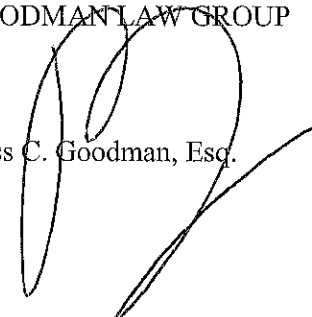
As you know, the Clark County Code vests the Presiding Officer with the authority to "insure a fair and just hearing," which would presumably include, allowing the Family to access the evidence surrounding the death of their son in advance of the hearing. Obviously, without providing this basic disclosure, the Family has NO ability to prepare or ask meaningful questions without the opportunity of reviewing ALL the evidence. Instead, your failure to intervene as the Presiding Officer by granting such relief, to include presenting real jury instructions based on real law, will allow Metro, in collaboration with the prosecutors, to repeatedly misuse this process as a clearinghouse designed to free its officers from any accountability in the arena of public perception.

This responsibility to serve as an independent voice has never been greater especially given that this inquest will be televised. Otherwise, Metro and the prosecutors will be free to present their one-sided case masquerading as a legitimate fact-finding process. However, unfettered by any judicial scrutiny, this inquest will guarantee another justifiable killing based on reckless conduct and serve as nothing more than BAD reality TV at taxpayer's expense.

Very truly yours,

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