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cool...thanks so much

>>> Elynne Greene 5/31/2006 12:22:22 PM >>>

I got the letter from Scott's daughter. His was one of my first homicides after coming to work for Metro. At the time, there was little I could do except assist with Victims of Crime paperwork. The DA's advocates would then take over, since in the early days, we had very clear lines as to what our role in supporting a family would be. Mine stopped once the case was accepted by the DA. I followed the trial and have also followed recent developments. My heart breaks for these families who are given "life sentences" while the real criminals take advantage of every right and legal loophole to walk away unscathed.

The system works for a fortunate few. Everyone points fingers and cites an overwhelming number of cases as the reason for such "oversights." Worse, we blame the victim for not "keeping in touch," because they believed us when we said "guilty" and "life in prison." But in the end, it is just a job and too few go the extra mile to make sure that their word means something. We can't control the system, we can only commit to supporting those being revictimized.

After reading and rereading Heather's letter, and feeling quite guilty because I am part of the system, I want to offer her my support to "climb to the top of a tall building" to shout out the names who are responsible for this "little oops."

I am proud of the role I have played in the lives of so many homicide survivors. I have been a part of their grief and have been blessed with being part of their joys...weddings, baby births and college graduations. I sleep well at night because I try to honor my commitment to these victims. With your permission, I would like to ask Heather to speak out at CCVR meetings, etc. to let those of us in the field to let us know first hand the harm we cause when we stop doing what is right.

There is no excuse for this and I can't offer any explanation except to ask her to help us to learn from her. That is what my field is all about.

I will follow-up in writing once I have made contact with Heather.  
Elynne

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