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Subject: Note from your neighbor.

Dear Governor Lee,

My name is REDACTED and I am your distant neighbor at REDACTED in Leipers Fork.

I have been to your beautiful farm and was able to pet one of your spectacular prize bulls, and my children briefly attended school with your Grandson. I gladly voted for you I am grateful for the good things you have done in my community.

I am writing to you because after speaking with a few of your employees (and friends) that hold you in the highest regard, encouraged me to reach out to you for help. They feel that you are a compassionate driven public servant that is accessible to the people. My mother was also a public servant as Mayor of a small town, and was also accessible for many issues for her beloved community.

I am writing in regards to the death of Grant Solomon.

I'm sure you have heard many versions of the truth. It has been a confusing case. I am sharing information that you are most likely not aware.

Grant spent a lot of time at my house with our kids. Grant was for the underdog, wore Jesus' cross with honor, mentored friends that were struggling, was a 4.0 scholar, fierce athlete, loyal to loved ones, and an unwavering protector of his little sister. Honestly, I have never met anyone like him and probably never will. His loss has had a massive impact on our community, especially our kids (Grant's brothers). Grant's spirit is still active and very much with us as he leaves behind a role model for our kids to follow.

But there is unfinished business. This is something Grant did not take lightly. Things are not adding up regarding his death. Grant's friends and baseball community brought this to our attention right after visiting the incident scene. They are saying.... **"No way, we're not buying it"**.

I pray, and Grant's friends pray, that you will not look the other way. This shock wave continues to travel and build, not only in our community, but through the baseball community and beyond our state, our country, and now internationally. It is a strong calling for justice that has been placed on the people's hearts. God engrains the scales of justice in our hearts for a reason. To resolve unfinished business and gain closure and righteousness for loved ones.

Private Investigator, Dan Hodges, has 30 years experience with the FBI. He has investigated this case for over a year. Dan Hodges has officially put in writing- "It is impossible for Grant Solomon to have died without assistance".

After Grant's death, two "reviews" (not full investigations) were done by Gallatin DA's, Ron Blanton, and Ray Whitley, and lead detective Jamie Helson. DAs claim full investigations were done via their own sworn statements. But a Full investigation was never performed. Witnesses were never questioned after the morning of Grant's death. The main witness, Aaron Solomon, was not brought in and questioned beyond the brief conversation with police officers had with Aaron the morning at the scene. No subpoenas were served to anyone. The incident was written up as a parking lot incident (it happened on a state Hwy- the truck was on Gov property). Measurements were not taken at the scene, Grant's truck was not impounded, Grant's truck was not investigated for malfunction, Grant's belongings were left beside the road. They basically took Arron's word for it at the scene and that was it. When I called Jamie Helson (investigator) and Ty Wilson (officer on scene), Helson flat refused to meet with me (even when I told him I had new evidence), and officer Ty Wilson hung up on me.

Once Grant's father arrived at the hospital, Grant's autopsy was declined (knowing Grant's mother was on her way), Grant was still alive upon arrival and responded well in the ambulance (with a BP of 86/50, and Pulse Ox of 85), and was still alive at the hospital, but it seems very few (if any) real life saving measures were performed once Aaron arrived at the hospital. In fact, most life saving measures appeared to stop. Vandy Life Flight had arrived in Gallatin and was declined, no bloodwork was taken, no defibrillator, no body scans, no x-rays, no EEG, no ventilator was given to Grant to be kept alive knowing his mother and sister were on their way only 45 minutes away.

The most prominent questions that draw suspicion are:

- Father's story does not appear to match Grant's body: Father said Grant got caught under truck and was run over and drug down parking lot to rocky ditch below by Grant's Toyota Tacoma. Medical report shows one injury to back of head, "blunt force trauma" as cause of death. Grant's body had zero evidence of Low speed Collision Impact, or Dragging. No broken bones, no scratches, abrasions, burns or trauma. No scattered body parts that would normally be expected from being drug by a vehicle on jagged asphalt. There appeared to be no spinal cord trauma as expected, b/c as Grant laid under the truck waiting for the ambulance, one witness said Grant responded to his father's command of "move your head side to side" (as heard on 911 call) which Grant did. The only mark on Grants body was bruising on his hip bone which is believed to be from sliding in baseball.
- Grants Clothes -Grant's tennis shoes were still on his feet, and had no scuff marks. Grant's socks were still perfectly white and pulled up with no marks. His cross necklace was still intact and around his neck and not scratched. Grant's hands did not have a mark on them. Grant had nothing under his nails. Even the funeral home was expecting a closed casket funeral, and were shocked to find Grant in near perfect condition. Grant's body was perfect for the funeral with an open casket. Hardly evidence of being drug and run over by a vehicle in my opinion.
- There was no blood at the top of the hill: Father claims Grant was drug (about 25 feet) by the truck before crashing down into the rocky ditch. Police photos verify that blood was at bottom of hill in the ditch. Photos show the rock that Grant bled out on from blunt force trauma to the skull is in the bottom of the ditch. In Grant's case there was no suggested evidence of Vehicle Ground Contact to his body, or Trajectory contact in the parking lot, and no Initial Impact Injury of vehicle on Grant's body or in the parking lot. Evidence suggests that Grant never made contact with the vehicle at all, and that the vehicle was pulled over on top him. Due to the clearance under the truck by Grant laying in crevasse of ditch, Grant's body suggest the truck never made contact with him in my opinion. The undercarriage of the vehicle was boiling hot as it was driven from Franklin to Gallatin for an hour in July. Grant's skin had zero burns.
- Tire Tracks were moving FORWARD – Aaron claims truck rolled backwards into rocky ditch. However, Police photos show tire tracks moving forward into the ditch. Police photos suggests that the truck was pulled forward off the road and over Grant. This does not match Aaron's story of the truck rolling backwards.
- Truck suspiciously disappears: Witness Aaron Solomon claimed Grant's truck malfunctioned and ran over him causing Grant's death. However, Aaron drove the truck for months after the incident. Meanwhile, Gallatin DA claims that they needed a 'smoking gun" and they suggested the truck to look at the case further. Investigators had been keeping an eye on Grant's truck. The truck disappeared. They ran the VIN and found the truck on the auction block and purchased the truck at auction. When the truck was

presented to Gallatin DA, they still claimed they didn't have enough evidence, even with truck forensics.

- Potential Insurance Fraud: When truck was recovered at auction, Aaron had claimed it was totaled and he likely collected the insurance settlement money. Forensics showed the truck was in good condition with no damage and the parts had simply been unscrewed and taken off the vehicle to appear totaled. Once again, Aaron has not been questioned about this.
- Forensic investigation results on Grant's Truck: Investigator Dan Hodges had forensic exam completed on the truck. One purpose of forensics was to recover the black box that records activity within the vehicle (much like an airplane black box). Aaron Solomon claimed the truck malfunctioned and killed his son but yet he drove the truck for months after his son's death. The black box showed zero collisions to the truck and confirmed that the truck had not been totaled. In fact the truck was in good condition and drivable. Forensics also showed zero collisions during the time period of the incident. This suggests that the truck did not crash backwards and land in the rocky ditch below. It also did not show scratches on the undercarriage which would have been likely present considering the rocks were large drainage rocks.
- Tow Company for Truck - Towing company has provided written statement that the truck was found in PARK. How did the truck get in park when Grant was under the truck?
- Grant's belongings were found near the sidewalk by the road. One would have expected to find a trail of Grant's belongings starting at the top of the hill if he had started at the top of the hill, and got drug under his vehicle down the hill and to the bottom of the ditch. But yet, police photos show Grant's sports goggles/glasses were near the road. Grant's cell phone was still on (with GPS map showing) in the ditch. Life 360 was still on and working. But yet when the phone was returned to Grant's mother, it had been damaged (it looked like a hammer had smashed the center of the screen). Life 360 showed Grant's phone being driven around Hendersonville the next day. Who had the phone and why? Why wasn't the phone immediately turned over to the police knowing there was a death to investigate? The phone appeared later from Aaron.
- 911 Call- Aaron never went to his son. If my kid were under a truck, I would have lifted it myself, ran out on the road and screamed for help, gotten a car jack, held his hand, prayed with him, screamed out to the holy spirit, and God knows what else. The 911 operator told Aaron twice to go to his son. He would not. The witness, baseball player that was at the scene right after the incident said Aaron stayed at the top of the hill and paced back and forth. Aaron never went to be with his son.
- Why did Grant's progress seem to decline when father arrived at hospital? Why were most life saving measures declined when Grant appeared to be improving in the ambulance? Why was Vandy Life Flight declined, no bloodwork was taken, no defibrillator, no body scans, no x-rays, no EEG, no ventilator was given to Grant to be kept alive knowing his mother and sister were on their way only 45 minutes away? Especially when Grant arrived at the hospital with a BP of 86/50 and pulse ox of 85?
- Aaron Solomon's Behavior - Witnesses share that Aaron did not shed a tear at the hospital the morning of Grant's death. Aaron did not shed a tear at Grant's funeral. Aaron was seen the morning after Grant's death at Coffee and Coconuts sipping coffee and reading the newspaper. Aaron has been caught in multiple different stories, versions, and on video, on how the incident happened that killed his son. Multiple people noticed that Aaron's story changed as the weeks went on and there are multiple

different stories from the father. Once again, father was never brought in for questioning.

- Volatile Relationship with Father- The reason why Grant was at our house a lot was because he was fleeing from his father. Grant begged for protection from his judge, DCS worker, and law enforcement. Many reports were filed. Grant felt like he was in a night mare screaming for help but no one could hear him. I also reported the father for child abuse but it was screened out of DCS within 30 minutes. Grant feared his father because his father had anger and rage issues and Grant was afraid. The morning that Grant passed, and went to meet his father in Gallatin he hesitated and was reluctant to go. As Grant was walking out the door, he asked his mother, "Mom are you going to be around today"? Yes, why? **Grant said "I don't want to die in Gallatin Today"**. This is on record. Grant had not seen his father in a while and was afraid to go.
- Potential Motive- Written statement from friend suggest that Grant was going to testify against his father when Grant turned 18, regarding the abuse of his little sister, and mother. Grant was killed 2 weeks after his 18th birthday. Grant had also seen concerning and potentially illegal activity on his father's computer.

Now Grant's friends are home from college for the holidays. When Grant was killed, they were completely gutted but were courageous enough to speak at Grant's funeral, carried his casket, tended to his mother and sister, and tended to his grave.

But today, our boys are asking why is there no justice?...is this how the world works? Does anyone care?

Does corruption, money and power win?

My son and his friends are just now seeking counseling for not only Grant's death, but for the deep hurt of a broken system that our public officials (or anyone) does not care enough to fully investigate for their brother's death. They feel helpless and that our officials have no respect for human life or justice. As young men, they have already lost faith in our justice system and our public servants.

They wonder... if they were left to die in a ditch like Grant would anyone help them??

This is how our youth is starting out in the world. Completely disheartened and deflated.

In my opinion this is an Epic Disaster of failing a dead boy, his community, and his grieving mother and sister.

The questions we have are:

1. Why won't Gallatin open a new and thorough investigation? The evidence strongly suggests there is nothing truthful about Aaron's Alabi.
2. Why won't Gallatin open a new investigation after the "smoking gun" (the truck) was presented that the DA asked for?

The DA's comment to Dan Hodges was "why would you bring me a case I can't prove? That's their job.

3. Why haven't witnesses been questioned?? Not even Aaron Solomon has been brought in for questioning. Also Aaron's closest friends that were closely involved the days around Grant's death, hospital workers etc. Not one person has been questioned.
4. Why hasn't Grant's father, church and school demanded an investigation? They seem to be running from it.
5. Why would Grant's school and church give sworn statements to support Aaron Solomon, but yet not demand a thorough investigation of Grant's death? Where are Grant's coaches and teachers that were the closest to him? Grant worked so hard for them. Where are they now?
6. Why is everyone running from this case? The strong message that I appeared to get from investigator, Jamie Helson is "there is nothing to see here". Even after I told him there was new evidence.
7. If the truck "malfunctioned" and caused a death as they claim, why wasn't Toyota notified and truck recalled? Yet it was driven around town.
8. Why didn't the father demand an autopsy if his son died in a "freak accident" and "he didn't see a thing"? Why doesn't the father want answers?
9. Given the history of domestic violence, why was Grants death not investigated on that alone?
10. Why is the father sending out cease and desist letters to various people asking questions? Doesn't father want answers too?
11. If Aaron is not guilty of potential murder, couldn't this be resolved with a thorough investigation if he is telling the truth? If Aaron is guilty of potential murder, then the lack of a legitimate investigation is protecting the potential murderer and putting our community at risk.

Thank you Governor Lee for your concern for this case, and to get truth and closure for Grant and his community. The longer this is ignored, the longer a potential murderer roams our community of Leiper's Fork, and Franklin.

There is also an active, open investigation for Aaron Solomon regarding the potential molestation of his daughter that is ongoing out of Asheville, NC. But everything regarding Grant's death gets suspiciously blocked.

Please let me know if you would like me to send you copies of the supporting documents, medical reports, police reports and photos that I have mentioned. Or speak with Dan Hodges directly.

Governor Lee, we plea with you to please pick up the phone and ask Gallatin DA's Blanton and Whitley to conduct a new thorough and legitimate investigation that is transparent and accountable to you and the people. Not a "review" or "we found nothing wrong after speaking with our officer on the scene". This is way beyond that now.

Our investigators already have most of the answers ready to hand over to Gallatin PD or the FBI. They have done most of the leg work. They feel confident there is foul play.

If you get blocked in Gallatin, please contact our FBI for a full investigation of Grant's death, and Corruption within the Gallatin Police Dept. There is no legitimate reason for the DA to deny a new investigation.

Please share your thoughts on this case. We hope to hear back from you swiftly as this case swells with concern.

We greatly appreciate your help.

Respectfully,

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