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STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
NEW HAVEN COUNTY

Dear Mr. Dearington,

We are known as Jennifer Hawke-Petit's parents and Hayley and Michaela's grandparents. We are also known as victims of the crimes That were committed upon them, in their safe haven, which has been invaded and destroyed by intruders on July 23rd, 2007.

Their home was one full of books, music and singing and love of One another and their pets, two cats, Annie and Teddy and their Chinchilla. The daughters were taught diligently by two loving parents, who both served their lives caring for the health and well-being of others.

We last visited their Cheshire home in June of 2007 at the time of the graduation of Michaela from 5th grade to middle school at Chase Collegiate School, and Hayley from Miss Porter's High School. We were all quite unstable during that visit due to the second pneumothorax that Hayley experienced requiring her hospitalization and treatment. She was able to leave the hospital long enough to go to her graduation ceremony. It was painful for us as for her to see her health problems, but she was able to return home for her graduation party where we met her classmates and friends, and we were able to be helpful. This family was special to many and will long be remembered by the various communities in which they lived.

You have received the copy of a letter which we sent to the Cheshire Police requesting answers to some of our questions regarding this tragic event of Our lives. We have received no response and no answers to our questions Of why the police were present at their home and did not act to intervene In an effort to save these precious members of our family. We indeed are Victims of the silence and we have been very disturbed with the untruthfulness to protect the negligence of action to intervene in this Home invasion. That could have stopped the murders. We are grateful that some action has been taken to change the parole system in Ct. but we are hopeful that there will be no plea bargaining for lesser sentencing of these men due to the severity of the acts they have committed. We as a family are being held prisoners by the delay tactics. May the court have mercy on the surviving family members and move with expediency.

Res. R.E. Sincerely,
Richard & Marybelle Hawke

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We have been mourning the deaths of our daughter, Jennifer Hawke-Petit and our two wonderful granddaughters as we have celebrated their lives. We have some questions we would address to you about your responsibility to protect the people of your community in relation to their tragic deaths in July 2007.

As we recall in the midst of the shock of the loss of their lives we were notified in the hospital room of Dr. Petit by two officers of the situation surrounding their deaths, a SWAT team was present prior to the capture of the perpetrators. How many persons surrounded that home and for how long did they observe what may have been happening? When the police were informed by the bank of the hostage situation, what information was communicated to that team to protect those within the household? Why were the SWAT team members not immediately directed to enter the situation even before the return of our daughter from the bank? Has there been any attention to the procedures which allowed this horrendous situation to occur?

We feel as parents and grandparents living far from Connecticut that there has been no effort made to address these issues or inform us of the acts performed or expected in regard to the safety of those in your community. We felt some satisfaction that the perpetrators were captured, but no explanation of the efforts for saving of the lives which were so precious to us. You cannot imagine the nightmares and "what ifs" that have played out in our minds. We see the working out of crime stories on TV all too often; But where are the efforts to communicate the safety and well-being of the communities involved? We know that the Cheshire Community has made some real efforts to gain new awareness of "building of community", but do we as members of society have any assurance that the protection by police is there and effective?

As a follow-up after the situation, may we inquire about the damage control with members of the community and the immediate family suffering from the experience that has ruined their lives in many respects. Why, when those two men with the history of their past actions is there such a delay to

determine what ruling to make legally on their behalf?

We will remain hostages to this incident for the rest of our lives, yet are held without action while lawyers decide and the courts play their games. Where is the compassion for those of us who wait and TRUST? In a system to do what is best?

We hope this provides some stimulus for further communication and review of procedures to be more protective of the lives of people in your department and in your community. Some action by the swat team could have prevented the fire from taking the lives of those young girls whom their mother was doing all in her power to protect. How has your department realized a different scenario which could have changed the results of this crime scene that may have allowed for the rescue of these three lives? The capture of the perpetrators should not have superseded the rescue of lives of three persons who were committed faithfully to the care and concern of others.

Sincerely and Reflectively,
Richard and Marybelle Hawke