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To Whom It May Concern:
Please allow me to reiterate some vital points of divergence from the current status of the investigation into the Murder of Anastasia WitbolsFeugen:

According to the story given to JCSD by Justin's best friend (the young man who claimed to have been in the car with Justin and Anastasia), Anastasia and Justin argued all through that evening. After a particularly hurtful remark from Justin, Anastasia got out of the car and proceeded to walk back toward her home. Justin drove back to his condo with his companions. He dropped his companions off at their own homes by 10PM, and then went home himself.

It is known absolutely that Justin was observed on videotape buying a shotgun at about 10:30 the following morning. No one has shown that such an act could be called normal behavior for Justin. It can be reasonably assumed that he had guilty knowledge of Anastasia's murder. Justin vanished from sight immediately after buying the weapon and was not seen again until Johnson County Deputies discovered his corpse on Oct. 25th.

This does not mean that he committed the murder himself, but it does mean that he knew what happened before he purchases the gun. To believe his friends had no knowledge of Anastasia's death would mean that Justin acted alone and would need to return to the area where he had just told the victim's father that he had last deserted her. Returning there with the knowledge that her father was going there to search for her is difficult to believe. And for him to have murderous intentions is unlikely. Justin's report of Anastasia's behavior was consistent with an earlier call, placed at shortly after 9 PM in which he spoke with Anastasia's sister while his friend was heard in the background. Reportedly, they were more than 40 minutes away at the other companions' home when that call was made. He also requested that she call him when she returned home. How would Anastasia know to call him there? If we accept the conclusion that Justin bought the gun because he had guilty knowledge of the murder, then it is an inescapable conclusion that a major portions of their companion's tale of the events of that night and for the time afterwards, are false. It cannot be assumed that Justin would be forced to reconcile these events alone. The problem here is that not only has JCSD failed to re-interview this person, they have REFUSED to do so. As recently as July 8, when Mr. WitbolsFeugen had his last face-to-face conversation with Sgt. Kilgore, it was made apparent that NONE of the couple's friends had been re-interviewed, and that Sgt. Kilgore still steadfastly resisted the idea. During this last face-to-face conversation, Mr. WitbolsFeugen was asked if his name could be given to the possible suspects if Sgt. Kilgore were to bring them in for further questioning. It seemed then to Mr. WitbolsFeugen that Sgt. Kilgore was possibly trying to intimidate him into withdrawing his testimony.

In the early days of this investigation, Sgt. Kilgore similarly violated the confidentiality of another witness (a school friend of Anastasia), revealing to one potential witness/suspect he interviewed that he had received his information from her. The girl's mother subsequently filed a complaint against Sgt. Kilgore because her daughter had received threats and harassment from this individual as well as several others. No response from JCSD has as yet been received.

Glenn Colliver, the caretaker of Mt. Washington Cemetery, said that he told investigators everything he knew about the victim. JCSD has maintained that his information was of no significance. The caretaker had a license number he'd written down from the night before when he saw the girl get into Justin's car at his cemetery. He had just spoken to Mr. WitbolsFeugen at 6:00 that morning, and had been given in

writing, Anastasia's name and phone number and was shown a picture of her. He relayed that he was quite certain of her identity and had given a description of her clothing and her appearance. They had even greeted one another there the evening before. It took detectives more than 90 minutes before calling Mr. WitbolsFeugen and still another hour before they visited him. In the meantime, Justin Bruton was buying a shotgun and vanishing. Quicker action might have allowed them to apprehend Justin alive and possibly solve the case within days. Had they contacted Mr. WitbolsFeugen with greater speed or even used the telephone directory, they would have been able to prevent Justin from purchasing the gun. This case might then have been solved within days, saving the families these months of anguish. Perhaps the detectives know more than you, the reader do, but the identity of the murdered girl would have been considered to be quite significant information. Unfortunately, it seems an all too common sequence of events in this investigation.

Last point:

Mr. WitbolsFeugen has repeatedly asked JCSD to request help from the Metro Squad, and they have repeatedly refused. This was mentioned in his complaint dated February 1998 and their reply (in May 1998) stated that the Metro Squad could only be called in if the department with jurisdiction was to request it, and that they had not done so. Their entire reply on this issue is reduced to its basic element, that they have not taken requested actions, because they don't HAVE to do so.

It has been more than nine months since that terrible night. We would like to know why, if JCSD refuses to interview a primary witness, who seems to be a good bet to have given them false testimony the first time around. And why do they also consider the identity of a murder victim insignificant. How can they maintain that no response is the only response? How do they justify that they are still working an open case while they so emphatically state that no suspects have been cleared? The community has a right to expect accountability for actions deemed necessary to protect and serve the welfare of our families.

This is the true nature of our complaint with JCSD. We apparently need the help of an outside agency to make JCSD accountable. We feel our complaint is legitimate, but there are few legitimate means of appeal. We are appealing to you for help.