**VIA EMAIL [OR MAIL]**

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September 2, 2021

Sheriff Big Hair,

I write because I stand in solidarity with the family of Kaysera Stops Pretty Places, and I write to request that the Big Horn County Sheriff’s Office share all files, information, and investigatory materials with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (“BIA”) Cold Case Team located in Billings, Montana and the Big Horn County District Attorney in relation to Kaysera. I respectfully request that you cooperate fully in the investigation they seek to undertake. It has been two years since Kaysera’s murder, and your office has never shared these records with entities who could undertake a legitimate criminal investigation. There has been no response from your office to the January 19, 2021 letter from the family’s attorney requesting that you send these records to the BIA Cold Case Team.

On August 24, 2019, Kaysera Stops Pretty Places went missing in a suburban neighborhood in Hardin, Montana, less than a half mile off the Crow Reservation. Kaysera’s body was discovered five days after she went missing, and although significant evidence exists indicating who took her life in August of 2019, her killer still walks free. He has never been charged with any crime.

The BIA Cold Case Team (now known as the “Missing and Murdered Unit”) and the District Attorney are interested in investigating Kaysera’s murder and are prepared to allocate time and resources to do so. The District Attorney has informed the family that they are willing to do a case review with the family, but they cannot do so at this time because your office refuses to share the file. You have repeatedly told Kaysera’s family that you will not be investigating the crime that led to her untimely death, and members of your staff have even told Kaysera’s family that she died of “natural causes.” There simply is no reason, therefore, for your office to refuse to turn over all the evidence and investigatory materials in your possession in relation to Kaysera’s death.

In order for the BIA Cold Case Team and the District Attorney to begin their investigations, they need your authorization and access to all evidence in your office’s possession. It is a complete miscarriage of justice for your office to impede these entities, who are willing and able to investigate Kaysera’s death, from doing so. Please confirm you will provide this authorization immediately.

Kaysera’s family has had to wait two years for justice. Please do not make them wait any longer.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

[INSERT YOUR NAME HERE]

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