

October 15, 2005

Hello Everyone

Wow, what a day yesterday. The article below will explain most of our day in court yesterday but there was more and unfortunately I am not at liberty to give details at this time. Suffice to say Friday, October 28 is going to be a very BIG day for Matt and for everyone that loved him.

Friday will be bigger than the first day of trial so those of you that can make it should plan to be there and be there early. We appreciate everyone's support for Matt and our family. The outpouring of affection has been incredible and has given me strength to get through this horrible ordeal and for that I will forever be grateful.

When this trial is over there will be so much work to do, we are very busy trying to get the awareness of the dangers of hazing out there. It is so real, so serious and so scary that it is still happening somewhere EVERYDAY. The death of our children has not stopped it so it is our responsibility as Mothers and Fathers, sisters and brothers, grandparents and friends to work towards an end to these hideous acts performed in the name of brother and sisterhood.

I spoke at a sorority at Cal Berkeley a few weeks ago and was amazed at how little they knew about what was going on around them. They were wonderful girls that really want to help and I am sure there are many kids and adults that would love to fight this fight but they need to be aware of what is going on out there in the wee hours of the day BEHIND closed doors. I plan to continue to speak whenever I can. We are working diligently to get the word out about Matt's Law and hope that you will go to his site and read about it. By the end of the year our campaign will be in full force, I will let you know what you can do as we get closer to that time.

I feel we need to send a message to the National Fraternity that we are not going to take this anymore because it is their responsibility to put a stop to it. They have orchestrated these coercive acts against our children since their inception and it is time they take accountability for what they started and continue to encourage.

I apologize for going off on that but as you can probably tell I feel very passionate about this cause and only want to protect those that cannot protect themselves by helping them to understand what is out there and prepare them for it. Matt was an incredible, loving and giving person that always put others before himself and I know he would want something good to come from his death and out of my love for my precious son I will see this through for him.

Remember your **red** on the 28th, the good news is since there will not be a jury we should be able to wear our Matt badges as well. If you have a Matt badge and are not able to make it to court maybe you could wear it in support of what is happening that day. If you don't have one and would like one whether you go to court or not please let me know.

Please let me know if you plan to attend I am trying to get a head count to let DA Ramsey know. I will forward you directions to the courthouse from your location. There is a very good chance that this will be a media frenzy so you will definitely want to be there early. I suggest you get there before 8am this means leaving NO later than 5am. Some of us are going up the evening before and will be staying at the Heritage Inn Express on Broadway in Chico. If you would like to stay there on Thursday night here is there phone number (530) 343-4527. I have already made our reservation and informed them that others will be calling. If you are staying I will have

directions for you to get to the courthouse from the hotel. Or if you want to leave as early as we will you can follow us.

As always, thank you for your support.

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Love,

Debbie, MM

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