

October 21, 2005

Hi Everyone

As the 28th approaches we aren't sure exactly what all is going to take place it could be just the one making a plea, it could more or it could be all of them we just don't know. What we do know is that it is time to get our Victims Impact Statements ready. These statements are given to the judge to help him to understand who Matt was, what his loss has meant you or someone close to you, how it has affected and will forever affect us and how we feel about the defendants.

Whether you are reading it in court or not the judge will review them all so if you could write something for me stating what Matt meant to you and how his death has affected you it would be greatly appreciated. This is our chance to speak out about Matt. I am attaching a few statements that were sent to me by a Mother who's son was killed in September 2004 by a driver under the influence. You may have read about it in the papers this week the driver was Christopher Ocampo who was sentenced to 2 years.

What I am asking all of you to do now is please prepare a letter and email or bring it me before Thursday, October 27 so that I may give it to the judge when the time comes, which could possibly be next Friday, October 28.

If no one else writes anything and I hope you do, Matt's closest friends, family and loved need to do this. That is why they are called IMPACT because that is what we are trying to do make an impact on the courts. We need to let everyone know who Matt was and what he meant to us and or someone you know and what affects you have seen it has had on their lives.

Remember your Matt badges on Friday if you don't have them please let me know if you need one. For those that are coming to court if you do not have a badge when you get there Brandi Vahl will have one for you, she has graciously offered to pass them out prior to the beginning of the hearing. Thank you Brandi you are a sweetheart.

Don't forget to wear your **RED** we plan to make an impact in more ways than one so lets make it a point to have a sea of **red** in front of the courthouse as well as inside. Anyone that may be coming from Chico to offer their support please wear your **red** too and ask for a Matt badge when you get to the courthouse. For those that are not coming you can still wear **red** and your Matt badge to work, school or play that day. Lets bring awareness to these atrocities against our children.

Okay, I am off my soap box now. I am putting a list together for the judge of everyone that is coming to court on the 28th so if you are planning on coming and have not told me yet please do so, so that I may get your name on the list. I have been told that this will go a long way with the judge.

Thank you everyone I can't tell you what your support has meant to our family.

God Bless.

Love,
Debbie, MM
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