

Good Morning Everyone:

The more I think about the fact that these “frat boys” thought they were above the law and hazed these young men, fully aware of the dangers of hazing and **Matt’s Law**, the more it upsets me.

Over the past two-and-a-half years we have made it a point to keep **Matt’s** memory and story alive in Chico for just this reason. To put a stop to these ridiculous, coercive and heinous rituals.

What makes them, or anyone, think that it is okay to not only break the law but to torture, demean and humiliate another person, law or no law? Then to make it worse lie about it, substantiating the knowledge of their guilt? If you know you are innocent you have no cause to lie. If others around you are telling you it is wrong, why do you continue?

Do we really want to wait until another young person is killed before hazing is taken seriously? Do you really want to send your child off to college knowing that the mind set to abuse them without consequences is still out there?

What gives them the right to think that they can hold someone else’s life in their hands?

They cannot plead ignorance, they knew full well what could possibly happen to those boys and “chose” to ignore it and haze them anyway. They knew it was against the law and “chose” to break it. They knew it was wrong, their own “fraternity brothers” told them so, yet they “chose” to put those boys lives at risk. And for what?

My fear is, if these young men are not prosecuted to the “full extent” of **Matt’s Law** then the rituals will continue. Can we really afford to wait for another mother or father to get the call that their child was found dead from a fraternity hazing before the act of hazing is taken serious?

As always in cases like these, the perpetrators and their families will argue that their “good boys” never meant to cause harm, but does that make them less guilty than a drunk who insists on driving? Can we really afford to continue to allow them to get away with these acts because they are “good boys”? Where do we draw the line?

They really should be prosecuted to full extent of **Matt’s Law** in order for a lesson to be learned. Let’s set the example now, **while our children are still alive**, that hazing will not be tolerated. Let’s not wait until it is too late.

If you would like to help send this message, please send a letter to **DA Ramsey’s** office at **25 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965**. And if you wouldn’t mind, could you please forward it to me as well, at 3195 Danville Blvd., Alamo, CA 94507 or via email? If it would make it easier you can email your letters to me and I will mail them for you, just let me know that is what you want me to do.

Thank you for your support.

**"Hug your children and tell them you love them everyday."**

Love,  
Debbie, MM