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TO: CCC Board of Supervisors

FROM: Ralph A. Hernandez, P.I. & Consultant

RE: Report - concerning the mid October 2005 Pamela Vitale Murder (initially a Lafayette PD case)

The following is a brief summary of my case analysis, opinion and beliefs concerning the then investigations, Defense and Prosecution of the quickly suspected, accused, and I believe wrongly convicted Scott Dyleski (a then juvenile) in the mid October 2005 Murder of the Lafayette resident Pamela Vitale. Justice in this matter, I strongly believe, hasn't truly been served. Scott may've even been set up. It is time to reopen the case and to do what should've been done almost ten years ago and to truly achieve justice in the matter. The accused, prosecuted, and convicted Scott Dyleski has been incarcerated for almost 14 years for a crime that he is seriously believed to not have committed, with the real responsible(s) having yet to be clearly identified by Law Enforcement, held accountable, nor brought to justice!

The Victim in the case, Pamela Vitale, was brutally, repeatedly, and savagely bludgeoned and stabbed numerous times within her home by the responsible(s), which contributed to her ultimate violent death. In the incomplete, flawed and inadequate investigations' haste the neighborhood's poor teenager Scott Dyleski was quickly questionably focused on as being the responsible, to the exclusion of any others, even though the Law Enforcement's own leads and evidence suggested someone else, perhaps even two others, was/were responsible for her death. Unfortunately, I believe, this was a Murder case with some notoriety involved wherein much investigative evidence was ignored and/or discounted in order to quickly bring someone forward as the responsible before the numerous news media and press that had pounced on the case. Scott Dyleski unfortunately was the chosen suspect brought before the public and prosecuted as the responsible! I believe that the incomplete and flawed investigations and Prosecution, as well as the teenager's Defense, was seriously lacking in many areas.

There is much that the case suggests and points to as to the sequence of events that fateful day. One significant part is, I truly believe, based upon the information and evidence, that the brutal victimization of Pamela Vitale was not a single continuance of events. No, the evidence points to there having been three separate phases that ultimately led to her violent and savage unwarranted death. This I say with my own estimated 75,000 hours (50 years plus) of hands-on public safety related investigative training and experiences, which includes numerous Homicide investigations (I've been a State certified Homicide Investigator since 1980).

The CCC D.A.'s Office recently reported in June 2019 that it had established a "**conviction integrity unit**" to review cases where it's suspected someone may have been convicted of a crime that they did not commit. This case definitely cries out for such re-opening of the case, including both the Defense's and Prosecution's involvements. I believe, and am of the opinion, that it was an incomplete, flawed, inadequate, and unfortunately misdirected case investigation(s), Defense and Prosecution. Not only is Scott Dyleski the loser in all of this but so is the foundation of our society wherein we all are entitled to a just and equal expectation of a fair, complete, and unbiased administration of Justice!

It is therefore my opinion and belief that the case deserves to be re-opened, fully and properly re-investigated, and that those really responsible should be brought to Justice. Your assistance in directing such from your two agencies (D.A.'s Office and Public Defender's Office) is more than warranted. Fourteen (14) years of Scott's youth has already been denied him and he still faces many more if this very serious matter is just ignored by all. Pamela Vitale's memory deserves that the truth be determined, not ignored! Thank you for your anticipated attention to this and I am willing to discuss my grounded opinions' and beliefs' findings with both of your agencies.

Respectfully submitted,

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