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My Life Story and a Call for Justice!



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As I sit here today I ponder my life past and present. I ask myself why I have been dealt to deal with all these tragic times. I, Travis Melcher, grew up the youngest of three children in the single parent household of Beverly Saruwatari. My two older brothers, Jerud and Ryan, were my father figures. My mom was the most amazing person raising three children, working full time, and going to school to get her master's from EWU. My brother's were always there for me as well. Jerud and Ryan were always by my side. Being the youngest I was protected and babied. I know the strength and courage that my family has given me will carry me through the remainder of my life. Jen and I have three angels looking over us. We are going to begin our own legacy starting on July 31st, 2010 with our wedding.

We have received so many phone calls and e-mail asking what people can do for us, and it has taken a lot of time and thought to figure out what I need. I would like to now share with you what you can do for Bev, Jerud, Ryan, Jen and myself. Jerud's last message to everyone was "this is in silent protest to my mother's death."

On Sunday June 7th, 2009 my mother was arrested and violated of her civil right's. The Spokane Police Department came to my mother's house with 7 cop cars and ended up arresting a 61 year old, 4'11" elementary school teacher for 3rd degree felony assault against a police officer. Jerud, Ryan, Jen, friends, family, and I all know that she would never commit a crime like this. The Spokane Police Department lied in their report. They

arrested an innocent well-known member in our community. In my heart I know that the actions law enforcement made that day was a direct result to my mother's death. My mom's 4th amendment and civil right's where violated.

I am asking all of you to please help me take a stand against the corruption of our law enforcement. I ask you to help me in seeking justice for my family so they may rest in peace. Please take 10 minutes of your time to write a letter about who my mom was and to request justice in my mom's name. I ask you to address this letter to our Mayor Marry Vernor, our city council members, our ombudsman Tim Burns, and police chief Anne Kirkpatrick. I would like to have over 300 letters of support., and will be presenting these letters personally to our city council, the mayor, police chief, and ombudsman. We all know my mom was not a criminal. Let us come together to seek justice.

*Thank you for your support,
Travis Melcher*

If you would like further information regarding this tragic situation please feel free to contact me at any time.

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