

FILE NO: 2184 : STATE OF CONNECTICUT
ESTATE OF KEVIN CALES : OFFICE OF THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER
CLAIMANT :
v. :
STATE OF CONNECTICUT :
RESPONDENT. : MARCH 25, 2015

STATEMENT OF REBECCA CALES

MY NAME IS REBECCA CALES AND I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH YOU. MY BROTHER KEVIN CALES WAS MURDERED AT THE MACDOUGALL WALKER PRISON ON MAY 13, 2008, WHILE ATTEMPTING TO EAT LUNCH. AT THAT TIME, HE WAS JUMPED FROM BEHIND AND BRUTALLY BEATEN IN THE PRISON CAFETERIA BY WALDERMAR RIVERA WHO HAD BEEN IMPRISONED DIRECTLY NEXT TO MY BROTHER IN A JAIL CELL. RIVERA WAS RELATED TO ONE OF THE VICTIMS IN A TRAGICALLY FATAL CAR ACCIDENT THAT MY BROTHER WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ON MAY 27, 2006, IN WHICH 5 PEOPLE PERISHED.

WHEN HE KILLED MY BROTHER HE DID IT FOR REASON: BLOODY REVENGE.

WHEN MY BROTHER WAS INCARCERATED AT MACDOUGALL WALKER BEGINNING ON MAY 30, 2006, HE WAIVED PROTECTIVE CUSTODY. DURING HIS CASE HE WAS THREATENED BY FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE DECEDENTS FROM THE CAR ACCIDENT AND THERE WERE THREE COURT ORDERS TO PLACE HIM IN A PROTECTIVE CUSTODY STATUS. HE WAS HELD IN PROTECTIVE CUSTODY UNTIL THE DATE THAT HE WAS SENTENCED ON APRIL 2, 2008. AFTER THAT DATE, HE WAS NEGLIGENTLY REMOVED FROM PROTECTIVE CUSTODY AND KILLED ON MAY 13, 2008. AFTER HIS SENTENCING AND BEFORE HIS DEATH HE

TOLD HIS CELL MATE THAT HE WAS IN FEAR OF HIS LIFE. HE ALSO REPORTED FEAR TO HIS COUNSELLOR WHO DENIES THAT A CONVERSATION EVER OCCUUURED. HAD HE BEEN KEPT IN PC STATUS HE WOULD BE HERE TODAY. YES, IN JAIL, BUT ALIVE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH HIS MOTHER, CHILDREN AND MY SELF.

I LOVED BY BROTHER AND I BELIEVE A NEGLIGENT BREAKDOWN IN THE PRISON SYSTEM WAS THE CAUSE OF HIS DEATH.

OUR MOTHER WAS UNABLE BE HERE TODAY AS SHE HAS SUFFERED FROM MULTIPLE STROKES.

THANK YOU AND I WANT TO THANK MY ATTORNEY PAT TOMASIEWICZ FOR LABORING WITH THIS CASE FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS.