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Dear Mr. Cooper:

I am writing on behalf of Glinda Pulley and Tyler Jones, my ex-wife and my son, whom I believe were murdered on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005 in Warren County. It has been one year since their deaths and there has not been an arrest in the case. It is my understanding that the State Bureau of Investigations has closed their case and it is currently in the hands of the Warren County Sheriff's Department. I am writing to share the family's account of what happened and to express concerns about how the investigation was handled. Being a police officer myself, I do understand that certain procedures must be followed in an investigation. I feel that this case was treated as a murder-suicide on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005 and no other explanations were considered by authorities until after that date at which time vital evidence and leads may not have been collected or followed up on appropriately. I am hoping that your office will be able to assist in some way.

I maintain my son's innocence in this case. Tyler loved his mother and would never have harmed her. He loved living and enjoyed playing just as most 10 year old boys do. I am convinced that Glinda's boyfriend of 10 years is responsible for their deaths and that insurance money is the reason. There are too many facts surrounding her boyfriend's actions leading up to and after their deaths to dismiss as coincidences.

Beginning April 18<sup>th</sup>, just two days after Glinda and Tyler's death, Glinda's boyfriend began inquiring about life insurance. He called her job early that morning inquiring about her life insurance. Days after her death, Glinda's boyfriend asked Glinda's father, William Pulley, if he could have her 2004 Escalade. He was unhappy when his request was refused. When Glinda's mother, Louise Pulley, and our son, Danny., went to the Cadillac dealership, they found that Glinda's boyfriend's mother was the beneficiary on a policy that would pay off Glinda's 2004 Cadillac Escalade. The policy was valued at \$75,000. They also found that the policy had been changed and an original beneficiary marked through. This change was made based on a phone call from Glinda's boyfriend.

The family later discovered that the boyfriend's mother is also the beneficiary on Glinda Pulley's life insurance policies totaling \$1,000,000. Soon after their deaths, both Glinda's boyfriend and his mother were seeking a death certificate so that they could claim the money that Glinda's boyfriend denied knowing about. The boyfriend's mother even claimed to be Glinda's godmother. It is unusual that Glinda never told anyone that her boyfriend's mother was considered her godmother. Glinda's parents certainly did not make her Glinda's godmother and did not know this woman when Glinda was born. She did not have a close relationship with Glinda as her boyfriend was married the entire ten years that they dated. Therefore, Edith would certainly not be the person Glinda would want to care for our children in the event of her death. Glinda's boyfriend promised to marry Glinda in August of 2005 and she was planning for that day up until her death. He

was spending day and night at her house. Glinda told family members that she and her boyfriend were also starting a business building and selling/renting houses. She planned to give notice to her job of 12 years that Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> to pursue their business venture full time.

In the week leading up to Glinda and Tyler's deaths, Glinda's boyfriend spent every night at Glinda's house, except Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, he claims. We know that on April 14<sup>th</sup>, he watched from Glinda's driveway, as Tyler went to his Uncle Michael's house and asked for bullets for his shotgun. Tyler said that Glinda's boyfriend was going to take him to the woods behind their house to shoot at squirrels. That day, Glinda's boyfriend took Tyler into the woods and only one shot was fired. The next day when Tyler was picked up from school, he was very excited. He had \$20 that he said Glinda's boyfriend gave him to buy a 50 Cent CD. There was a reference to the 50 Cent CD in the suicide note supposedly left by Tyler. Coincidentally, a statement made by Glinda's boyfriend on the morning that Glinda and Tyler were found that referenced the 50 Cent CD. The evening of April 15<sup>th</sup>, Tyler spoke with his Uncle Michael, telling him that he would meet him early the next morning to help him with his dogs. He talked with a friend that night until about 10:30 pm and made plans to play with him Saturday afternoon. There were no signs that he was upset with his mother or troubled in any way. In fact, Glinda's boyfriend has a recorded phone conversation with Glinda on April 15<sup>th</sup>, in which Tyler can be heard in the background telling his mother good night and that he loved her. There was nothing to suggest any type of anger in his voice.

Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, Danny came home around 10:00 am. Glinda's boyfriend was waiting outside at Glinda's house and said that he had locked his keys in her car. They both went inside. Glinda's boyfriend knocked on her bedroom door which was locked and said she must still be asleep. Danny asked Glinda's boyfriend to get the key off the shelf where she always kept it. Glinda's boyfriend claimed to have looked for the key but said it wasn't there. Coincidentally, later that day, the key would be found in the exact spot where Glinda's boyfriend had looked. They both left the house and Glinda's boyfriend went to go look for Tyler. It wasn't unusual for Tyler to go to his grandmother's house on Saturday morning. When he couldn't find Tyler, he called Glinda's brother, Michael over. Prior to deciding to kick the front door down, Glinda's boyfriend made a comment to Michael, stating that he had spoken with Glinda and warned her not to buy Tyler a 50 Cent CD. Moments later, Michael and Glinda's boyfriend, kicked her front door down. Michael then picked the lock to her bedroom door and found Glinda and Tyler shot. This was around 11:00 am. Coincidentally, Glinda's boyfriend never entered the room. It was like he already knew what they would find inside.

Glinda's boyfriend's behavior became very bizarre over the next few days. He never showed emotion. His concerns were about the investigation. That day, he asked, "Are the investigators still at the house?", "Why were Glinda and Tyler taken to Chapel Hill?", "Has anybody talked to the sheriff today?" He avoided the media. The day that CNN covered the story he stated nervously, "They can't talk to me" and hurried away.

Glinda's boyfriend did not attend the wake that was held in memory of Glinda and Tyler on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> and did not come to their funeral on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Relatives of Glinda's boyfriend have stated that the day of the funeral, Glinda's boyfriend told his mother during a family meeting that she would never have to drive another school bus or work in a cafeteria again. Glinda died with many outstanding debts and nothing to show for it. Glinda's boyfriend, on the other hand, benefited from the money Glinda borrowed, led her to believe she would be getting married and running a business with him, then killed her and my son to reap the benefits of the insurance policies.

On April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005, Warren County investigators and state investigators arrived at the Glinda's home at about 11:00 am. Later that same day, around 6:00 pm, crime scene tape came down and no restrictions were place on who was allowed to enter the home. Three or four days passed before investigators came back to the house to gather more evidence. I don't know if Glinda's boyfriend went back in the house in those 4 days but there was nothing to prevent it. Biohazard Recovery Specialists, the company that cleaned Glinda's room where both she and Tyler were shot, destroyed Glinda's bed linens and a blanket that Tyler was sitting on at the end of Glinda's bed. I was surprised to find that these items were not collected by investigators as evidence on April 16<sup>th</sup>. The company was contacted at a later date by authorities to recover the linens but it was too late. This occurred approximately 1 week after their deaths. It is possible that vital information was lost because of this.

I believe that from the beginning this case was treated as a murder-suicide and no other explanation was considered. The autopsy report showed time of death for both Glinda and Tyler was at approximately 8:00 am. The report stated that family members last spoke with Glinda and Tyler at 7:30 am. This is incorrect. Tyler's autopsy report has marked "anger problems". I was never aware of any anger problems that Tyler had. The only person to mention anger problems was Glinda's boyfriend. Autopsy listed the weapon used as a .412. This is incorrect because the weapon used was a .410 shotgun. The autopsy report states that Tyler was found lying down with the gun across his chest with his finger on the trigger. Tyler was found by his uncle propped at the foot of the bed slumped down with the gun still to his chin and his finger locked in place. There is no way an adult much less a child could have shot themselves with a shotgun and it still be in place. The autopsy was not thoroughly conducted perhaps because information provided to the state medical examiners was incorrect. I do not understand why this and all deaths believed to be suicides are not treated as homicides until suicide is absolutely proven. It is inconceivable that a 10 year old child could be capable of planning this crime which seemed to have every detail plotted and carried out.

I also feel that at the beginning of the investigation, there were people who were willing to give information relating to the case but that investigators did not follow up. The family was told by investigators that Glinda's peers were unwilling to talk but they tell us a different story. One person in particular felt strongly that they had valuable information regarding the week leading up to Glinda's death but authorities did not seek them out and over time figured neither the family nor authorities were not pursuing the case. This person later agreed after speaking with a family member to share information. If this

happened with 1 person, how many other leads were passed up? The investigators should have at least talked to Gaby (Glinda's supervisor), Jessie Silver, Charlene Williams, Lois Stamper, Gary Williams, Michael Pulley, Jr., and Glinda's boyfriend's only sister.

Warren County Sheriff's Department has told the family that the case was presented to the district attorney on at least 2 occasions. The family was told the DA needed to have a confession to proceed with the case. The amount of money Glinda's boyfriend and his family stand to gain is enough to certainly raise red flags. Glinda's boyfriend is a con-artist, has always been and will always be, therefore a confession is unlikely. He has been investigated before in Warren County for arson and in that case, was willing to pay people off in exchange for testimony that would back his alibi. The case was thrown out and Glinda's boyfriend went on to collect insurance money for a house fire. Glinda's boyfriend is a person that is willing to go as far as possible to hide the truth.

As you can imagine, family members are extremely frustrated at the lack of answers. I realize that investigators are dealing with a lot of information surrounding this case and they cannot share everything they know with the family. I believe that the Warren County Sheriff's Department wants to solve this case and is now working hard to do so, however, the family has concerns that the first few days of the investigation were critical and because investigators were slow to react, it is now more difficult to bring resolution to the case. Because of this, I am seeking any assistance you can provide, either to the family, the local authorities, or District Attorney in bringing this case to justice. My son should not have to take the blame for something he did not do.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jones Sr.