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LETTER #1

(DATE)

Dear Mr. Banks,

I am writing on behalf of Keaton Farris. I am horrified at the criminal behavior by staff members at the Island County Jail that led to Keaton's tragic death.

It is unbelievable to me that this healthy, young man would be dead due to dehydration and malnutrition within days, because of inhumane treatment by Island County Jail staff members.

These staff members took an oath to serve and protect. However, their behavior was the opposite of protecting. I am appalled that my tax dollars funds a jail that employs people who refused to provide Keaton with the basics to sustain life, falsified documents and denied Keaton treatment when he requested to see a medical professional.

Mr. Banks - you were elected because voters believed that you have the wisdom to prosecute crimes when necessary. I do not believe there is any reasonable doubt that these staff members failed to follow policy and protect Keaton. As the investigative report stated, there were huge failures in what policy dictates, and what actually happened. These failures led to the death of Keaton Farris. This is criminal.

I urge you to press criminal charges against those responsible for his death. They did not do their job, but you still need to do yours. Please do not fail those who loved Keaton Farris. We demand accountability.

Thank you for your time.
Sincerely,

YOUR NAME
ADDRESS

“I see your hate, and raise you One Love” – Keaton Farris, 1989-2015

LETTER #2

(DATE)

Dear Mr. Banks,

If I owned a dog and I wanted to kill it, there are a number of ways I could do so: I could shoot it, bludgeon it, stab it, and so on. I could also put that dog on a chain and prevent it from accessing enough food and water to stay alive.

If my dog died because I confined it to a limited space and did not to give it enough water to stay alive, is there any reasonable person who would say that I did not kill my dog? Wouldn't I be guilty of the crime of cruelty to

animals? If I did the same thing to a human, wouldn't I be guilty of killing that human?

Keaton Farris was confined to a limited space for 13 days in Island County Jail (ICJ). He was entirely dependent on the management and staff of ICJ to supply him with enough food and water to maintain his life, because they used coercive force to take away his own ability to provide these essentials for himself.

Keaton died as a direct result of the failure of the management and staff of ICJ to give him enough water to stay alive. He was killed by lack of water just as surely as he would have been killed by a bullet to the head. Whether any individual members of the management or staff of ICJ intended to kill him is arguable; what is not arguable is that they did kill him.

As you know, under Washington State law, Homicide is the killing of a human being by the act, procurement, or omission of another, death occurring at any time, and is either (1) murder, (2) homicide by abuse, (3) manslaughter, (4) excusable homicide, or (5) justifiable homicide.

Because killing a human being by dehydration is without a doubt unconstitutionally cruel and unusual punishment, there can be no question that this homicide was neither excusable nor justifiable. The killing of Keaton Farris was a crime. The only question is which actors and which omissions are guilty of which crime(s): murder, homicide by abuse, or manslaughter.

Mr Banks, you were elected by the people of Island County to prosecute people who commit crimes in Island county. The people of Island County elected you because they believed that you would do your best to bring justice to those who have been wronged by the criminal actions or omissions of others.

Keaton Farris was killed in an extraordinarily cruel way by the criminal negligence, recklessness, and extreme indifference to human life manifested by the management and staff of ICJ. I trust and pray that you will do your best to bring justice to Keaton, to his family, to the many hundreds of people from Island County, San Juan County, and elsewhere who love Keaton, and to the millions of citizens of this state and this

country who never met Keaton, but are horrified by the criminal and cruel acts of government officials acting in their name.

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