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Michael D. Schrunk District Attorney Multnomah County Courthouse 1021 S.W. Fourth Avenue, Room 600 Portland, OR 97204

Dear Mike:

Last Friday, January 29th, a tragedy occurred which took the life of Mr. Aaron Campbell; his death is the cause of great pain in our community.

I realize there is nothing we can do to ease the pain that his death is causing his family, his friends and our community. That being said, I believe that the community deserves a public and thorough airing of the facts surrounding his death. I am greatly concerned that without a full airing of the facts in this case that the public will draw incomplete and inaccurate conclusions as to Mr. Campbell's death.

I want to be absolutely clear that I am not passing judgment as to the facts or legality of the actions of the Portland Police's role in Mr. Campbell's death – the grand jury will make that initial determination. However, I believe that it is of utmost importance that everyone in our community has the full and complete facts surrounding Mr. Campbell's death.

Next week the grand jury will convene and review the facts regarding Mr. Campbell's death. The grand jury's decision may or may not result in a subsequent trial. While I am aware that it is virtually unprecedented to record and publicly release a grand jury transcript I believe that daylighting the record of decision in this case will be necessary to provide the community the full transparency needed to understand what occurred on January 29th.

Therefore, I respectfully request that you make a record of the grand jury proceedings and subsequently request that the Court make that record public. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dan Saltzman