



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
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ATTORNEY GENERAL

December 29, 2004

Mr. James R. Segal

Dear Mr. Segal:

Thank you for your letter dated December 8, 2004. Words cannot offer enough sympathy for you, your family and the many, many people whom Anton touched. Although his life was cut short by a brutal murderer, Anton certainly accomplished much and had a profound effect on many people. I know you are proud of Anton, as you should be.

I also know that the holiday season is such a difficult time for those who have lost loved ones as a result of the senseless acts of others. Some of my most difficult and trying experiences as California's Attorney General have involved meeting and consoling mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers of murder victims. Painful as it may be, I now have a much better understanding of the ongoing trauma that survivors endure. Additionally, my resolve to enforce the laws of this state in order to prevent crime, protect our citizens and punish criminals is that much stronger.

I understand your case has been appealed, once again. We are blessed with some of the best and most highly motivated attorneys in the state. Cases such as yours are assigned to our more seasoned prosecutors. Please be assured that we will do everything possible to oppose the efforts of this murderer to overturn the jury's murder conviction verdict and the trial judge's sentence. Our goal is to see that justice is served. Although in this case final justice has been delayed, I can only promise we will do our best to ensure that justice is not denied.

I truly hope you are able to find some peace and happiness during the holidays. I wish you the best of luck in your life long journey to self-healing. Here at the Attorney General's office we will continue to fight to bring into better balance the deserved rights of crime victims with the weighty rights of the criminals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Lockyer".

BILL LOCKYER
Attorney General

cc: Jonathan Raven
Gerald Engler