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Sheriff Big Hair,

It has been three years since Kaysera Stops Pretty Places was found, murdered, in Big Horn County. For three years, Kaysera’s family has asked that you to investigate her murder. For three years, you have refused to do so. Your failure to investigate the murder of Kaysera demonstrates your lack of respect for Native women and girls. It is a violation of the constitutional rights of the Native women and girls living in Big Horn County. Your failure to investigate her homicide is a miscarriage of justice.

Since you refuse to investigate her homicide, you must give permission to the Department of Interior’s Missing and Murdered Unit (“MMU”) to investigate her homicide. You must share all investigatory materials with the MMU team located in Billings, Montana and the Big Horn County District Attorney in relation to Kaysera. I respectfully request that you cooperate fully in the investigation they seek to undertake. It has been three years since Kaysera’s murder, and your office has never shared these records with entities who could undertake a legitimate criminal investigation.

The MMU has told you they are interested in investigating Kaysera’s murder, but they cannot do so at this time because your office refuses to share the file. You have repeatedly told Kaysera’s family that you will not be investigating the crime that led to her untimely death, and members of your staff have even told Kaysera’s family that she died of “natural causes.” There simply is no reason, therefore, for your office to refuse to turn over all the evidence and investigatory materials in your possession in relation to Kaysera’s death.

Unless you are hiding something. If you are not going to investigate her homicide, why are you actively preventing a federal agency from undertaking an investigation? Who are you protecting?

Kaysera’s family has had to wait three years for justice. Please do not make them wait any longer. Turn over the case file to the MMU immediately.

 Sincerely,