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RACHEL BEGLEY CASE CLOSED AGAIN “Justice Drops the Ball in Hughes Case”

Deputy Attorney General Mike Murphy from San Diego who is prosecuting the Jimmy Hughes homicide case in Indio notified Rachel Begley on June 24th that he planned to drop charges against Hughes on July 1, 2010 - the 29th anniversary of the triple homicide in which Begley's father, Ralph Boger, was murdered.

Boger, Fred Alvarez and Patty Castro were found dead on July 1, 1981 in Rancho Mirage; each had been shot execution style in the back of the head. Rachel Begley was only 13 at the time. In 1984 James “Jimmy” Hughes claimed to authorities and reporters that he was the bag-man in the murders, that he delivered the money for the hit and the Cabazon Indian tribe's administrator, John Phillip Nichols, had contracted the hit.

Hughes left the United States before he could testify and built a new life in Latin America where he has lived for 28 years. The triple homicide case had never been solved until Detective John Powers of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department took control of the cold case file on November 27, 2007, the result of Rachel Begley's determined efforts to get her father's case reopened.

Today, three years later, that case is being closed again, despite the fact that Jimmy Hughes has been in custody with special circumstances for 9 months and the self-confessed “hit-man” publically admitted he was the perpetrator.

Websites:

<http://www.fgbmvoice.com/stories/996hughes.htm>

<http://deadlinelive.info/2009/10/05/jimmy-hughes-%e2%80%93-from-cia-operative-and-mafia-hitman-to-evangelical-pastor-2/>

<http://www.elsalvador.com/vertice/2003/060703/cronica.html>

<http://translate.google.com/translate?hl=en&sl=es&u=http://www.elsalvador.com/vertice/2003/060703/cronica.html&ie=exluT13fOYvrnQfz9e34Aw&sa=X&oi=translate&ct=result&resnum=1&ved=0CBYQ7gEwAA&prev=/search%3Fq%3Dhttp://www.elsalvador.com/vertice/2003/060703/cronica.html%26hl%3Den>

Rachel Begley's entire story is detailed in the book *The Last Circle* by Cheri Seymour, due to be released at Barnes & Noble bookstores in September 2010.

Mrs. Begley has prepared a statement that she plans to read aloud in the courtroom, per **Marcy's Law**, which allows victims and family members of victims to speak during the hearing. Please see Mrs. Begley's statement on next page.

Statement to the Court and Honorable Judge Wells

July 1, 2010

Your Honor,

May I request that this statement per Marcy's Law, be made a permanent record of this court. My name is Rachel Begley. My father, Ralph Boger, was murdered in an execution style triple homicide in Rancho Mirage 29 years ago. The anniversary of his murder is today, July 1st.

The defendant, James Hughes who is sitting in this court today, admitted his involvement in my father's murder years ago, and has published at various websites in the US and in Latin American newspapers that he was a professional mafia hit man before he found God. I will gladly provide you with these articles at your request.

I am not here today to present the abundance of evidence against Jimmy Hughes; I am here to plead with you not to release Mr. Hughes because I and numerous other victims and witnesses will live in fear for the rest of our lives if Mr. Hughes is set free to return to his home in Honduras where he is politically connected with both the government and the military. If future harm comes to me or other witnesses by Hughes or his followers, I believe there would be no cooperative effort between the United States and Honduras to bring Mr. Hughes to justice.

Indeed, he is being released today in the US despite the fact that he is a self confessed hit man who has cold bloodedly murdered numerous innocent people during his career as a hit man.

This case is paralleling the Joran Van Der Sloot case in which he was released in Aruba and subsequently killed a girl in Lima, Peru. I ask this court, how many people must die or suffer at the hands of James Hughes before he is brought to justice? He has literally gotten away with murder if he is released today. This is a demoralizing lesson to the general public who regained their faith in the justice system when Mr. Hughes was arrested in September 2009.

It is also demoralizing to the law enforcement people in Riverside who risked everything to reopen this case and solve it when no one else cared---despite the fact that there is no statute of limitations on the murder of three people in 1981.

I don't know the law, Your Honor, but I pray that you will do the right and honorable thing in this court today, regardless of whether Mr. Mike Murphy of the Dept of Justice in San Diego chooses not to prosecute this case for personal reasons, or because of a technicality relating to due process that occurred 29 years ago, or because this case is complicated and could be an embarrassment to the Justice Department at this late date.

I request, Your Honor, that the record state that I believe there should be a preliminary hearing so that the court can determine the evidence in this case. Nothing has changed since the filing of this case, so either it was an unethical filing or an unethical dismissal-even according to Mr. Murphy's own words, this case should have been tried 25 years ago. Due to the diligence of Det. John Powers and my own independent investigations, and lack of the statute of limitations there has been no due process violation. Instead, only an abuse of prosecutorial discretion. This case is not just a personal setback, but a setback for the system as a whole.

While I expect the defense attorneys to fight on the behalf of their client, I am astounded by the lack of victim advocacy and society protection by the prosecution in this case. Frankly, it amounts to prosecutorial

misconduct and a miscarriage of justice.

I do not understand how Attorney General Jerry Brown could support the release of Mr. Hughes. How can he be elected Governor of California if he can't manage his staff competently in San Diego?

Please be advised that the only request I am making for myself and on behalf of the family members of the other murder victims, is that the evidence against Mr. Hughes be presented in a court of law and that Mr. Hughes face his accusers here in the United States rather than hiding out in Honduras where he is untouchable.

He preaches publically in Latin America and in the US that God has forgiven him for his murders, yet I question whether he has truly repented. He has never shown any remorse for his crimes of murder, never apologized to me or the other victims, so how could he have repented?

I ask that James Hughes remain in custody at least until another DOJ prosecutor who is less timid can be assigned to prosecute this case. Or perhaps the case can be handed over to another jurisdiction or a special prosecutor- My own attorney, Robin Sax, has offered to prosecute this case as a special prosecutor should the court allow this. There must be a way, Your Honor, with the power and wisdom of this court, that you can find a way to protect the lives and rights of Hughes' victims.

To Jimmy Hughes I say: I hope your short time in jail has given you time to truly repent. Be advised that even if the court and the Attorney General fail me today, I will never give up seeking truth and justice for my dad, Fred, and Patty.

I also request Your Honor, that Detective John Powers be allowed to address the court as he has been my support through this ordeal and he has information that only he can tell this court.

Thank you Your Honor for allowing me to be heard. I can only ask the court that should you agree to the dismissal of this case, that you do so without prejudice so that a proper review can be insured.

*Sincerely,
Rachel Begely*

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