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REQUEST DENIAL PAROLE LETTER SUBMITTED BY ALLIANCE FOR SAFE COMMUNITIES REGARDING KATHERINE BUNNELL

During the early morning hours of October 30, 2024 TJ Wright's life, at only 3 years of age, was terminated.

TJ was the victim of the most savage brutal beating imaginable. The perceived wrong TJ had committed to receive such a beating, was the result of him spilling yogurt and milk on the floor.

In an act of utmost betrayal, TJ's Aunt Katherine Bunnell, who was entrusted as his caretaker, unleashed a battering upon the toddler that contributed to extinguishing his life.

One can only imagine TJ's small fragile body attempting to recover from each blow and slap of Katherine Bunnell's hands, fists, and knee.

TJ was dragged on the floor face hitting the hard surface repeatedly. For Katherine Bunnell, beating the toddler was not enough, and pouring milk over his battered body was necessary for her to further purge her inner rage.

TJ cried throughout his abuse and the duration and time of his murder must have felt like an eternity to the toddler.

Now a parole board decides whether Katherine Bunnell's time served is adequate for the crime she has committed.

Life sentences are not readily given but reserved for the most heinous crimes with the deadliest consequences.

TJ's murder meets the requirements for a life sentence, for Katherine Bunnell. Katherine Bunnell acted in the most violent, sadistic, and depraved fashion imaginable.

Former Attorney General Patrick Lynch stated after the verdict, "She was responsible for a young child's life." She was involved in snuffing it out in the most brutal beating that I've seen or heard about in my experience in the office, and for that she should pay".

The Alliance for Safe Communities asks Rhode Island's Parole Board to honor the State's "Life Sentence" imposed on Katherine Bunnell.

Respectfully submitted,

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