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Chief Crockett –

The victim's family in the Tyler Shold homicide case asked me to forward this to you and the City. Could you please share this with your office? And either pass it on to Glenn and City Counsel, or let me know the best email addresses?

It meant so much to the family for your officers and paramedics to attend the sentencing hearing. Thank you SO much for the strong show of support. It really made a huge difference.

Best,
Ashly

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To the Nome, Alaska Community:

We are tormented with the events that transpired on January 8, 2020. There is no escaping, undoing, nor forgetting. It's a reality that we must confront and compartmentalize within ourselves; conjuring guilt, regret, sadness, and anger; but then, we ultimately dwell on the delight that Anna brought to us. We are thankful and grateful that God gave her to us, if only for a very short while. February 6, 2024, was a difficult day, too. The State of Alaska can not adequately administer justice to satisfy our

desire to feel better; even though convicted murderer Tyler Shold is serving jail time for taking the life of our dear and darling (precious and irreplaceable) Anna Matoomealook. We have forever been robbed.

Judge DiBenedetto handed down a sentence coinciding with the agreement between the Public Defender and District Attorney. We asked for more, but understand that our legal system is plagued with ridiculous case law that ties the hands of judges. Judge DiBenedetto indicated that he believed that the crime was cruel and unconscionable deserving a tougher penalty, but, they are often appealed and he didn't want us to go through this again. Thank you, Judge DiBenedetto, for your wisdom and understanding of what we have lost; and, for recognizing that the whole demographic of Native women experiences the highest rape and murder incidents of any group.

The Matoomealook and Barr families deepest and sincere thanks goes to Assistant District Attorney Ashly Crockett, and Paralegal Specialist Luella Iyatunguk for their kindness, patience and true interest in our thoughts and feelings. Through investigation, the attorneys and judge knew Tyler Shold, but almost nothing about our darling Anna. D.A. Crockett's consistent encouragement and interest in her story made Anna real to all involved.

Years ago Nome Police Department bad actors left an indelible scar on the community causing much mistrust. When we arrived to attend the sentencing hearing, this was not the case. Chief William Crockett exhibited caring and thoughtful leadership which encouraged many Nome Police Department personnel to be present in the courtroom in support of our family and to represent the community of Nome to us. We thank each and every one in attendance: Investigator Vincent Nguyen, Administrative Sergeant Wade Harrison, Adult Probation Officer Gail Smithhisler (who commented that this was the most difficult report she has ever had to write,) Officers: Alex Le, Chelsea Griffin, Nathan Bryson, Dylan Howard, Advocate Sharon Sparks, Administrative Assistant Kelly Corns, Angie Nguyen and other Nome City officials.

We also extend a special thank you to the Medics who responded to the scene of Anna's murder and worked to revive her. One quick hug doesn't adequately convey our heartfelt gratitude to EMS Hunter Bellamy and EMS Rose Reale. This worst type of call to answer took courage and diligence, to your already emotionally difficult job, and is commendable.

Godspeed and our prayers for the Nome officials who are bringing restoration to your community. We pray that Nome finds healing and peace with God. This was a tragedy that effects everyone.

Romans 12:19 *"Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord."* God have mercy on the soul of Tyler Shold.

With all sincerity,
The family of Anna Matoomealook

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