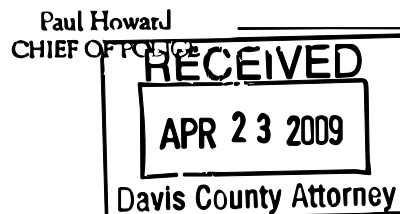


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Troy Rawlings  
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Dear Troy



We are still riding a wave of euphoria since getting the guilty verdict on Ed Owens. To see the culmination of so much hard work and emotion come to a positive conclusion is truly an amazing feeling. I wanted to thank a few people in your office for the role they played in working on the Strom case.

We could not have done it without Bill McGuire. He was the navigator of our Motel 6 robbery-homicide case several years ago. It was a very complicated case, but with Bill's experience, he was able to guide the jury through the web of gang wannabes and conspirators who robbed and killed a man for a few hundred dollars. The Strom case was also very difficult with the age of the case, the evidence issues, and the holes in our witness list, but Bill's superior legal skills and professionalism were key in overcoming the odds. Hopefully, I won't need him, but if I ever have to go through a homicide case again, I most certainly want Bill at the table!

I also want to commend Craig Webb for his assistance in this case. His investigative prowess was essential in pulling this case together. I want to commend him for his contribution in the courtroom as well, expressing valid points and opinions throughout the trial that helped us connect the dots for the jurors. ~ ~ ~

And to Todd Beatse - thank you so much for your expertise in the technical aspects of presenting our case. I feel the photos of Karin as the beautiful young woman she was, as well as the pictures of Owens the day after the murder were clinchers in persuading the jury of Owens' guilt. His preparation in having so many visuals in court exuded preparation and professionalism and were essential in giving the jury confidence in reaching their guilty verdict.

I want to express my gratitude to Ranae Hart and all of the other victim advocates who took such good care of Karin's family and friends. They were compassionate and attentive and did an excellent job of keeping them informed and protecting their privacy from the media when appropriate.

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And many thanks to Jolene Neese, who worked tirelessly behind the scenes with my secretary, Carla, in keeping the case report and other records updated, accurate, and organized. She has done an excellent job in communicating with us the needs of your office, and generally staying on top of things the entire two years we have been working on this case.

And most importantly, to you, Troy, my profound gratitude for taking this case on and seeing it through. I know all too well what a risk you were taking, and that you went against the advice of some very influential legal minds who advised you otherwise. In such a public case and with the constant glare of media, it was a very courageous thing to do. I want to thank you for your dedication to this case and for standing by Karin's family, giving them the justice they have waited 29 long years for. You brought together the team and the resources of your office that were the catalyst for putting Owens where he belongs and for a very long time!

I know there are years of appeals and other court matters ahead, but the hardest part is over and a very dangerous criminal cannot hurt anyone else. You can take a lot of satisfaction from that. .

Once again, my thanks to you and your staff for their excellent work. After this experience, I believe we have one of the best prosecutorial teams in the state and my confidence in your office is beyond reproach.

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Sincerely,

Paul Howard Chief of Police

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Sgt. Brad Benson Investigations

cc: **Bill** McGuire Craig Webb Todd Beatse Jolene Neese Ranae Hart