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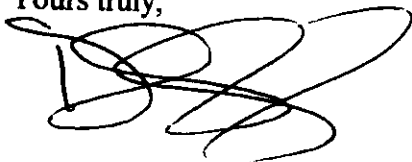
First of all let me express my sincere condolences for the loss of your daughter as a result of this senseless tragedy.

I asked officials in my department to review the transcript of proceedings of the sentencing in order to attempt to respond to the concerns raised in your letter. I am informed that the hearing on September 12, 2007 consisted of a great deal of dialogue between the trial judge and counsel for the accused and the independent prosecutor. It is unfortunate that based on this exchange you feel the prosecutor was not being cooperative with the court.

I am advised that the investigation of the accused's drinking behavior prior to the accident was conducted by the Professional Standards Unit of the Winnipeg Police Service. It is the mandate of that Unit to vigorously investigate the conduct of police officers. Their investigation did not reveal any evidence that supported a charge of driving while impaired. Accordingly, I am advised that what Mr. Minuk was attempting to convey to the trial judge was that the evidence with respect to the impairment of the accused was inadequate to support a conviction. The evidence that was available to the prosecutor supported the charge on which the accused entered a guilty plea namely dangerous driving causing death.

It is regrettable that, perhaps because of what I am told was a lengthy and at times confusing exchange between the judge and the counsel involved, that you reached the conclusions you have conveyed in your letter. The mandate of a prosecutor is to only put forward that evidence which can be proven, not allegations based on suspicion or innuendo. Given the evidence available to the prosecutor in this case and the information I have been given I believe the prosecutor performed his duties in conformance with his professional obligations.

Yours truly,



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