

February 3, 2023

Dear General Assembly of The State of Maryland Finance Committee of Senate,

I am writing this letter on behalf of my brother Matthew A. Mickens-Murrey, who was the victim of a Brutal Murder. Matthew was 26 years old at the time of his demise. He was born and raised in West Chester PA and relocated to Maryland to reside with his God Sister when he graduated High School. Matthew was outgoing, energetic, and just so full of life until that life was taken by Brandon Biagas. Matthew and I were my parents only living children and now I am alone. My mother took his death the hardest due to their close bond, hence the phrase Mama's Boy cause I'm Daddy's Girl! Not to say that my father wasn't affected as well, being that Matthew was his only son and the baby of the family. I as well have a son that was only 9 years younger than Matthew, so they kind of grew up as brothers rather than Uncle and Nephew so he took it pretty hard as well, and now he has a son of his own that Matthew will never get to meet.

We waited 3 long years and stayed in consistent contact with Detective Kingston to solve this case, I refused to let my brother become a Cold Case File stuffed in a box in the basement. I then suggested to Det. Kingston that he load the suspects DNA into one of those Ancestry.com databases to at least get a lead on his Family Bloodline, and to all our surprise and great relief it actually worked and is called by law Forensic Genetic Genealogy. Without this technique I don't believe we would have ever found, prosecuted, and convicted Brandon Biagas. Although it took 3 years to catch him we consider July 23,2020 Our Justice Day and when he pleaded Guilty on December 7th 2021 we consider that Our Day of Peace and Closure.

We as a unit of Family and Friends highly recommend and encourage this technique to be utilized in assisting in solving past/present/ and future crimes in order to bring Justice and Peace to other families as it has done for ours.

Sincerely The Family of Matthew A Mickens-Murrey

Melody Mickens (Mother)	Patricia Murrey (Maternal Grandmother)
Jamy Mickens (Father)	Shelly Hugan (God Mother)
Naja Murrey (Sister)	Shanay Atkins (God Sister)
Zaevahn Murrey (Nephew)	Bonnie Murrey (Aunt)
	Crystal Murrey (Aunt)

* All the names on the left spoke at the Sentencing Hearing (and My Mom)