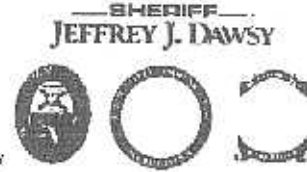




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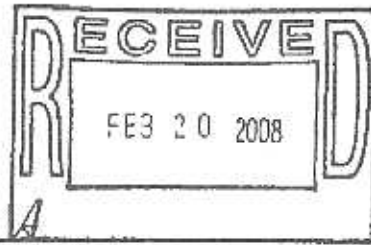
February 21, 2008

This pre-suit notice from the attorneys representing Mark Lunsford and Angela Wright was completely unexpected by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office, and we are both surprised and disappointed.

Sheriff Jeff Dawsey has the utmost confidence in the actions taken by his agency throughout the investigation into the disappearance of Jessica Lunsford and the prosecution of John Couey.

The Citrus County Sheriff's Office stands ready to vigorously defend the integrity, professionalism and exhaustive efforts of the agency's members throughout this tragedy.

A handwritten signature, appearing to be "Jm", is enclosed within a hand-drawn oval.



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February 19, 2008

**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL #70071490000372998804**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Richard Wesch, Esquire  
General Counsel  
Citrus County Sheriff's Office  
1 Dr Martin Luther King Jr Ave  
Inverness, Florida 34450

RE: Claimant(s): Mark Lunsford, individually; Angela Wright, individually; and Mark Lunsford and Angela Wright, as Personal Representatives for The Estate of Jessica Lunsford

Agency: Citrus County Sheriff's Office, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and Citrus County Board of Commissioners

Date of Incident: February 23, 2005 - March 17, 2005

Dear Mr. Wesch:

Pursuant to Florida Statute §768.28, the above-referenced claimants hereby give notice of their intent to pursue a claim for damages against the Citrus County Sheriff's Office, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Citrus County Board of Commissioners. Our firm and Mark Gelman of Eraclides, Johns, Hall, Gelman, Johannessen & Kempner L.L.P. represent the above-referenced claimant(s) and any correspondence relating to this claim should be directed to our attention. The following is the specific information requested by the statute and municipal code:

Claimant(s) Information: Mark Lunsford  
[REDACTED]  
DOB: 8/1/1963  
POB: Dayton, Ohio

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Angela Wright  
251 Chapman, Waynesville, OH 45068  
SSN: [REDACTED]  
DOB: 8/8/1973  
POB: Wilmington, Ohio

Jessica Lunsford  
[REDACTED]  
SSN: [REDACTED]  
DOB: 10/6/1995  
POB: Gastonia, North Carolina

The Estate of Jessica Lunsford

No prior adjudicated unpaid claim in excess of \$200.00 exists.

Date/Time/Place of Incident: February 23, 2005 - March 17, 2005.

Description of the Incident: The Citrus County Sheriff's Office and/or the Florida Department of Law Enforcement made an express promise or assurance of assistance and assumed control over the scene and investigation regarding the abduction of Jessica Lunsford; (2) Mark Lunsford, individually, Angela Wright, individually, other members of Mark Lunsford's family and members of the Estate of Jessica Lunsford, justifiably relied on the promise or assurance of assistance; and (3) harm suffered because of the reliance upon the express promise or assurance of assistance which was carried out in a negligent manner, which placed Jessica Lunsford in a foreseeable zone of risk.

A special duty was established when the Citrus County Sheriff's Office and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement made a direct representation to Mark Lunsford, individually, Angela Wright, individually, other members of Mark Lunsford's family and to members of the Estate of Jessica Lunsford, that the Citrus County Sheriff's Office and/or the Florida Department of Law Enforcement would be taking a specific law enforcement action. Those specific law enforcement actions were not taken and/or the

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Citrus County Sheriff's Office and/or the Florida Department of Law Enforcement failed to exercise reasonable care regarding the specific assurances made by law enforcement. The negligence of Citrus County Sheriff's Office and Florida Department of Law Enforcement directly and indirectly led to the death of Jessica Lunsford.

Description of Injuries:

Wrongful death of Jessica Lunsford; mental pain and suffering from the date of the injury of Mark Lunsford, individually and as natural father, and Angela Wright, individually and as natural mother; and all other damages the survivors of The Estate of Jessica Lunsford are entitled to claim under the Florida Wrongful Death Act, 768.16-768.26.

Agency/agents involved:

Citrus County Sheriff's Office, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Citrus County Board of Commissioners.

Relief sought:

Mark Lunsford, individually, Angela Wright, individually, and Mark Lunsford and Angela Wright, as Personal Representatives of the Estate of Jessica Lunsford, seek compensation for the survivors of the Estate of Jessica Lunsford entitled to compensation from the date of the decedent's injury, pursuant to §768.21, Florida Statutes. These damages include but are not limited to the damages sustained to the parents of Jessica Lunsford, Mark Lunsford and Angela Wright, for their mental pain and suffering from the date of Jessica's injury.

The Estate of Jessica Lunsford has incurred medical and funeral expenses due to Jessica Lunsford's death.

Pursuant to Florida Statute §768.28(6) (d), further information requested by Florida Statute §768.28 (6) (c) will be provided prior to settlement payment, close of discovery or commencement of trial, whichever is sooner.

By copy of this letter to the Florida Department of Financial Services, we are providing the Department of Financial Services with specific notice of the claims of Mark Lunsford, Angela Wright, and The Estate of Jessica Lunsford for all damages the listed claimants are seeking

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against the listed responsible agencies.

If additional information is requested or if this notice is legally defective in any way, please contact me immediately.

Sincerely,



Daniel A. Iracki, Esq.

DAI:ajh

cc: Florida Department of Financial Services (Certified Mail#70071490000372998781/RRR)  
Florida Department of Law Enforcement (Certified Mail#70071490000372998774/RRR)  
Citrus County Sheriff's Office (Certified Mail# 7007 1490 0003 7299 8736/RRR)  
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