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Mr. Barry Miller, Bureau Director  
California Department of Justice  
Bureau of Forensic Services  
1300 "I" Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Case EU-17-000459

Dear Mr. Miller:

I am writing to ask for your agency's prioritization and assistance in the investigation of the tragic stabbing death of a Humboldt State University student, David Josiah Lawson on April 15, 2017.

This tragedy has had a significant impact throughout the County creating divisiveness and tensions the longer the case goes unsolved. The lead investigative agency, the City of Arcata, has recently brought on outside investigative assistance. This effort has resulted in additional evidence that will require analysis through your forensics lab.

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors office and Mr. Lawson's grieving family members, we appreciate the attention and support that your lab has already provided and respectfully request that the sample(s) in this case continue to be given the highest priority.

Thank you for this consideration.

Sincerely,

*Ryan Sundberg*  
Vice Chair

Ryan Sundberg, Chair  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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