

December 19, 2011

Mayor Karl Dean
100 Metro Court House
Nashville, TN 37201

And

Chief Steve Anderson
200 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37201

Dear Mayor Dean

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Dear Chief Anderson

My name is [REDACTED] and I have lived in Nashville, TN for thirteen years. For ten of those years I have lived [REDACTED] and have felt very safe living there until after the May flooding in 2010. Since the flood, my home has been broken into twice. The first time I was not home and it happened in the middle of the day. My belongings were stolen but no one was harmed. Most recently on November 30, 2011 a man broke into my home at 4 AM when I was home alone. I was able to hide in a bathroom and call 911 for help. The Police came very fast (3 minutes), the dispatch operator stayed on the line with me which helped me to feel safer and she was able to give the Police the information on where I heard the intruder in my home. The police caught him and I am waiting to hear what his sentence will be. I wanted to write this letter to tell you how professional and wonderful the two officers were. Their names are **Officer James Reese** and **Officer David Anderson**. They arrested this man, made sure I was OK, and were very helpful. My husband was a police officer in Bosnia before we moved to the United States so I know what a difficult job Police Officers have and these two officers did a great job. They even had someone check in with me the next day and told me what a good job I had done but I told them they did a good job too! I said " First God, and then you". I told them I wanted to do something for them, but they said no, they were just doing their job. But Mayor Dean and Chief Anderson, I wanted their bosses to know what a good job they did so I am writing you today.

Many things changed in my neighborhood after the flood- Many houses on the other side of my street were moved and it is just an open grassy area now. They said it would be a park but there is nothing there. The street lights on the park- side of the street were taken down and now it is very dark, making it easy for illegal activities to take place. There are also many houses in my neighborhood that have been vacant since the flood, so there are less people to watch out for their neighbors. I want to live in a safe neighborhood and hope your office can look into ways to make all of Nashville safer.

I am happy to alive and I hope that all the police officers in Nashville will treat all victims as I was treated, and continue to protect all of us from criminals. Thank you for your time in reading my letter.

Sincerely,

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