

February 16, 2007

Dear Governor Easley:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my feelings about Archie Billings and what he has done to my family. No words can ever express the pain my wife, my son, and I have suffered since 1995. The argument about whether lethal injection causes pain to the ones on one death row has really gone too far. If anyone wants to know what pain really is just ask my son Bobby Jackson. He sustained multiple stab wounds and was left for dead. He lay in a pool of blood listening to his sister Amy call out for help many times while Archie Billings attacked her. He could not move nor get up to help her and laid there listening to her cries. By the grace of God he was able to dial 911 for help and let the officials know Archie Billings had broken into his home, stabbed him many times and was attacking his sister Amy. Bobby has recovered from the physical injuries and has had psychiatric help. But the pain will always be there in his heart every waking moment of his days. That is pain that will be there for a lifetime. My wife and I go to bed every night and wake up every morning knowing our Amy is not there with us. I will never be able to walk her down the wedding aisle because Archie Billings took her from me. I feel like the role in life that God gave me was to be a father to Amy and Bobby and now part of that has been taken from me. My wife will never be able to hold her daughter when her heart is broken for the first time or to help her pick out her wedding dress because Archie Billings took her daughter Amy from her. Amy loved life and people that knew Amy loved her. She was a sweet child that deserved to live her life to the fullest. Amy played softball and loved it, she went to church, and she was a good student and most of all she was a great daughter and sister.

This crime was not quick as you will hear from the investigator and Mr. Brewer. Amy suffered at the hands of Archie billings and therefore I am completely against the argument that his attorneys will say lethal injection is cruel and painful. It really bothers me to know that Archie Billings is living off of my hard earned tax money at the cost of my daughter, Amy's death. Archie Billings has had eleven years of life that Amy was not able to live. Eleven years Bobby has suffered, my wife and I have suffered.

We carry Amy in our hearts every day and her memory will always live on with us. Help us to have some type of closure and allow Archie Billings to be put to death on March 02, 2007 by lethal injection.

Sincerely,

Robert Jackson
Father of Amy Jackson