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CASE No: 001-08262006

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Prove Scott Lied About The Accident

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35 year-old Sunnyview resident Scott Zion kneels over the body of his au pair, 19 year-old Madeline Deparde, following a crash with her bicycle on August 17th.

Prosecutors Planning to Drop Vehicular Manslaughter Case Against Sunnyview Man

By Mark Soleil
Sunnyview Press Staff Writer

SUNNYVIEW - The Fayette County District Attorney’s Office has dropped the prosecution of a Sunnyview man who had been charged with vehicular manslaughter stemming from a crash that killed a bicyclist in August.

Scott Zion, 35, had been charged with vehicular manslaughter and reckless driving in connection with an accident that happened near the Sunnyview Grocery Depot.

The 19 year-old bicyclist, Madeline Deparde, suffered fatal injuries in the crash. Coincidentally, Deparde had also lived with Zion as an au-pair for over 6 months.

According to court documents, prosecutors dismissed their case against Zion during a scheduled trial readiness hearing date at Fayette County Superior Court in Sunnyview.

In an email Friday, deputy district attorney Evan Weinburg said the case was dismissed after prosecutors brought in an expert from the Florida Highway Patrol’s Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Team to further investigate the case.

“Based upon the results and conclusions of this additional investigation, we did not feel we were able to meet our burden,” Weinburg said. “At this time, we don’t anticipate re-filing charges.”

Zion pled not guilty to the charges before they were ultimately dropped.

According to the Sunnyview Police Department’s initial account of the crash, Zion was driving his 2005 Chrysler Town & Country at 8:13 a.m. on Montpellier Blvd as Deparde was bicycling on Montpellier in the opposite direction. Zion made a right turn onto Monet Rd as Deparde was in the crosswalk and struck her.

According to the SPD, the Chrysler knocked Deparde off her bicycle and sent her about 10 feet through the air where she struck her head on the pavement. She was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident.
### MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPORT

**Village of Sunnyview Police Department**

#### Accident Information
- **Date:** 08/17/06
- **Time:** 8:13 AM
- **No. of Vehicles:** 2
- **No. Injured:** 1
- **No. Killed:** 1
- **Scene:** Yes

#### Vehicle 1
- **License ID No.:** C-458-466-80-197-0
- **Driver Name:** Scott Q. Zion
- **Address:** 19 Montpellier Blvd.
- **City or Town:** Sunnyview
- **Date of Birth:** 1/28/71
- **Name:** Scott Zion
- **Plate Number:** CRY924
- **Vehicle Year & Make:** '05 Chrysler Town & Country
- **Estimated Cost of Repairs:** $1401-$1600

#### Vehicle 2
- **License ID No.:** ID-216-12668
- **Driver Name:** Madeline Deparde
- **Address:** 19 Montpellier Blvd.
- **City or Town:** Sunnyview
- **Date of Birth:** 3/19/87
- **Name:** Madeline Deparde
- **Plate Number:** ---
- **Vehicle Year & Make:** Schwinn
- **Estimated Cost of Repairs:** $1201-$1400

#### Damage to Vehicles
- **Small Dent:** Rear End
- **Minor Scratches:** Overlapping

#### Reference Details
- **County:** Fayette County
- **Route No. or Street Name:** Montpellier Blvd.
- **Nearest Intersecting Route/Street:** Monet Rd.
- **City:** Sunnyview

#### Persons Involved
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#### How the Accident Happened
**Vehicle 1 was turning from Montpellier Blvd. onto Monet Rd. as bicyclist #2 was travelling through the intersection in the opposite direction.**

#### Damage to Property
- **All Persons Involved...**

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**Officer Signature:** Bryan Cunningham  
**Officer Name:** Ofc. Bryan Cunningham  
**Officer Badge:** T9166  
**Time:** 9:04  
**Date:** 8/17/06
SECTION A

INSTRUCTIONS:
PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION - USE BLACK OR BLUE INK

* First - fold along this dotted line.*

Then fill in the 11 boxes in the right margin (on page 1 of form) by entering the number of the item which best describes the circumstances of the accident. If a question does not apply, enter a dash (-). If an answer is unknown, enter an "x".

1. If you were involved in an accident with a pedestrian, enter the pedestrian information in the "Driver" spaces provided for Vehicle 2, and check the "PEDESTRIAN" box.

If you were involved in an accident with a vehicle other than a motorcycle (such as a snowmobile, mini-bike, air cycle, all-terrain vehicle, trail bike, or other non-motor vehicle), enter the driver, owner and vehicle information in the space provided for VEHICLE 2.

If a vehicle is unoccupied, enter all available information. Be sure to enter the correct vehicle plate number and vehicle type in the VEHICLE block.

2. Enter driver information EXACTLY as it appears on each driver license. Enter owner information EXACTLY as it appears on the registration of each vehicle involved in the accident.

3. If more than two vehicles were involved in this accident, fill out additional accident reports. On these reports, place the information for the third vehicle in the space marked YOUR VEHICLE and mark it No. 3. Use the space marked VEHICLE 2 for the fourth vehicle, and mark it No. 4 and so on.

4. Enter the street or route name, the distance and direction from the nearest intersection, and the name or route number of that intersecting street.

5. If the accident occurred on a State highway, you will find a small green sign called a reference marker somewhere near the crash site. In the "Reference Marker" section, write the number EXACTLY as it appears on the sign.

6. For ALL PERSONS INVOLVED in the accident, list their names and addresses and fill in Boxes 8, 10, 11. For any person killed or injured, describe injuries was killed in, or as a result of, the accident, provide the date of death.

CODES FOR SAFETY EQUIPMENT USED (Box 10):
1. None
2. Lap Belt
3. Harness
4. Lap Belt Harness
5. Child Restraint Only
6. Air Bag Deployed
7. Air Bag Deployed/Lap Belt
8. Air Bag Deployed/Harness
9. Air Bag Deployed/Lap Belt/Harness

POSITION IN/ON VEHICLE (Box 11):
1. Driver
2. 2-7. Passengers
3. 8. Riding/Hanging on Outside

INJURY CODES (Box 16):
K - Any injury that results in death.
A - Severe lacerations, broken or distorted limbs, skull fracture, crushed chest, internal injuries, unconscious when taken from the accident scene, unable to leave accident scene without assistance.
B - Lump on head, abrasions, minor lacerations.
C - Momentary unconsciousness, limping, nausea, hysteria, complaint of pain (no visible injury).

If more than four people are involved, another report is needed. In the ALL PERSONS INVOLVED section of that report, record the required information for everyone else involved in the accident.

7. Attach additional reports to page one. Each page of the report must be numbered in the upper right corner. Mark additional sheets #2, #3, etc. Date and sign the bottom line of each attached report.

THE REPORT MUST BE SIGNED BY THE OFFICER WHO COMPLETES THE REPORT.
FULL RECORDED INTERVIEW - SCOTT ZION

CASE NUMBER: 001-08172008
Date and Time: 8/17/06 11:15am

LOCATION: Sunnyview PD Interview Room
Conducted by: Detective Gerald Marquart
Transcribed by: Margaret Simmons

001 DETECTIVE: Please state your name for the record.
002 ZION: Scott Zion.
003 DETECTIVE: Scott, what is your relationship to the deceased, Madeline Deparde?
004 ZION: She worked for me and my wife. As an au-pair.
005 DETECTIVE: What exactly did Madeline do for you and your wife?
006 ZION: Well, she just did typical au pair stuff. She handled a lot of the housework, meals, grocery
shopping and helped with the kids.
008 DETECTIVE: Can you tell me what happened this morning?
009 ZION: What do you want to know? I hit her with the minivan. She went flying. I think she hit her head
and by the time I got out of the car to her, she wasn’t moving, wasn’t breathing. She was dead.
111 DETECTIVE: Do you know where Madeline was going?
112 ZION: Yes, we talked briefly in the morning. She wasn’t feeling well and wanted to pick up a couple
things from the grocery store. Something about having an upset stomach and heartburn again.
114 DETECTIVE: Why didn’t you just take her in the van? She takes care of your kids and she’s sick. And you
didn’t offer to drive her to the store? She had to ride a bike to get there?
116 ZION: Well, she liked riding. I don’t get it. She’s European though, that’s what they do.
117 DETECTIVE: Where were you going in such a hurry?
118 ZION: I was going to work.
119 DETECTIVE: What time of work are you in?
120 ZION: I am a banker at First State Community Bank.
121 DETECTIVE: First State Community huh? They’re not open on Sunday.
122 ZION: That’s right, but I had to meet a customer to give them some paperwork for a mortgage.
123 DETECTIVE: You normally wear a shirt and tie to give someone paperwork on a Sunday?
124 ZION: Well I don’t usually work on Sundays either but my appointment was with Mayor Lunette. He’s a
big account so I have to look professional, even today. You talked to his wife, right? Dawn confirmed
our appointment so what’s the issue?
127 DETECTIVE: Just trying to understand why you wouldn’t offer to do the shopping for Madeline.
128 ZION: To be honest, Detective, I was kind of getting tired of it. She seemed to be sick a lot lately,
especially when I’m trying to get ready for work in the mornings and I need to use the bathroom. I just,
I don’t know.
131 DETECTIVE: Tell me more about exactly what happened.
132 ZION: Again? Ok. I was on Montepellier and had to turn right on Monet Dr. Halfway through my turn I
looked up and there she was. Out of nowhere! She must’ve been going really fast. I can’t believe it.
134 DETECTIVE: What do you mean you suddenly looked up? Where you looking down? What distracted you?
135 ZION: No. Not really. The sun was in my eyes so I was reaching for my sunglasses. Looked down for a
second and she was right there. I didn’t even have time to hit the brakes or swerve. It was just a
terrible accident. My family is going to be devastated.
138 DETECTIVE: Were you two close?
139 ZION: I suppose.
140 DETECTIVE: Your wife’s a nurse, right? She works a lot of nights? Did you and Madeline spend a lot of
time together when your wife was at work?
142 ZION: What? No. I mean, my wife does work nights. But Madeline and I, what are you trying to say anyway?
143 DETECTIVE: Just trying to understand the situation is all. One more thing, Scott. Did you drive
anywhere else before this?
145 ZION: No. I was coming straight from home. I had just pulled out of the driveway a minute earlier.
146 DETECTIVE: Thanks for your time, Scott. I’ll be in touch.