

Who Killed Tiffany Valiante? Family Marks the Fifth Anniversary of The Beloved Teen’s Mysterious Death

Mays Landing, New Jersey (July 9, 2020) – Five years ago on a steamy summer night, 18-year-old Tiffany Valiante, barefoot and partially clothed, was struck and killed by an Atlantic City-bound New Jersey Transit train. Without conducting an autopsy, a rape kit, or DNA analysis, investigators quickly labeled her death a suicide. But her family, independent pathologists and a local law firm continue their quest to prove the beloved Tiffany was murdered. In what has become an annual ritual, on Sunday they will gather at 2 pm at the Valiante’s Mays Landing home (3160 Mannheim Ave., Mays Landing) to celebrate her bountiful but short-lived life.

Paul R. D’Amato, of the D’Amato Law Firm, said, “We should be gathering to toast Tiffany Valiante’s brilliant college career, not to mourn her loss and the abject failures of a system that rushed to judgment in ruling her death a suicide. We are even more certain five years after her death that she was the victim of brutal crime on the night of July 12, 2015.

Compounding that crime is the fact that to this day we have been barred from interviewing material witnesses and even having DNA evidence collected at the scene of the crime

examined by leading forensic labs. There will be no closure in this case until there’s been a full and complete investigation. Justice is a human right to which Tiffany has been tragically deprived.”

The Valiante family stated, “We miss Tiff every day of our lives. But, as we’ve said repeatedly, we will not rest until there is justice for Tiffany, and all the unanswered questions regarding her death have been answered. People responsible for Tiff’s death will be held accountable, and we again appeal to anyone with information about her killing to come forward and do the right thing.”

Note: Media is welcome at the remembrance. While outside, crowd size is limited, hand sanitizer will be available, physical distancing will be observed, and masks will be issued as part of observing sound hygienic practices.



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