

The Hon. Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti  
Chair, New Jersey Transit Board of Directors

Our deceased daughter, Tiffany Valiante, was only 18 years old when on July 12, 2015, she was struck – about midnight near Mile Marker 45 - by a New Jersey Transit, Atlantic City Rail Line train bound for Atlantic City from Philadelphia. Shocking to this day is that NJT police and N.J. Medical Examiner, without ever conducting a complete investigation (a full autopsy was never performed, a rape test kit was never administered, collected evidence, including an axe, recovered at or near the site was lost or contaminated), almost immediately decided our Tiff took her own life. More than seven years after her death, we are more convinced than ever that these investigators were dead wrong; for reasons still unknown, they rushed to judgment. Within just hours of Tiff's disappearance and death, an NJT public relations employee was openly talking to the press while the preliminary investigation was underway, and before her remains were collected, and before her coffin was ordered. How shameful, and insulting not just to our entire family, but to the people of New Jersey, and all those that use services provided by New Jersey Transit.

We believe you and your Board have something in common with our family; you've never been told the whole story about the investigation into our daughter's death, including the conflicting statements given by NJT operating personnel, or an explanation regarding the mishandling of evidence. We don't think you can be satisfied let alone approve of what happened, and we urge you to direct a full and complete investigation of your investigation. .

We refuse to write Tiffany's death off an unsolved mystery, let alone give up. Tiffany deserves justice and New Jersians deserve transparency and an explanation from New Jersey Transit's leadership.

  
DIANNE VALIANTE

  
STEPHEN VALIANTE

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED  
BEFORE ME THIS 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF  
NOVEMBER 2022.

  
SUSAN EISENLOHR  
NOTARY PUBLIC

SUSAN L. EISENLOHR  
Notary Public, State of New Jersey  
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