

My name is Eugene Chay.

I first met Robert Wone in the spring of 2001 when he interviewed to join the board of directors of an association I was part of, which is affiliated with the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Washington, DC.

Since then, I had the honor of serving on a non-profit board of directors with Robert for several years, including the final years of Robert's life when he was the President-Elect for the Asian Pacific American Bar Ass'n and I was the Immediate Past President.

When Robert died, he was just days away from assuming the presidency of the Asian Pacific American Bar Ass'n.

Our community lost a great leader, someone who had already achieved much in his short life, but was destined to do more.

But Kathy lost much more than that. As did his parents and his brother. Like Jason, I lost a friend.

And now, a year later, it doesn't seem real to me that Robert's murder remains unsolved.

One year ago, in the days after Robert's death, I remember telling several people that I didn't even care who actually did the crime and whether they were ever caught.

Nothing seemed to matter at that point. Arresting, charging, and convicting someone of this crime wouldn't bring Robert back and it wouldn't do anything to take away the pain we were all feeling.

Looking back on things a year later, I think that might have been the only way I could have gotten through that period. The grief I was experiencing was such that I couldn't allow myself to be overcome by anger, as well.

But now, things are different. I'm angry. And I want justice for Robert.

It's not right that one year after his death, the individual who killed him is still walking around, scott free.

I confess to not knowing all the details of the investigation and being ignorant to the reasons why everything has taken this long.

I think we all have questions and Kathy and Robert's family deserve answers.

I join Kathy and Jason in calling for anyone having any information at all about this horrible crime to come forward and tell their story to the police.

Someone tried to clean the scene of the crime after Robert was killed. Whoever did this, whoever is involved in this, they are not criminal masterminds. They can and must be brought to justice.