

Statement of Jason Torchinsky
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My name is Jason Torchinsky. Robert has been a friend of mine since college, was my roommate for several years before he married Kathy, and was a groomsman at my wedding.

Robert was a special person. He worked hard, was tenacious about everything he did, and cared deeply for his wife, his family, his friends and all of those around him. He worked countless hours here at Covington, devoted himself to the Asian Bar, was active in his church, worked on pro-bono legal projects, and was a caring and devoted husband.

Just over one year ago, I received a phone call from Kathy early in the morning to tell me the news – that Robert had passed away. I remember that moment like it was yesterday. When someone like Robert dies so young, you expect it to be an accident or the result of some sudden or previously unknown illness. I was in complete

shock when I learned that Robert had been killed by someone- and I am still in shock today.

Every time I think about the fact that whoever did this is still out there I am struck by a horrible mixed wave of sadness and anger. Sadness that Robert is gone. Sadness that he is not here to share in the joys, trials and tribulations of life with us. And anger that whoever did this is still out there and not behind bars or at the very least awaiting trial.

In the aftermath of the unimaginable tragedy that took Robert from this earth, the police and U.S. Attorney's office began investigating the crime that lead to his death. Every day this past year, I hoped to hear from Kathy or the news media that the investigators had solved the crime or were bringing charges or had finally come to a conclusion about what happened. As of today, we still know nothing.

We don't know who did this, and it does not appear the police have the information they need – whether from DNA evidence that is still awaiting processing at the FBI lab or from the person or persons out there who know exactly what happened in that Swan Street townhouse more than one year ago.

Someone out there deliberately killed Robert Wone. Someone was so depraved that they were able to kill him, and to remain silent about their crime for this long.

Some day, hopefully sooner rather than later, the police will get the information they need to solve this crime and provide an explanation to Robert's family and friends.

What I want to say to the people in this room today and to anyone listening – the police need help solving this. The FBI needs to finish its DNA analysis. Those who have been questioned need to search their memories, and their hearts, and ensure they have given

full and complete disclosure to the police. And anyone else who has any information that might be even remotely helpful needs to step forward and volunteer information they might have to the investigators.

We need to know who did this. His family and friends deserve an explanation. The people of Washington, DC need to know that a killer is not on the loose in their city. And whoever killed Robert Wone needs to face justice – either in this life or in the next.