12/17/2018 Press Statement - Jeff Hanson

My name is Jeff Hanson and I am Trista's step-father. As some of you already know, I designed Ayla's website and have helped with media events over these years.

Today we're asking the public's help in locating Justin DiPietro to notify him of the impending civil suit.

Justin DiPietro is the only adult in the house that night who has been unavailable to answering questions about what happened to Ayla. We need to locate him in order to piece together what happened to his daughter seven years ago. If you know where Justin is, or have had any recent interactions with Justin DiPietro, particularly in the past 12 months, please contact William H. Childs at portlandlegal.net or leave an anonymous tip at aylareynolds.com.

Justin, if you're reading this please contact us. Its been seven years. It's time. We need to know what you know about what happened to your daughter. She would be eight years old today. She'd be a third grader with favorite movies and favorite friends. We need to know what you know about why she isn't here today. For your own sake, and for Ayla's, please contact us.

We started a \$25,000 GoFundMe.com/JusticeforAylaReynolds site for legal fees associated with this wrongful death lawsuit. \$25,000 is a lot of money to me, but considering the magnitude of this case I'm told it is a drop in the bucket in the legal world. We would not be here today if it were not for those who donated to the probate case. One donor posted that she could not afford to donate, but wanted to see this case move forward. Every pay week she donated what she could to the cause until the goal was reached.

So we're asking that you please do not donate if you cannot afford to. Sharing the GoFundMe site on social media is more than we can ask from you. But for those who can, just a few dollars in a hat passed around the office today would go a long way for closure in a common cause and justice for Ayla tomorrow.

Visit GoFundMe.com/JusticeforAylaReynolds for the details of accountability and we ask that your network posts this link on today's and future stories.

This has gone on for too long now. Whatever happened to Ayla needs to finally be told. Thank you for your time. Jeff