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Jeffrey L. Boyd
Alderman 22nd Ward

January 9, 2007

Joseph Mokwa
Chief of Police
1200 Clark Ave
St Louis, MO 63103

Dear Chief Mokwa,

First, let me thank you and your staff for coming to the neighborhood meeting Thursday night, January 4, 2007. I strongly believe that a majority of people in attendance that evening understand the difficult nature of police work, and are willing to help if it will result in a decrease in crime and an increase in safety.

As to the shooting of Jeremy Robinson that took place in the 22nd ward, various neighborhood residents have come to me concerned about the investigation. While many believe the Internal Affairs Division will do a good job, there is a strong sense that an outside investigation must take place to ensure a complete and thorough investigation of the matter.

I am therefore requesting that you ask one of the federal law enforcement departments to conduct an independent investigation. While I do realize this may take time away from informing the family and the community about the events of that afternoon, I think it is time well spent to make sure the investigation is thorough.

It is my duty and obligation to represent the people in my ward, and I take this and all matters seriously. I look forward to discussing this matter with you so that we can address the concerns the residents have, and begin to work together to build a better St. Louis.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey L. Boyd
Alderman, 22nd Ward

Chris Goodson, Chairman, Board of Police Commissioners
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