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Letter Refuting False Claims Made In James Renner's Book True Crime Addict

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing this letter to refute false statements attributed to me in James Renner's book '*True Crime Addict: How I Lost Myself in the Disappearance of Maura Murray*' published in 2016. I am Maura Murray's oldest sister, Kathleen (formerly Murray) Carpenter. My sister Maura disappeared on the evening of February 9, 2004, after her car crashed on Route 112 in Haverhill, NH. Her whereabouts remain unknown.

Mr. Renner published a book about my sister in which he interviews my ex-husband Tim Carpenter. On page 230 he published the following:

*We were wrapping up, so I asked Tim [Carpenter] a tough question about Fred [Murray]. He thought for a couple seconds, then nodded. "Twice, Kathleen got blackout drunk and said something about it," he said. "But it was never something I asked about when she was sober."*

I believe the insinuation is that my father, Fred Murray, abused his children. This is absolutely false and a complete misrepresentation of anything I have ever said. I adamantly deny any scenario in which I claimed my father abused me or any of his children. To falsely attribute this disgusting accusation to me is reprehensible. It is a dark and twisted way to fabricate the truth shaping his narrative. Mr. Renner's source for this false information is my ex-husband, whose biases and own alcohol and domestic/sexual abuse history should have been considered prior to using him as a source of such lies.

I love my father dearly and have been affected deeply by the long-term implications and permanence of these disgusting insinuations. Mr. Renner should apologize immediately and review the Journalism Code of Ethics. I make this statement freely and willingly.

Sincerely,

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