

From: Scott Biggs <[REDACTED]>
Date: June 30, 2016 at 10:55:41 AM CDT
To: Danielle Tudor <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Legislative Action On Unprocessed Rape Kits In Oklahoma

Ms. Tudor

Thank you for your email.

I am interested in helping, and being a primary author on this issue.

Please let me know what your schedule for the July visit looks like, I know several others on your list and may be able to meet at the same time.

We are not in session at this point, so feel free to call me on my cell [REDACTED]

Scott

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From: Danielle Tudor <[REDACTED]>
Date: 6/18/16 3:35 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: Scott Biggs <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Legislative Action On Unprocessed Rape Kits In Oklahoma

Dear Representative Biggs,

My name is Danielle Tudor and I currently reside in Portland, Oregon. I have been a life long Oregonian but am currently building a home in the Tulsa area. My husband and I expect to move late this summer. Our oldest son graduated from ORU and met and married our daughter-in-law. We have three beautiful grandchildren in Bixby, Oklahoma and that is the purpose of our move.

I come from a heritage that finds its roots rich in Oklahoma history. Both my mother and father were born and raised in Oklahoma, and I spent my childhood making the drive with five siblings in a station wagon to family reunions in Clayton, Oklahoma. The irony is not lost on me that I now find myself returning to Oklahoma!

At barely 17 years old, I became a victim of rape in my childhood home by a man who became known as Portland's "Jogger Rapist." I won't go into the details in this email, but I will include a couple of links to some media pieces that will fill in some of the details of my case.

Most recently, I have succeeded in keeping my rapist in prison for as long as possible. He now has a firm release date of January 1st, 2023. I have been involved with the Oregon State Parole Board since 2012 bringing changes for victims in the parole hearing process that make it more victim friendly and not so adversarial.

<http://pamplinmedia.com/pt/10-opinion/298625-175720-my-view-victim-worries-about-rapists-release>

Suffice it to say, I never dreamed 30 years after my rape that I would be extended the opportunity to become a survivor advocate and activist. Hesitant at first, I have fully embraced this God given opportunity and it has led to some amazing opportunities for change. I do not take lightly my activism and my strength and boldness comes from knowing I am fulfilling what God always knew I would one day do with an experience that changed my life forever.

<http://www.eastoregonian.com/eo/local-news/20150403/rape-victim-pushes-for-change-in-laws>

I recently advocated and spear-headed two very Important pieces of legislation here in Oregon. SB 1600 which eliminates the statute of limitations on rape and SB 1571 which requires law enforcement to process all unprocessed rape kits in their possession and to keep current moving forward. I will send you a copy of the bill. The section regarding "anonymous kits" will be addressed in the next session and it will mandate the testing of those kits as well.

<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2016R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB1571/Enrolled>

The statute of limitations (SOL) on rape was very personal to me. My offender was not charged for my rape, nor seven others, because the SOL had expired by the time he was apprehended. Even though it was my evidence that identified him and eventually caught him. Until our 2015 legislative session when I took up the cause our SOL on rape had been the same since 1989! (6 years!)

The reason I am reaching out to you is I plan to address Oklahoma's rape kit backlog legislatively. Since passing our legislation in the 2016 session, I have become a member of Portland Police Bureaus Rape Kit Backlog task force and the Multnomah County DA's victim notification panel. I have also requested to be a member of the governor's task force as mandated by our bill. I am learning a lot by being a part of the protocol, procedure and policies as they are being implemented. This will be of great help with my work in Oklahoma. I recently did a PSA with law enforcement that is a first of its kind addressing the backlog. It brought a survivor and law enforcement together, working together to solve the problem. I will provide that link, as well.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EPzrIqpAofE>

<http://katu.com/news/local/psa-released-to-raise-awareness-about-unttested-rape-kit-testing>

The reason I am reaching out to you, Representative Biggs, is I understand you took on the challenge to change Oklahoma's outdated sodomy law which recently made national headlines. I know if you cared enough to step-up and make this a priority, I knew there was something within you that cares about sexual assault issues. All around the country you are seeing states take on legislation addressing this issue. Joyful Heart Foundation (JHF) under the direction of its founder, Law and Order:SVU star Mariska Hargitay, has taken the lead to expose this problem. I work closely with JHF and they have been a great resource and support of my efforts.

I would like the opportunity to meet with you next month while in Oklahoma finishing up details on our new home. I will be in the OKC area for meetings on July 19th, 20th and 21st. I have contacted the governor's office to talk about this legislation, and they are willing once I secure a sponsor for the bill. They want to be a part of the bill writing process.

I will be meeting with Deputy Chief Johnny Kuhlman, Trent Baggette of the DA's Council along with meetings in the Tulsa area with DA Steve Kunzweiler, John David Luton and Ben Fu. I have connected Sex-Crimes Detective Jillian Phippen with our team here in Portland to help with the grant writing process for federal funds. Tulsa has applied in the past but was denied. The goal is to give help with the application to achieve success in getting federal grant money to pay for testing the backlog.

I have reached out to the media in the Tulsa and Oklahoma City area. I plan on doing media interviews the week of July 24th talking about the need for this legislation. I know the media plays a crucial role in getting the word out there and garnering public support. I also know that CNN is working on a story where they are doing a nationwide study of where everyone is on their backlogs. Unfortunately, I fear Oklahoma will not fair well in the piece. Up to this point, Oklahoma City law enforcement have refused numerous requests for a number on how many unprocessed rape kits they have in their possession.

I apologize for such a lengthy email but there is so much information! I felt it was important for you to get a feel for who I am and what I bring to the table. I would allow some time for our meeting and I will have more information available at that time. Let me know if you would like any references from legislators here that I work with or from any of the volunteer task forces I belong to. My goal is to fulfill my obligations here with the task forces as I overlap with starting there in Oklahoma. I feel the experience and education will be vital for my success in Oklahoma. It will require periodic trips back to Portland for meetings which I am willing to do.

Thank you so much for your time, and I look forward to meeting with you.

Best,

Danielle Tudor
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