

My name is Vickie Hambrick. I'm legally blind and I have asked my attorney, Joy Kimbrough, to read this statement on my behalf. On June 1, 1993, I gave birth to Daniel Edward Hambrick. He was my only child and the love of my life. Daniel recognized at an early age that I had a disability but he was never ashamed of me or embarrassed by me. He loved me unconditionally and constantly said that he would always take care of me. My son was my eyes. Since he's been gone, things have not been the same and they never will be. There's not one hour that goes by that I do not think of Daniel. Even though I have friends and family, there's a void in me that cannot be filled. Nothing and no one compares to my precious son. I am angry, mad and disgusted. But I'm praying that no other mother has to endure what I've endured these last three years. I am against this so-called plea deal. I am against the way the state and the defense joined hands to protect this racist, biased, anti-Black criminal system. My son was murdered on video by Nashville police. My son has a right, he has a right to a public jury trial. I want citizens of this community to render a judgment. I don't want a backroom bargain where the current DA, the former DA and their ex co-worker David Raybin emerge from some country golf club course and tell me that my son's life was worth three years. And that I'm lucky to get that. We all know if Daniel, we all know that if Daniel had executed Delke by shooting him in the back of his head and in his back and in his buttocks as he ran away, he would be riding on death row, waiting on the electric chair. Delke lied about Daniel pointing a gun at him. His terroristic hate group, the FOP, which masquerades as a labor union, immediately went on the attack and tried to publicly assassinate my son's character with a bunch of lies and innuendo. I've gone through so much during these last three years, as I patiently, patiently waited for the day Andrew Delke would face a jury for gunning down my son. Initially, Night Court Commissioner Evan Harris refused to sign a warrant for the arrest of a man who murdered my son. Later, an elected judge decided that a \$25,000 bond was sufficient for a first-degree murder indictment. The Nashville police department never accepted any accountability. In fact, they allowed a murder defendant to keep his job the entire time, funded by taxpayers until he resigned yesterday on his own terms. In an unprecedented move, the former district attorney testified for the defendant and against the people. Also, other former high-ranking assistant DAs worked behind the scenes to help prepare the defendant for trial against the people. And in the end, the setting DA lost his nerve. Instead of allowing the jury to render a judgment at a public trial. He settled for political expediency and forced a three-year plea down my throat. I have contempt for this system. I have contempt for this plea. I have contempt for the FOP. And I have a special contempt for Andrew Delke. May you all rot in hell.