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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
United States Senate
313 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kirsten E. Gillibrand
United States Senate
478 Russell Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Daniel Maffei
House of Representatives
422 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Schumer, Senator Gillibrand and Congressman Maffei:

I am writing to request that a full investigation be commenced into the Federal probation office in Syracuse, New York.

I am making this request as a result of the horrific events of March 14, 2013, which resulted in the brutal murder of a Liverpool school librarian and the rape of a 10-year old child by a person who was put on a monitor 1/11/13, after possessing hundreds of images of child pornography.

I believe that an investigation is warranted due to the systemic deficiencies that were pointed out in a 2010 audit of the Federal Syracuse probation office by the Administrative Office for the U.S. Courts and were never corrected per the 2013 report from the same agency released this week. The current report indicated that Syracuse probation officers violated several federal policies in their monitoring of David Renz, the person charged with the crime.

The lack of probation oversight, the willful disregard of Federal policies, and the 46 instances when Renz's monitoring bracelet sent out an alert, seven of which indicated that the bracelet was tampered with for up to four hours, certainly demand that a full disciplinary probe be commenced.

In addition, are there other similar instances that exist that continue to put the public at risk?

The murder of a woman and rape of a 10-year old child deserves much more of an explanation and corrective action than they have received so far.

Very truly yours,

William B. Magnarelli
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