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POLICE SHOOTING OF JULIAN STANLEY COLLENDER CHALLENGED IN FEDERAL COURT

Richard and Yen Collender, the parents of Julian Collender, have challenged their son's June 30, 2010 killing by Brea Police Detective Shawn Neel in the United States District Court in Santa Ana, California.

Julian, a Cal. State University student with no prior record, was shot with a high powered assault rifle in front of his home in Yorba Linda shortly after midnight as he surrendered to police officers on the scene. Julian was unarmed.

A month ago, the Orange County District Attorney declined to file criminal charges against Detective Neel. The Collender family is deeply disappointed by the fact that Detective Neel will not be brought to justice by the County officials responsible for holding police officers accountable.

"The OCDA and Senior Assistant DA Jim Tanizaki coldly released their decision on what they knew was the exact one year anniversary of Julian's shooting, a hard day for everybody close to Julian," emphasized Richard Collender, Julian's father. "They took the knife that they and the Brea Police put in our backs and twisted it. This civil suit is now our only recourse for some justice for our son." Yen Collender, Julian's mother, stated, "I miss Julian every minute. He was a wonderful son and a talented, creative person who inspired those around him. The Brea Police have mishandled everything. What happened to Julian never should have happened."

The Collenders are being represented by Paul Hoffman, Michael Seplow and Victoria Don of the law firm of Schonbrun DeSimone Seplow Harris Hoffman & Harrison LLP based in Venice, California, and Dale L. Galipo of the Law Offices of Dale L. Galipo, based in Woodland Hills, California. A copy of the amended complaint filed July 27, 2011, is available on the the following website: www.sdshh.com.