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On Behalf Of: Eugene BigBoy My Father
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Hello my name is Autumn BigBoy. I am Northern Cheyenne. I am writing a testimony on behalf of My Father Eugene BigBoy he was Oglala Sioux. My Father was murdered on March 10th 2014 at 61 years old. When my father was found deceased, the police reported that he had died from natural causes and the man that was with him that night was just taken to detox and released from detox the next day. I knew that something had went terribly wrong. I felt it in my heart and in my soul. I knew my Father did not just die from "natural causes" there was evidence all over his house to determine that something had gone terribly wrong the night before he passed away. I didn't know who to talk to, who to trust, who to call, or what resources to use. I was in complete shock and at a complete loss. My brother and I at the time had to pick up the man who killed our dad, from his house, and take him to the police station ourselves, so that he could be questioned. We had to ask to Medical examiners and the funeral home to take a second look at our father ourselves. Once that happened, is when they determined that this in fact was a homicide. The man who killed my Father almost got away with it. Today in my life, I try to honor my Father and his life every opportunity and chance that I get. I share this because I want to try and help make it possible that no other family or child has to go through an experience like this. I have felt for many years that my father was never cared about in that moment he was found deceased. I have felt that there was never proper protocols followed because he was Native American. When he was found, the medical examiners were never called to the scene. I still tell this day don't understand that. I show up for our MMIP families today the best I can and when I can to help in searches. I've had to do alot of healing but now is the time that I feel it's important for me to share what happened to my Father and to lack of resources and guidance on that day and the days after mostly because I don't want anyone else to have to ever go through that and if me sharing what happened to my Father is going to help, that I will share.

Thank you for reading and listening to this. For allowing me the time to share my reality and experience. It has not been an easy road but I stay apart of the solution and finding ways of getting better and making things better for MMIP.

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