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“Justice for Josh”

PRESS RELEASE

- Joshua Guimond disappeared while at St. John’s University in Collegeville, MN in 2002.
- November 7, 2009 is the inaugural “Justice for Josh” march and will take place at noon.
- St. John’s recently denied a request by the Guimond family to mark the anniversary with an on-campus walk to raise awareness, claiming such an event “would not be productive”.
- The seven year anniversary of Joshua's disappearance is November 10th.
- Supporters will meet near St. John’s University at noon, followed by a march at the Stearns County Sheriff’s office at 2pm.
- Several facts and new information regarding Joshua’s disappearance will be made public during the event.

Background

In 2002, 20 year old Joshua Guimond left a small card party at a friend’s apartment on the St. John's University campus in Collegeville, MN around midnight on November 9, 2002. His friends believed he was just making a trip to the bathroom, but when he did not come back after 15 minutes, they assumed he had just walked back to his dorm room. He has not been seen since. Joshua did not have his glasses or contact lenses, his car, credit cards, or even a coat that was appropriate for the weather. Nothing was missing from his dorm room. His parents remain convinced that he was taken against his will.

Justice for Josh March

Joshua Guimond’s family along with supporters, advocates and other victims of campus crime are flying in from around the country and uniting to remember Joshua. A petition will be presented to the Sheriff demanding accountability.

St. John’s University recently denied a request by the family to begin the Justice for Josh march on campus, at the site where Joshua was last seen. According to University representative Shawn Vierzba, such a march, “would not be productive, and that the speculation and conjecture likely generated by such a march could in the end be more harmful to the efforts to find Josh”.

According to Joshua’s father, Brian Guimond, “One of several new facts regarding Joshua’s disappearance that we need to explore involves 11 known sex offenders who resided on campus when Joshua disappeared. If that is the case, we may never know the truth. The University and Abbey have a long history of withholding information from the public and law enforcement authorities.” The actual number of sexual victims would appear to be 100 plus. The public needs to be aware of this..

The march will continue at the Stearns County Sheriffs office, where organizers will demand that law enforcement agencies release all information regarding Joshua’s disappearance and that St. John’s immediately release the names of all personnel who have had credible assault allegations made against them. A dinner and prayer service will follow. Copies of the full schedule and applicable documents will be made available online and on the day of the march.

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