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Re: The DaShawn Horne Irrevocable Trust

I represent Rodney H. King, the uncle of DaShawn Horne, and the Trustee of the DaShawn Horne Irrevocable Trust, UTD 4-7-2018. This Trust was funded with money raised by Mr. King and DaShawn's brother for DaShawn on GoFundMe.com.

Mr. King became my client when the amount of donations became so large that he was concerned about the money being used for the purposes set forth on the GoFundMe page. Establishing the Trust created an additional layer of accountability for how the money is spent over and above the controls put in place by GoFundMe.com, as Trustees have a fiduciary duty to the beneficiaries of the Trust, as well as annual reporting requirements put in place by statute. These controls are absent in other fund raising applications and accounts established for families in similar situations.

The Trust was established with two purposes: To help pay for DaShawn's medical bills and recovery costs incurred as a result of his injury (including any related conditions or issues that might manifest themselves within five years of DaShawn's recovery) and to pay DaShawn's court-ordered child support obligation for his son Deion, and additional support needs that Deion might have during DaShawn's recovery. To date, to the best of the Trustee's knowledge, DaShawn's medical bills have been paid by the Crime Victim Compensation fund, and again, to the best of the Trustee's knowledge, will continue to be paid by this same fund going forward.

No bills for DaShawn's treatment and recovery have been presented to the Trustee, who has not made any disbursements since placing the funds into a bank account established in the name of the Trust.

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