

Hi,

My name is Jasmin Sprain and my mother was a victim of an unsolved murder in Gainesville back in 2011. My proposal is that we dedicate a memorial to all the lives lost in our lovely town of Gainesville due to drug related/street violence/ victims of homelessness. Whenever the detective told me that because she was homeless the investigation would be put to a halt after just a short time frame of 3 days. What makes a homeless woman's life any less valuable then someone who has a job? That homeless woman had 4 kids, and as her oldest I think the response I got back from the detective was very unprofessional. Gainesville has tons of homeless women, men and even children.

While many children lose their parents or family members because of the sad chosen life style they pick, it leaves thousands of children wondering why didn't anyone care enough about me? My mother didn't chose to me murdered, and I didn't chose for a detective to tell me that my moms life wasn't as important because she was a drug addict. She mattered.

Everyone matters and in our town of Gainesville we are the cultural melting pot of welcomed diversity. This town is full of thousands of individuals that were murdered whose cases went unsolved.

This would be a memorial for all those unsolved murder cases.

This statue would be a way to remind those children here in our home town, that Alachua County Cares.

Thank you and I hope the board really gives this a thought.

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