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November 10, 2010

Mr. Jody Weis
Superintendent
Chicago Police Department
3510 S. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60653

Dear Superintendent Weis:

Nearly one year has passed since the tragic rape and murder of 12-year-old Jahmeshia Conner and no one has been arrested and charged with the crime. The child's family and the community cannot find closure or comfort until someone is brought to justice. Since the Chicago Police Department has been virtually silent on this case, I am requesting a full report on what the CPD has done over the past 12 months to find the killer of this young girl.

As you know Jahmeshia's case is unique because when she disappeared from a bus stop on November 15, 2009 and failed to come home after leaving church and a relative's home her mother pleaded with the CPD not to classify her as runaway; yet she ended up being classified in this manner anyway thus depriving the family of the opportunity to galvanize the much needed publicity and community-wide support in locating the child. You also know that despite the community's efforts to locate the child on its own, the fifth-grader was found dead two weeks later in an alley just one block from her home.

I support the family in their belief that had the CPD made this child's disappearance a high priority from the beginning by issuing an Amber Alert that perhaps her life might have been saved.

Who killed Jahmeshia Conner? She was somebody's child. Let us do all we can to bring justice to her memory. I look forward to learning how the department will renew its efforts to find the murderer of this little girl. Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to call me. I can be reached in my office at 202-225-4372 or 773-224-6500.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bobby L. Rush". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bobby L. Rush
Member of Congress



CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Superintendent Jody P. Weis

007th District

Commander Keith Calloway



Assist in Solving a Homicide



Victim Name: Jahmeshia Conner
Block of Occurrence: 6400 S. Marshfield
RD#: HR666816

**Please contact the Area One
Detective Division at (312)747-8380
with any information!**

WE NEED YOUR HELP! GET INVOLVED!

Go to your Beat Meeting and form a Block Club!

The purpose of this notice is solely to advise the community of the incident and retrieve information. The Chicago Police Department has been authorized to use the individual's picture. The information contained herein is current and accurate as of 02 December 2009.