

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
New Information on the Disappearance of Molly Dattilo

Statement of Benjamin Dattilo  
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Indianapolis, Indiana

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Madison Public Library  
420 W. Main Street  
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Over two and a half years ago, our sister Molly Dattilo disappeared from the vicinity of her residence in the Westlake Apartments in Indianapolis, Indiana. Over a year ago on December 19, 2005, our father, Fred Dattilo was buried. It would have been his 68th birthday. He died in despair of ever knowing what happened to his youngest daughter.

As we remember our father's grief, we announce new information about the circumstances of Molly's disappearance. It is our hope that this information might ultimately lead to a discovery of her whereabouts and help to solve the mystery of her fate.

As stated in previous releases, around 11:00 pm on the evening of July 6th, 2004, Molly placed a phone call to a friend from a gas station payphone.

Through our own investigations, we have reason to believe that John E. Shelton, who then resided at the Chapel Knoll Apartments, 9115 W. 10th Street, was the last known person to be with Molly Dattilo on the night of her disappearance.

To the best of our current knowledge, this is the sequence of events as they transpired. Earlier that evening of July 6th, Molly encountered and spoke with Carolyn Warmouth, who was on the porch of her then Westlake apartment home. It was there at Warmouth's residence where Molly likely met John E. Shelton. From there, Molly accompanied Shelton for a rowboat ride on Westlake apartment property. They then ate dinner at the Taco Bell restaurant located at 6215 Crawfordsville Road.

Following their dinner, they arrived at the nearby Thornton's gas station on 5760 Crawfordsville Road in Indianapolis. We have every reason to believe that Molly placed her last phone call in Shelton's presence from a payphone at this location around 11:00 P.M. This call was disconnected when her friend picked up to answer.

We do not know what happened after this phone call, but it is our family's sincerest hope that others may have information about what happened that night, what happened to

Molly, or where she is now. We ask that anyone who knows anything please help us in our efforts to find Molly by contacting the able detectives of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department at (317)327-6984.

We wish to remind everyone that at this time, a \$100,000 reward exists for information leading to the discovery of Molly Dattilo and the arrest and conviction of persons involved in Molly's disappearance. We do not know when this reward will expire.

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### **Background Information:**

*Photographs* of Molly please see <http://www.utahwisp.com/bdattilo/pictures.htm>

### *Molly's Activities*

Molly was enrolled and planned to attend her fifth year at Eastern Kentucky University in the fall after just completing a four year running scholarship the previous school year. When she disappeared, she was living with her brother in Indianapolis, while taking summer classes at Indiana University Purdue University at Indianapolis (IUPUI). One of those classes was a voice class which was to help prepare her for an upcoming audition of American Idol. The weekend before she disappeared, she commented to her sister that she was preparing for that audition in August and that she planned to attend her nephew's birthday party later in July. She also spoke of her desire to get a summer job in order to keep the car purchased by her father so that she had transportation to the American Idol auditions.

What we know about Tuesday, July 6th, 2004, the day Molly disappeared from Indianapolis:

- Molly attended classes that morning at IUPUI.
- Molly dropped only one of three classes at IUPUI, as this was the last day to drop classes without a penalty.
- A receipt dated July 6th was found in her car showing Molly had purchased supplies for classes and her own hobbies. The receipt also showed the purchase of a child's toy which indicated her desire to attend her nephew's birthday party as planned later that July.
- Molly left on foot to pick up an application from the Wendy's restaurant located on 10<sup>th</sup> Street, towards the evening hours. Additional job applications were later found in Molly's car.
- Molly returned to Westlake Apartments.

- All Molly's personal items were left behind including her identification, money, ATM card, cell phone, clothes and her car.
- Molly routinely wore a lanyard around her neck with her apartment keys.

Molly's activities the day she disappeared and in previous weeks clearly point to the conclusion that she did not leave of her own free will.

### ***Physical Description***

Molly is 25 years old (23 at the time of her disappearance); she is Caucasian and has shoulder length light brown hair and green eyes. She weighs about a 100 pounds is about 5 feet tall. She has a dime sized birth mark on the upper outside of her right arm, just below the elbow. Also, the very tip of her left thumb and thumbnail were severed in a childhood accident. When the thumb healed, the thumbnail grew slightly down over the edge of the thumb giving the thumbnail a rounded off or hook-like appearance. It is noticeably deformed. She is athletic and has a wiry runner's build. The birthmark and thumb are also visible on the poster.

### ***Biography and Personality***

Molly is the youngest of nine children. She was born in Madison, Indiana where she lived until attending college after her senior year of high school. She is a talented achiever and excels in academics, athletics and music. While in college, she earned exemplary grades; while in high school, she had great success in cross country and in track at both the local and state levels. Molly was known to talk to the participants from many of the other teams during state meets and would congratulate them at the finish line making her known in the running community throughout Indiana for her affable personality. Additionally, Molly is a talented singer and would often sing the National Anthem at the high school athletic events and had since engaged in singing karaoke in her spare time. She enjoyed talking on the phone with friends and family members on a regular basis.