

Statement

From the Family of Bobbie Jo Stinnett

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It has taken nearly three years for justice in the case of Bobbie Jo Stinnett's murder. During that time, many people worked very hard to bring this case to a close, and we are grateful for their dedication.

We would like to thank first the members of the jury who spent four weeks listening to hours of testimony and managed to sift through the evidence to reach their verdict.

We also want to thank the team led by Matt Whitworth in the U.S. Attorney's Office, including Roseann Ketchmark and Cynthia Cordes. Their long hours, dedication and presentation of the evidence in this case led to the outcome we all wanted.

We will never forget the members of law enforcement who found Bobbie Jo's murderer in less than 24 hours and returned Victoria Jo safely to us. Sheriff Ben Espey's determination in getting an Amber Alert issued was crucial in locating Victoria. So were the media's help in broadcasting that Amber Alert and the calls that came in from people who saw it.

Many different people in law enforcement collected and processed all kinds of evidence - from DNA to computer files - to make sure Bobbie Jo's killer would be convicted.

Finally, the outpouring of support and love from family members, friends, and even total strangers has helped us to get through this terrible time.

This case has finally come to a close, but we will never stop missing Bobbie Jo. She was a sweet and loving wife, daughter and sister, and would have been a wonderful mother.

Our priority now is Victoria Jo. We want her life to be as normal as possible.

Our family will be making no further public statements about this case. We appreciate that most of you in the media have respected our privacy over the past three years. We now ask that you continue to do so as we try to move on with our lives. Thank you.