Considering the new, or perhaps previously undisclosed evidence that has been presented in the Adam Braseel case, and the numerous requests for a statement, please refer to the following. This statement in no way reflects an opinion of guilt or innocence regarding Adam Braseel. It does, however, reflect a professional opinion based on a conclusion of the facts that I have been exposed to in this case.

I think that it is also important to note two other facts. I was not the Sheriff during this investigation or trial. The idea that I can simply let Adam Braseel out of jail or re-open the case is simply not true. Furthermore, not one single juror in the case has ever expressed to me they made a wrong decision.

Just like many of you, I have only been privy to read the transcripts and case files provided by outside sources, but it has always appeared to me the previous Sheriff's administration was the lead agency in the case and that issues had developed before the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation was asked to assist. Reviewing the most recent claims surrounding the fingerprint evidence of cop-killer Kermit Eugene Bryson, causes me a great deal of concern regarding the other evidence presented or not presented in this case. For example, the conflicting descriptions of the assailant and weapons used in the assault of Becky Hill and Kirk Braden. Statements that were changed. The manner in which the photo line-up was conducted was an absolute travesty. There was no DNA evidence to link Braseel to the crime and at least one pertinent witness was not asked to testify.

Do I think the fingerprint evidence as it relates to Kermit Eugene Bryson is very significant? Absolutely. I also believe had this evidence been presented during the trial that it could have caused reasonable doubt. I also feel that previous evidence should be re-visited and that any evidence not previously presented be brought forth. If the totality of **all** the evidence still speaks to the guilt of Adam Braseel then let it be. If it does not, then let him go.