



Office of the Attorney General

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To the Family and Loved Ones of Officer Clint Corvinus:

On behalf of the entire United States Department of Justice, I want to express my deepest sympathies on the tragic loss of Officer Clint Corvinus. I was shocked and saddened to learn of the senseless act of violence that claimed his life, and I want you to know that your entire family is in my thoughts and prayers during this exceptionally difficult time.

In joining the Alamogordo Police Department, Officer Corvinus continued a family legacy of public service, following in his father's footsteps in pursuing a career in law enforcement. In just four and half years on the force, he distinguished himself as a "very proactive street cop," doing the often thankless work to which all Americans owe the peace and security that we live with. Officer Corvinus earned the respect of his superiors, the admiration of his colleagues, and the gratitude of his community, where he was known as a friendly and approachable officer, always willing to lend a hand to help others. I find it no coincidence that in his final moments Officer Corvinus was training a rookie partner, teaching that partner, not only the practical lessons of what it takes to do the job of a police officer, but passing along those intangible characteristics – dedication, commitment, and selflessness – that make the women and men like Officer Corvinus the true pillars of their communities and the true backbone of the American way of life.

To Jessica, I want you to know that this nation and your community are not defined by the type of people responsible for the cowardly act that took your father from us; they are defined by those that have the courage, the heart, and the strength to stand against such people in the name of public service. And that is what your father did. I hope that you cherish and carry that legacy with you, fully understanding and appreciating the fact that your father is an American hero and he truly made his community – and his country – a better place for us all.

I know that at a time such as this, my words can offer your family little comfort. But I hope you all can find some solace in knowing that Officer Corvinus' life – and his extraordinary service – will always be revered and remembered by his extended law enforcement family, not only throughout New Mexico, but also across the United States. Please accept my condolences, and know that you all are in my prayers. I wish you strength and peace in the days to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Loretta E. Lynch", is positioned above the printed name.

Loretta E. Lynch
Attorney General