

PRESS RELEASE

Davis County Attorney's Office
May 13, 2010

Concerning the Ethan Stacy Homicide

To provide information to the public based on the many phone calls and emails the staff of the Davis County Attorney's Office is receiving:

We thank the public for the strong outpouring of support for Ethan Stacy. Unfortunately, we are not able to respond personally to the many communications being directed to our office due to the need to spend our time on the evidence and the law, but we desire justice as well.

The death of Ethan Stacy is being actively and aggressively investigated, and we are assessing the extensive amounts of evidence being acquired and processed. This evidence includes many types of information, such as forensic data (particularly from crime scene and Medical Examiner investigations), witness statements, audio and video recordings, and financial, computer and other electronic information. The investigation phase of this case is not yet complete.

Once all the facts are known, we will seek the maximum penalty allowed by law for the crimes we can prove. Such decisions will be made based on all admissible evidence. It would be a disservice to Ethan, his family, and all who are urging justice for Ethan for our office to make premature decisions or pronouncements based on an incomplete understanding of the evidence. For instance, some of the most significant and necessary scientific information has not yet been submitted.

Davis County Attorney Troy Rawlings, Criminal Division Chief David Cole, and Investigative Bureau Chief Craig Webb will hold a press conference on Friday, May 14, at 11:00 a.m. at the Davis County Justice Complex in Farmington in a courtroom to be determined.

We have been informed that the Sloops will appear in court Friday afternoon, May 14, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. on a Central Arraignment calendar in Farmington, Utah.