

## Statements from Roya Mohammadi's family 11/10/2023

Shamim Mohammadi, her youngest sister –

“The police told us that we could not place this report because we were not in the country and did not live in West Haven, and that only residents could file a complaint or report someone missing. They hung up on us and never called back. To this day, only our friends in the US have been able to receive updates from the police.

The police are responsible for the negligence in her case, and I have no doubt that they should have protected Roya's life first and foremost when she had reported her abuse. Secondly, they should have investigated the circumstances of her death immediately after it occurred, and lastly they should have contacted our family to be in communication with us directly.

They have been speaking to our family friends for months repeating the same information that they don't have enough evidence and that they are waiting for warrants from the court to search her home, while simultaneously letting on that they do not know where she lived.”

Dr. Khalida Mohammadi, her younger sister –

“Roya Mohammadi always resembled a strong wall of courage and steadfastness for me. She always fought for her dreams and never gave up on them because she was the eldest child of the family. She always wanted to give her all for each and every member of our family. She dreamed of building a big house for us where we could all live together. She knew each of us so well, from our habits to our tastes. Roya was a bold, dignified, and proud girl who always held herself in high regards and thought very highly of her family in every way. Roya Mohammadi loved her brothers and sisters and she was always aware of the lives and wellbeing of her siblings.

Roya had bigger dreams. She wanted to start a big music company and she wanted to build a free hospital for orphans and the poor. Whatever I can say and write about Roya Mohammadi will never suffice or feel complete. Roya's murder and her death wiped us out as a family and left us hopeless. We may be alive but we are no longer living.

Roya Mohammadi had a unique personality. She was so affectionate with children and very respectful with adults. Roya Mohammadi's loss is a huge tragedy for her family, friends and all members of society. If Roya was alive, I am sure she would have achieved all of her dreams. Maybe it would have taken more time, but I knew that the day we reunited would make up for all the years she was away from her family.

We live without her embrace. We have spent dark nights and days without her and yet we are forced to continue living this damn life.”