

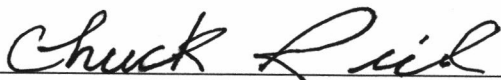
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Call for Pardon

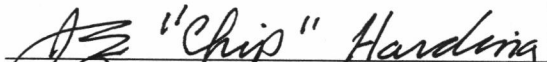
To: The Honorable Ralph Northam
Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia

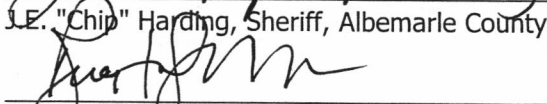
We, the undersigned law enforcement officers, hereby collectively renew our previous, individually-made calls for Jens Soering to be granted a pardon and to be deported to Germany. We all have made independent assessments of this case after hundreds of hours of review and reached the same conclusions. We are not receiving any compensation and continue our efforts to seek the truth.

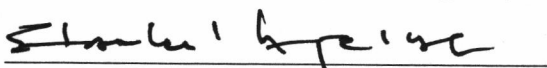
- > Collectively, the four of us have over 125 years of investigative and law enforcement experience.
- > Each of us has concluded that Jens Soering would not be convicted if the trial were held today, with the new evidence that has become available since Jens Soering's trial in 1990.
- > Each of us has concluded that it is not likely Jens Soering was present when the murders were committed.
- > Each of us has concluded that it is more likely Elizabeth Haysom was present when the murders were committed. We also believe she knows the identities of the male suspect(s) who accompanied her. The unknown male suspect(s) must be identified and brought to justice.
- > Each of us believes that the current senior leadership of the Bedford County Sheriff's Department is interested only in defending the conviction of Jens Soering and do not acknowledge the need to identify the unknown male suspect(s).
- > Bedford County Sheriff Mike Brown and Chief Deputy Ricky Gardner refuse to discuss this case with us. Each of us believes that only a pardon granted to Jens Soering is likely to motivate the Bedford County Sheriff's Department to re-open the case and seek the identities of the male suspect(s).
- > Each of us is motivated to right a wrong and release a man after 30 plus years of unjust incarceration. We also want to identify the real killers and bring justice to the Haysom family.
- > Finally, each of us calls for a speedy resolution of this case: Almost twenty months have passed since the filing of Jens Soering's petition for a pardon.



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