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We are here today to explain why Ken Slayton, age 63, believes that he is the father of Jaycee Lee Dugard, and to offer assistance to her and her children.

Ken met Jaycee's mother, Terry Susan Dugard (aka Susan) in August 1979 at Lake Havasu at a campsite. Ken was and is a Vietnam combat veteran who was awarded a Purple Heart for his service in Vietnam. Ken and Susan Dugard had a brief relationship for approximately 1 month. Then, Susan told him she was pregnant. At that point, Ken did not know if Susan would terminate the pregnancy or give birth, and he was not sure if he was the father. The next day, Ken spoke to his friend Jaime about Susan's pregnancy. He had told Jaime that he would raise the child that he had with Susan if Susan did not want to do it, but Ken never heard from Susan and he did not know where she was.

Ken and Susan lost contact, and about 1 year later a friend told Ken that Susan had given birth to the baby and that the baby looked like Ken. Ken asked where Susan was. The friend also indicated that Susan did not want Ken to know where she lived.

In 1983, Kenneth married Jaime, a longtime friend. Kenneth and Jaime have

now been married for 26 years. They have 2 children, Sarrah Lee Slayton (age 25) and Brittney Lee Slayton (age 21). Ken also has 2 older children from a first marriage (a daughter and a son).

The day after Jaycee disappeared the FBI came and told Kenneth that Jaycee's mother had identified him as Jaycee's father. Years later an investigator for the El Dorado Sheriff also came by and spoke to him about Jaycee and treated him as her father as they searched for her.

When Ken first learned from law enforcement that Jaycee had been kidnapped, he was shocked and sick about it. He felt guilty about not trying harder to find Susan and participating in Jaycee's life as a father. He kept wondering if he could have somehow prevented the kidnapping if only he had been there for Jaycee. He vowed to himself that if she were ever found that he would try to be a part of her life. At the point that she was kidnapped, however, there was nothing that he could do - except hope and pray that Jaycee would be found alive and that he could then provide her with the love and support that he believed she was entitled to enjoy.

Years passed, and then recently he heard the news that Jaycee had been found and released from her 18 years of torment. Ken was disgusted and upset when he learned the gruesome details about the conditions in which she was forced to live and the predator she was forced to endure.

His first reaction was intense anger at Phillip Garrido and his wife and a feeling that if they committed the terrible crimes with which they are charged, that they should be put to death.

He also felt that now that Jaycee was found there was a new opportunity to have the relationship with Jaycee that he had never been able to have.

If Kenneth had known that he was Jaycee's father when she was born, and if he had known where Susan was he would have provided for her and been there for her from day one.

Since that didn't happen he wants her to know now that he is there for her and that he has another family which includes her sisters and her stepmother and that they all want to provide love and support to her.

He simply wants to provide a positive male role model for her and her children, rather than the role model provided to her by Phillip Garrido. This is especially important for Jaycee's 2 children, because they have never had a positive male role model. They have only had the example of the sexual predator Garrido.

Kenneth wants to assure Jaycee that he wants absolutely nothing from her and that he has strong reasons to believe that he is her father and the grandfather of her children.

1. Jaycee Lee was born on May 3, 1980 approximately 9 months after Susan and Ken had an affair.

2. Susan indicated to Ken that she had not been intimate with anyone else during the time period that Jaycee was conceived.
3. Jaycee's middle name is Lee. That is also Ken's middle name and the middle name of Ken's daughters Sarrah Lee, and Brittney Lee.
4. Susan did not name a father on the birth certificate.
5. The FBI indicated to him that Susan had identified him as the father.
6. The El Dorado Sheriff's office treated him as the father.
7. Ken believes that Jaycee has some physical features that are similar to his.
8. To Ken's knowledge, no other person has claimed to be Jaycee's biological father.

We are speaking out at this press conference today because we do not know where she is now and this is our only hope of reaching her.

We would like to have testing done to confirm that Kenneth is her father, and if she or her representative is willing to contact me, we can arrange for a private and confidential test at an appropriate time.

This is an important opportunity to have a very special relationship. Parents are forever, and it is never too late to establish and enjoy a parent-child relationship.

We think it is important that Jaycee is in a safe place now and has her privacy. However, we hope that very soon we will hear from her or her

representative, and learn if and when she will be able to accept the opportunity to meet the family who believe that they are her sisters, stepmother and father and who want to do everything they can to support her at this critical time and for the rest of her life.

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