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Recently, Yovonka Bryant age 27 of Miramar, Florida was shocked to hear of the horrific and tragic incident involving her boyfriend Rudy Eugene. Mr. Eugene was shot to death by police because, according to reports, he refused to stop eating the face of a homeless man.

Yovonka had been Mr. Eugene's girlfriend for the four months prior to this tragedy. She had no warning whatsoever that Mr. Eugene would have ever engaged in cannibalism.

Yovonka is a single mom with three children, ages 11, 8, and 3. She is a billing specialist for a certified public accountant. Had she had any indication that Mr. Eugene could or would engage in an act of cannibalism she never would have allowed him around her three children.

After the tragedy Yovonka was contacted by law enforcement who were investigating this incident. She provided them with all of the information that she knew that was relevant to this inquiry. She was not and is not a suspect in this

matter.

Although Yovonka originally planned to maintain her privacy about her relationship with Rudy Eugene, she changed her mind and has decided to speak out. She contacted me because she thinks it is important that the public know the truth about Rudy Eugene and her relationship with him. It is important to her that she is able to clear up the confusion that has existed in the press. Prior to today's news conference she has not given any interviews to the press on or off the record about Rudy Eugene.

In addition, Yovonka and I are very concerned about the issue of cannibalism and the number of cases that are being reported in other states and countries such as Alabama, Canada, Maryland, Japan and Sweden.

Jokes are being made about this issue on late night television (e.g., last night Adam Sandler did a comic bit about it on Jimmy Kimmel) but cannibalism is a serious issue and is very dangerous to the health and well being of both the cannibal and the victim. Even the Center for Disease Control has weighed in on this important subject.

It is very important that the social taboo and stigma that have long been attached to this subject continues and that society condemns cannibalism, rather than trivializing it or glamorizing it.

Also, it is essential that the public be clearly informed of the risks and use or misuse of certain drugs which could cause humans to engage in cannibalism. We are hopeful that as a result of this terrible tragedy that there will be an important discussion of these issues and that Yovonka can help the public understand the dire consequences of cannibalism for its victims.

Yovonka Bryant is still in a state of shock that Rudy Eugene could have done what is reported because that is not the Rudy Eugene that she knew.

I commend Yovonka for her courage in speaking out today. It is her hope that by sharing information about Rudy Eugene that the public will be better informed and better able to engage in a serious discussion of this terrible tragedy.

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