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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 5:20 PM  
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**Subject:** Treatment of our son, Brent Fox by sheriff's.

Date: April 18, 2018

To: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors-Sheriff Department Budget Hearings

From: Toni and David Fox

Re: Untrained officer's treatment of our son, Brent Fox, after parent's called Sheriff's office for Cares Crisis to come help us with a 5150 and getting our son to a health care facility.

On April 05, 2018 we called 911 for help with our son who has paranoid schizophrenia.

We were having a birthday party for his older brother and he had had a few drinks. He has been spiraling down to a deep place for about 3 months. We realized we needed help for him and hospitalization. We have previously made the call and had trained officer's arrive who do not engage him and stand back while the Cares Crisis team talks to him. They have then told the officer's they were going to do a 5150. An ambulance comes and off to the hospital where the team finds a hospital.

We asked for trained officer's to come on this night. They came and did not call Cares. They were all untrained when we asked them about their training. They cornered Brent and kept moving closer in our foyer. I did not ask them to come in but kept asking where Cares was. Brent was standing on a chair saying he was an American and hadn't done anything wrong. He then asked them if they wanted to kill him. Then he asked if they wanted to fight him and one of the officer's said I will fight you and then Brent jumped down from the chair and the fight began. They quickly tazed him 4 times and then rolled him on his stomach and cuffed him. When they left they said they were going to the hospital. Officer Maxwell told me they would call Cares there. They lied again and when I called the hospital to give our insurance information the nurse said they only took blood and left for Jail. He has been there for 14 days tomorrow. These ignorant officers charged him with resisting arrest and battery on a police officer even though they asked him to fight. I would like to see these officers in jail for not treating a mentally ill person correctly, not calling Cares Crisis and beating and tazing him.

We saw Brent in court today and his attorney is questioning his competency because he has slipped down into a more confused state. In these two weeks if he was hospitalized he would be coming back to a form of reality. I hope and pray these charges get dropped and he can go to a hospital not rotting in a jail cell. We are also praying he doesn't suffer from this with permanent mental damage and PTSD.

Please fund a CIT Coordinator!

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