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**President Bush's Commission on Mental Health  
James, Carol, and Justin Otremba  
St. Cloud, Minnesota  
Family Members and Consumer  
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### **Presentations:**

**James G. Otremba-** Hospitals and Doctors: Changes Needed and Why

**Carol E. Otremba-** Criminal Justice System- Changes Needed and Why

**Justin L. Otremba-** Police- Changes Needed and Why

**The Otremba Website-** *www.injusticeunveiled.com* - This is the website we created to tell the public what happened to us because of complete system failure.

**Jean Swanson's story-** This is an account of another family that experienced complete system breakdown which ended in the death of her son Christopher.

**E-Mail Responses to our website-** These are actual e-mails we received both good (supporting us in our website by people telling what happened to their family members with mental illness in the system) and bad ( people not supporting our views and very derogatory towards people with mental illnesses).

**Investigative Reports done by KSTP Channel 5 News -** The first news report aired on TV on December 22, 2002 called *Families Question how state helps mentally ill*. This is a report showing the problems Justin Otremba and Christopher Swanson had with the hospitals and doctors when they reached out for help.

The second report aired on KSTP News on February 2, 2003 called *Police training: Is it making the grade?* This is a report showing the amount of training police have in mental illness and what requirements are needed to become a police officer.

**Petition of changes needed in the system towards people with mental illness.** We had only a short time to get signatures on this petition but in 5 days we were able to obtain 303 signatures in support of these changes needed . Please review the petition and consider how many people are in favor of changes made.

**We were asked to include a petition from the Well Mind Association of Minnesota of changes needed in the system towards people with Mental Illness for you to consider.**

**Thank you for all the work you are doing for people with mental illness and giving us the opportunity to speak to you today.**