



Amanda
(August 14, 1983-March 16, 2004)

Our daughter went on a Cancun vacation with three close friends during spring break in 2004. On March 16, 2004 my daughter, Amanda died when a Cancun Mass Transit bus struck her while she was walking across the main highway to her hotel. The street was dark and had no lighting. The bus was travelling well above a safe speed and did not stop after hitting her. Several passengers on the bus were able to force the bus driver to stop. No charges were filed against the bus driver. Amanda's purse was returned to her friends several days later. All the cash had been stolen and only her driver's license was returned. It took us four days to get Amanda's body out of Mexico. We had to pay a \$4,000 bribe to Mexican authorities to get her back.

We learned of her death when a representative from the American Consulate called us. She told us that it would not be worth our while to sue the Cancun Mass Transit because Mexican law did not allow such suits. I never brought this subject up to them but it was the first thing she mentioned after telling me the circumstances surrounding Amanda's death.

Amanda was 20 years old and on spring break from the University of Maryland she was attending. Amanda was on her first trip away from home.