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New Film Reveals FBI, DOJ Failures in Investigation of Prosecutor's Death
Twenty years ago, Jonathan Luna's body was found in rural Lancaster, PA. He had been beaten and stabbed over 30 times. His kidnapping and murder remain unsolved.

Washington, DC—A new documentary, *The Midnight Ride of Jonathan Luna*, reveals disturbing facts and obfuscations in the shocking death of a young, Black, federal prosecutor on December 4, 2003. The film asks provocative questions about actions by the Department of Justice (DOJ), the Baltimore District Attorney, the FBI, and the Pennsylvania (PA) state police.

Luna was an ambitious federal prosecutor working on drug and murder cases in Baltimore at the time of his death. A husband and father, Luna worked his way out of poverty and through law school to become a respected public servant. During that fateful “midnight ride,” Luna’s car was traced crossing multiple state lines. His body was found over seventy miles from the courthouse, where he worked late on a contentious plea bargain involving a confidential informant. He left his phone and driving glasses on his desk, alongside the trial paperwork.

Luna’s body had more than thirty stab wounds, including to his groin and jugular. His DOJ badge was around his neck. The judge in the active trial was not notified of his death. DOJ was notified by PA police and allowed the trial to go forward, finishing the plea agreement Luna left incomplete, and signing his name to it.

Luna’s death made headlines nationwide. He prosecuted over eighty cases involving accused sexual predators, bank robbers, and drug dealers but 48 hours after he was found, the government said his death was unrelated to his work. It was even suggested his death was a suicide. Later, stories attacked his integrity, claiming he was responsible for missing money, evidence in an earlier trial.

The Midnight Ride of Jonathan Luna, written and directed by Daniel M. Cohen, is based on the book of the same name by William Keisling. In the film, Luna’s DOJ colleagues, federal authorities, local and state police, and lifelong friends finally face the camera, outlining a scenario of corruption and confusion in the office Luna proudly served.

The Midnight Ride of Jonathan arrives in theaters in Washington, D.C., Baltimore, MD, Fairfax, VA, Lancaster and Harrisburg, PA on November 8. This film challenges authorities to reopen the investigation. Cohen and Keisling are finally leading us to closure for the only unsolved murder of a federal prosecutor in our nation. It is time to secure justice for Jonathan Luna.

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