

August 10, 2005

Dear Mabel,

Soon after mailing my letter to you yesterday, I received your threatening voicemail message. During our phone conversation on July 26th initiated by you at 12:12 PM, I explained my decision not to desecrate my wife's grave. Carol Newell was at my home when you called and witnessed my side of our conversation.

With no commitment on my part, you and I explored alternatives. I participated in this exploration with an open mind. Otherwise, I would not have devoted the time. After our last meeting at Memorial Park, I evaluated all that was previously discussed as well as the motivations. I apologize for your dislike of the location that I selected. The location that I selected does align with Kay's wishes. It is also a location that Kay and I will share. One day, my cremated remains will be placed with Kay. After much consideration, my final decision is to retain my original arrangements for both Kay and myself.

There are legal complications should you attempt to alter my arrangements without my consent. The purchase agreement is between Memorial Park and myself. Although possible, it is doubtful that Memorial Park would risk the liability of breaching our contract. There are also legal requirements. None of which I will offer my consent.

You have several options. There are two lots adjacent to Kay and I. When I selected this location, I ensured that this option was available to you. The most practical option for you is to retain your arrangements in the mausoleum. For yourself and Edgar, you could make any alternate arrangements. Any option that you select will not involve altering my arrangements for Kay and myself.

This extended delay has interrupted my arrangements for our marker. It will be engraved for both Kay and myself. I will consider your preferences for the inscription. My invitation for you to indicate your preferences is unwavering. If you so wish, it would be appropriate now for you to submit your suggestions in writing.

My confusion is your persistence in ignoring my decision. Your recorded message has been saved to a permanent medium should the need exist to play it in an open forum. You proclaimed that I would soon incur consequences for not submitting to your demands. This is the same controlling behavior that Kay endured. She did so because she loved you. I will defend my decision. Should you wish to set into action the unnamed forces as stated in your recording, feel free to do so at any time.

Respectfully,

[Signature on original]

Wayne P. Vaughn