



Former Student Vs. Millard School District in Federal Court

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Omaha, NE- Alums of Millard South, are fighting for a student's right to free speech.

"I made the shirt just to honor my best friend's life, and just to remember him, and that's why I did it", says former Millard South student Dan Kuhr.

Back in 2008, Dan Kuhr made a t-shirt, for his friend Julius Robinson, killed in a drive-by shooting.

Dan wore that t-shirt to his school, Millard South. The school banned the shirts and suspended him, along with his brother, sister and about 27 other kids.

"They just pretty much told me that the shirt was inappropriate because it had Julius' name on it, and that I couldn't wear anything with Julius's name on it to school", adds Kuhr.

The fight over this shirt, has taken Dan and his family all the way to federal court.

With ACLU Nebraska backing the family's first amendment rights, they are confident they'll get justice for Julius.

"We're trying to prove that students have first amendment rights. High school is not a daycare, it's a place where ideas should be vetted out, they should be encouraged and authority should be questioned", says the Kuhr's lawyer [Brian Jorde](#).

A statement from Millard Public Schools read aloud in federal court today, said "The district believes wearing those shirts in school, would've been disruptive."

Four years after the incident, the memories of what happened remain fresh in Dan Kuhr's mind. He hopes it won't be repeated.