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Dear Ms. Ausley:

Enclosed please find a copy of our original response to your OPRA request to the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office. Since our telephone conversation, I have made further inquiry regarding the connection of this office to the death of your sister Joyce Sauter but there remains none. As noted in my May 16 letter, Inv. Scott did not author any report on Ms. Sauter's death nor did this office conduct any investigation of it. Regarding Inv. Gerba, he was the MCPO duty investigator on the date of your sister's passing and took Sgt. Sprague's telephone call informing us of the event. That is the standard death notification protocol and unless this office commenced an investigation of the death -- which we did not -- there would be no need for Inv. Gerba to generate a report, and he did not do so. Notwithstanding whatever may be in Sgt. Sprague's IR, the bottom line is that this office did not generate any reports regarding the death of Joyce Sauter or participate in any Sayreville police inquiry that may have attended her demise.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM F. LAMB
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