

May 6, 2006

Dr. George Jackson, Director
NJ State Toxicology Lab
Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex
25 Market Street
Trenton, NJ 08625-0085

RE: Title 13, Chapter 49, Subchapter 3, Release of Records

Subject: Suspicious Death of Joyce B. Sauter, October 29, 2005

Dear Dr. Jackson,

My sister Joyce B. Sauter [REDACTED] died under suspicious circumstances on October 29, 2005. I alleged that [REDACTED] her by starvation, over-medication, and subsequently suffocation. The Sayreville Police Department completed their investigation. The Middlesex County ME's Office completed their investigation. Both have provided a final report.

My sister, Carolyn Ausley, and I retained a private forensic pathologist to review the specimens taken by the Middlesex County ME's Office. However, the ME's Office refuses to release the specimens for further study without a court order. A court order is not/not required. The ME's Office may advise the requestor to seek a court order or may authorize release.

NJ Administrative Code 13:49-3.1 Administrative Records provides for the release of the autopsy specimens to the requestor if the requestor can demonstrate proper interest. Dr. Berkland was retained by me and Carolyn to examine the specimens. We have demonstrated proper interest.

Indeed, since [REDACTED] was alleged to have killed Joyce, my sister, one would think that [REDACTED] regarding the release of any information and that a brother or sister of the deceased would certainly have proper interest.

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Please confirm for me the length of time that you and/or Middlesex County are required to safeguard the specimens of my sister, Joyce B. Sauter. We are concerned because Dr. DiCarlo released my sister's body to the alleged murderer for cremation prior to his receiving the lab report results.

At this time I request that you intervene with the Middlesex County Medical Examiner's Office and encourage Dr. Frederick DiCarlo to release the specimens requested by me and Carolyn Ausley, to our forensic pathologist, Dr. Berkland.

The courtesy of a response would be appreciated. Thanking you in advance.

Respectfully,

William H. Strouse

William H. Strouse
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/s/

Carolyn Ausley
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cc:
Superintendent, NJ State Police
NJ State Attorney General
Governor Jon Corzine
NJ State Medical Examiner's Office

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