

May 19, 2006

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RE: Your Response on Behalf of the State Toxicology Lab Inquiry Regarding the Safeguarding of Specimens in a Suspicious Death in Middlesex County

Dear Ms. Hollingsworth:

Thank you for your response of May 15, 2006. My sister Carolyn Ausley and I appreciate your condolences.

I understand that Dr. George Jackson will not be responding to our questions. Perhaps it is more appropriate that your office be involved, as well. Please note that the Hon. Sulima V. Farber received a similar request for help from Carolyn and I, too. We understand that the NJ State Toxicology Lab has no authority over any of the County Medical Examiner's Offices. Thank you. In advance, please forgive the frustration you may be sensitive to in this letter.

Unfortunately, you have not demonstrated a complete understanding of all the concerns expressed in our letter to Dr. Jackson. For example, as a law enforcement office you do not comment on the ability of the alleged murderer to be in charge of the destruction of evidence which could exonerate him or lead him to being charged with murder. You also do not comment on the length of time the NJ State Toxicology Lab must hold these particular specimens (1st para, 2nd page). We would ask that you respond now.

Dr. Jackson has certain specimens that were taken from our deceased sister's (Joyce B. Sauter) body on October 31, 2005, following her suspicious death on October 29, 2005. The NJ State Toxicology lab performed tests which were used by the Middlesex County ME's Office to rule on our sister's cause of death. My sister Carolyn Ausley and I hired a Forensic Pathologist to complete some additional testing of those specimens, which Dr. DiCarlo refuses to release to our Forensic Pathologist, Dr. Berkland. My sister Carolyn and I have demonstrated proper interest.

To date, Dr. DiCarlo refuses to explain why a court order is necessary, other than to say it is his local policy. Since when does local policy supercede NJ State Law or Administrative Code?

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Why is the Middlesex County ME's Office playing such hardball with the deceased's family?

Your correspondence of May 15, 2006 indicates our letter was forwarded from Dr. Jackson to your "attention for further handling." Does that mean the buck continues to get passed? Or are you hoping we will just go away? Carolyn and I are wondering if perhaps you could have told us who will assist us in this matter, since you state Dr. Jackson cannot? Is there anyone?

Carolyn and I remain completely confused by the reaction of authorities from the Middlesex County Medical Examiner's Office up through your office, to the release of the specimens from our sister's body for additional testing at our own expense, to give us peace of mind as to the true cause of Joyce's death. Could it be because the alleged murderer is a former police officer? What is going on?

Carolyn and I look forward to your timely response.

Respectfully,

William H. Strouse

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Carolyn Ausley

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Enclosures:

- Copy Ltr from Berkland to DiCarlo (April 13, 2006)
- Copy Ltr from DiCarlo to Berkland (April 28, 2006)
- Copy Ltr from Berkland to DiCarlo (May 8, 2006)
- Copy Ltr from Strouse/Ausley to Jackson (May 6, 2006)
- Copy Ltr from Hollingsworth to Strouse (May 15, 2006)
- Copy Ltr from Strouse/Ausley to Farber (May 6, 2006)

cc:
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