



April 13, 2006

Dr. Frederick DiCarlo
Middlesex County Medical Examiner's Office
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Dear Dr. DiCarlo:

This letter is in response to a death investigation you performed on Joyce Sauter, date of death 10/29/05. The family has requested my assistance in evaluating this death and it appears that your office has completed its investigation.

I would appreciate you releasing the toxicological specimens for some additional testing and would be happy to converse with you such that chain of custody is preserved. It is my understanding from the State Toxicology Lab that they simply need a letter from you authorizing the specimens no longer be restricted in that your investigation is complete. This letter would then enable me to request additional testing at the families discretion.

The laboratory has a retention policy of one year and we are well within that timeframe. Your prompt attention would be greatly appreciated. If I can be of further assistance in this matter please do not hesitate to contact me so that a smooth transition for the specimens can occur. I will await your phone call to coordinate the transfer.

Thanking you in advance,

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