

show that the very large mass in the left lower lobe of lung became an extremely large mass as the disease progressed over time. The large mass in the right lower lobe became larger. Imaging studies also revealed lymph node involvement and metastases which increased over time. As the disease progressed, she became increasingly weak and anorexic and developed severe back pain due to metastases to the spine. She became a hospice patient and was cared for [REDACTED] and hospice nurses. Joyce Sauter was pronounced dead on 10-29-05 at 18:13 hours by hospice nurse [REDACTED]

I was informed of the death of Joyce Sauter by medical investigator, Geralda Aldajuste. There was no evidence of foul play at the scene and so I released the body to the funeral home. Subsequently, Geralda informed me that Joyce Sauter's brother, William Strouse, made an allegation [REDACTED] may be responsible for his sister's death as a result of poisoning by her prescribed narcotic drugs. Therefore, I told Geralda to contact the funeral home and make sure that they do not embalm the body or alter the body in any manner. The funeral home complied with this request. I also told Geralda that she must inform the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office and the Detective Bureau of the Sayreville Police Department that an investigation is necessary.

I examined the body of Joyce Sauter on 10-31-05. The body was that of a slender white female weighing 83 pounds, measuring 59-1/2 inches, and appearing to be the stated age of 61 years. There was no traumatic injury on any portion of the body. There was no decubitus ulcer. The conjunctivae of the eyes was pale and there were no petechial hemorrhages. Specimens were submitted to The State Toxicology Laboratory. Joyce Sauter was prescribed fentanyl and morphine for pain management. The toxicology report shows a nontoxic concentration of fentanyl in blood (0.005 mcg/L) and a blood concentration of morphine (0.174 mg/L) expected in a cancer patient prescribed morphine for pain management.

Detectives Jeffrey Sprague and Amy Noble of The Sayreville Police Department conducted an investigation of the death of Joyce Sauter. There are no complaints of abuse or any type of complaint regarding the Sauter family in the records of The Sayreville Police Department.

Detectives Sprague and Noble obtained a voluntary statement from [REDACTED] on 12-27-05 at the Sayreville Police Department. This statement by [REDACTED] revealed no evidence or suspicion of foul play [REDACTED] regarding the death of her mother, Joyce Sauter.

Detective Amy Noble called [REDACTED] by telephone [REDACTED] on 12-22-05 regarding the death of her mother Joyce Sauter. This phone conversation between Detective Nobel and [REDACTED] revealed no evidence or suspicion of foul play [REDACTED] regarding the death of her mother. Sgt. Jeffrey Sprague also spoke with [REDACTED] by telephone on 12-27-05 regarding the death of her mother Joyce Sauter. This phone interview of [REDACTED] revealed no evidence or suspicion of foul play [REDACTED]

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