

Office of Governor Ron DeSantis
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001
May 9, 2021

Dear Governor DeSantis,

My name is Steven J. Esdale, I am a published author, married for 31 years and I have one son. I am requesting that you appoint a special prosecutor to investigate Florida Department of Law Enforcement's involvement in covering up my father's tortured killing which took place on Siesta Key, Sarasota on January 13, 2003.

My Florida family and I have suffered 6,691 days (18 years) of unimaginable anguish over the multi Florida Law Enforcement agencies that have shown an indifference to my father's cold-blooded murder and the agony they have caused.

Your FDLE Commissioner, Rick Swearingen and Special Investigation Agent, Greg Monk have spent years building a false file, shielding my father's killer, Maria Amurrio from being brought to justice and also making sure nobody at the Sarasota Sheriff's office is held accountable for destroying evidence of my father's murder.

Amurrio, the wife of three weeks was a low level Florida DEA Informant when she committed the murder. Amurrio also confirmed in a sworn video deposition that before immigrating from her home country of Bolivia to the USA in 1992, she was the head of all woman police for the entire country. She further stated that her last job before coming to the US, she was employed as a special narcotics agent for Bolivia working in coordination with the American DEA.

Under Commissioner Swearingen, a witness to the murder, a 911 operator who was deposed in a sworn deposition taken by FDLE Agent Andrew Rose committed perjury numerous times under oath regarding what she witnessed. FDLE was given evidence of the perjury but refused to charge her. It just so happens, the 911 Operator was the wife of a Sarasota Sheriff's officer. If perjury charges were brought, this witness would have been forced to tell the truth if given a plea deal and justice would have been served a long time ago.

Both Swearingen and Monk find nothing suspicious with the fact that an empty bottle of a lethal poison banned in the US for human consumption was found at the death scene by authorities. To this day, no autopsy has been performed even though Florida law required it. It should be noted, that the empty bottle of the lethal poison called Corazol which is made and can be purchased in Bolivia where Amurrio was visiting three weeks before my father's death.

The former Medical Examiner, who signed my father's death certificate has made numerous sworn affidavits stating that he made a mistake by not performing an autopsy at time of death, and that an immediate and urgent exhumation should take place and an autopsy be performed to determine the true cause of death.

Once again, Swearingen and Monk do not find this information compelling. Even given irrefutable evidence of murder, Agent Monk still believes my father died a natural death.

FDLE should also be investigated for protecting former Sarasota Sheriff's Counsel and Officer, Kurt Hoffman from being held accountable for destroying evidence of my father's murder. Hoffman was the master mind of the cover-up and directly participated in this deliberate injustice. This last election cycle, Hoffman was elected the new Sarasota Sheriff. It should be noted, Hoffman's brother has been an FDLE agent since 2007.

I am requesting that you remove Hoffman from office once my accusations have been proven because a cop who covers up a murder should not be allowed to be Sheriff anywhere in America.

I am asking you to allow my family justice and closure. Please prove everyone has the right to life and nobody is above the law in Florida. The irrefutable evidence of my accusations can be seen at www.cohenmurder.com

Thank you,

Steven J. Esdale

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