



**TOWN of LOS GATOS**

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August 4, 1995

P.F. Lazor  
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Crescent City, California 95531

Re: Letter dated 5-8-95, case 83-0120

Mr. Lazor:

Ms. Anderson is no longer the Evidence Custodian for Los Gatos Police Department. I am now in that position. I will try to answer some of the questions you raised in your letter dated 8/5/95 to Tina Anderson. I am attaching a copy of the correspondence you sent. I will respond to the questions in the order you have asked them.

1. You may still have someone designated to pick up any property pursuant to Court Order. You must send me an authorization signed by you and witness. Please call me for

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- h. Need more specifics.
- i. We have the holster.

**ADDED COMMENTARY**

**THIS LETTER WRITTEN AND SIGNED BY LOS GATOS POLICE, TWELVE YEARS AFTER THE TRIAL, IN RESPONSE TO MR. LAZOR'S INQUIRY, ADMITS TO RUINING WHATEVER FINGERPRINTS WERE ON THE BB GUN, BEFORE TESTING IT FOR FINGERPRINTS. SEE PAGE 2 OF THIS LETTER →**

3. You would need to contact each individual agency regarding the property in their possession.


**EXHIBIT**

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4. We show that property in our possession. It is the policy of the Los Gatos Police Department to retain all evidence of any closed homicide case for an indefinite period of time until otherwise instructed by the District Attorney's Office or the Court, or upon the death of the suspect.
5. CSO Needham spoke to Bob Gadd at the Crime Lab and he told her the following:
  - a. The BB gun was autoclaved because the victim had Hepatitis.
  - b. Yes, it uses hot steam.
  - c. It may not have removed all blood, but whatever was left probably wouldn't be any good for testing.
  - d. It was autoclaved at Valley Medical Center. The crime lab has the records.
  - e. It was autoclaved in Feb. 83, by the order of Bob Gadd and approved by the Deputy District Attorney. You would have to ask the DA that handled the case why the Defense didn't examine it or was informed of autoclaving.
6. You may want to check with the lab regarding the phone.
7. Any release of crime photos would require a court order.
8. same as #7
9. That is unknown. Check with the Coroner's Office.

  
Larry Brown  
Community Service Officer

ADDED COMMENTARY  
ADMISSION OF DESTROYING THE FINGERPRINTS,  
KNOWING THE CONSEQUENCES IT WOULD HAVE.  
FOR TWELVE YEARS THIS FACT WAS HIDDEN FROM  
LAZOR, JUST AS IT WAS FROM THE JURY

ADDED COMMENTARY  
SINCE LAZOR REVEALED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF  
THIS ADMISSION, THE LOS GATOS POLICE DEPT.  
HAS REFUSED TO ANSWER ANY FURTHER INQUIRIES