



Maria Amurrio Cohen

Sarasota, August 20, 2006

Mr. William F. Balkwill  
Sheriff of Sarasota County, Florida  
P.O. BOX 4115  
Sarasota, FL 34230-4115

**RE: Investigation Regarding the Death of Murray B. Cohen**

Dear Sheriff Balkwill:

On September 14, 2006, once again I will appear in the Court of New Jersey to fight Steven Esdale's request to exhume the body of my late husband Murray B. Cohen. The documentation presented recently is the exact copy presented for the past two years. He is claiming that his theory about corazol is real, substantial and that the authorities in Florida have reopened the investigation about my husband's death. He also claims that he had presented new evidence about the 911 tape.

Two weeks ago I contacted the FDLE requesting information about Esdale's claims. FDLE's reply was that they do not have anything going on at this time and if anyone is doing something is the Sheriff Office in Sarasota.

Accordingly, I am asking your office is to inform not only the status of the above case, but further, inform to Judge Travis Francis about the motivation you observed Steven Esdale has about this whole case: why he approached your agency, what where his claims, how many times you investigated this case, what were the results, what was his response and behavior, what was in your opinion what Steven Esdale is really looking for, and, is there any chance that your agency is considering to re-open this case?

Finally, but extremely importantly, please let Judge Francis know your recommendation about the request made by Steven Esdale to exhume Murray B. Cohen's body based on his theory of Corazol and the 911 tape.

I am in the forth year fighting the madness of Steven Esdale and I am asking for help to put an end to his manipulation of the legal system. When I appear in the Court of New Jersey again, I will request a Court Order with prejudice so this individual will not be allowed to continue with his harassments and his theories of conspiracy about the death of my late husband; please help me, provide to me the report I am requesting, so justice will prevail.

I greatly appreciate your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

*Maria Amurrio Cohen*  
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September 6, 2006

Maria Cohen  
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Dear Ms. Cohen,

We are in receipt of your correspondence dated August 20, 2006. The Sarasota County Sheriff's Office continues to maintain that our investigation into the death of Murray Cohen is closed. There has been no "new evidence" with regard to the 911 tape. Additionally, the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office is not seeking to exhume the body of Murray Cohen.

As you are aware this case has been thoroughly reviewed by the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Governor's Office and the Medical Examiner's Office all of which reached the same conclusion as to the cause of death. I hope this information is helpful if I can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Capt. Kurt A. Hoffman".

Captain Kurt A. Hoffman  
General Counsel  
Sarasota County Sheriff's Office



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IN THE MATTER OF  
MURRAY COHEN, DECEASED

:  
: SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
: MIDDLESEX COUNTY: CHANCERY  
: DIVISION

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: CIVIL ACTION

: DOCKET NUMBER: C-150-05

: AFFIDAVIT OF SHERIFF WILLIAM F.

BALKWILL

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF SARASOTA

PERSONALLY APPEARED before me the undersigned office duly authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, SHERIFF WILLIAM F. BALKWILL, who after being first cautioned and sworn upon his oath, and upon his personal knowledge, says:

1. My name is William F. Balkwill and I make this affidavit based on my personal knowledge.
2. I am a Florida resident and over the age of 18 years.
3. I am the Sheriff for Sarasota County, Florida.
4. As Sheriff, my office has no current intention of requesting the exhumation of the body of Murray B. Cohen and as Sheriff, I possess no statutory authority to order an exhumation.

5. My office's investigation concerning the death of Murray B. Cohen has been completed, no criminal charges have been filed and it is not my intent to proceed with any criminal charges.

6. Since the conclusion of the investigation, there has been no additional information that necessitates changing the status of this case.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

  
Sheriff William F. Balkwill

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF SARASOTA

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of July, 2005, by Sheriff William F. Balkwill.

  
Notary Public, State of Florida

Leslie S. Phillips  
Printed Name of Notary Public

Personally Known  OR Produced Identification \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_



Leslie S Phillips  
My Commission DD354434  
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