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Re: Death of Murray Cohen

Dear Francisco:

This follows our recent communications in connection with the above captioned matter. As discussed, initially, I spoke with Daniel Warren and Steve Uebelacker, your agents at FDLE. They had been tasked earlier this year with reviewing and investigating my client's concerns regarding the death of his father, Murray Cohen. A few weeks ago, they contacted me personally and told me that mistakes were definitely made in connection with the investigation by the Medical Examiner and the Sarasota Sheriff's office following Murray Cohen's death in Jaanuary, 2003 and that they would report their findings to their superiors. Steve Uebelacker specifically told me that he could hear Maria Cohen on the audio tape from the 911 call advising Murray Cohen to "give up." Both agents agreed that the prior Medical Examiner made a mistake and should have conducted an autopsy in the first place. I was very hopeful that these agents would be able to push for continued investigation into the cause of Mr. Cohen's death.

When I talked to you a couple of weeks ago, you expressed a willingness to assist. You too admitted that there were mistakes made by law enforcement and by the Medical Examiner's office in connection with the death of Murray Cohen. We discussed some of the overwhelming evidence in this matter in support of murder, and you seemed very willing to cooperate in our approach to finally obtain justice for the Cohen family. When I asked you if you would write a letter in support of exhumation to Governor Scott, you advised that you would talk to your superior officer, since this was beyond your "pay scale". You also advised that you would review this matter with the Sarasota Sheriff and that, hopefully, the result of that review would be additional investigation, to include potential exhumation and autopsy of the body of Murray Cohen.

I was very surprised to hear from you on June 8, 2011 with such an abrupt departure in your plan of action. You told me that your case was directed to be closed, your office had no independent jurisdiction to proceed and that my only recourse would be through the State Attorney in Sarasota, the Sarasota Sheriff's office, or Governor Scott. I could tell by the tenor of our conversation that you wanted to help, but that your hands were tied. I do not know why your investigation was shut down so abruptly by your superior, but clearly, I want to remind you that you took an oath to execute the laws of the State of Florida, and I believe that you too have grave concerns over the cause of

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death of Mr. Cohen. It is time for someone to blow the whistle on this case.

I am going to reach out to Governor Scott, and request that a criminal investigation into this matter be conducted. I would like for you to re-approach your supervisors and join our team for justice. We are trying to make right on wrongs in the past, and there is no reason not to join me in the effort.

I hope to regain your support. I have attached my prior detailed report to Charlie Crist for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark H. Gelman

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cc: Steve Esdale
The Honorable Rick Scott