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July 19, 2011

Mr. Ken Tucker Florida Department Law Enforcement 2331 Phillips Road Tallahassee, FL 32308

Re: Death of Murray B. Cohen

Dear Mr. Tucker:

My client called me after he spoke with you on the morning of July 8, 2011. He advised that you made various statements to him in connection with your recent assessment of FDLE's investigation into the death of his father, Murray B. Cohen. I have outlined your communications with my client below.

- 1) You claim neither FDLE agent, Steve Uebelacker, nor Daniel Warren heard anything unusual in the 911 recording. Please be advised that I spoke with both of these agents, and Mr. Uebelacker specifically told me that he heard Maria Cohen telling Murray Cohen to "give up" in the 911 recording. I would encourage you to listen to the recording yourself.
- 2) You claim your investigators spoke with Dr. Anderson, the medical examiner who was responsible for examining Murray Cohen at the time of his death in 2003. You indicate that Dr. Anderson told your investigators that he felt Murray Cohen's death was the result of "natural causes." Please note that we have discussed this information with Dr. Anderson, who described it as completely untrue. I have attached his letter to Governor Crist in 2009. You should call Dr. Anderson yourself. He told your investigators an autopsy was absolutely necessary in order to determine cause of death.
- 3) You advised my client that even if exhumation and/or autopsy were performed, and even if Corazol was found in the body of Murray Cohen, this would not prove murder. This is an unfair statement since Corazol in Murray Cohen's body would be one of numerous elements that have already been proven in support of death by foul play. Like any other criminal investigation, the burden is on the State to find out the genesis of the crime. I suspect that with some effort, you could find out where the Corazol was purchased, by whom it was purchased, and trace this "weapon" back to a defendant.

My client also advises that you admitted to him that there were a lot of unanswered questions in the death of Murray Cohen. You do not dispute that law enforcement made substantial errors in the onset of this case. Indeed, lead investigator, Detective Hallisey, has since been fired from the police force for illegal drug use. Sheriff Balkwell left office in disgrace. I cannot imagine why, with so much glaring evidence, the system is treating my client and the memory and legacy of Murray Cohen in this fashion. I am extremely disappointed to know that you will not support exhumation, autopsy or continued investigation, even if requested by Governor Scott.

If you dispute anything I have said in this letter, I invite you to call or write me to set the record straight. Otherwise, I hope that you will have a change in position and assist in seeking justice for the Cohen family.

My client has received little help from the authorities that should be helping him, including your office. Please do the right thing and help Mr. Cohen in his pursuit of justice.

Sincerely,

Mark H. Gelman

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cc: Steve Esdale

Governor Rick Scott