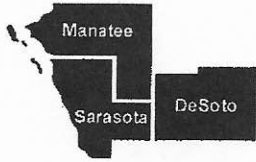


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Mr. Steve Esdale
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November 23, 2011

RE: Murray Cohen, ME case# 2003-0031-S

Dear Mr. Esdale:

I am writing this letter to corroborate that I am in receipt of the package you sent me, and have listened to the CD containing the various recordings of the 911 call and reviewed the written documents. I am also writing to confirm our recent telephone conversation regarding the same.

In that conversation, I indicated to you that I thought I could hear slightly more on the recordings that you provided than I recall hearing on the recordings that were provided to me by law enforcement. I subsequently added that it had been several years since I heard that original recording and that I could be mistaken about the comparison. I then stated that the new versions of the recording did not necessarily change my mind about the significance of the 911 call.

I also stated that my original report from March of 2004 was written prior to my knowledge of the statement by Ms. Goodman, and that given that information, I would have in all likelihood changed the way I wrote the underlined portion of this sentence of the fourth paragraph:

While the presence of an exotic poison cannot be entirely excluded based on the toxicologic analysis performed, the apparent lack of significant neurologic or gastrointestinal symptoms prior to his death, along with the negative toxicologic work-up, make the presence of such a poison highly unlikely.

Finally, I stated that my preference would have been that an autopsy would have been performed when the case was first reported to this office, but that obviously did not occur. I also stated that an exhumation and autopsy would be simpler for me to execute were the body of Murray Cohen buried in Florida, and that it is possible I would already have attempted to do so were that the case. I further stated that even for a body buried in Florida, there are many factors that would have to be weighed in the decision to exhume a body. I also offered that some motivation for me

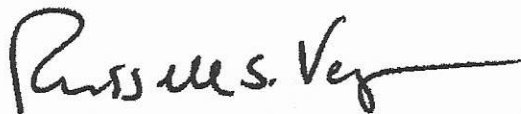
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to perform an exhumation and autopsy would be that it could satisfy you that I have nothing more to offer in the investigation of this case – in other words, it could “get you off my back.”

I concluded that the additional information did not convince me that an exhumation and autopsy were necessary or likely to be helpful, but that I would, as always, remain open minded regarding this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Russell S. Vega". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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