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Steve

He called me out of the blue last night and told me that your case was going to be closed by FDLE, that they would not write a letter in support to Governor Scott. When I asked him if he was still planning a review with Sherriff Knight, he said that he was going over there to talk about other matters, but would address this case briefly as a courtesy to the Sherriff.

He had a major and complete change of attitude about this case.

I asked him if he went to his supervisor, and if this call to me was coming from above. He confirmed that was the case, but would not give me any details.

He seemed to want to tell me more, but he did not. It was one of the strangest calls I have ever received in your case. As if someone above him completely shut this down.

I threw some questions at him and he finally told me that I could go to the SSO, the prosecutor in Sarasota, or the Governor. There was no other way to get recourse for you.

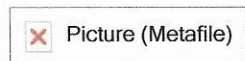
It is a waste of time to approach the Sheriff and the Prosecutor over there again. I believe our ONLY hope now is Governor Scott. Oddly enough, I also heard from my friend who is very connected to Lanny Wiles, and Lanny has been unable to secure a meeting with the Governor for me. There have been multiple requests. Unless I can get in to meet with him soon, the only option is to send another letter about the case, the recent strange events with FDLE, and hope for a miracle.

For whatever reasons, reasons I cannot explain, there are powers that be in Government that do not want to see this case go anywhere.

I am not giving up, but Steve, this was a set back. In the next week or so I will start drafting a short concise letter, that I will probably also share with the press.

Sincerely,

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