

Victim Impact Statement

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Sheriff Hoffman,

January 13, 2023 marks the 20th Anniversary of my father's tortured killing in which you have personally been covering up since your first day on the job in 2003. You have allowed a murderer, Maria A. Amurrio to remain free and walk the streets of Sarasota.

You were hired to be the new general counsel for Sheriff Balkwill at the same time, you were an active member of law enforcement. In 2003, you were one of the few people in Florida who was an active cop and attorney at the same time. You violated your sworn oath to serve and carry out the laws of Florida. Instead, you chose to protect my father's killer and personally destroy evidence which would have put her behind bars two decades ago.

You made sure Amurrio escaped criminal justice, then you personally intervened in the Probate to make sure Amurrio was not held accountable as a slayer. You chose to use your God given brain and your skills as an attorney and cop to break the system and guarantee justice was never served for my father's murder.

You have forced me to live with a recording of my father telling me what he went through, his last words and who killed him. You have forced me to spend thousands of working hours and all my resources fighting for justice all because you decided to be judge and jury.

Your criminal actions altered my life, my family's life and my son's destiny. Your criminal actions allowed Amurrio to steal all my family's belongings, my son's college fund and my family home.

You also allowed Amurrio to get away with arson and fraudulently collect \$180,000 for a fire she started. You and your counterparts at the Sarasota Sheriff's office also mocked me when I begged you to retrieve the Urn of ashes

in the fire debris. Amurrio told the fire marshal she lit some candles before she went out in honor of her late husband's ashes. Amurrio was reimbursed out of my father's estate for shipping his body up to New Jersey to be buried in the family plot.

Not only do you deny me justice and human closure for my father's murder, but you make me live with not knowing if he is in his grave in New Jersey or was he discarded with the fire debris in a Sarasota landfill?

You even wrote a letter of support for Amurrio to use in New Jersey to fight my petition to exhume my father's body to determine his true cause of death.

How would you like it if your late mother died an unattended death and an empty bottle of an exotic lethal poison that causes heart attacks was found at the death scene, and law enforcement refused to perform an autopsy? How many days could you live with it?

I watched your entire swearing ceremony on YouTube. The person that introduced you, described you as being known as the "problem solver" at the Sarasota Sheriff's Office. I saw your eyes tear up when your late mother was brought up, and I watched you point up to heaven. You and I both know, you are never going to see her again because you are going to hell for the evil you inflicted on my Florida family. On your judgement day, there will be no corrupt Sarasota judges of the 12th Circuit Court to help you out with your fate.

You have caused me unimaginable excruciating anguish for over 7,996 days. You are fortunate my belief that God will hold you accountable, and the love I have for my family is stronger than my hate I have for you. The Sarasota Herald Tribune reported you flunked a polygraph test when you lied about not using County gas for your own personal use. Would you pass a polygraph test if you were asked, "Did you destroy evidence and cover up Murray Cohen's murder?"

You are a disgrace to honest law enforcement, and morally bankrupt.

Murder Victim's Son,
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cc: Thousands of people