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Mr. Timothy G. Dobeck
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RE: Death of Dawn Pasela

Dear Mr. Dobeck and Mr. Miller,

In June of 2022, following the discovery of new evidence suggesting foul play was involved in the death of Dawn Pasela, Dawn's parents, Karen and Ed Pasela, met with the Parma Police and provided this information to officials there, including Detective Trexler and Lt. Daniel Ciryak. Later, Mr. Charlie Snyder at the Cold Case Unit of Ohio BCI agreed to investigate the case upon receipt of a letter from the City referring this matter to BCI. In August of 2022, Parma officials stated such a letter would be provided to Ohio BCI but first needed to be reviewed by your office.

Nearly a year later, we are still waiting for this letter.

More recently, the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office has opened an investigation into this matter and – as the attached documents

make clear – found that your police department violated numerous standard police procedures, including failing to interview witnesses, moving Dawn’s body before paramedics arrived, failing to “canvass” the apartment complex where Dawn’s body was found, failing to seek out surveillance video and failing to investigate why multiple cellular telephones (one with an outbound call hours after Dawn supposedly passed away) were found at the scene. In addition to the foregoing, numerous requests for the relevant EMS records have turned up nothing – the records are either “missing” or multiple records requests have been ignored.

I am providing you with a letter recently sent to the Mayor of Parma so you are updated on the latest developments in this matter. I am also writing to ask you the following: (1) Did your office review any potential letter to Ohio BCI? (2) If such a letter was not sent, why not? And (3) What information does your office require in order to send Ohio BCI the requested letter?

The Pasela family asked me to write you this letter and would like to speak with you about the death of their daughter. In addition, I am willing to discuss this situation with you at any time convenient for you, or provide your office with any further information or evidence you may need.

Thank you for reviewing this submission and for advising me on appropriate next steps.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tony Viola

cc: Mr. Edward Pasela
Ms. Karen Pasela

From: Charles Snyder Charles.Snyder@OhioAGO.gov

Subject: RE: Letter to BCI Cold Case - Dawn Pasela

Date: April 12, 2023 at 9:09:33 AM

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Mr. Viola:

As previously explained to Mr. Pasela, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation by state statute, may only respond to request for investigative assistance from a authorized law enforcement agency. I refer you to Ohio Revised Code 109.54(B). Your correspondence is noted.

S/A Charlie Snyder

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From: Tony Viola <mrtonyviola@icloud.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 1:06 PM

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Mr. Charles Snider

Cold Case Unit

Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation

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RE: Dawn Pasela

Dear Mr. Snider,

I am writing to provide you with information recently produced by the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office concerning Dawn Pasela.

Both the Pasela family and I contacted the BCI Cold Case Office a year ago and, as of this date, I am not clear on why your office has not accepted this case or stated in writing why you cannot accept this case.

Kindly review your file concerning this matter and let me know how you think the BCI Cold Case Office will proceed.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Very Truly Yours,

Tony Viola

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