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Testimony

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SB 1029 Supporting with Sponsor Amendments

HB 1221 Opposing Unless Amended

Good afternoon:

My name is Reverend Marguerite Morris and I am the mother of Katherine Sarah Morris now deceased. As I sat last night and reviewed the number of bills that are coming before you honorable persons it occurred to me that my Kathy, could almost be a poster child for **anything** that could have gone wrong inside a police department and the efforts that they would go to keep it within their ranks, and away from public purview.

It is my hope that you will be able to see for yourself, in the accompanying Investigative Synopsis which includes pictures and documents directly from internal police files. May you be able to determine for yourself if the attached clear examples of suppression of evidence and the manipulation of truth held deep within that blue code of silence. Unless laws are changed, as they stand now in the example attached, and others, like them, they will never see the light of day.

So it has been over seven years since Kathy's death with a family still hoping and asking for an independent investigation into the handling of her death investigation. In 2020 there is still no clear mechanism within the state of Maryland that will help us effectively get at increased police accountability and transparency by way of an independent investigation by outside agencies.

In Kathy's case key evidence was lost, key evidence was destroyed, key evidence was no longer usable. During the early stages of Kathy's death while in full grief mode we went from agency to agency seeking somebody that would hear our allegations outside of that police department that was the problem. All said they had no authority over (in this case), the Anne Arundel County Police Department (AACPD). **Not the Governor's Office, not the States Attorney's office, nor the FBI.** The police department was left to police themselves and even I knew as a novice there was something wrong with that. So here we are seven years later still void of an independent agency empowered to hear, investigate, and make decisions I respectfully say to those that have the power to do so to please be reminded of the protections that are in place, that leave police agencies able to continue the behaviors and actions that are apparent in the accompanying *Investigative Synopsis*.

See for yourself the effort that was done by police department's officers to control outcomes. This was most likely because an outgoing allegedly corrupt leader left them with an order to control the outcomes of the investigation because of the internal mistakes that had already been made. Even with that for the family there is no legal recourse unless you make change.

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Yes, there does exist the possibility that someone was investigated internally, or even fired internally, but I and thousands of other hurting persons don't have the right to know that. But what I do know is at least one of the officers with his hands all over the suppressing, manipulating evidence and falsifying reports was promoted to a Commander.

What I do know is that if this is the true behavior of some officers in the Katherine Sarah Morris case than you most likely have persons that are currently incarcerated for false or exaggerated reasons. Remember these outrageous behaviors did not start and end with the death of Katherine Sarah Morris. She was just one casualty of a broken system that I charge those that are reading this submission to do whatever you need to do to fix it.

In closing, and as stated before it is highly likely that there are persons that are currently incarcerated in Maryland for false or exaggerate reasons. For these same officers that have acted illegally with in the pages of this report are still employed. I personally believe that some have gone on to continue to manipulate, suppress and alter evidence in other cases to control outcomes and we lack mechanism to knowingly hold them accountable. This behavior did not start with Kathy nor did it end with her.

These bills can bring us one small step closer to the goal of strengthening MPIA rules and police accountability and transparency.

Our request for information that is released must contain unsustained as well as sustained to allow us to have a clearer picture.

In the attached I have had to come with truth because the need is great, so please be aware that there are a few of the actual death scene photos to emphasize the lack of an adequate investigation and the everyday reality in which some parents and family's live with in their pursuit of full accountability.

As an impacted voter and community leader we have a right to know outcomes. We even need the establishment of Civilian Review Boards across the State of Maryland to be that independent investigative arm or voice across the state of Maryland.

Thank you



The Mother of Katherine Sarah Morris,
Marguerite Morris and the Friends of "For Kathy's Sake"

Attachments Factual Background
 Investigative Synopsis of questionable police reporting to control outcomes

"FACTUAL BACKGROUND"

For over seven years the Mother has alleged that in the midst of a documented 2012 corruption scandal involving Police Chief James Teare and then County Executive John Leopold that questions around the handling of the death investigation of Katherine Sarah Morris (Kathy) arose. Just weeks following Kathy's death a Congressional inquiry was issued by Congressman Steny Hoyer and sent to Chief Teare, who never formally responded to the inquiry.

In or around August of 2012 Chief Teare allegedly resigned in lieu of being charged criminally during that scandal and over the ensuing years in the death investigation of Kathy over fifty-five investigative inconsistencies were uncovered. October 3, 2016 with the release of over 9,250 pages of internal documents it became apparent that there had been deliberate covered-ups leading to the manipulation of evidence and facts.

Katherine Sarah Morris, (Kathy) died on May 6, 2012. The parents of Kathy began to question the handling of her death investigation during the week of May 10th 2012. It was on that day when the parents arrived at the funeral home that was preparing their daughters body for burial the first flag of something not right was raised. The parents were about to view Kathy's body, when the Funeral Director stopped them at the door to prepare them for the fact that Kathy had received major burns to her body and her ear was disfigured. The shocked parents had not been asked to ID their child's body or been given any information before they arrived at the funeral home. In addition, and subsequently the Fire Marshal had not been summoned to the scene. Kathy was buried May 12, 2012.

The Mother states that during the following week the grieving parents placed a call to Anne Arundel County Police Department (AACPD) and their call was taken by an officer who chillingly, rudely, and abruptly informed them that they did not have to meet with them. Following this the shocked, grieving, and dismayed parents again reached out to AACPD to request a meeting leaving messages and their calls went unreturned. They finally requested the assistance of Civil Rights Activist Carl Snowden and of the then Assistant States Attorney William Roessler who had to reach out three separate times, (including by email) to get the AACPD and/or Officer Clark to return their calls.

Kathy's death had been ruled a suicide in less than 48 hours with no conversation or questions ever posed to her family. She was a victim of a marital fraud for money and was worth a \$100,000 dead. The original investigating officer was Officer Keith Clark, who the Mother found out subsequently, that according to AAC Police Chief Kevin Davis, was in-experienced in processing a homicide scene. The family immediately requested a reinvestigation without Officer Clark because of the apparent conflicts of interest.

MPIA responsive internal communications released October 3, 2016 show that a reinvestigation was ordered and assigned to an Officer Carbonara and those released documents show that he deliberately suppressed and or manipulated **any and all** evidence that if reviewed by others, might have brought into question the possibly erroneous suicide determination for Kathy.

Included in those internal communications released October 3, 2016 was an internal memo dated Nov 22, 2013 authored by Officer Poole who writes "**As a side note:** Detective Carbonara, **who is an extremely thorough and capable investigator** did not originally acquire the above details due to the fact he was given specific marching orders regarding the initial investigation and instructed not to deviate from same." The email does not state who gave the order but it is clear that it had to come from a person of authority. (All emphasis and bolding are as written in the original email).

In October of 2016 following an MPIA request launched in 2015 the County responded with the release of over 9,200 pages of internal documents. In those documents were of the emails and memos mentioned in the accompanying report.

The mother states that one of the definitions of fraud is the intentional perversion of truth for desired outcomes, and or an act of deceiving or misrepresenting. The Police clearly acted in such a manner.

On October 5, 2018 Chief Altomare stated that Chief Teare ordered the reinvestigation. This is clearly a potentially criminal point pointing to conspiracy, and fraud,

In September of 2018 Chief Timothy Altomare received a letter of inquiry from Carl Snowden the leader of the Caucus of African American Leaders to clarify claims of an FBI investigation into the death of Kathy when a Freedom of Information response from the federal government that denied the existence of an investigation. These false rumors emanating out of the Anne Arundel County Police Department (AACPD) claimed that there had been an FBI investigation into the

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death of Katherine Morris and its findings agreed with that of the AACPD. Chief Altomare is only asked to explain that one point but instead responded with a four page email where he repeatedly averred statements he knew to be false and harmful to the Mother to cause disbelief in the Mother's allegations. This was clearly an attempt to discredit and or to foster disbelief in Mother claims of a faulty and manipulated investigation.

These harmful and knowingly false statements were initiated by Chief Timothy Altomare, former Chief James Teare, Chief Kevin Davis, Sgt. John Poole, Det. Vince Carbonaro, and Det. Keith Clark. These libelous statements and actions and intended to cover-up departmental inadequacies and corruption, and sought to avoid full disclosure of truth in the mishandling of the death investigation of an African American woman named Katherine Sarah Morris.

Thus Police repeatedly and knowingly allowed false and/or misleading written information to be reported to the FBI, States Attorney's Office, Governor's Office on Crime Prevention, Homicide Review Panel, State and local NAACP, the Caucus of African American Leaders and the public in general.

Missing Video Footage

Kathy died May 6, 2012. She alleged drove, or her car is seen arriving at the Arundel Mills Mall parking lot around 6 pm on the evening on May 5, 2012. Her body was found around 5 a.m. in a running car in the satellite parking lot of Arundel Mills Mall which was owned by Anne Arundel Community College.

The portion of the parking lot where Kathy's car is allegedly parked with her in it for eleven hours was in a well-traveled part of the lot with at least four working surveillance cameras. The surveillance footage from all four cameras is missing after approx. 10 pm on May 5, 2012. From 2012 to 2013 the AACPD claimed the surveillance footage from the cameras would not play because of system compatibility issues.

Then on July 18, 2013 an Anne Arundel County police officer, Major Bergin handed the Mother a copy of the available footage with instructions for the Mother to seek help from the FBI in getting the footage to play. In the October 3, 2016 release of documents there is an internal communication reflecting that the Police knew the footage was partially deleted, yet they sent the grieving Mother off to the FBI to seek help with something that they knew she could not get help her with. i.e. The time stamp on the footage keeps running but the final frame or picture didn't change.

Then, somewhere mid-2013, to the Mothers anguish and frustration, the AACPD changed the story to the missing footage being due to several cameras at the death scene being motion sensitive implying and allowing the public to believe, no movement no recording. While the cameras were motion sensitive the Parent knew, to her humiliation and frustration that the police were playing with the truth over this very important surveillance footage of her daughter's death scene

The mother was traumatized because the lie was so apparent. The last known footage showed persons and cars in the parking lot – so additional footage could not be missing because of a lack of motion. The Mother was deeply humiliated for years anguishing over, if she could see it – why couldn't the trained Police assigned to investigate see that? She repeatedly sought help for what was another glaring inconsistency and to her even a lack of common sense. Yet no agency had the authority to assist

Both the Mother and Kathy's dad asked what happened to the footage in the camera less than sixty feet away from their daughter's car. But no one listened because the Police maintained their play on truth – no motion no video recording. A deliberate move to perpetrate disbelief in claims of the Police deliberately manipulating and suppressing key evidence.

Here again in the October 3, 2016 release of documents the Mother could see that the Police allowed fraudulent statements to be circulated in multiple reports, and she could see the inference to an order someone in authority gave to control the investigative outcomes.

Then on October 5, 2018, Police Chief Altomare stated the footage was missing because it was deleted and that Police Chief James Teare gave the order to reinvestigate but to do it with controlled outcomes. Why else would Police not just report the full facts or results about the results from subpoenaed phone records, DNA results, the decedents banking transactions, or fingerprints?

That October 5, 2018 disclosure caused much grief to the Mother who for years repeatedly cried out that the police claims were false and misleading. It threw her back into turmoil over if Kathy definitively committed suicide then why so much deception by the police.

The resulted harm to the Mother is that from 2012 to 2018 this false and libelous information was circulated in several different written memo's and reports, then allowed to be reviewed by multiple agencies to include the Carl Snowden, Conveyor of Caucus of African American Leaders (CAAL), Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), Office of Chief Medical Examiner, for the State of Maryland, (OCME), States Attorney Office (SAO), Department of Justice (DOJ), National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the Capital Gazette, other persons

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and entities, which then based their own follow-up investigations – or lack of any follow-up investigation on these deliberate misrepresentations.

This mother has had to repeatedly contend with that if her child Kathy did commit suicide then why so many false and misleading statements from the police department. These actions have repeated caused and subjected me to re-traumatization.

*Investigative
Synopsis
Of Deliberate
Omissions made by
Police in the
Katherine Morris
Death
Investigation*

On October 3, 2018 Carl Snowden, Convener for the Caucus of African American Leaders sent the following email to the Anne Arundel County Chief of Police on behalf of Rev. Marguerite Morris, mother of the deceased Katherine Morris. He wrote:

From: Carl Snowden <carl_snowden@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 3:28 PM
To: Tim altomare; Tim Altomare
Cc: Vickie Gipson; Marguerite Morris; prezaaconaACP@aol.com; rick hutzell
Subject: Clarification

Dear Chief Altomare,

The *Capital* published an article on October 2, 2018, that quoted Anne Arundel County spokeswoman Sgt. Jacklin Davis as the source for the following statement, she, "pointed to subsequent FBI and police investigations after the Chief Medical Examiner's office ruled Katherine Morris' death a suicide".

As you are aware, Reverend Marguerite Morris the mother of the late Katherine Morris referenced in that statement has taken issue with an "FBI" investigation having been conducted into her daughter's death. She has vehemently denied that the FBI did an investigation.

However, I too remember being told by Deputy Chief Jerard Flemings that the FBI had reviewed this case and had reached certain conclusions that included suicide. However, here is where we need the Anne Arundel County Police Department's clarification on this matter.

In a letter dated August 29, 2018, in response to a Freedom of Information Act(FOIA) request from Reverend Morris, David M. Hardy, Section Chief, Record/Information Dissemination Section Information Management Division wrote:

"Based on the information you provided, we conducted a search of the Central Records System. We were **unable** to identify any main file records responsive to your request, and therefore your request is being administratively closed".

If the FBI is saying no records exists of them conducting an investigation in this matter, please clarify what Sgt. Davis means about a "subsequent FBI and police investigations"? The Caucus of African-American Leaders is meeting on Tuesday, October 9, 2018, 6:00 p.m., at the Wiley H. Bates Legacy Center, 1101 Smithville Street, Annapolis, Maryland. You or a representative is cordially invited to attend to explain this apparent conflicting information.

If neither you or a representative are available for Tuesday's meeting, we would appreciate a written response to this inquiry before Tuesday. Transparency coupled with accurate information to the public must be the hallmark of our police department.

We look forward to your response. Have a great weekend and I hope that you are a representative are able to join us on Tuesday.

A Luta Continua,

**Carl O. Snowden, Convener
Caucus of African-American Leaders**

On October 5, 2018, Tim Altomare, Chief of Anne Arundel County Police Department sent the following response to Carl Snowden, Convener for the Caucus of African American Leaders. He wrote:

October 5, 2018

Mr. Snowden,

Thank you for providing me an opportunity to provide some clarification on the history of the multiple investigative additions and reviews conducted on the Katherine Morris death investigation. In the interest of continued transparency, I would like to share with you the below timeline of events related to reviews conducted of the Katherine Morris investigation:

- **May 6, 2012:** Katherine Morris was discovered by Mall Security deceased within her vehicle.
- **Review of video surveillance:** Katherine's vehicle arrived on May 5, 2012 at 1854 hours and parked at 1858 hours. Katherine was found deceased at approximately 0530 hours the next morning. In full disclosure, while downloading the video evidence, Anne Arundel Community College Security personnel accidentally deleted a portion of the video. Before this occurred however, Chief Gary Lyle of the Anne Arundel Community College Police Department reviewed the video in its entirety and confirmed that NO ONE entered or exited Katherine's vehicle in the time it was parked there prior to her body being found. Also, a forensic review of Katherine's cellular phone inside the vehicle showed messages clearly indicating her suicidal intent.
- **May 2012:** The office of the Chief Medical Examiner officially ruled the cause of Katherine Morris death as Carbon Monoxide Intoxication with the manner being suicide.
- **June 2012:** Upon hearing concerns brought forward by Reverend Morris, Chief James Teare directed that the case be reopened. It was assigned to Anne Arundel County Homicide Detective Vincent Carbonaro. Detective Carbonaro learned from a University of Maryland College Park Police report that Katherine had attempted suicide in December 2011. The additional investigation findings were consistent with the prior finding of suicide.
- **August 2012,** Reverend Morris requested the US Army to conduct an investigation into Katherine Morris' husband (Isaac Goodwin) who was stationed overseas at the time of her death. They confirmed Mr. Goodwin was in Afghanistan at the time of Katherine's death.

- **March 2013:** Chief Larry Tolliver, upon learning of continued concerns held by Reverend Morris, requested the investigation be reviewed by the Anne Arundel County State's Attorney's Office. That office reviewed our case file and documents provided by Reverend Morris including military documents. The SAO concluded that while Mr. Goodwin's conduct in relation to Katherine was reprehensible, there were no criminal actions in Anne Arundel County.
- **November 2013:** After taking office and hearing of Reverend Morris' continued concerns, Chief Kevin Davis requested that a panel of veteran Prince George's County Homicide detectives review the Katherine Morris investigation. In **February 2014** they concluded that Katherine's death was a suicide.
- **November, 2013:** In the same time frame, again in response to Reverend Morris' concerns, we requested a retired Montgomery County Homicide detective then employed as Anne Arundel County Cold Case Analyst to review the investigation. They determined the findings were consistent and still remained a suicide.
- **February 2015:** County Executive Schuh, State's Attorney Wes Adams and I met with Reverend Morris and her family. We heard her concerns and AGAIN re-opened the investigation. At this time I ordered further forensic examination of items recovered inside of Katherine's car.
- **May 2015:** Reverend Morris turned over digital evidence to the Anne Arundel County Police Department. Reverend Morris believed this evidence showed Katherine's cellular phone moving in the hours before her body was found. I directed the data to be reviewed by a Digital Forensics Lab. An analysis of the data showed that the phone was maintaining a database of cellular towers surrounding it rather than it moving. The report from the lab was given to Reverend Morris.
- **Summer 2015:** Again because of Reverend Morris' concerns, Dr. Aronica-Pollack of the OCME conducted in depth research into carbon monoxide deaths. She researched 204 CO2 deaths. 20 of these cases were suicides with charcoal grills and 13 of these were in a car. Reverend Morris provided a list of 22 concerns, including the same digital evidence provided to AACOPD in May was also turned over to the OCME. Finally, the doctor re-examined the positioning of Katherine's body in the car and burns she suffered. In conducting her research and review, Dr. Aronica-Pollack reached the same conclusion as the contract Digital Forensics Lab. After her further review, Dr. Aronica Pollack still concluded the death of Katherine Morris was a suicide.

It is important to note that the OCME is the entity that determines that cause and manner of death in Maryland. Dr. Aronica-Pollack concluded, "None of the points brought to our attention lead us to believe foul play was involved in any way. In fact, the manner of suicide is supported by the information gathered."

- **May 2015:** The Anne Arundel County Police Crime Lab prepared a DNA report after the examination of items recovered from Katherine's vehicle. DNA testing results that were sufficient for comparison all matched Katherine's DNA.
- **June 17:** The Baltimore FBI Office contacted the Anne Arundel County Police after Reverend Morris requested the Department of Justice review the case. FBI Baltimore met with Anne Arundel County Police Homicide Unit and was briefed on the investigation. This briefing included each of the subsequent steps listed above and the exhaustive work put in by the OCME. After this meeting, no further questions were posed by the FBI.
- **Fall 2017:** In an effort to bring closure to Reverend Morris' concerns, I requested Retired Baltimore City Homicide Detective/Sergeant currently serving as our cold case analyst again review the investigation and findings. After his review was completed he concluded the death of Katherine was a suicide.

I sincerely hope this information helps to clarify and shed light on efforts made by several Anne Arundel County Police Chiefs in the years following the untimely death of Ms. Katherine Morris. The Anne Arundel County Police Department truly empathize with Reverend Morris for the loss of her daughter and sincerely hope she can someday find closure. Despite exhaustive efforts spanning 7 years, we are, unfortunately, left to conclude that Katherine's death was, in fact, a suicide.

Sincerely,

Timothy Altomare
Chief of Police

The following is Rev. Marguerite Morris' response to the letter sent by Police Chief Tim Altomare on Oct. 5, 2018. It's lengthy but contains copies of documents substantiating the Morris family's 6 ½ year claim of the falsification, manipulation and suppression of facts in reports about the death investigation of Katherine Sarah Morris. This misinformation has been repeatedly and deliberately put to the public to deter support and harm the character of Rev. Marguerite Morris.

Morris writes: While we appreciate the response but see that once again the AACPD have chosen to present false, misleading and or manipulated information to debase Rev. Morris' efforts and those of forensic and investigative experts from around the country. All to avoid full disclosure of truth and transparency in the mishandling of the death investigation of an African American woman named Katherine Sarah Morris (Kathy). The primary point and reason for the forming of C.A.S.T. (Citizen's Actively Seeking Transparency) is that most responses and opinions that confirm the police department's claims are based on persons solely only reviewing their file. The file that is put together by a biased police department where facts are suppressed, information omitted and truth manipulated. See the following professional responses that are factual and not based on emotion or conjecture. This information is not contained in the police files, even though much of it was passed on to them. The responses below are also the results of multiple MPIA request to the AACPD, the OCME, the AAC Community College and the UM Campus Police.

1. Chief Altomare states "May 6, 2012: Katherine Morris was discovered by Mall Security deceased within her vehicle. "

Morris' response: "This statement is true but we add that Mall Security personnel clearly admitted to disturbing the scene and in a videotaped deposition (available on line) searched the rear and trunk of the car, opened all four doors, and handled the keys etc. However, there is no spoilt evidence reported by AACPD. AACPD report to the public "no identifiable prints" but internally they write "There are no prints. No prints found at the scene on key items the victim would have to have handled including the sleeping pill bottle pictured below.



Below is the internal communication from AACPD about fingerprints and DNA

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Exhibit 47

There are no prints.

On Mon, Apr 27, 2015 at 11:34 AM, Richard Alban <ralban@accounty.org> wrote:
FYI

In regards to this investigation, as the evidence is processed lets go ahead and have all DNA evidence tested. This will make us transparent in our attempts to pursue any and all evidence in this investigation.

This may open up questions from the family as to the results but not doing so will definitely open up questions.

So whatever we can process in or on the vehicle please make sure we do it.

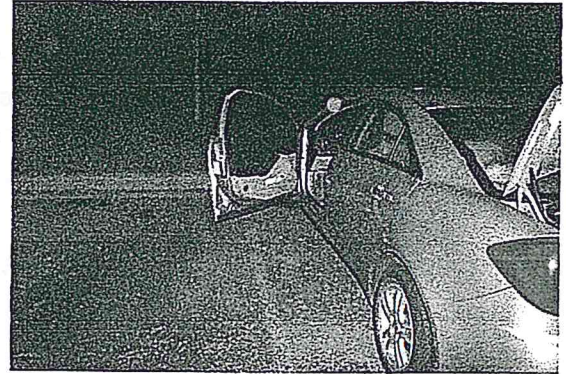
Also are there any partial prints etc... on the grill packaging????

Lets just report the facts.

Thanks

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Morris' response: AACPD also state that the exterior of the car was not fingerprinted because it was raining, but a recent review of the death scene photos show dry ground and a dry car.



Death scene photo of can of open soda with straw in it.

Morris states that the death scene photos show an open can of soda and water bottles - none of which (according to internal reports) are fingerprinted or checked for DNA.

2. Chief Altomare states "Review of video surveillance: Katherine's vehicle arrived on May 5, 2012 at 1854 hours and parked at 1858 hours. Katherine was found deceased at approximately 0530 hours the next morning. In full disclosure, while downloading the video evidence, Anne Arundel Community College Security personnel accidentally deleted a portion of the video. Before this occurred however, Chief Gary Lyle of the Anne Arundel Community College Police Department reviewed the video in its entirety and confirmed that NO ONE entered or exited Katherine's vehicle in the time it was parked there prior to her body being found."

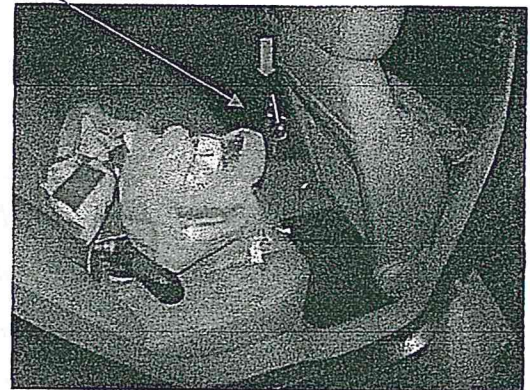


Photo shows can sitting behind drivers seat on floor board. It was not fingerprinted or tested for DNA

Door handles and rear armrest are not fingerprinted

Morris' Response: Chief Lyle is a 27 veteran of the AACPD with a background in special investigations. His videotaped deposition is available on line where he claims repeatedly under oath that he gave the AACPD exactly what they asked for in reference to the footage. The President of AAC Community college in an email stated that they did not know why the footage was missing.

Chief Lyle states no one ever exited or entered the car

Police report reads

DEATH	12-716431	ORIG
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT		
Narrative		
I spoke with Chief Lyle of AACC Public Safety and advised him of the situation. I learned that security camera footage partially covered the area. After a review, I was told it appeared the vehicle may have been parked in the spot since approximately 1500 hours the day before. The footage showed someone standing next to the vehicle and then the tail lights on between 2100-2200 hours, and possibly a vehicle pulling up nearby off camera at approximately 0120 hours. Nothing else was observed prior to the arrival of security at approximately 0530 hours.		

Morris' Response: The AACPD for six and a half years have repeatedly claimed other reasons for the missing footage as documented in their own internal memos and other communications. They claimed for the first year that the video did not play for compatibility reasons. In 2013 they changed the story to it not playing because the video was motion sensitive.

Now they give us a third version about the missing or altered surveillance tape. The good news is that we now see that MY claims over the past 5 ½ years, that the missing surveillance footage was not because of motion sensitive cameras has been the truth! If I knew it, then why didn't the police know it after six alleged reinvestigations? Yet this false information was repeatedly reported to the FBI, the NAACP, the States Attorney's Office, the OCME and any other agency reviewing the AACPD file. **THEY ALL SAW A LIE OR AS THEY WOULD PUT IT A MANIPULATION OF THE TRUTH IN REPORTING BY THE AACPD.**

The recorded deposition of Chief Gary Lyle, clearly tells a different story. That videotaped deposition is available on the internet on youtube. Again, this falsified information was repeatedly claimed by the AACPD as the reason for all missing May 6, 2012 video surveillance footage, was presented to the Homicide Panel or so called Cold Case Review Committee and any others reviewing the file.

They now want to come with full disclosure about a manipulated truth and then rely on the credibility of unverified conflicting statements of the retried AACPD Officer reporting the info.

Below is the abbreviated version (heading info removed) of the internal police communications, that any one including the FBI, SAO, OCME, Governor's Office and all other agencies have seen.

Inter-Office Correspondence

February 7, 2014

To: Chief Kevin Davis
Chief of Police

Per the request and recommendations of the Cold Case Review Committee the following points/facts were re-examined and reviewed regarding the Katherine Morris Suicide:

- Obtain particulars on the surveillance video activity capturing Ms. Morris' vehicle as she committed suicide and answer Mrs. Margarite Morris request regarding "missing" footage.
- Attempt to establish if Katherine Morris purchased the disposable charcoal grills utilized as the method to commit suicide.
- Forensically examine the packaging of the disposable grills, nighttime sleep aid pill bottle and lighter recovered from within Ms. Morris' vehicle to ascertain if any foreign fingerprints are present.

Based on the above requests Homicide Detectives filed Court Orders looking into the financial records of Ms. Katherine Morris. It was found she had one (1) credit card in her name. A Court Order was served on "Barclaycard Company" requesting detailed purchase and billing records for said card covering the time period March 17, 2012 through May 16, 2012 (the date of the suicide was May 6, 2012). The requested statement returned, "No Transaction Activity at This Time" and "Account had a balance during the time period noted, however no transactions came through". Indicating Ms. Morris had not made any purchases in the time frame examined with said credit card.

Homicide Detectives also met with representatives from Wal-Mart in order to establish if tracking the grills purchased was possible through their internal inventory controls. Wal-Mart did recognize the product and acknowledge selling them in their stores. However, due to the item being "seasonal" in nature their sales are not tracked.

The Evidence Collection Unit also attempted to process the recovered grills, pill bottle and lighter for latent prints. All items were both Cyanoacrylate Fume processed and dusted with black powder. There were no viable samples obtained.

The video originally obtained of Ms. Morris' vehicle parked near the community college where she committed suicide was recorded and captured by Anne Arundel Community College security cameras. Mrs. Margarite Morris expressed concerns that portions of the video were missing or the video had been disturbed. This is most likely due to the fact there are several hours of footage where there is no motion on the screen and it appears as if the recording is "paused". The video is motion activated and will only record if the cameras observe movement within the recorded area. Homicide detectives spoke to the Director of Public Safety for the Community College Mr. Gary Lyle who offered to write a letter to Chief Kevin Davis regarding the functionality and integrity of the footage captured. Said letter should already have been received by the Chief's Office. Mr. Lyle advised he has previously been deposed regarding this matter by Mrs. Margarite Morris' attorney at which time he stated same. Mr. Scott McDaniel who works for Earth Security and is the person responsible for the installation and maintenance of the security cameras was spoken to and also verified the cameras only record when motion is detected.

All of the above facts and findings were presented to the Cold Case Review Committee on Monday, February 3, 2014 and it is their opinion this case displays no evidence of anything other than a suicide.