



# For Kathy's Sake Inc.



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## Testimony

March 2, 2020

**Ref to: HB 1251** Supporting with Amendments  
**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.

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 10<sup>th</sup> 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

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

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 <02616@aacounty.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	Supplement No
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 [redacted]. 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.

Chief Altomare states "Also, a forensic review of Katherine's cellular phone inside the vehicle showed messages clearly indicating her suicidal intent."

*Morris' Response: There is plenty of data to rebuke this but far too much for this letter. However, persons of interest, one of whom had a habit of borrowing other persons phones (If AACPD Officers will recall in the Ramirez case the mistress was using the soldiers phone to send messages to the wife and to post to social media as if she were the husband.) In Kathy's case, the mistress used various aliases on the computer and also had a habit of borrowing other person's phones and identities. Above is a statement from the AACPD that says someone was seen near Kathy's car. One of the persons of interest had a vehicle similar to this one that is seen pulling away from Kathy's vehicle in a twelve minute window of time where the last communication came from her phone. That person has a degree in forensics, would not allow her statement to be recorded and was never alibied. (All documented and factual)*



3. Chief Altomare states "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."

*Morris' response: The cause of death is not disputed. It is the manner in which the carbon monoxide was introduced into Kathy's system that is disputed. MPIA responsive documents show that the suicide ruling by the OCME was done in less than 48 hours following Kathy's death with no investigation by AACPD. AACPD's own reports confirm that the M.E. was predisposed to suicide, only did a partial autopsy, and never considered any other possibility. The OCME did not do an independent investigation. The OCME relied on the information provided to them by the AACPD who in our opinion "played them like a well-oiled machine".*

Below is an internal communication between the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) and the AACPD referencing being the second draft of a letter bringing up the question. Was it co-authored and therefore a conflict of interest? The OCME's opinions are supposed to be independent.

10/17/2016

Ocmemd.org Mail



Second Morris Letter DRAFT

1 message

Aronica, Patricia <aronicap@ocmemd.org>  
To: John Poole <q02212@aacounty.org>

Here is the DRAFT of our letter to Ms. Morris

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State of Maryland  
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4. **Chief Altomare states "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."

**Morris' response: AACPD have failed to explain this internal statement made about a direct order given to Det. Carbonaro in reference to the alleged reinvestigation.**

Sirs,

Per the direction of Chief Kevin Davis (as a result of the Cold Case Review Team meeting) detectives have made attempts to prove Ms. Katherine Morris in fact purchased the charcoal grills utilized to kill herself. An attempt with Wal-Mart to track the purchases via UPC code and brand/product specifics yielded negative results. Wal-Mart advised the item is not tracked specifically enough to indicate when and where they were purchased. As a result of this information Detective DiPietro contacted the State's Attorney's Office in an attempt to retrieve a court order for Ms. Katherine Morris' bank statements to reveal if she had a transaction related to the purchase of the aforementioned materials. The State's Attorneys Office has indicated this is a closed investigation and they may not have the legal ability to honor the request based on the fact we are not investigating a specific crime. This decision is **NOT** final and Ms. Leitess is being consulted to see if our request may be honored.

Evidence Collection has re-processed all of the grills, packaging as well as the recovered lighter and were not able to obtain any identifiable latent fingerprints.

**As a side note:** Detective Carbonaro, 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.

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**Morris states that released documents verify that Det. Carbonaro was selective in his reporting and suppressed any facts that would have been relevant for a non-suicide finding, and did so on multiple occasions, as you will see in the following.**

5. **Chief Altomare states "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."**

**Morris' response: This is false. MPIA request were sent to UMC police and released documents reviewed. Direct phone calls were made to Campus police about their records related to this claim. It was Rev. Morris who called 911 because she was over ninety minutes away from the campus requesting a wellness check on her daughter as a precaution. Her daughter had expressed feeling suicidal the night before, but had not acted on those feeling. 911 operators in turn contacted campus police who assumed it was a suicide attempt in progress. Kathy was found sitting by her window, completely cooperative including voluntarily going with officers in what was standard operating procedure to be medically evaluated to ensure she was not a danger to herself.**

6. Chief Altomare states “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.”

*Morris’ response: May we respectfully remind the AACPD that just like in the death of a white female named Karyl Ramirez at the hands of a U.S. soldier who convinced his long time mistress to do his bidding, there was a mistress and another women involved in this case. Their names are Sgt. Latoya King and Damaris Brown and at the time of Kathy’s death records show that both of those women lived within 40 minutes of the UMD campus and had initiated contact with Kathy 72 hours before her death. Both persons of interest, spent three hours emailing and calling the deceased on the phone. She finally returns their phone calls. Neither individual was ever alibied. In his 2012 police report Det. Carbonaro chooses to only report a part of these important facts as seen below.*

**Detective Carbonaro in his reinvestigation report mentions 2 calls made by the victim. His exact comments are below**

Ms. Brown told me that at about 1700 hours on May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012, Miss Morris called and spoke with Sergeant King. Sergeant King used Ms. Brown’s cellular phone to speak with Miss Morris. Call history obtained in an examination of Miss Morris’s iPhone confirmed that she made two calls to (347) 931-8643 at 1726 hours and 1727 hours on May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012. Ms. Brown

In the outgoing call section of Miss Morris’s call record, I observed two calls to (347) 931-8643 on May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012. I obtained subscriber information and call records for this number by subpoena from Verizon and confirmed that this number / account belongs to Damaris Brown.

**What Detective Carbornado does not mention are calls and emails made to the victim over a span of 3 hours prior to her returning the call**

when no response Sgt King sent this email - This is not a Grounds Sadi! notice punctuated

Sgt King's calls Sgt King sent this email

**Morris' response: Records show the mistress Sgt. Latoya King lawyered up immediately in this case. AACPD never attempted to question her. FOI'ed and subpoenaed documents show that Sgt. King was given a written direct order from the military to have no contact with Sgt. Goodwin. She violated that order over 60 times in the 30 days immediately following Kathy's death.**

**IN his written report Carbonaro states that Sgt. King was not available for questioning omitting the fact that she had obtained a lawyer. She is never questioned.**

**The best friend of Sgt. King was Damaris Brown conveniently and coincidentally has a bachelor's degree in forensics, drove a vehicle similar to the one seen pulling away from the Kathy's vehicle on the available surveillance tape; and who subsequently, (along with her husband) make statements that they are told on Sat. May 5, 2012 by a crying Sgt. Latoya King that Kathy was dead. Her body is not found until the morning of May 6, 2012.**

One page of subpoenaed phone records reflect that Sgt. Goodwin's three year military mistress (he was only married to Kathy for 9 months) violated a written direct order and was physically with Goodwin when ordered to have no contact.

Date	Time	Number	Rate	Usage Type	Origin	Destination	Min.
5/10	10:05A	803-606-7482	Peak	M2MAllow	Chicago IL	Columbia SC	4
5/10	10:14A	703-498-0259	Peak	M2MAllow	Chicago IL	Occoquan VA	1
5/10	10:14A	703-498-0259	Peak	M2MAllow	Chicago IL	Occoquan VA	1
5/10	10:14A	703-498-0259	Peak	M2MAllow	Chicago IL	Occoquan VA	1
5/10	10:15A	703-498-0259	Peak	M2MAllow	Chicago IL	Occoquan VA	1
5/10	10:18A	703-498-0259	Peak	M2MAllow	Chicago IL	Occoquan VA	1
5/10	10:20A	703-498-0259	Peak	M2MAllow	Chicago IL	Occoquan VA	1
5/10	10:21A	703-781-0427	Peak	PlanAllow	Chicago IL	Englewood VA	1
5/10	10:22A	803-606-7482	Peak	M2MAllow	Chicago IL	Columbia SC	3
5/10	10:24A	803-606-7482	Peak	M2MAllow	Chicago IL	Columbia SC	3
5/10	10:27A	703-498-0259	Peak	M2MAllow	Chicago IL	Occoquan VA	1
5/10	10:41A	803-960-5760	Peak	PlanAllow	Chicago IL	Columbia SC	10
5/10	10:51A	703-498-0259	Peak	M2MAllow	Chicago IL	Occoquan VA	1
5/10	11:00A	703-767-4701	Peak	PlanAllow	Chicago IL	Alexandria VA	3
5/10	11:15A	703-498-0259	Peak	M2MAllow	Chicago IL	Occoquan VA	1
5/10	11:15A	703-498-0259	Peak	M2MAllow	Chicago IL	Occoquan VA	1
5/10	11:16A	803-606-7482	Peak	M2MAllow	Chicago IL	Occoquan VA	1
5/10	11:17A	718-219-6189	Peak	PlanAllow,CallWait	Chicago IL	Incoming CL	8
5/10	11:28A	803-606-7195	Peak	M2MAllow,CallWait	Chicago IL	Incoming CL	12
5/10	11:38A	803-606-7195	Peak	M2MAllow	Chicago IL	Incoming CL	4
5/10	11:52A	703-767-6720	Peak	PlanAllow	Chicago IL	Columbia SC	16
5/10	3:27P	800-654-5151	Peak	PlanAllow	Chicago IL	Alexandria VA	38
5/10	3:46P	803-606-7195	Peak	M2MAllow	Chicago IL	Toll-Free CL	11
5/10	3:49P	803-606-7195	Peak	M2MAllow	Arlington VA	Columbia SC	1
5/10	3:49P	803-606-7195	Peak	M2MAllow	Arlington VA	Columbia SC	1
5/10	3:49P	910-587-5753	Peak	PlanAllow	Arlington VA	Fayetteville NC	20
5/10	4:17P	803-606-7482	Peak	M2MAllow	Arlington VA	Incoming CL	4
5/10	4:37P	803-589-2412	Peak	PlanAllow	Arlington VA	Columbia SC	15
5/10	4:58P	718-219-6189	Peak	PlanAllow	Alexandria VA	Incoming CL	23
5/10	5:21P	803-960-8780	Peak	PlanAllow,CallWait	Springfield VA	Incoming CL	4
5/10	5:36P	703-498-0259	Peak	M2MAllow	Springfield VA	Occoquan VA	3
5/10	5:49P	703-498-0259	Peak	M2MAllow	Springfield VA	Occoquan VA	7
5/10	5:54P	888-546-3010	Peak	PlanAllow	Springfield VA	Toll-Free CL	8
5/10	6:51P	803-589-2412	Peak	PlanAllow	Alexandria VA	Columbia SC	17
5/10	7:12P	703-498-0259	Peak	M2MAllow	Alexandria VA	Occoquan VA	2

**Note: Phone records also show that Sgt. Goodwin made a nine second phone call to the Kathy from Afghanistan on May 4, 2012. He is never questioned about the content of that call.**

7. **Chief Altomare states “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.”

*Morris’ response: Quite simply the office reviewed the AACPD’s case file with already documented misinformation, manipulated information, and where key facts that might have brought into question the erroneous suicide ruling were suppressed.*

8. **Chief Altomare states “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.”

*Morris’ response: A determination after the panel both received and reviewed false misleading and manipulated information that was presented to them by the AACPD. Please see photo’s below.*

9. **Chief Altomare states “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.”

*Morris response: A determination after that person both received and reviewed false misleading and manipulated information that was presented to them by the AACPD. Also released MPIA documents contain no reference, no information, no notes or reporting about any such review. It is not mentioned in any of the released internal email communications.*

**Below are excerpts from an internal memo sent to Kevin Davis about the homicide panel.**

**Morris response: According to the following internal memo, the homicide panel asked three questions of the AACPD before rendering a decision. What they got were false and or manipulated responses and anything that might have inferred anything other than suicide was not reported to the panel.**

**On the first point. From mid-2013 to mid-2018 the AACPD reported the surveillance tape footage missing because of the statement** → **shown here.**

**Again, this is what is communicated to anyone reading the reports.**

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.

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.

**As you can see in 2018 they change the story to "In full disclosure, while downloading the video evidence, Anne Arundel Community College Security personnel accidentally deleted a portion of the video."**

On the second point the panel ask.

The AACPD responded

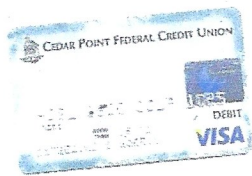
Attempt to establish if Katherine Morris purchased the disposable charcoal grills utilized as the method to commit suicide.

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.

**Morris response: Below is how AACPD manipulated and suppressed information about Kathy's financial transactions. They report no transaction history. If Mommy could find it then why couldn't they? Does it tie back to the order given to Det. Vincent Carbonaro to not deviate from the suicide finding?**

Katherine Morris Credit Cards  
At the time of her death!

Police allegedly subpoenaed card with no transactions in the months prior to her death.



Katherine Morris Visa Check/Debit Card Purchases for May 2012

Police subpoenaed incorrect records and reported misleading findings to homicide panel stating, "Ms. Morris had not made any purchases in the time frame examined". Never asked or confirmed info with family.

Account Detail For KATHERINE S MORRIS Account 720441 Checking 8

Draft

Account Details	YTD Dividends	Annual Percent Yield	Dividend Rate	Prior-Year Dividends
	\$0.18	0.10%	0.100%	\$0.00

Account History  
History for 5/1/2012 to 9/10/2012

Effective Date	Description	Amount	Balance
5/1/2012	Withdrawal @ MD COLLEGE PARK UNIVERSITY OF MD PAUSUNIVERSITY OF MD Trace #11154	(12.20)	\$33.44
5/1/2012	Withdrawal @ MD BELTSVILLE WAWA 593 00005USWAWA 593 00 Trace #734	(18.00)	\$18.44
5/1/2012	Withdrawal @ MD COLLEGE PARK MCDONALD'S M6193 OFUSMCDONALD'S M6193 Trace #29461	(11.00)	\$15.05
5/1/2012	Deposit-ACH-DFASN DFAS-IN IND, IN (ARMY ALLT)	\$600.00	\$615.05
5/2/2012	Withdrawal @ MD COLLEGE PARK 4404 KNOX RD US7 ELEVEN Trace #973946	(48.37)	\$607.68
5/2/2012	Withdrawal @ IL 301 9277827 JIMMY JOHNS 348 EUSHIMMY JOHNS 348 Trace #19406	(59.00)	\$598.68
5/2/2012	Withdrawal @ MD LAUREL 3549 RUSSETT GREEN USWAL MART #1985 Trace #843121	(57.14)	\$587.64
5/3/2012	Withdrawal @ MD BOWIE PANERA BREAD #3566 USPANERA BREAD #35 Trace #8044	(57.43)	\$579.81
5/4/2012	Withdrawal @ MD COLLEGE PARK UNIVERSITY OF MD PAUSUNIVERSITY OF MD Trace #18755	(52.57)	\$577.31
5/4/2012	Withdrawal @ MD RIVERDALE 6411 BALTIMORE AVE USUSPS 2378120737 Trace #927	(57.23)	\$576.66
5/4/2012	Withdrawal @ CA NETFLIX.COM NETFLIX.COM USNETFLIX.COM Trace #54422	(57.95)	\$568.67
5/4/2012	Withdrawal @ MD COLLEGE PARK 01444 BOULEVARD USCVS 01444 Trace #63379	(52.57)	\$542.50
5/4/2012	Deposit	\$200.00	\$742.50
	Withdrawal @ MD COLLEGE PARK 8721 BALTIMORE AVE		

**WAL-MART**  
WAL-MART STORES, INC  
702 SW 8TH STREET  
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FINANCE CUSTOMER SERVICE  
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NETWORK ID 0097 APPR CODE 843121  
TERMINAL # 28022142  
05/02/12 01:34:23

Katherine Morris May 2, 2012  
Walmart Receipt  
No grill purchase only school supplies

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05/02/12 01:34:23  
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CVS PHARM 1444  
05/02/12 01:34:23  
Merchant Copy

Katherine Morris May 3, 2012  
CVS Receipt  
No Sleeping Pill purchase

Item 125583 - Tampax Super 20ct  
Item 800417 - Blade, Bear Steaks  
Item 430374 - Mucinex Max Strength 14ct  
Item 264506 - CVS Disinfecting Wipes 20ct

On the third point the panel ask.



- 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.

The AACPD responded



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.

**Morris response: Please note the following internal comments made by the AACPD:**

nope, nothing

Katie Pifer #3212  
Crime Scene Technician II  
Evidence Collection Unit  
410-222-8810

On Fri, Nov 22, 2013 at 7:09 AM, Craig Robinson <p99441@aaaccountv.org> wrote:  
Ok, thanks. I will get with Chanel for the coc.

Any luck?

Craig Robinson  
Evidence Coordinator  
Anne Arundel County Police  
Crime Scene Unit  
410-222-8812 Office  
410-222-8805 Fax

On Fri, Nov 22, 2013 at 3:05 AM, Katie Pifer <p93212@aaaccountv.org> wrote:  
Hello,

The latent processing has been completed and it's all repackaged.

I did notice, however, that the chain of custody doesn't show Chanel opening my packaging materials to get the UPC for the detectives, so you might want to add that in there....or do a little supplement maybe? She did initial the box/bag when it was resealed but just to be safe I thought that should be in the chain of custody for item CS-05. All it says is "TO ECU" and "Stored in E Room" then turned over to me.

Thanks,  
Kate

10. Chief Altomare states "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. "

**Morris' response: Upon review, the Forensics Biology DNA Report showed that Chief Altomare's further forensic examination yielded false and misleading information about the DNA that was reported to the family and the public. POLICE KNEW THERE WOULD BE A PROBLEM WITH THE DNA BEFORE IT WAS TESTED.**

**MPIA shows AACPD knew there was going to be a problem with the DNA before it is tested**

There are no prints.

On Mon, Apr 27, 2015 at 11:34 AM, Richard Alban <p02616@aacounty.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. A

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

--  
Lieutenant Richard Alban

Below is an AACPD statement containing false DNA findings that would have been reported to others including the NAACP, FBI and the OCME. When the OCME is asked about the DNA reporting they state that is not what they do. According to their office the AACPD did the DNA testing and reported it to others

On August 4, 2015, a meeting was conducted with Reverend Tillet in attendance at AACPD Headquarters in Millersville. All of the information described below was discussed with him at this meeting. Including, DNA testing that was performed on the lighter and the grills by AACPD. Katherine's DNA was found on one of the grill's outer packaging and on the lighter.

**AACPD Internal Communication vs Forensics Report**

Good... this helps clear things up...A

On Wed, May 27, 2015 at 3:01 PM, Richard Alban <p02616@aacounty.org> wrote:  
FYI

**THIS IS NOT FOR RELEASE UNTIL CONFIRMED .**

DNA came back on the lighter to be Katherine Morris and also on one of the burned grills.

No other DNA. ← NOT TRUE 2nd DNA Found on Lighter + Passenger Door

Again this MUST be Confirmed before it goes out.

This is just a heads up for future release.

--  
Lieutenant Richard Alban  
Commander, CID Major Crimes Section  
Anne Arundel County Police Department

**Item VV-02 (Swab from int. front passenger door):**  
A mixture of DNA from at least two individuals was obtained from this item. This is a partial mixture (3 out of 22 loci), which may be due to degradation or an insufficient amount of recoverable DNA. Given the limited nature of this mixture, no conclusions can be made regarding this item.



The actual DNA Forensics Biology Report.

Offense Description: DOA  
Laboratory Case Number: AA0122-15  
Complaint Number: 12-716431  
Analyzed By: Emilie Dembia

Report Date: May 27, 2015  
Case Officer: Sgt. Poole #1442  
Attention: BCU Evidence Coordinator  
Agency: Evidence Collection Unit

**DNA Conclusions:**

Item CS-01 (Lighter):

A mixture of DNA from at least two individuals was obtained from this item. This is a partial mixture (16 out of 22 loci), which may be due to degradation or an insufficient amount of recoverable DNA. Katherine Morris cannot be excluded as a possible contributor to this mixture.

A major component can be determined at 7 out of 16 loci. Using Recommendation 4.1 from the 1996 National Research Council report<sup>1</sup>, the frequency in the combined population<sup>2,3,4</sup> of this major component and the known DNA profile of Katherine Morris is approximately 1 in 290 billion unrelated individuals.

Item CS-04 (Bottle of sleep aid medicine):

Three alleles were obtained from this item, which may be due to degradation or an insufficient amount of recoverable DNA. Given the limited number of alleles, no conclusions can be made regarding this item.

Item CS-05 (Packaging for 2 disposable charcoal grills):

One allele was obtained from this item, which may be due to degradation or an insufficient amount of recoverable DNA. Given the limited number of alleles, no conclusions can be made regarding this item.

Item CS-06 (Disposable charcoal grills):

*Grill A:*

A partial DNA profile (19 out of 22 loci) was obtained from this grill, which may be due to degradation or an insufficient amount of recoverable DNA. This partial profile is consistent with the known DNA profile of Katherine Morris.

Using Recommendation 4.1 from the 1996 National Research Council report<sup>1</sup>, the frequency in the combined population<sup>2,3,5</sup> of this partial profile and the known DNA profile of Katherine Morris is approximately 1 in 8.9 quintillion unrelated individuals.

*Grill B:*

No DNA profile was obtained from this grill. This may be due to degradation or an insufficient amount of recoverable DNA. As a result, no conclusions can be made regarding this item.

Item VV-01 (Swab from int. driver door):

A partial DNA profile (4 out of 22 loci) was obtained from this item, which may be due to degradation or an insufficient amount of recoverable DNA. Given the limited nature of this profile, no conclusions can be made regarding this item.

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Item VV-02 (Swab from int. front passenger door):

A mixture of DNA from at least two individuals was obtained from this item. This is a partial mixture (3 out of 22 loci), which may be due to degradation or an insufficient amount of recoverable DNA. Given the limited nature of this mixture, no conclusions can be made regarding this item.

Item VV-03 (Swab from int. rear driver door):

One allele was obtained from this item, which may be due to degradation or an insufficient amount of recoverable DNA. Given the limited number of alleles, no conclusions can be made regarding this item.

Item VV-04 (Swab from int. rear passenger door):

No DNA profile was obtained from this item. This may be due to degradation or an insufficient amount of recoverable DNA. As a result, no conclusions can be made regarding this item.

Item VV-05 (Swab from steering wheel):

Four alleles were obtained from this item, which may be due to degradation or an insufficient amount of recoverable DNA. Given the limited number of alleles, no conclusions can be made regarding this item.

11. **Chief Altomare states "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"

*Morris' response: Chief Altomare is mistaken and seems to be down playing what this was actually about. Perhaps someone reporting to him is misreporting the facts. The following is a more accurate description. THIS IS LONG BUT NECESSARY TO BRING YOU THE FACTS. I requested a copy of the cell phone extractions from Kathy's phone. The AACPD gave me a PDF file of the extractions. Because of what I viewed as a misinformation or false statements about the missing surveillance tape footage I had grown to not trust the AACPD responses. In the interim, a forensics company out of Las Vegas, named Expert Data Forensics selected the Morris case as free project and performed the same data extractions as the AACPD police using the same software as AACPD. Kathy's electronics were flown to Las Vegas and I flew to Las Vegas where the company is based. ABC's 20/20 sent a reporter to Las Vegas to record the findings. With TV cameras rolling a team of individuals started reviewing records. As the two copies were compared there was a block of time missing from the AACPD PDF. It was a block that on the Expert Forensic Data extractions reflected the phone possibly moving and the records possibly showing movement were deleted. **I'M SPEAKING TRUTH TO POWER SO KEEP FOLLOWING ME PLEASE.** The Expert Data Forensics' Company instructed me to go back to the AACPD and request from them the "Raw Data" files used to create the*

**PDF file they had given me. Reason. The PDF file can be manipulated. The Raw Data files cannot. That request was sent to Chief Altomare in July of 2015 who for two years ignored it. In 2017 an MPIA request finally yielded a claim from the AACPD that now, the hard drive containing the "Raw Data" files had crashed and those files were "conveniently unrecoverable.**

The below image is the email sent to Chief Altomare and his staff in 2015 that was not responded to.

Good Evening Chief Altomare,

The following request was received from Expert Data Forensics. Could you please let us know if this data is available.

Thank you

Marguerite Morris  
301-408-8833

Sent from Morey's Device

From: [Eliya Azoulay](#)  
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2015 4:42 PM  
To: [morrisrite@msn.com](mailto:morrisrite@msn.com)

Good afternoon Marguerite.

In our attempt to compare Kathy's cell phone forensic extraction reports from the one produced by Law Enforcement (IMAGE A) a few years back to the report we extracted this year, we see that Law Enforcement DVD does not have all the folders, and subfolders that contain the raw data and logs that feed into the report. We received only the PDF file called Report (see image) what we were hoping to get is the complete forensic extraction -

IMAGE A: Report from Law Enforcement

12. Chief Altomare states "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. "

***Morris' response: In addition, if you review the report and note below, you can see it is not from "a" Digital Forensics Lab", but from their Digital Forensics Lab detectives. More importantly, it cannot definitively state where Kathy's phone was at all times on the night of May 5, 2012. It does not address the GPS location records that were deleted. It only talks about the phone storing locations. This is another manipulated response.***

5/11/2015

Anne Arundel County Mail - Call back to Ms. Morris

at GPS data the 24 hours around day of her daughter's death.

***Below is an internal communication***

Ms Morris said the info from the digital forensic lab is on a thumb drive and she would be willing to allow us to make a copy so we could review. These arrangements will be made direct with Sgt Poole so that our AAPD Digital Forensics Lab folks can oversee the copying of the data.

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**Morris' response: I have not received any report from a "Digital Forensics Lab". What I have received is an AACPD CID Supplemental Report signed by an Officer Poole and Det. Seegers. Therefore that report is one prepared by the AACPD themselves and shown here.**

**In addition, while the report talks about the phone housing records this report does not address nor explain away the GPS extracted files that showed up as deleted from the AACPD's PDF file given to the Morris family. Those files showed Kathy's cell phone possibly away from the Arundel Mills Mall, at times throughout the evening on the night of her death.**

**\*Note 1: This report also contains another documented untruth about what was on the thumb drive provided by Morris. See the third paragraph. The truth is reflected in the photos below.**

**\*\*Note 2 Rev. Morris was given a letter from a cell tower expert that refutes the AACPD statement. See page 23 for the letter.**

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SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

On May 6, 2015 at approximately 10:00 am I met with Ms. Morris and her son in the lobby of CID (Criminal Investigation Division) 41 Community Place, Crownsville, Maryland 21032. This was in reference to an iPhone 3GS, from a suicide case, which was downloaded by Expert Data Forensics, 5071 N. Rainbow Blvd #180, Las Vegas, NV 89130. Ms. Morris handed me a blue in color PNY 16GB thumb drive which contained the digital download from Expert Data Forensics. I explained to Ms. Morris that I was going to make a copy of the information on the thumb drive and would return it as soon as it was completed.

I took the PNY thumb drive and made a copy of the extraction from Expert Data Forensics and place this copy on my forensic computer under case file name: Morris Case#2012-716431. I open the file which was created by Expert Data Forensics and recognized the file was from a Cellebrite Physical Analyzer v4.1.3.14. This is the same forensic device we use in our lab. I am familiar with this device and have performed over five hundred (500) extractions using this device. The copy was completed at approximately 10:39 am and I returned the thumb drive to Ms. Morris in the lobby.

I examined the report generated from Expert Data Forensics as they did not provide the actual files from the Cellebrite extraction. I was asked to look at the Cellebrite report and explain what the location contents are. I check the Contents and Type I observed 'Locations'. This was showing 180253 different locations on this iPhone 3GS which was running iOS version 4.1.

This can be explained as the iPhone is maintaining a database of Wi-Fi and cell tower locations around that iPhone's current location. I was able to verify this information from Apple and provided a excerpt from Apple's website. According to Apple, "The iPhone is not logging your location. Rather, it's maintaining a database of Wi-Fi hotspots and cell towers around your current location, some of which may be located more than one hundred miles away from your iPhone, to help your iPhone rapidly and accurately calculate its location when requested. Calculating a phone's location using just GPS satellite data can take up to several minutes. iPhone can reduce this time to just a few seconds by using Wi-Fi hotspot and cell tower data to quickly find GPS satellites, and even triangulate its location using just Wi-Fi hotspot and cell tower data when GPS is not available (such as indoors or in basements). These calculations are performed live on the iPhone using a crowd-sourced database of Wi-Fi hotspot and cell tower data that is generated by tens of millions of iPhones sending the geo-tagged locations of nearby Wi-Fi hotspots and cell towers in an anonymous and encrypted form to Apple".

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In summary this iPhone was not moving. The data from the location content was being collected by Apple for cell tower location updates. This information is for Apple to use to accurately calculate locations when requested.

Furthermore Ms. Morris has expressed interest in the IP Connections from May 5, 2012. The times from the IP Addresses from Cellebrite are in UTC (Coordinated Universal Time) which is -4 hours from UTC I've attached a conversion chart showing the times from UTC to EST (Eastern Standard Time).

Chart shows Standard and Daylight Savings Time for each zone.  
 "S" = Standard and "D" = Daylight Saving time (CST, CDT)

PST	PDT	MST	MDT	CST	CDT	EST	EDT	UTC
4 p.m.	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	6 p.m.	6 p.m.	7 p.m.	7 p.m.	8 p.m.	00:00
5 p.m.	6 p.m.	6 p.m.	7 p.m.	7 p.m.	8 p.m.	8 p.m.	9 p.m.	01:00
6 p.m.	7 p.m.	7 p.m.	8 p.m.	8 p.m.	9 p.m.	9 p.m.	10 p.m.	02:00
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9 p.m.	10 p.m.	10 p.m.	11 p.m.	11 p.m.	Midnight	Midnight	1 a.m.	05:00
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1 a.m.	2 a.m.	2 a.m.	3 a.m.	3 a.m.	4 a.m.	4 a.m.	5 a.m.	09:00
2 a.m.	3 a.m.	3 a.m.	4 a.m.	4 a.m.	5 a.m.	5 a.m.	6 a.m.	10:00
3 a.m.	4 a.m.	4 a.m.	5 a.m.	5 a.m.	6 a.m.	6 a.m.	7 a.m.	11:00
4 a.m.	5 a.m.	5 a.m.	6 a.m.	6 a.m.	7 a.m.	7 a.m.	8 a.m.	12:00
5 a.m.	6 a.m.	6 a.m.	7 a.m.	7 a.m.	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	9 a.m.	13:00
6 a.m.	7 a.m.	7 a.m.	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	9 a.m.	9 a.m.	10 a.m.	14:00
7 a.m.	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	9 a.m.	9 a.m.	10 a.m.	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	15:00

Case Status: ( ) Open (X) Closed ( ) Arrest ( ) Suspended ( ) Unfounded

Detective J. Seegers #1223

Sergeant J. Poole #1442

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**IN THE REPORT AACPD REFERENCES HOW THE DOWNLOADED GPS SETTINGS DO NOT REFLECT WHERE THE PHONE IS LOCATED.**

**However, in contradiction to what the report says on page 1 and 2, on page 3, THE AACPD REPORT CITES THAT AT A PARTICULAR TIME THE PHONE WAS AT A SPECIFIC LOCATION**

**THAT IS ACCORDING TO THE PHONES INTERNAL GPS DATA. It's right there in black and white. THE REPORT CONTRADICTS IT SELF – SO WHERE DOES THE TRUTH LIE. Are me missing something?**

**Note: In testing random GPS locations at known points of time prior to and following Kathy's death, the phone locations identified were accurate.**

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8 a.m.	9 a.m.	9 a.m.	10 a.m.	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	11 a.m.	Noon	10:00
9 a.m.	10 a.m.	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	11 a.m.	Noon	Noon	1 p.m.	17:00
10 a.m.	11 a.m.	11 a.m.	Noon	Noon	1 p.m.	1 p.m.	2 p.m.	18:00
11 a.m.	Noon	Noon	1 p.m.	1 p.m.	2 p.m.	2 p.m.	3 p.m.	19:00
Noon	1 p.m.	1 p.m.	2 p.m.	2 p.m.	3 p.m.	3 p.m.	4 p.m.	20:00
1 p.m.	2 p.m.	2 p.m.	3 p.m.	3 p.m.	4 p.m.	4 p.m.	5 p.m.	21:00
2 p.m.	3 p.m.	3 p.m.	4 p.m.	4 p.m.	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	6 p.m.	22:00
3 p.m.	4 p.m.	4 p.m.	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	6 p.m.	6 p.m.	7 p.m.	23:00

In the Expert Data Forensics report it shows within the IP Connections an IP address which belongs to 'umd.edu' (University of Maryland) on 5/5/2012 at 6:52:26 PM (UTC) connecting to Katherine Morris' iPhone. This time in Eastern Standard Time (EST) will be 2:52 PM EST. Thus the iPhone was evidently still at/on the campus grounds at said time (2:52 PM EST) and not yet at Arundel Mills Mall.

***Morris' response: I reached out via phone to a Ben Lemere of the Berla Corp (digital forensics) for assistance and for some reason he reported my inquiry back to the AACPD. That communication elicited the following internal comments where the "AACPD officer was calling back the receptionist I spoke with "for the details of the conversation.". But why? Pictured below is the officer's actual statement.***

As a side note our VIP contact Ben Lemere advised Ms. Morris contacted his company (BERLA Corp.) for a download of her daughter's phone because the company in Vegas highly recommended his expertise. I have reached out to the receptionist she spoke to and will get the details of the conversation. Mr. Lemere has not responded to the request yet and is deferring to us for guidance. He has offered any assistance we request.

-Sgt. J. Poole

On Thu, Apr 30, 2015 at 1:32 PM, Herbert Hasenpusch <p02800@aacounty.org> wrote:  
 [Quoted text hidden]  
 [Quoted text hidden]

***Morris writes that just as a side note, in 2015 the message below was sent by from the Interim Chief of Police to the head of their Criminal Investigation Division (Alban)***

Herbert Hasenpusch <hhasenpusch@aacounty.org>  
 To: Richard Alban <p02616@aacounty.org>

Mon, Mar 23, 2015 at 3:13 PM

After the review if there is nothing... I am okay with releasing anything and everything we would normally release on a suicide case... Might help with closure on the families end...

Also, be aware that FOIA and PIA requests may include our email correspondence at some point...

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[Quoted text hidden]

To illustrate the untruth contained in the report on page 20 see below.

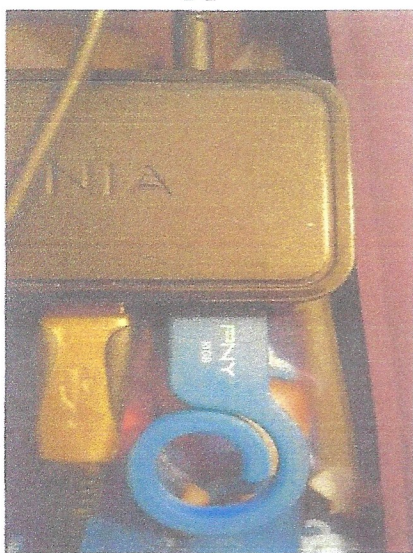
The AACPD officer states:

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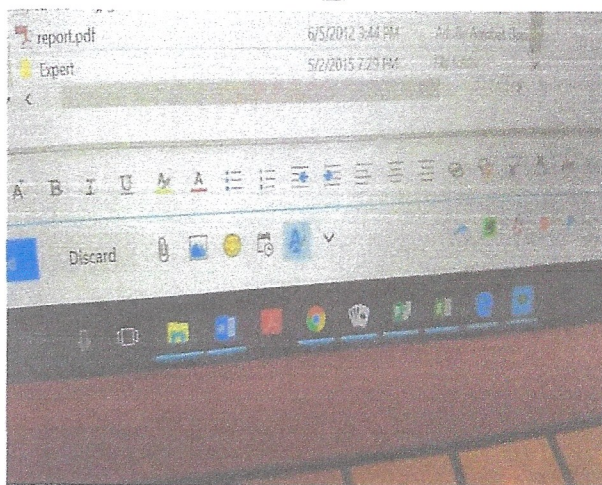
The truth reported by Morris is the following:

Pictured is actual thumb drive given to AACPD on May 6, 2015 to compare their Cellebrite extractions to the extractions completed by Expert Data Forensics and to explain the GPS discrepancies. Pictured in A is actual blue thumb drive. In Picture B is PDF file titled "report" and is the file extraction created by Anne Arundel County Police themselves. Picture C is enhanced picture of PDF showing May 4 was the date it was created on the thumb drive provided to AACPD. Detailed in picture D are the files created by Expert Data Forensics in their entirety. This clearly shows more than a PDF file was provided to AACPD on May 6, 2015 .

A

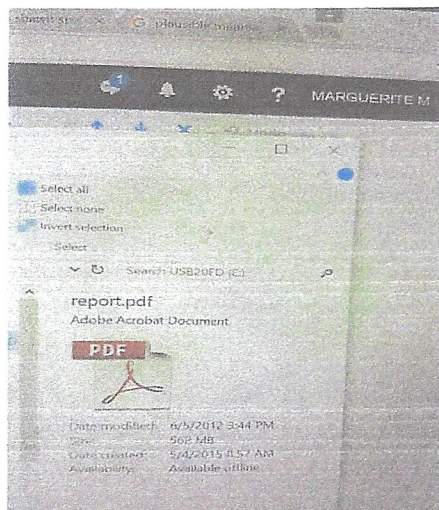


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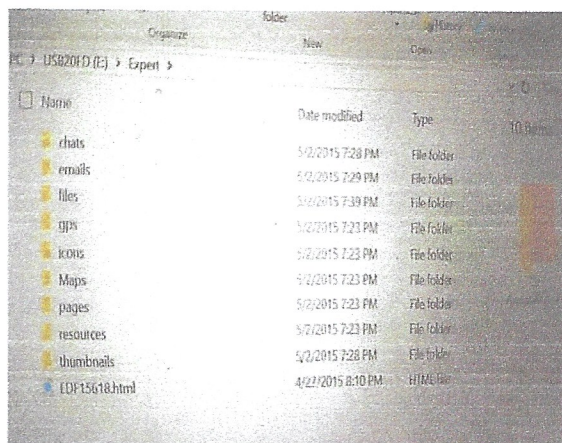


Actual PNY  
Thumb Drive

C



D



The Morris family team consist of a certified cell tower expert based out of Virginia who submitted the following 2 page letter



LABOR 86

To Whom it May Concern,

I was first contacted by Marguerite Morris in October, 2016 and agreed to join the Morris' team of experts by offering pro-bono services as a digital forensic and cell site analysis expert. Over the past 17 months several questions were posed to me. The main incident under investigation was in reference to the death investigation of Katherine Sarah Morris who died May 6, 2012 and the associated cell phone data extractions.

Originally, my assistance was to compare the mobile forensic data extraction of the Expert Data Forensics (EDF) GPS records stored on the AT&T iPhone 3GS belonging to Katherine Morris with those of the AACPD extracted GPS records which allegedly showed a block of missing files. The file extractions done by EDF were done on several occasions with the most recent Cellebrite software versions available at the time of the extractions. It was believed that the EDF files showed the victims cellphone moving when according to the AACPD it was stationary. Questions were also asked about UTC time.

#### **Background**

In May of 2017 using the most recent version of Cellebrite, a copy was provided directly to me for my opinion/confirmation of movement or lack thereof, from an expert in cell site location analysis.

A new set of extractions were sent to me on an 128Gig Flash Drive onto which they had dumped the UFED data. This flash drive was shipped directly to me from Eliya Azoulay-Mare, Director of Operations for Expert Data Forensics.

Prior chain of custody challenges were considered in reference to the phone and IPOD with Ms. Morris stating that the items were maintained with the packaging seals unbroken from when Expert Data Forensics had sealed them. This was following their original extractions and were also kept in a tamper proof fire proof safe.

The main files of interest were the EDF extractions records that showed potential movement on May 5th and/or 6th, 2012 because GPS road coordinates were showing locations that appeared to be several miles away, but occurring when the victim's body and phone were believed to be stationary.

The question was posed, would or could UTC time effect the extractions, and did they?

My response was that the UTC time would not affect the data in the extraction. UTC time is used mainly for uniformity when analyzing the data, especially on mobile devices because they can easily be switched from time zone to time zone. For example, if a file was created at 04:00

a.m. UTC, the local Eastern time stamp would be midnight during Daylight Savings Time and 11:00 PM the day prior during Daylight Standard Time.

Marguerite Morris found a video file within the extraction data created at approx. 11:18 p.m. on May 5, 2012. A further question was posed, how was the video created or played? Did it come from some sort of automated process or if someone actually physically downloaded and played it?

The best explanation I could provide for the creation of the video on the phone was that someone used the phone on/around that date and time and it was downloaded onto the phone. It may have just been viewed and automatically downloaded, but either way, it indicated some kind of use.

In my opinion, the conclusion that the phone wasn't moving is based upon partial evidence. To accurately make this conclusion, one would have had to compare the data on the phone with the cell site data from the cellular provider. Another very simple way to tell if the phone was moving is to look at the cellular provider records and see if the phone was connecting to multiple cell sites and/or sectors around the time of the incident. However, I don't know if the AACPD obtained this data. If they didn't, it's long since been purged from the AT&T servers and likely no longer available. Since these records were not requested and/or preserved there is no way to definitively determine the location of the phone on the night in question.

Sincerely,

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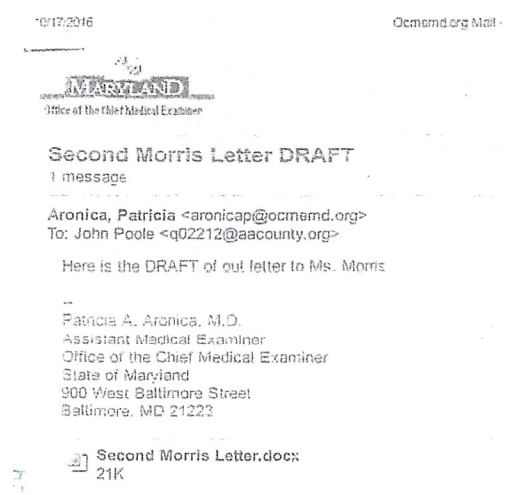
13. **Chief Altomare states “Summer 2015:** Again because of Reverend Morris’ concerns, Dr. Aronica-Pollack of the OCME conducted in depth research into carbon monoxide deaths. She researched 204 CO2 deaths. 20 of these cases were suicides with charcoal grills and 13 of these were in a car. Reverend 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.”



**Morris' response: The OCME is an entity that relies on the input of the police department. They do not do DNA testing, they do not review video tapes, they do not collect and test evidence at the scene, nor do they investigate the circumstances around a victim's death.**

**Yet the AACPD want to tout the OCME involvement just like the alleged involvement of the FBI to debase Morris' support. The letter they reference from Dr. Pollack is a shame and an embarrassment to the OCME. Our evidence shows that it was co-authored with the AACPD, cut and pasted on OCME letter head, and then signed by Dr. Fowler. The OCME did not do an independent investigation. An MPIA responsive document shows planned collaboration between the two agencies as they prepared to meet with Rev Steve Tillett of the NAACP**



**ALSO IN THIS SAME LETTER THE OCME REPORT FALSE DNA FINDINGS TO THE MORRIS FAMILY WHICH THE AACPD KNEW. Released MPIA info. shows that the letter containing the response to the Morris family contained false DNA findings and was reviewed by the AACPD on at least two separate occasions before being released to the Morris family and the public. KATHY'S DNA IS NOT ON THE GRILL PACKAGING. DNA FROM THE LIGHTER IS FROM TWO DIFFERENT INDIVIDUALS. YET THEY REPEATEDLY REFERENCE THIS LETTER THAT CONTAINS FALSE DNA FINDINGS AS VALIDATION AND CONFIRMATION OF AN ERRONEOUS SUICIDE RULING. THE OCME ONLY SEES THE REPORTS PRESENTED TO THEM BY THE AACPD.**

The Office of Chief Medical Examiner for the state of MD issued a letter to the family stating

**"Katherine's DNA was found on one of the grill's outer packaging and on the lighter**

**The Forensic Biology Report Results say**

DNA Conclusions:

Item CS-01 (Lighter):  
A mixture of DNA from at least two individuals was obtained from this item. This is a partial mixture (16 out of 22 loci), which may be due to degradation or an insufficient amount of recoverable DNA. Katherine Morris cannot be excluded as a possible contributor to this mixture.

Item CS-05 (Packaging for 2 disposable charcoal grills):  
One allele was obtained from this item, which may be due to degradation or an insufficient amount of recoverable DNA. Given the limited number of alleles, no conclusions can be made regarding this item.

*In addition, the claim that DR. Aronica reexamined the position of Kathy's body is questionable. The OCME office states that they have released all communications and records. There is not a single notation of any such review by Dr. Aronica. Yet, what Chief Altomare is stating is that the Medical Examiner Dr. Aronica has reviewed the following photos and on the record finds them consistent with suicide. Therefore, Katherine Morris after having allegedly ingested 8 sleeping pills and falling into a comatose state after inhaling carbon monoxide from charcoal grills would have fallen naturally in the position shown. The burns to her body are post-mortem which means she naturally moved on top of the grills after she died. Turned her arm in the awkward position and buried her own face down into the well of the door. THIS IS THE POSITION OF THE BODY BEFORE EMERGENCY PERSONELL ARRIVED UNLESS THERE IS SOMETHING SOMEONE FORGOT TO TELL US.*

*It also means that she would have laid on top of her purse that is showing to include a water bottle that is on the same seat.*

Death scene photo of victims body Exhibit #153 showing arm in unnatural position



14. Chief Altomare states "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. "

*Morris' response: False and misleading, and is a clear manipulation in reporting. What do they mean by "DNA testing results that were sufficient for comparison all matched Katherine's DNA." See the enclosed DNA Forensic Biology Report on pages 17 and 18.*

*Note: The report shows that there were also DNA hits from at least one other person that were found at the scene, with no documented attempts to identify it.*

15. Chief Altomare states “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.”

***Morris’ response: REPEATEDLY THE AACPD MISLEAD INDIVIDUALS BY STATING THAT THE FBI HAD INVESTIGATED THE DEATH OF KATHERINE SARAH MORRIS. When in fact the FBI office only reviewed the AACPD’s case file with already documented misinformation, manipulated information, and where key facts that might have brought into question the erroneous suicide ruling were suppressed.***

*In addition, research shows that other than the 2015 meeting with OCME, the M.E. appeared to have pulled her data primarily from archived annual OCME reports and a review of those numbers showed exaggerated numerical results. It does not appear there was any exhaustive work done. I have done at least three separate MPIA request to the OCME none of which have yielded anything that reflects any extra effort or support to the AACPD allegations.*



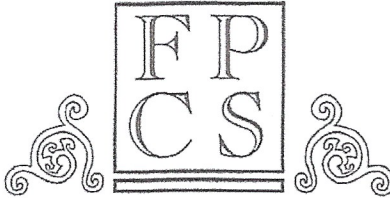
*However in one released document there is a notation that the M.E attempted to get the Maryland State police to examine evidence and when they refused to do so without following proper protocol, Dr. Aronica had someone that worked in her office, that happened to know something about phones, but who “was not classified as an expert in the field” give an opinion.*

16. Chief Altomare states “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.”

***Morris response: The FBI office and this “Retired City Homicide Detective/Sergeant” reviewed only the AACPD’s case file with already documented misinformation, manipulated information, and where key facts that might have brought into question the erroneous suicide ruling have been continuously suppressed.***

*Thank you, Rev. Marguerite R. Morris*

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Opinion from  
Forensic  
Pathologist



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June 7, 2019

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Re: Decedent: Katherine Sarah Morris, Case Number: #12-3499

Dear Dr. Fowler and Dr. Aronica-Pollak:

Hello, Dr. Fowler and Dr. Aronica Pollak. Marguerite Morris has requested that I review documents pertaining to the death of her daughter, Katherine Morris.

The death appears quite consistent with suicide. I do not have any issues regarding the body of your excellent report. However, it is my understanding that there are some suspicious circumstances regarding Katherine Morris's death that were not investigated by the police.

The decedent wed a military man (Goodwin) nine months prior to her death. The military provides \$100,000 life insurance on military spouses. Reportedly, the new husband had a long-time mistress (King – also in the military) whom he was seeing for a total of three years prior to and during his marriage to Katherine Morris. Prior to his marriage to Morris, Goodwin had been convicted of misappropriation of government funds. Beginning in July of 2011, approximately \$550 was being garnished from Goodwin's wages per month as a consequence of his crime. Goodwin married Morris the following month, August 2011. After Goodwin wed Morris, the military paid \$600 to \$700 in spousal benefits per month; which Goodwin kept for himself and hid from his wife Morris.

In January of 2012, Morris became aware that Goodwin was receiving and keeping for himself the spousal benefits being paid by the military on her behalf, which she reported to the military. The military ordered Goodwin to provide her with the money every month. Her first almost full allotment of the monthly benefits began on May 1, 2012 (five days prior to death).

In March of 2012, Morris became aware of Goodwin's affair with King. King, in conjunction with her best friend Damaris Brown who has a bachelor's degree in forensic science, used aliases to attempt to contact Morris on May 2, 2012 through email and phone. Morris called them back, but the content of her conversation with King and Brown is unknown.

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On May 4, 2012 (one day prior to her death), Morris threatened to expose Goodwin and King's affair to the military, which would result in both Goodwin and Brown being dishonorably discharged from the military. (Note: Adultery is reportedly a crime in the military that can lead to dishonorable discharge.)

After Morris was found dead, the military rounded up King and Brown and then Goodwin (who returned from Afghanistan after Morris's death). The military awaited directions from the police department. The police informed the military that they didn't need anything with the three individuals and they were released. Brown provided a written statement but no investigation into King, Goodwin, or Brown was reportedly performed. They were not questioned by the police, nor was there any investigation into their alibis/whereabouts, nor searches performed of their computers, phones, purchases, communications, etc.

After Morris's death, King was ordered to have no contact with Goodwin. However, King contacted Goodwin over 60 times during the 30 days after Morris's death. The contents of these communications is unknown.

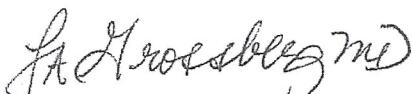
Goodwin later received a life insurance pay-out of \$100,000 for Morris's death.

As I stated previously, the autopsy and scene findings are certainly consistent with suicide. However, homicides can be disguised as suicides. There was a toxic level of diphenhydramine in the decedent's blood which may have induced sleep. There is additionally no financial trail that Morris purchased the diphenhydramine or the charcoal grills. It is my opinion that unless Goodwin, King and Brown are fully investigated, the manner of death in this case should be classified as "Undetermined."

Goodwin had a prior criminal history of misappropriation of government funds and was being forced to pay money to the government monthly. Goodwin had a long-term relationship with King prior to and during his marriage to Morris and stood to benefit financially by marrying a non-military spouse. By marrying Morris, Goodwin received a \$100,000 life insurance policy on his spouse and \$600 to \$700 a month in benefits, which he was hiding and stealing from Morris and that offset the \$550 that was being garnished from his wages. When Morris discovered that Goodwin was taking her benefits, the military ordered Goodwin to pay her. She received her first almost full allotment of funds only several days prior to death. Operating under aliases, King and Brown were contacting Morris a few days prior to her death. One day prior to her death, Morris threatened to expose Goodwin and King's affair which would result in both of them being dishonorably discharged from the military. Additionally, Goodwin stood to gain (and did gain) \$100,000 from Morris's death.

It is my opinion that the lack of any investigation into Goodwin, King, and Brown is a missing piece of the puzzle that, without which, one cannot rule this case a "Suicide," no matter how compelling the scene and autopsy findings may be. It is my opinion that the manner of death in this case should be classified as "Undetermined" until a full investigation into the three individuals is performed.

Sincerely,



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