

April 16, 2014

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The Texas Attorney General's Office
300 W. 15th Street
Austin, Texas 78701



Re: Janice Lee Willhelm
Address: 7225 FM 1119
Centerville, TX 75833
Injury: Fatality (12/08/2010)
DOB: 07/20/1947

Dear Ms. McFarland,

On or about the 04/02/2014 I was contacted by Jennifer and Wayne Farmer. They wanted me to look into the death of their mother on December 08, 2010. They had photos from the scene of the death as well as photos from the Sheriff's Office, police reports, a copy of their mother's will and various other related items. After interviewing both of them, and reviewing the documents provided, I have found the following.

1. The photos of the scene were of the body of Janice Lee Willhelm. She was sitting in a recliner and there was what appeared to be a contact gunshot wound to her neck.
2. Other photos of the scene showed the location of the alleged weapon that was used. Another photo showed the empty 45 cal. casing on the floor behind the couch, and the weapon lying on the floor about eight feet to the right of the deceased.
3. Other photos were of the Ms. Willhelm's hands. Her left hand was partially covered with a blanket and the close-up photo did not reveal any blood splatter or blow-back typically found with a full contact wound.
4. The medical examiner's report stated that Ms. Willhelm had been shot from left to right, front to back, with a downward angle of the projectile, a position which is not common with a suicide by firearm. The M.E. report indicated that there was a suicide note, also reported to me by the M.E. on the phone. The M.E. stated several times that she had relied on the Sheriff's report that the victim had left a suicide note and had been talking to others about ending her life. However, upon further investigation we discovered that there was no suicide note and the only person that the victim was alleged to have talked to about ending her life was her husband, Gerald Willhelm.
5. We were also provided with a copy of a 911 call made to the Leon County Sheriff's Office on the day of the shooting. On this tape, Mr. Willhelm spontaneously volunteered to the operator that he had not moved his wife, nor had he touched anything around her.
6. Ms. Willhelm's will was given to Wendy Carlson, a handwriting expert from Denver, Colorado, for the person mostly likely to have made the signature was Mr. Wilhelm himself." This information was provided to the District Attorney, Whitney Smith. During our conversation with Mr. Smith, he stated that he was a lifelong friend of Mr. Willhelm and that he and Mr. Willhelm were also business partners. He was quite shaken when he heard the news about the will and its invalidity.
7. We have contacted other medical examiners to evaluate the evidence of Ms. Willhelm's alleged suicide. Dr. Shaker from Alabama is a medical examiner that specializes in bullet wounds. His initial evaluation was the death was not a suicide and that that type of wound not typical of a suicide. The second examiner, Dr. Michael Liescu, from Chandler Arizona, also felt that the gunshot wound and

crime scene photographs did not appear to be that of a typical suicide. The cause of death was from a gunshot wound to the neck, but it would be characterized as from unknown person. We are currently awaiting a third evaluation.

8. Today we attended a meeting with the Medical Examiner from Dallas, Texas. During that meeting she again stated that she decided to label the death as a suicide based on the information she received from the Leon County Sheriff's office. When I informed her that, in my many years in law enforcement that I had never seen or even heard of a gunshot wound to the neck as is found in this case, she said she has never seen one either, but because of what information she received from the sheriff's office, she made the decision to call the death a suicide.

As referenced earlier, during our investigation, we learned that the District Attorney is a personal friend of Mr. Willhelm, as well as a business partner. This close association creates a conflict of interest, and as a result we are requesting that the Attorney General's office review this case. When talking with the sheriff's office, we also found that no GSR was performed on the husband and he alone was present during the shooting. The weapon was never printed, nor was the empty casing. In addition the weapon found next to the couch was never compared to the bullet which killed Ms. Willhelm.

I have also spoken with Texas Ranger Delagarza, who is the designated ranger for this portion of the state. During this conversation Ranger Delagarza said that, although he did know of the case, he had had some concerns and several questions about the case. However, he also stated that he was working on several other matters of greater importance, and that this case was not a priority, but that when he had the time he would be working on the case further.

During my subsequent conversation with the sheriff's office, and when speaking with their investigators (Detective Victor Smith, Detective Brent Walters, and Evidence Technician Larry Keith) we found several inconsistencies with the investigation, and do question the manner in which this investigation was conducted. We are also concerned about the lack of cooperation we have received from the Sheriff's office.

To date the Sheriff's Office has refused to provide us with any physical evidence that supports the determination by the Sheriff's Office that Mr. Willhelm did not shoot his wife, and indeed as far as we have been able to determine, no research or investigation was performed in relationship to this issue. The alleged weapon was not printed, and Mr. Willhelm's hands were not tested for no gunshot residue. Indeed, the Sheriff's Office seems to have accepted Mr. Willhelm's statements at face value and failed to conduct even the most cursory investigation into the possibility that Ms. Willhelm's death was not a suicide.

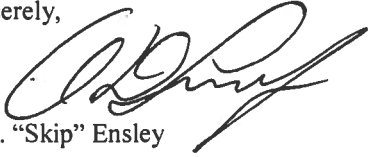
In addition to the death of Ms. Willhelm, we have discovered that, in 2000, Morris Robeson, Ms. Willhelm's father, was discovered dead of a gunshot wound to the back of his head - in the same home in which Ms. Willhelm died. Mr. Willhelm was reported to have been in the area at the time of this shooting. The weapon used was a 6" revolver, and how one could accomplish such a feat is more than I can imagine and nothing that I have ever seen in my years as an investigator. In spite of the unusual circumstances of Mr. Robeson's death, no autopsy was performed. Mr. Robeson's will left his substantial property interests to his daughter, Ms. Willhelm, and her brother.

Further, according to the daughter of Mr. Willhelm's first wife, when her mother had a stroke Mr. Willhelm was her caregiver. He was described as a very unwilling participant, an abusive and uncaring person to his ill wife. We also learned that, while Mr. Willhelm's first wife was in the hospital, Mr. Willhelm obtained some \$200,000.00 from her bank accounts and within a few days filed for divorce. He was later ordered to repay his first wife the funds that he took from her.

These deaths form a disturbing pattern that warrant further investigation. However, it is clear that the law enforcement agencies in Leon County have no interest in performing a proper investigation into Janice Willhelm's death, let alone the death of her father and Ms. Willhelm's predecessor. Our requests for information to aid in our own investigation have been ignored, as have our questions regarding the inconsistencies between the evidence in this case and the conclusions which these agencies have drawn from them. As a result, we are asking that the Texas Attorney General's office undertake a thorough evaluation of the evidence surrounding Ms. Wilhelm's death.

Thank you for your assistance,

Sincerely,



A.D. "Skip" Ensley

cc: Jennifer Davis and Wayne Farmer
Leon County District Attorney's Office
Leon County Sheriff's Department
Leon County Justice of the Peace
Texas Ranger Delagarza