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Re: [REDACTED]

Dear ADA Pisano:


As you may be aware, this law firm has been retained by the [REDACTED] family to assist and advise them in connection with the criminal investigation of Timothy Symington. The [REDACTED] family has asked me to contact you to provide some additional information relative to the investigation of Mr. Symington and, specifically, to point out some inconsistencies in the earlier investigation and statements made by Detective Jennifer Sattler.

[REDACTED] has advised that you indicated that Detective Sattler created a report following her interviews with [REDACTED] which took place several years ago. She further advised that you would not prosecute Mr. Symington in the event there were inconsistencies between Detective Sattler's report and [REDACTED] statement, which he gave on Friday, January 10, 2014. ←

Your indication that Detective Sattler created a report was the very first time that the [REDACTED] family was informed that this report exists. In fact, Detective Sattler previously told the [REDACTED] family that her interviews with [REDACTED] would not be recorded and that, in any event, neither [REDACTED] would speak to her during the interviews. Detective Sattler went so far as to testify to this in court during the 2007 trial in the custody case. Detective Sattler never referenced a report during her testimony nor was one introduced into evidence. ←

In addition to their concerns regarding the existence of a report, which was never previously disclosed to them, the [REDACTED] family has also expressed grave concerns regarding Detective Sattler's impartiality. The [REDACTED] family has learned, and even seen firsthand, that Detective Sattler has a relationship with members of the Symington family, including Mr. Symington himself. We are prepared to provide more detail, if ←

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necessary, to persuade you that the Symington family used their friendship with Detective Sattler to manipulate the investigation and avoid prosecution. This is especially important given Detective Sattler's role in investigating this case on behalf of the Holyoke Police Department, as well as her role in the reversal of the DSS's original findings of supported allegations of neglect and sexual abuse. 

Although it has been a tough road for the [REDACTED] family, they are relieved to finally be involved in the comprehensive investigation being conducted by you and the detectives in the Northampton and Easthampton police departments. On behalf of the [REDACTED] family, I thank you for taking the time to investigate the allegations against Mr. Symington.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss this matter in greater detail.

Very truly yours,


Tracy L. Montalbano

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