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Re: Charles Goldblum

Dear Mr. Goldblum:

On average, the Allegheny County Coroner's Office generates approximately 7,000 files each year on cases, which are required to be reported to us. Since the time I returned to office in 1996, I would estimate that nearly 65, 000 case files have been generated without any others having been reported missing.

It should be noted that another case file involving a high-profile matter was also found to be missing at the same time as the George Wilhelm file - that of Judith Barrett, who had committed suicide in the Borough of Brentwood after a long relationship with Sgt. John Vojtas. Litigation commenced on behalf of your family revealed that both the Wilhelm file and the Barrett file had been bound together for some reason that has yet to be completely explained or fully comprehended.

I do not believe, for one moment, that the missing files werehappenstance. Nor do I believe that you need a statistical analysis to prove your theory. Ouite simply, both files were stolen from this office for purposes known only to the thief, but most likely to prevent my administration or any other person or agency from scrutinizing any misconduct, which had most likely occurred in these cases. The odds of this scenario being accidental are infinitesimal.

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We have, in the past, accommodated numerous investigators who were looking into both the Wilhelm matter and the Barrett matter. We would certainly extend the same courtesies to any additional experts or representatives you plan on retaining to assist you.

Please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience should you need further assistance or information.

With best regards.

Very truly yours,

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