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Mr. Don K. Clark  
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Re: Death of Vickie Lynn Hogan Marshall a/k/a Anna Nicole Smith

Dear Mr. Clark:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 23, 2007, and our follow-up telephone conferences this week with a representative of your firm. The undersigned prosecutor has been assigned to handle this matter. Your request is within the scope of our jurisdiction, as the death of Vickie Lynn Hogan Marshall a/k/a Anna Nicole Smith occurred in Broward County, which comprises the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit of Florida. Were her death to be determined a homicide involving criminal agency in contravention of the laws of the State of Florida, this Office would have authority to prosecute the case.

Note that based upon extensive analyses, the Broward County Medical Examiner, Dr. Joshua A. Perper, M.D., has classified the manner of Anna Nicole Smith's death as accidental. Pursuant to Section 406.11(1) of the Florida Statutes, "the medical examiner of the district in which the death occurred or the body was found shall determine the cause of death and shall, for that purpose, make or have performed such examinations, investigations, and autopsies as he or she shall deem necessary or as shall be requested by the state attorney" under such specified circumstances as would include this case. Accordingly, it is imperative that the Medical Examiner be included in the presentation of any newly discovered evidence.

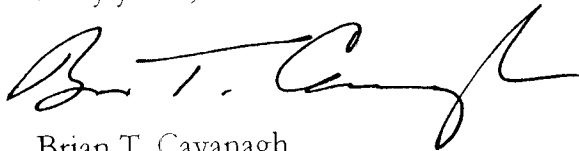
If any legitimate evidence of probative value exists as to some articulable criminal agency in the death, it properly should be made known not only to this Office but to the Medical Examiner. Kindly apprise us, with requisite particularity, the nature of any relevant evidence you possess that supports your "claim of possible foul play."

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After appropriate examination of the quality of such potential evidence, a formal meeting might thereafter be scheduled with the undersigned prosecutor in attendance at the Medical Examiner's Office, at which the merits of your presentation might be explored.

Thank you for your assiduous attention to this matter.

Truly yours,



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