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Mary Jane Duchene  
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**RE: Death of Jane D. Dechene, 11/19/86**

Dear Ms. Dechene:

I write having reviewed the packet of materials you sent me at the suggestion of Dr. Satterfield.

First, (you already may know this) an action seeking civil damages for the wrongful death of your mother cannot be brought at this time (the statute of limitations having run in 1988).

Second, Dr. Plunkett has an excellent reputation; although his brother (former judge) and nephew have recently been the subject of an investigation by the State Attorney General relating to their manipulation of a trust and benefiting from same.

Third, the statute of limitations on a homicide does not run; however, proving "murder" is not something that can be done by a private attorney.

The State Attorney General's Office has the jurisdiction to step in and investigate and prosecute a murder if the local county attorney is not doing so. The fact that Mike Hatch will be the Attorney General starting in January is probably helpful to your request insofar as he has had extensive amount of experience dealing with health providers who wrongfully withhold needed medications (similar to the reduction of insulin regarding your mother and the failure to restore the dosage to a therapeutic level before her death.

Accordingly, I am returning back to you the materials you have sent me in order that you may forward same to the Attorney General when he is in office in January.

Very truly yours,



Marc G. Kurzman

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Enclosure  
cc: Sharon Satterfield