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April 18, 2022

Jennie Bonner

Via OPRA Machine: opra+request-30854-b487d4a4@requests.opramachine.com

Re: Open Public Records Act (OPRA) Request
OCPO Case# 210600299

Dear Ms. Bonner:

Enclosed please find the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office Investigation report pursuant to your request made under the New Jersey Open Public Records Act (OPRA). Redactions of personal identifying information have been made pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1 et seq.

You may wish to direct your request for any autopsy reports directly to the Ocean County Medical Examiner's Office, as autopsy reports are exempt from disclosure under OPRA, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 732-929-2027, x3135.

Yours very truly,

Dina R. Khajezadeh

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Assistant Prosecutor

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Enclosures

Carey, Erin

From: Khajezadeh, Dina
Sent: Friday, April 8, 2022 9:35 AM
To: Carey, Erin
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] OPRA request - Requesting Final Death Report including Death Cert, Toxicology and Autopsy Report

Categories: IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

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Dear Ocean County Prosecutor's Office,

This is a request for public records made under OPRA and the common law right of access. I am not required to fill out an official form. Please acknowledge receipt of this message.

Records requested: Megan Campana Final Death Report Deceased DOB: November 11, 1978 My name is Jennie Bonner and the deceased was my sister-in-law.

Yours faithfully,
Jennie Bonner

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1. Unit MAJOR CRIME UNIT	2. Unit File # 210600299	3. Promis Gavel # N.A	
4. Case Agency(s) OCEAN COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OCEAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE / CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATIONS OCEAN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT OCEAN COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE			
5. Crime DEATH	6. N.J.S. N/A	7. Date 06/04/2021	8. Time 01:53 PM
9. Location of Crime 1). Incident date & Time: (06/02/2021 01:34 PM -); Address: 397 ROUTE 9 OCEAN TOWNSHIP, NJ 08758;			
10. Person Reporting Incident / Crime: 1). DET. J SAMUEL Address: OCEAN TWP. POLICE DEPT., 50 RAILROAD AVENUE WARETOWN, NJ 08758 ;			
11. Suspect(s) N/A	12. Person Info(s): N/A	13. Address(s): N/A	
14. Victim(s): 1). CAMPANA, MEGAN M	15. Person Info(s): 1). SSN: [REDACTED]; DOB: 11/11/1978; SEX: FEMALE; RACE: CAUCASIAN;	16. Address(s): 1). 324 SUMNER AVENUE; REAR APT. SEASIDE HEIGHTS, NJ 08751-0000	
17. Stolen / Missing Property: N/A		18. Weapon Used: N/A	
19. Accused Employer N/A	20. Employer Address N/A	21. Employer Town N/A	22. Employer State N/A

NARRATIVE

SYNOPSIS

The following report will detail the undersigned's actions in reference to the investigation into the death of Megan Campana.

On Friday, June 4, 2021, Ocean Township Police responded to the area of the Barnegat Branch Trail near Country Line Road following a 9-1-1 call placed at 1334 hours by Nathaniel Porter in reference to discovering an unresponsive female in the woods. Upon arrival, Porter directed police to the wooded area west of the trail behind St. Stephen's Church. Police observed an unclothed unconscious female with maggots and flies on the face and vaginal area near an apparent campsite in the woods. The female was pronounced dead at 1530 hours by Dr. Klebacher of the Ocean County Medical Examiner's Office.

The female was later identified as Megan Campana.

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NOTIFICATION

On Friday, June 4, 2021, at approximately 1357 hours, the undersigned and members of the Ocean County Prosecutors Office Major Crime Unit, Homicide Squad, were requested to respond to the area of the Barnegat Branch Trail near Country Line Road in Ocean Township to assist with a death investigation. Upon arrival, the undersigned was met by Detective Jeremy Samuel of the Ocean Township Police Department. Also on scene were members of the Ocean County Sheriff's Office,



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Crime Scene Investigations Unit, and Dr. Klebacher of the Ocean County Medical Examiner's office.

Detective Samuel advised the undersigned of the known facts at that time. Detective Samuel related that on Friday, June 4, 2021, Ocean Township Police responded to the area of the Barnegat Branch Trail near Country Line Road following a 9-1-1 call placed at 1334 hours by Nathaniel Porter in reference to discovering an unresponsive female in the woods. Upon arrival, Porter directed police to the wooded area west of the trail behind St. Stephen's Church. Police observed an unclothed unconscious female with maggots and flies on the face and vaginal area near an apparent campsite in the woods.

The unresponsive female was tentatively identified as Megan Campana. Positive identification was unable to be made due to decomposition. The female was pronounced dead at 1530 Hours by Dr. Klebacher of the Ocean County Medical Examiner's Office.

OBSERVATIONS AT THE SCENE

The undersigned was directed into the wooded area off of the Barnegat Branch Trail. Approximately two-hundred (200) feet into the wooded area the undersigned observed what appeared to be an old campsite. Just west of the campsite the undersigned observed the decedent. The decedent was observed to be unclothed and in the supine position. The decedent was in decomposition and maggots were present on the face and vaginal area.

EVIDENCE COLLECTION / CSI

The scene was processed and photographed as it appeared upon law enforcement arrival by members of the Ocean County Sheriff's Office, Crime Scene Investigations Unit. A search of the area was conducted pursuant to consent granted by Christopher Fix. All items deemed to be of evidentiary value were logged and collected by CSI.

The decedent was placed in a body containment bag which was sealed at 1756 hours. Members of Oliverie Funeral Home responded to the scene and transported the body of the decedent to Community Medical Center where a postmortem examination was conducted.

(Refer to CSI reports for details.)

TAPED STATEMENT OF NATHANIEL PORTER

The undersigned and Detective Jeremy Samuel, of the Ocean Township Police Department, conducted the taped statement of Porter at Ocean Township Police Headquarters.

In short, Porter advised the following. Porter was walking on the Barnegat Branch Trail smoking marijuana. He veered right, off of the main trail, down a secondary trail into the woods. While walking, Porter observed a campsite that was unattended. Porter continued westbound on the trail and discovered a second unattended campsite. At the second site, he observed the body of a deceased female. Porter subsequently called 9-1-1 and walked back toward the trail. While walking toward the main trail, Porter again passed the initial campsite,



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which was then occupied by a male with grayish/black hair.

Upon arrival back at the trail, Porter waited for police arrival. Additionally, Porter advised that he has been in that area before and has observed a male, whom he believes to be the same individual, at the campsite where the deceased female was discovered.

NATHANIEL PORTER

DOB: 11/02/1997

SSN: [REDACTED]

Address: 15 Chapel Street, Ocean Township, NJ 08758

Phone: [REDACTED]

TAPED STATEMENT OF CHRISTOPHER FIX

The undersigned and Detective Samuel then conducted the taped statement of Christopher Fix at Ocean Township Police Headquarters.

The undersigned read Fix his Miranda Rights to which he acknowledged he understood and subsequently waived, indicating that he was willing to speak with us without an attorney present.

In short, Fix related the following. Fix is in a dating relationship with Campana and the two have a child in common. Campana has been staying with Fix at his campsite off of the Barnegat Trail since May 15. Fix last saw Campana over a week ago, in the tent, just prior to him being admitted to the hospital due to drinking. When he returned home from the hospital Campana was gone. Fix has since burned said tent due to deterioration. Shortly thereafter, Fix decided to move his campsite closer to the Barnegat Trail. Approximately two days prior, Fix was taken to the hospital for intoxication.

Fix advised that over the last two days, he has been moving belongings from his old campsite to the new campsite, but did not see the decedent's body. Fix subsequently consented to the search of his cell phone as well as both campsites.

CHRISTOPHER FIX

DOB: 08/06/1971

SSN: [REDACTED]

Address: Unknown

Phone: Unknown

POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION

On Saturday, June 5, 2021, a postmortem examination was conducted on the body of the decedent. The examination, which took place at Community Medical Center Hospital, was conducted by Dr. Dante Ragasa of the Ocean County Medical Examiner's Office. Dr. Ragasa noted no trauma to the decedent. Dr. Ragasa further advised that the decedent had Alcoholic Liver Disease. There were no other medical issues. Dr. Ragasa determined the cause of death of Megan Campana to be **SEVERE HEPATIC STEATOSIS** and the manner of death to be **NATURAL** further studies.

In addition, members of CSI were able to positively identify the decedent as



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Megan Campana.

PHONE CALL WITH MARILYN BONNER

On Monday, June 7, 2021, the undersigned spoke with the decedent's mother, Marilyn Bonner. Mrs. Bonner related that the decedent has suffered from alcoholism since she was approximately nineteen (19) years old. She also advised that the decedent is bipolar and has attempted suicide in the past.

In addition, Mrs. Bonner was unable to identify the cell phone recovered on scene as belonging to the decedent.

MARILYN BONNER

DOB: 8/24/1949

SSN: [REDACTED]

Address: 1408 Longboat Avenue, Beachwood, NJ 08722

Phone: [REDACTED]

PHONE CALL WITH LILA ALSIEUX

On Monday, June 7, 2021, the undersigned spoke with Lila Alsieux. Ms. Alsieux advised that she was the decedent's landlord in Seaside Heights and that the decedent moved out in May of 2021. She further advised that she knew the decedent to use drugs and alcohol. She stated that the decedent told her that she has uterine cancer and that she was depressed about losing her baby recently.

LILA ALSIEUX

DOB: 3/5/1965

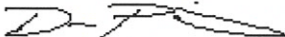
SSN: [REDACTED]

Address: 324 Sumner Avenue, Seaside Heights, NJ 08751

Phone: [REDACTED]

END OF REPORT

SUB MODULES

Reporting Detective	Reporting Detective Signature	Date of Report	Supervisor Signature
DENIS MITCHELL		10/18/2021	