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Stephen Jonas, Esq.
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Re: Letter dated January 14, 2013

Dear Attorney Jonas,

I am in receipt of your letter to Attorney General Coakley. As you recognized in your letter, the Bristol County District Attorney does have primary statutory jurisdiction for death investigations in that county. I understand that the District Attorney's office did reach out to stakeholders either as part of their investigation and/or afterwards to explain the results of their investigation. Based on your letter, it is unclear to me whether as part of that process your concerns about the investigation were ever raised with that office. I suggest that the District Attorney's office is in the best position to address your concerns.

I also suggest that your concerns with the New Bedford police's "meet and greet" policy should be addressed initially with the New Bedford Police and/or the Bristol County District Attorney's Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed R. Bedrosian Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Edward R. Bedrosian Jr.
First Assistant Attorney General

cc: Maura Healey, Chief
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John Verner, Chief
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