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LEWIS COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: L. MICHAEL GOLDEN, CIVIL DEP. PROS. ATTY.
FROM: NAVIEVE VAN HOOF, CIVIL LEGAL ASSISTANT *NK*
DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2003
RE: CORONER

I spoke with Dennis Hadaller this morning regarding the above. The lady making all the fuss is Doris Barney. She lives in Spokane. Her number is 509-877-3651. Dennis spoke with her for over 45 minutes yesterday regarding this matter.

Apparently, she is not family but was the landlord of the deceased and he died in one of her apartments in Randall. The man had cerebral palsy and she took him "under her wing". He has a father in Pennsylvania and a brother in Tenino. Dennis indicated that it was a bad family situation and that she was the only one taking care of him.

She is upset because the coroner came in the middle of the night and took personal belongings from the apartment including keys and other personal effects. She has been unable to get the keys back. The man died in August and she has been unable to reach the coroner during the day. Apparently he took his sweet time getting back to her and did not call her until a few days ago at 6:00 p.m. She is ready to contact the Seattle news for them to investigate the matter. She is very upset.

On a side note, Dennis indicated that things have been going on with the coroner (regarding missing items) since before he came to office. But, that there are 5 or more recent cases where there have been reports of missing money from billfolds, jewelry being taken, and other personal items missing after the coroner has gotten involved. Dennis just wanted you to be aware.

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LEWIS COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

September 29, 2003

Doris Barney
3660 McDonald
Wapato, WA 98951

RE: David Brooks
Case No. 2003165

Dear Ms. Barney:

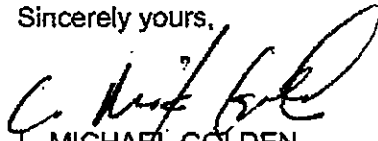
This letter follows and confirms my telephone conversation with you last week. It appears from what I am able to determine at this point that you are concerned that materials were taken from Mr. David Brooks' apartment, perhaps with ill-intent. You have not identified any materials that you are aware having been in the apartment that have not been returned. I understand that there are materials that are still in transit to Mr. Brooks' father, and he and I spoke about that matter last week. He indicates that once he has received the packages, he will check those against the inventory and will then be in a position to state definitively whether any materials appear to be missing.

I do understand your concerns, especially with regard to any materials returned that were not listed on the initial inventory. However, I have no information that would indicate anything other than less-than-perfect bookkeeping in the creation of the inventory list. At this point, I intend to await Mr. Brooks' review of the materials he receives before taking any further steps.

If you have any additional information regarding any items that were contained within the apartment, or any other items that you are aware that were taken by any County employee that were not returned, please advise me as soon as you are able. The County takes allegations such as this very seriously and we do follow up on these types of concerns. I will be in contact after I speak with Mr. David Brooks upon his review of the materials that are currently in transit.

If you have any questions or concerns in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (360) 740-2638.

Sincerely yours,



L. MICHAEL GOLDEN
Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

cc: David Brooks, Sr.

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To: *Attorney Michael J. Golden**From David E. Brooks**3 pages*

I have reviewed the inventory of my son's (David Brooks) personal property which your office faxed me and hereby authorize and request you to dispose of it as follows:

Please contact Doris Barney at either (cell phone no.) 360-498 5339 or (home) 509-877-1376 return the following items to her:

Page	Item	Description
1	A	Pickup Truck & keys plus any other keys
1	C & Q	Vacuum Cleaner, Small iron
1	F	2 Hand clippers
1	O	Box of tools
1	L	Computer Books
1	M	Telephone answering machine
1	N	Satellite Receiver
1	B	Lifemax Bicycle
1	D & E	Weight set and bench
1	H	Computer monitor
1	J	CD holder
2	A, B, & N	Small thermos, coffee pot & coffee maker
2	C	Ladder
2	D, M, I & J	Dishes, Pots & Pans and Silverware, Kitchen items
2	E	Wok & glasses
2	F & G	2 Loppers and 1 pruner
2	H	Bike pump
2	L	Toaster oven
2	O	Computer stuff
*	*	Non-perishable food items

Please ship the following items to David E. Brooks, 557 Morningstar Drive, Ellwood City, PA 16117. As you prefer, I will either reimburse your Department for the expense of shipping or will send you funds in advance to cover the cost.

Page	Item	Description
1	I	Joystick
1	K	CDs & VCR tapes
1	P	PC Computer
2	P	Emerson VCR
3	A	Copier/Printer
3	B	Laptop Computer
3	C	Computer Speakers
*	*	CD Player
*	*	Digital Camera
*	*	CD Burner
*	*	Tivo Recorder
*	*	David's personal effects including but not limited to the following: Wallet, personal papers, medical reports, list of medications, and when available his autopsy report.

*Not listed

David E. Brooks
David E. Brooks

To: Duane
 At: Mail Plus
 Fax No. 360-748-1486

From: David E. Brooks

My son, David N. Brooks, passed away on August 18 or 19, 2003 at Randel, Washington. Most of his personal belongings were taken by the Coroner's Staff to the Office of the Coroner at 360 NW North Street, Chehalis, WA 98532-1900. I authorized the Coroner to release certain items to Mrs. Doris Barney, David's landlord. The remaining items are still at the Coroner's Office.

Please Contact Chief Deputy Coroner Carmen to arrange to pick up the items and send them to me.

Please ship the items listed below to the following address:

David E. Brooks
 557 Morningstar Drive
 Ellwood City, PA 16117.

The page and item designation refer to an inventory faxed to me by Deputy Coroner Carmen who has been of significant help in this trying situation. I believe she has a copy of the original inventory should you need it.

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1	I	Joystick
1	K	CDs & VCR tapes
1	P	PC Computer
2	P	Emerson VCR
3	A	Copier/Printer
3	B	Laptop Computer
3	C	Computer Speakers
*	*	CD Player
*	*	Digital Camera
*	*	CD Burner
*	*	Tivo Recorder
*	*	David's personal effects including but not limited to the following: Wallet, personal papers, and any other equipment or effects belonging to David not listed above.

*Not listed

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Upon notification from you, I will send a Postal Money Order to cover the cost of packing and shipping the items.

Should you need to contact me please feel free to call me at 724-758-5687 any time before 8:00 PM Pacific time, or to fax me at 724-758-4879

David E. Brooks

rec'd from
Mr. Brooks

Personal Property Report
Lewis County Coroner's Office

Page (1) of (3)

Time: _____ Date: _____ Case Number: 2003165

Decedent: David Brooks Place of Death: Residence

Effects Removed From: Morgue Person Vehicle
Hospital Residence

Effects Collected By: Rick Gray
Carmen Beutner Location Collected From: _____
Other Than Place of Death: _____

Coroner's Deputy: Duane Easton Witness: _____

Property

- A 1 yellow Pickup Sonoma A38 60812
- B 1 Life Max Riding bicycle
- C 1 vacuum cleaner yellow
- D 1 set weights
- E 1 weight bench
- F 2 hand clippers
- G 1 wicker chest with Paper back books

Cash

	Bills	Coins	Checks
H 1 Comp Monitor			
I 1 Game Joystick	100	1.00	
J 1 CD Holder	50	.50	
K CD's Books	20	.25	
L 1 Box Computer books	10	.10	
M Telephone Answering Machine	5	.05	
N Satellite Receiver	2	.01	
O Box Tools			
P PC Computer			
Q 1 Small Clean			
	Subtotal Cash:	Subtotal Coins:	
	Cash:		
	Total Cash:	Total Checks:	

Disposition to Next-of-Kin

Items Released: ALL ITEMS A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q CASH CHECKS

To: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

By: _____ Phone: _____ Date: _____

Disposition to Agency

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To: _____ Agency: _____ Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____

By: _____

Personal Property Report Lewis County Coroner's Office

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Time: _____ Date: _____ Case Number: _____

Decedent: David Brooks Place of Death: 2003165

Effects Removed From: Morgue Person Vehicle Service Rendered Before Our Arrival: Ambulance Sheriff W.S.P. U.S.PARKS
Hospital Residence Fire Dept. Police U.S.F.S. S. & R.

Effects Collected By: Ricky Gray Location Collected From: _____
Carmen Benita Other Than Place of Death: _____

Coroner's Deputy: Diane Eastma Witness: _____

Property

A	1 Small theemos			
B	Co. Fee pot			
C	Ladder			
D	Dishes + Pots of Penn			
E	Wok + glasses			
F	2 Loppers			
G	1 Dranner			
H	1 Bick Pump			
I	1 mi. dishes	100	1.00	
J	1 mis Kitchen Items	50	.50	
K	1 Radio Tapes X2	20	.25	
L	Toaster oven	10	10	
M	Silver Ware	5	.05	
N	Co. Fee maker	2	.01	
O	Computer stuff	1		
P	Emergency Kit			
Q	1 picture			

Cash

Bills	Coins	Checks
100	1.00	
50	.50	
20	.25	
10	10	
5	.05	
2	.01	
1		
Subtotal Cash:	Subtotal Coins:	
Total Cash:	Total Coins:	

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By: _____ Phone: _____ Date: _____

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By: _____

Personal Property Report Lewis County Coroner's Office

Page 2 of 2

Time: _____ Date: _____ Case Number: 2003 165

Decedent: Brooks Place of Death: _____

Effects Removed From: Morgue Person Vehicle Services Rendered Before Our Arrival: Ambulance Fire Dept. Sheriff Police W.S.P. U.S.P.S. U.S. PARKS S. & R.

Effects Collected By: Ruth Gray Location Collected From: Residence
Carmen Beunto Other Than Place of Death: _____

Coroner's Deputy: Carmen Beunto Witness: LSO

Property		
A	<u>Copy Printer</u>	
B	<u>Lap Top</u>	
C	<u>Computer Speakers</u>	
D		
E		
F		
G		
H		
I	<u>Mr Brooks</u>	
J	<u>I will no longer</u>	100
K	<u>involve myself to help</u>	50
L	<u>I am sending you a copy</u>	20
M	<u>of what we have of the</u>	10
N	<u>hard load doesn't understand</u>	5
O	<u>giving from the heart.</u>	2
P	<u>all items I have</u>	1
Q	<u>I will do with what you instruct</u>	.01
		Subtotal Cash: _____
		Special Cash: _____
		Cash: _____
		Total Cash: _____

This was sent to father prior to my speaking with Mr. Wilkerson

Disposition to Next-of-Kin

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To: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

By: _____ Phone: _____ Date: _____

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