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Hon. Edward Hunt, Esq
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RE: Linda Adanalian, 6/9/62 - 2/11/00

Dear Mr. Hunt:

I am writing on behalf of the National Organization of Parents of Murdered Children to request that your office commence an investigation into Ms. Adanalian's death. The objective evidence warrants an immediate, thorough investigation to find out how Ms. Adanalian was poisoned.

The Fresno County Coroner's Forensic Pathologist in charge of Ms. Adanalian's case, Albert Siu, M.D., has concluded that acute selenium toxicity caused Ms. Adanalian's untimely death on February 11, 2000.

According to Dr. Siu, both he and the Fresno Coroner's Chief Forensic Pathologist believe that a law enforcement investigation is necessary to determine how Ms. Adanalian was poisoned. The Mayo Clinic's Forensic Pathologist, who participated in the second autopsy, and the United States' leading criminal poisoning expert, John Trestrail, have also requested, in separate letters to you, an investigation into Ms. Adanalian's death.

Numerous renowned medical, legal, and law enforcement experts have studied this case and unanimously concluded that an intensive, comprehensive law enforcement investigation is overdue. In fact, the Fresno Coroner and the Fresno Police Department (FPD) should have started an official investigation immediately following Ms. Adanalian's death when the Coroner's forensic pathologists could find no anatomical explanation for Ms. Adanalian's death. Moreover, the exhumation of Ms. Adanalian's remains in June of 2000 required a law enforcement investigation in conjunction with the medical inquiry. Unfortunately, the Coroner neither called for nor conducted a medical-legal field investigation pursuant to the Attorney General's death investigation guidelines.

As a former prosecutor and Chief Assistant Attorney General for the State of Arizona, I believe very strongly that Ms. Adanalian's death requires a homicide investigation. The evidence establishes that Ms. Adanalian was fearful for her life because of severe marital discord. Moreover, the events leading up to and following Ms. Adanalian's death are disturbing.

The preliminary FPD inquiry was incomplete and therefore cannot be used to conclude anything about the circumstances surrounding Ms. Adanalian's death. The FPD's actions have failed the victim, the victim's family, and the people of Fresno's right to bring justice to the party or parties responsible for this young mother's premature death. Accordingly, we request that your office commence a formal investigation utilizing all of its resources to vigorously investigate Ms. Adanalian's death.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Twist". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Steven J. Twist
Board Member
National Organization of
Parents of Murdered Children