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DEPOSITION OF GOPAL
DATE 5, 26, 00
GAE WERFEL, CSR 4919

Dear Doctor Hadden:

I have offered to the family of Linda Adanalian whatever help and coordinating effort I may contribute to the investigation into the mysterious death of this unfortunate 37-year-old woman. The family has kept me apprised over the past 13 weeks of the work that has already gone into the investigation. I have reviewed all the medical records and the draft autopsy reports. In addition I have discussed Linda's medical history and emergency room presentation with Dr. Steven Chooljian, Linda's family physician. I have also talked with Dr. John Mosher about Linda's Emergency Room presentation, treatment, and outcome. Both Dr. Chooljian and Mosher desire exhumation to facilitate additional toxicologic testing. Dr. Albert Siu informs me that despite extensive pathology review, he cannot opine as to a cause of death. Dr Siu further informs me, that he is in favor of a second postmortem examination to harvest additional specimens to assist in determining the etiology of Linda's sudden, unexpected death. Dr Siu has told me that he welcomes my presence at the second postmortem and I would be happy to accommodate him. Based upon all of this data, I have consulted with my colleagues, including Dr. William Edwards, and formulated a strategy to maximize the chances of arriving at a definitive cause of death.

A review of Linda's clinical course prior to death indicates that a toxicologic etiology is quite possible. Certain heavy metals and other poisons come to mind, and I think that Linda's case warrants further specialized toxicologic testing of certain tissue samples which are currently not available without exhumation. At this point, certain postmortem tissues from exhumation of Linda Adanalian would have potentially greater diagnostic yield than the small amount of sample (antemortem and postmortem) left. I have offered the laboratory and pathology services here in the search for a possible etiology, and stand ready to assist you in anyway possible.

Sincerely


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