

Emails between Bryan Burnett and Robert Romaine concerning the meeting between San Diego Medical Examiner Dr. Glenn Wagner and NCIS Agent Julie Haney in November 2010. Robert Romaine attended the meeting.

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From: Bryan Burnett [<mailto:brburnett@meixatech.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2010 12:42 PM
To: 'Bob Romaine'
Subject: RE: Sabow

Bob,

I met with Madeline Hinkes last night and we discussed the Sabow case and what happened between Julie and Dr. Wagner. I suspect that Wagner had been restricted in the information provided to him. I wish to set up a presentation at the ME Office and Madeline will assist in arranging that presentation. But, I need to have more details of the meeting in order to understand what happened. Please give me a call when you get a chance.

Bryan

From: Bob Romaine [<mailto:redacted>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2010 2:04 PM
To: brburnett
Subject: RE: Sabow

bryan,julie presented m/e wagner the photographs of col sabow's autopsy and a copy of yr forensic study.he did not see the alleged bruising caused by a blow to the right lower skull as we all came to believe .[he appears to have focused on the fraudulent autopsy photograph] he described the skull and the force of the shotgun shell explosion moving the brain against the dura [dura] ?would have a force that could be explained as a skull fracture.i was at a disadvantage really not understanding why i was even invited other than julie wanted to insure her statements later on.i do remember that some one mentioned that yr report had not been validated by a peer group (i believe julie brought that up) and m/e agreed).he did make some comment while looking at col sabow's head pictures that radiologist make common wrong conclusions from looking at xray pictures.he completed his review telling julie from what he see's he would not change the cause of death from suicide.he did tell julie to recover col sabow's skull and that test and observation could reveal the alleged fracture.we departed and julie was let down by this info as she could not go back to oc county coroner's office with info they said they could offer her a undetermined cause of death.this would allow her to conduct a criminal investigation.as the suicide ruling according to federal statue denies that cause. i would ask that this correspondence be confidential [no longer the case] as the let down dave [Dr David Sabow] has is difficult as it was my contact with julie at a san diego ncis homicide seminar in feb 2010 encouraged her to review selected reports including yr report.her commitment to doing the right thing up until her report to dave was without question.again the what,when why and how has become clouded....
thanks for listening.....bob

August 28, 2014

Response from Bob Romaine of a phone call earlier that day for more details of that meeting:

From: Bob Romaine [<mailto:redacted>]
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2014 2:45 PM
To: Bryan Burnett
Subject: Re: Sabow

Hi Bryan, Remeber that the S/A Haney contact begins for me in a seminar and her interest in the Sabow case by my request . I was surprised when Haney did not have an official letter from ncis to the oc sheriff-coroner meeting to discuss the expanded information and that the oc coroner's office would not seek additional professional review such as your report...every time DDA [Deputy District Attorney] Mike Jacobs [now in private practice] and then my personal contacts at the sheriff dept requesting the scientific review it was no...no by whom?????. Then Haney calls me and ask that I meet her in Medical Examiner's office San Diego with M/E Wagner a highly traveled navy officer etc....We meet for about an hour and of course some discussion was beyond my experience however a point made by Wagner to Haney was "without the skull exhumed by Dr Sabow the case will never go anywhere"..also remember when myself and other civilian law enforcement investigators attended the ncis seminar in san diego and I asked her to review your report she never told me or Mike Jacobs she was present at Col Sabow scene.Why I was lead down the trail could be because I was present with Dr Sabow and others at the Congressman Hunter's inquiry and gave my comments as a Homicide Investigator and a Sergeant Major of Marines....My career began as OC Sheriff Deputy 1959 and ended with retirement as a Senior District Attorney Investigator in 1994.The last 20 years I have been working extra help in the cold case review sections of several law enforcement agencies.. Bob