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Honorable Charles Crist
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The Capitol
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

ESTATE OF MURRAY B. COHEN

Dear Governor Crist:

I represent Mr. and Mrs. Steven Esdale, the son and daughter-in-law of the Decedent, Murray B. Cohen, who died under suspicious circumstances at his home in Sarasota, Florida, on 1/13/03. The Decedent had "married" Maria Amurrio in Bolivia, in December, 2002.

On the day of Mr. Cohen's death, Ms. Cohen made a 911 emergency telephone call to the Sarasota County Sheriff's Department, expressing her belief that her husband was purportedly having a heart attack. However, minutes later, she informed emergency personnel who arrived at the scene that Mr. Cohen had died in his sleep. Corazol and Indicin were found at the death scene, neither of which had been prescribed by any of Mr. Cohen's physicians. Corazol could not be prescribed because its use is banned by the Federal Drug Administration. It is a substance that has been used in laboratories in certain parts of Europe to induce respiratory failure in rats. After Mr. Cohen's death, despite the fact that his death was medically unattended, Ms. Cohen refused the offer of the District 12 Medical Examiner to perform an autopsy, and she made arrangements for the Decedent's burial in New Jersey. A combination of Corazol and Indicin guarantees death.

Through resort to Florida's Public Records Law, Mr. Esdale and William Tidwell, the certified computer expert who had serviced the Sarasota County Sheriff Department's emergency communications system for years, obtained access to the hard drive system. The subject 911 emergency telephone call contains troubling and incriminating background statements by Ms. Cohen to Mr. Cohen as he is apparently dying, including a directive to "give up." To date, despite four (4) years of attempts by Mr. Esdale, the Sarasota County Sheriff's

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Department has not provided Mr. Esdale with a clear copy of the subject 911 emergency telephone call, and Mr. Tidwell's recent examination of the emergency communications system has revealed that all of the 911 emergency telephone calls made to the Sarasota County Sheriff's Department on 1/13/03, were deleted.

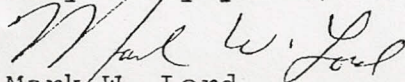
An earlier "inquiry" into the circumstances surrounding Mr. Cohen's death by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement was less than thorough. Agent Rose, who apparently conducted the "inquiry," deliberately failed to interview certain witnesses suggested by Mr. Esdale, including Stephen Benninati, Irene Petras, and Rhoda Goodman. Mr. Benninati, who was Mr. Cohen's investment advisor in New York with Smith Barney, called the Cohen residence on 1/13/03, to review Mr. Cohen's investment accounts, and he heard a loud argument between a male and a female. Ms. Petras, a first cousin to Mr. Cohen, had been told by Maria Cohen that Mr. Cohen had died in a chair while watching television. This version of death conflicted with statements given by Ms. Cohen to law enforcement personnel in Sarasota, Florida. Mr. Cohen had told Rhoda Goodman, the night before he died, that while in Bolivia, he had been experiencing head and stomach discomfort that had continued after the couple's return to Sarasota, and that was present during his conversation with Ms. Goodman.

Mr. Cohen's body was found between the bed and the wall in the couple's master bedroom. Mr. and Mrs. Esdale are now requesting that a special prosecutor be appointed to conduct a full fledged investigation into this matter, including the conduct of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Department after Murray Cohen's death. The Esdales' strongly believe that Mr. Cohen's estate is being administered by a slayer who is benefitting from her misconduct, and who, if not stopped, will attempt to deprive Ryan Esdale, the Decedent's minor grandson and a major beneficiary of the estate, his rightful share thereof.

The enclosed prior correspondence to Governor Bush's legal department, was ignored. Gary Ferguson, a retired detective with the Sarasota County Sheriff's Department, has attested to his belief that Mr. Cohen's death was the result of a cold blooded murder, performed for money and greed. A copy of his affidavit is enclosed for your review.

Thank you for consideration of, and attention to, this most serious matter.

Very truly yours,


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cc: Mr. and Mrs. Steven Esdale