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Re: Oakland County Child Killer Investigation

Dear Prosecutor McDonald:

This letter is written with a spirit of hope and cooperation. As you know, I am the sister of Tim King, the last known victim of the killers known as the Oakland County child killer. After decades of gaslighting and indefensible treatment of victims' family members by your predecessors, Oakland County law enforcement at every level, and the Michigan State Police (MSP), I am reaching out to attempt one last effort toward transparency, answers and healing.

Last week I sent you a copy of Marney Keenan's book, The Snow Killings: Inside the Oakland County Child Killer Investigation (July 2020) as well as copies of file notes compiled by Inspector Cory Williams in this investigation during his tenure as a detective/sergeant for Livonia PD and then as an inspector for Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy. These notes span from 2005 until Williams retired in September 2019. These materials are absolutely necessary to understand what we are all up against in trying to get to the truth in the OCKK case--the crimes themselves and the layers of cover-ups and cynical (if not criminal) machinations engaged in by Oakland County and the MSP for over four decades to keep this case from being "solved."

I will send separately a summary of obvious investigative gaps in this case, along with supporting documents. These gaps are an important part of evaluating where this case stands.

I am requesting a Zoom meeting with you and that the following people also be included. I would ask that no law enforcement from Oakland County and no prosecutor who has ever worked on the OCKK file in any capacity be included because they are tainted and cannot be trusted. I would leave it to your discretion whether to include anyone from the Michigan AG's office.

### KYM WORTHY

My brother's body was dumped in Wayne County the evening of March 22, 1977. I remember as a 17-year-old reading a newspaper account describing the relief felt by some in law enforcement that Tim's body was dumped in Wayne County because this would bring in a better law enforcement response and a competent medical examiner. I would not realize for decades how true these observations were. Prosecutor Worthy has demonstrated incredible leadership, wisdom and compassion in approaching this case and it is the starkest contrast imaginable to how your predecessors have treated these crimes. Her no-nonsense, intelligent response to the actions of your immediate predecessor and various representatives of the MSP have taken place with her eye always on the end result: some kind of justice. Clarity, if nothing else. Prosecutor Worthy knows more about this case than your immediate predecessor, Jessica Cooper, who purposely limited her knowledge of the leads in this case for reasons I will discuss below. Worthy has been courageous and creative where others have not.

### CORY WILLIAMS

Cory Williams has retired from Wayne County and has moved on to very full-time employment investigating cases for the Catholic Diocese. Williams knows more about this case than anyone, living or dead. He remains a resource for me, in spite of his retirement. His notes tell the story of how this case has unfolded since 2005 in unmistakable detail. He has been subjected and stood up to whistleblower treatment by fellow police. The one person who had done more to advance the investigation in decades was kicked off the task force twice by your predecessor. She said: "he was not a team player." That the state police, your predecessor, and local police chiefs would not fully coordinate or cooperate with Williams is not only a travesty, but a glaring indication of how those agencies see this case. There is an obvious reason why, after all of the incredible work done and documented in Cory's notes, **nothing happened**.

### MARNEY KEENAN

Marney Keenan's book is the definitive read about the OCCK case and investigation. She knows more than most law enforcement about this case, and certainly more than any civilian. That The Snow Killings cut to the core is reflected by the rare MSP comment given to the press when asked to comment about the book. An unnamed spokesperson for the MSP told local t.v. news reporter Heather Catallo that they "don't comment on fiction." I believe the MSP has done very little on this case since Cory Williams retired from Wayne County and that an internal decision has been made, in the wake of Marney's book, not to touch the OCCK case again and to revert to the prior status as mere keeper of the files.

Witnesses have come forward in the wake of Marney's book. They provided very significant information. The kind of information that, if a real investigation had taken place by the state police at any point after November 1978, would have broken the case wide open.

### BILL BEACHUM

Bill is a family friend and a retired FBI agent. He lives in Birmingham and has consulted with my Dad and me for the past decade about this case. He has offered invaluable counsel and even met with representatives of the MSP and then Birmingham Police Chief Don Studt. I will attach some of the work he has provided to help us navigate this morass. Because he is a resident of Oakland County, he has a feel for the local politics and the legacy of your predecessors.

### MY BROTHERS

My brother Chris lives in Oakland County. My brother Mark lives in Cleveland. Both of them would like to be included in this meeting. What we can offer is the vantage point of a victim's family and the particularly cruel treatment our family was singled out for, merely by asking questions and resisting stonewalling. There cannot be silence in the face of grave injustice. Failure to address the obvious only intensified our suspicion.

Sadly, I knew my Dad was not going to make it until January. He has made his position on this investigation known over the years and I will attach documents he prepared along the way to document this struggle and the mounting despair over the way Oakland County and the MSP handled his son's murder case. My Dad tolerated the kind of antagonism only law enforcement is capable of dishing out. My Dad may well have backed off before he filed his FOIA lawsuits if he felt he had been heard by the MSP and the OCP. Let that be a lesson to all of law enforcement. That this obvious approach was ignored and fumbled speaks to the need of these agencies to keep control of the narrative at all costs, for now obvious reasons.

After 43 years and an avalanche of information, it is hard to keep this letter succinct. I attach a sampling of the tens of thousands of documents and emails I have to help demonstrate what this investigative vacuum has caused. Without attempting to cover the many issues raised in The Snow Killings and Cory Williams' case notes, as an overview and for purposes of discussion, I offer the following.

### **THIS CASE CAN BE SOLVED**

In fact, one can argue that it already has been. While some of the participants in the abduction and murders of my brother, Kristine Mihelich, Jill Robinson and Mark Stebbins are dead, it is very likely living accessories can be charged. That some of these men have been questioned by police many times is irrelevant. In many cases their family members and associates were never questioned in any real sense, or at all. Larry Wasser, the polygrapher who slipped up at a polygraph conference about suspect Christopher Busch, negotiated an arrangement where he would help police but avoid testifying under oath. Larry Burgess, husband of Busch's attorney,

the late Jane Burgess, and who likely has crucial information, was never asked to testify under oath. Charles Busch, the older brother of Chris, was interviewed out east by the FBI, but this was early in the investigation and they went really easy on him. Under oath, he could reveal why his father destroyed all the family personal documents, as well as his brother's known involvement in the child pornography ring, just for starters.

Unlike the sham grand jury proceedings convened in 2011 by Jessica Cooper, who manipulated the grand jury system for the sole purpose of imposing a gag order without making a good faith effort to investigate these crimes, a one-man grand jury could be very effective in light of all of the information that was ignored or shut down by Cooper and the state police. There are so many loose ends in this case--and between Cory, Marney, Bill and me, as well as tips called in to the MSP and the Oakland County Sheriff's office since 2012, many are documented--it would not require a complete rehashing of the entire investigation to bring a laser focus to the obvious gaps here and prepare the case to be presented to a grand jury. Highlights of obvious gaps in this investigation that have come to light recently are as follows.

First, three victims of the Oakland County pedophile and child porn ring have come forward to Marney Keenan. All fear for their safety and that of their families. One of the victims who is represented by counsel came forward with information given to the MSP in January 2019, a full 13 months before the pandemic struck in full force. Her information was relayed to my Dad before she went to authorities. My Dad and I agreed that if this information can be verified, it will break the case wide open. We also agreed that this victim would need to ensure the protection of her identity and that she would have to proceed at her own pace. As of today, two years later, not one bit of her information has been investigated, nor has the MSP returned phone calls made by her attorney to the MSP to ask for a status update.

This particular person has real reason to fear retaliation, not only from living perpetrators and their family members and associates, but I believe also from the MSP. After contacting my Dad, then meeting with law enforcement who ignored her information, she recently reached out to Marney Keenan. Keenan has been contacted by other victims of this ring, but because these victims also fear for their safety, we have put our investigation on hold, pending assurances that a victim-centered investigator, backed up by a concrete plan of protection, will be brought in to ensure this very fraught situation will be handled safely, intelligently and with compassion.

Second, after Marney's book was published, a woman read that Bloomfield Hills Corporal Richard McNamee was the responding officer to the "wellness" check at the home of Chris Busch. (Doesn't everyone immediately call the police when the maid can't get into the house?). The woman told me that between the ages of 8 and 11, she had been sexually assaulted by McNamee, while he was in uniform and on the job. I told her to call the MSP tip line and asked if I could share her information with Marney Keenan. She agreed and Marney filed FOIA requests which revealed that McNamee had numerous concerning complaints filed against him with BHPD and that he was "let go" and sent on his way with a robust recommendation letter. Of course, he continued to offend and was convicted two years later of CSC with a minor.

To this day, no one has contacted this victim about Richard McNamee. I am sure McNamee is the tip of the iceberg of state actions or inactions in this case. McNamee lived a short walk from the Busch home on Morningview Terrace and from suspect John Hastings.

Third, in reviewing my Dad's file notes after his death, I came across information he had been given in 2014 by a man named Tony Karrick about Everell E. Fisher, Jr. (yes, a "GM" Fisher, DOB 10-6-41; DOD 1-2-89) as a suspect in the OCCK case. He linked Fisher and Chris Busch, son of a prominent GM executive, H. Lee Busch. Karrick provided many details. His mother had been Fisher's "girlfriend." She had four young sons and it is clear from reading this man's notes that one of the brothers was victimized by Fisher and suffered the kind of trauma which is life-long. My Dad asked if Karrick would meet with Marney because she was writing a book about the OCCK crimes. Karrick agreed and a dinner was arranged. He died soon after meeting with my Dad and before he could meet with Marney.

Marney discovered that some serious and disturbing tips were turned in on Everell E. Fisher, Jr. when my brother was missing. I address this on my blog at <https://catherinebroad.blog/2020/12/30/rich-black-sheep/> ("Rich Black Sheep," 12-30-20). When you consider Karrick's information, and view the MSP tips called in on Fisher, it is clear this was another avenue too quickly abandoned. Another "low priority" tip on a wealthy Oakland County resident. Just as no investigators have asked about Richard McNamee, no one has asked about Everell E. Fisher, Jr. in connection with Chris Busch. Time is of the essence. Karrick's mother/Fisher's "girlfriend" is still alive at 89 and lives in Clarkston. Would she talk? She sure might if she has to raise her right hand in front of a judge.

## **THE CASE CAN BE SOLVED, THE QUESTION IS INVOLVEMENT OF INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES**

### **1. The FBI**

Bill Beachum pointed out that the FBI should still have an open case file on these murders because no one was ever charged and convicted. Unsolved murder cases are never closed by the FBI unless there is a definitive conclusion. As you can see from Cory Williams' file notes, the FBI was quite helpful in the initial stages of his investigation until SA John Oulette retired and he was replaced by SA Sean Callaghan, who was previously employed as an assistant Oakland County prosecutor. See The Snow Killings, pages 142, 162, 165, 193, 220, 259 and 260. My brother Mark can also provide information about dealings with Callaghan which should also preclude any further involvement by this man on the OCCK case.

Prosecutor McDonald, you may well be able to get the assistance of the FBI now. Based on history, experience and factors described below, I believe this investigation is better handled between your office, Kym Worthy's office, as well as the FBI and The Michigan AG's Criminal Investigative Division, if need be.

## 2. Local Police Departments

Birmingham PD, which I believe has been especially intransigent in this case, has a new police chief. Troy PD announced this past October it is revisiting the October 28, 1978 murder of Gail Webster, 48. The mother of three was beaten to death and her case was never solved. Troy PD is taking a proactive approach in that cold case, unlike anything ever done in the OCCK case (or the unsolved 1977 murder of Birmingham art dealer, John McKinney, for that matter). With newer and more progressive police chiefs and the right investigators, there may be ample opportunity to really kick start the OCCK case.

The MSP and the Oakland County sheriff are, however, a different matter. I believe these agencies (along with your predecessors) have impeded the resolution of these and related crimes. I believe this goes well beyond a one-off case of prosecutorial misconduct/corruption. Any potential resolution and any meaningful change would only be possible if the systemic corruption that has been allowed to fester for more than four decades is exposed.

Seeking justice in a system covering for its own may well be an exercise in futility, but this makes the inquiry that much more critical. There has to be acknowledgement of the accountability of the courts, county prosecutors (not just in Oakland County) and police that allowed all of this to happen. The damage done to society at large because of these actions taken under color of state law is unquantifiable. The public trust in Oakland County has been desecrated. That trust needs to be restored and the only chance of restoring it is through accountability. People want answers. They want the truth on behalf of the child victims in this case. The public deserves to know what happened in this investigation and to have the many loose ends tied up and names named to help ensure this never happens again.

### **THE MICHIGAN STATE POLICE**

The most coherent and extensive discussion and explanation of the involvement of the MSP in this case from 1977 to the present day is contained in The Snow Killings. I offer my impressions as consideration for my position that this case should be removed from the jurisdiction of the MSP. This would include transfer of all of the files, paper and digital, and all evidence into your custody.

When the OCCK task force was organized under the aegis of the state police after Kristine Mihelich's body was found, the configuration made sense. There were multiple suburban police departments involved with these crimes and none of them had much experience with murder investigations, let alone a serial murder of children case. Turns out that was also true of MSP Commander Robert Robertson and Det./Sgt. Joseph Krease. In December 1978 when the task force was "shut down," the largest murder investigation in history up to that time was left to wither in disorganized state police file cabinets. After all, it was Commander Robert Robertson's decision to bury the Busch files forever.

This arrangement was very beneficial to Oakland County law enforcement (including prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson), who could simply avoid any further discussion of these allegedly unsolved crimes and defer to the MSP. Over the course of 43 years, the MSP has said very little about this case and rarely responded to inquiries about it. It is very safe to say that they were simply warehousing the case. Even the briefest comparison of the actions taken by the MSP in the Robison family murders in Northern Michigan (1968) and in the John Norman Collins serial murder case (1967-1969) reveals that the OCCK was not on track to receive attention after December 1978. The MSP could control the narrative and Oakland County was free to move on to bigger and better things like attracting commercial development, increasing tax dollars, property crimes and traffic enforcement.

I cannot do any better a job at describing the mis and malfeasance of the MSP than Marney Keenan did in her book. I want to point out that the state lab never processed, merely categorized and stored the evidence obtained in the 2009 search of the old Busch residence at 3310 Morningview Terrace in Bloomfield Village. Thirty years and two families later, law enforcement agencies had no choice but to perform the investigation that should have been performed in 1978. The search yielded a ton of evidence. Law enforcement may have been forced to execute this search warrant, but that did not mean the MSP had to process and evaluate it. In fact, they used their continued failure to evaluate this evidence as a reason why they saw no need to meet with my Dad.

I would add that in the days after my Dad died (November 19, 2020), one his secretaries from his old law firm gave us a sealed envelope he wanted delivered to his children after he died. Dated February 15, 2015, it is a "memo to the file" documenting a phone call he received from an employee at the MSP. The unnamed employee explained she was retiring from the MSP in five years (2020) and she was clearly concerned about retaliation. A copy of the memo is attached. The caller explained that she "wanted to make sure my Family was fully informed" and she "was quite upset about the newspaper articles indicating the lack of information to us from the OCP."

Cory Williams confirmed for me that the call was made from a MSP office. While the memo contains no information that is really of help, it is obvious that my Dad was honoring his promise not to tell anyone about this call before she retired. It is also obvious that the caller knew the OCP was playing games. Here is another person who went out on a limb to try to get some transparency or answers in this case. Another person justifiably concerned about retaliation from a law enforcement agency.

I have spoken twice with the MSP detective most recently assigned to the OCCK. Det./Sgt. Sean Street called to introduce himself in October 2019, soon after Inspector Williams had retired. Street struck me as earnest and honest. He explained it would take him time to get up to speed on the case (which has routinely been passed from detective to detective over the decades). I got the strong sense he was set up to fail in this position, as it was an assignment given on top of his already full assignment load (including frequent court appearances) and he was given no support staff to assist with the tip line. I explained my concerns with the DNA

testing and the actions of Prosecutor Cooper. I told him my Dad would appreciate a call (never made). He bemoaned the fact that the documentary Children of the Snow about these crimes was now streaming on Hulu. I told him he had better figure out a way to get out ahead of this investigation because Marney Keenan's book was being published and another documentary is well in the works and that if he thought Children of the Snow was a problem, he'd better buckle up.

Det. Street called me again this past spring and said he had been using the COVID lock down time to try to get a handle on the DNA evidence in the case. I was immediately alarmed, as it sounded very much like this information was in a state of disarray. Street said he was attempting to account for all of the evidence--what had been tested, retested and at which lab (numerous labs were used), and whether the evidence was extinguished during testing, if other evidence had been returned to the MSP and if so, where was it located. That this had not already been started or done concerned me greatly. He said he was working on a spreadsheet to quantify all of this information about the evidence. I later referred a genetic genealogist to Street and I know they spoke and emailed a few times. This woman grew up in Michigan and had time due to the lock down and was offering her services for free. I researched her credentials and have kept in touch with her myself. She is a very credible resource.

In mid-July I emailed Street three times about the tip concerning pedophile cop Richard McNamee. My third email to Street is attached. I never heard from him again.

I believe an affirmative decision has been made at the MSP to do no more work on the OCKK case in the wake of Marney Keenan's book. I have maintained that the "tip line" is in practice a sham and that it is not really manned. Numerous people have called me since February 2018 to tell me the answering machine is often "full" and those that have been able to leave a message do not get a return call. A person who was trying to give the MSP information notified me on January 3, 2020, that the tip line is no longer in service. I called the tip line, (833) 784-9425, and heard a recording that the number I dialed "is no longer a working number." The situation has changed little since 1978. The state police provide the black hole for information in this case. With their culture of reporting nothing to anyone, and refusing to take or investigate tips, it keeps the lid on very tightly.

The first order of business before the MSP closes ranks is to have Street provide the spreadsheet about the DNA. Then the case, all evidence and files, must be physically and electronically turned over to your office. AG Nessel's assistance may be required here. Given the history of behavior by the MSP there is no one at that agency who could be assigned to the case and be trusted to carry out the necessary duties without interference by superiors. It simply cannot be done. The MSP has a huge stake in having their decision-making in 1978 stay secret. Robertson and Krease are long dead, but their actions and I believe complicity with Patterson and the Birmingham Police Department, tainted the entire agency.

## OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF MIKE BOUCHARD

Sheriff Bouchard is perhaps the last of the old school law enforcement who still has his fingers in this case. Although he does not denigrate his office the way Jessica Cooper and Paul Walton did, perhaps because in his heart he feels this case is still important, or perhaps because he is a good politician, there is too much bad history with the sheriff's department. I have other examples (and you can read more in Marney's book), but the most telling one is this.

Decades ago a college friend of one of my brothers met a man she described as having worked for the Oakland County Sheriff's Office while at a bar in Chicago. She was quite clear about this, as she had grown up in Oakland County. In fact, she kept this man's business card for many years but eventually threw it out during a move. She asked him why the OCCK case was never solved. The man responded that they knew who killed the kids and they "couldn't touch him," because he was the son of some rich guy. This was long, long before the 2006 revelations by polygrapher Larry Wasser concerning a killer we would later learn was Chris Busch.

Any Oakland County law enforcement officer (or corrections officer, for that matter) over the age of 63 knows some version of this story and some of them know the actual truth. It is why none of them can be trusted going forward to try to expose the truth. They played the game and stayed silent and are therefore complicit enablers. They have every interest in this story continuing to stay dead.

Someone from the early OCCK era like Dave Piche or Don Studt could easily pick up the phone and have Bouchard's ear. Dave Piche was a Berkley police officer whose name is all over Kristine Mihelich's file. Yet when he crossed paths with Kris' family members years later, he pretended not to remember her case. Kristine's step dad told me Piche had been at Kris' funeral! Don Studt, longtime officer and then police chief of Birmingham PD, would be more careful in this regard, but I believe he has a very vested interest in certain information about this case continuing to be kept secret. Studt lived with our family during the night shift when Tim was missing. He was a very young officer then. A lot of "political expediency" water has gone under the bridge since then. These seemingly insignificant betrayals actually speak volumes because we know Piche and Studt were in on the Busch cover-up long ago, but they play always play dumb.

The FOIA records obtained by my Dad reveal a number of times where a law enforcement officer rejects careful consideration of a suspect by saying some version of "he comes from a good family." This was said about a still-living suspect I believe warrants further intense scrutiny, John Hastings. A resident of Bloomfield Village, he was a graduate of Brother Rice High School, as was Sheriff Bouchard. This causes me concern, based on the way this case and another case involving a child predator and stalker who attended Brother Rice, have been handled/ignored. There is an enormity of evidence connecting Hastings to this case and his

name has surfaced repeatedly in the years since his name was first turned in to the task force in 1977. As recently as 2009 Hastings, who lives in the Atlanta area, was polygraphed by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. The following portion of the report was not redacted in the FOIA documents and states:

“Duncan [GBI polygrapher] advised that there was no question in his mind, whatsoever, that [Hastings] has some involvement with the murders of these children. He stated he didn’t know to what degree of involvement he may have, whether knowledge, did the murder or assisted, but he firmly believes he was involved. . . . Duncan did however state again, that there is no question in his mind that he is involved with these murders.”

A living victim of the 1970s child porn ring has recently named John Hastings as a “child hunter.” He was the same age as Chris Busch and lived walking distance from the Busch home and from Richard McNamee. Yet no one in law enforcement has circled back to this man.

## **THE OAKLAND COUNTY PROSECUTOR’S OFFICE**

Upon information and belief, employees of this office were engaged in document shredding and file destruction the week of November 3, 2020, after your election to the prosecutor position. The whistleblower believed this information was related to the OCCK investigation. I found it interesting that the “shred” did not begin in August after Jessica Cooper lost the primary, but rather after she determined you won the election. I wonder if she would have felt safe leaving behind her files if Lin Goetz was elected. If true, this is blatant obstruction of justice and grounds for filing immediate ethics grievances with the Michigan State Bar. I’m sure there is a long history of file and document destruction at the OCP, but ask yourself what, if any, law office is doing destroying records, let alone a public office subject to FOIA laws.

Sadly, this is not an anomaly. Destruction of files and documents was a primary focus in the 2003 grand jury proceeding in the 1999 massacre at Columbine High School. It had become clear that the Jefferson County, CO sheriff’s department had knowledge of the two killers’ activities (including making bombs and threatening students) in the years prior to the killing spree. Documents were destroyed so police could protect their lies that no one had ever brought the shooters to their attention well before the day of the massacre. Finally the truth started to rise to the surface and the sheriff had to ask the Colorado Attorney General to take over. It took three interviews, the last one conducted by a representative of the AG’s office, to get one of the participants in a secret meeting held right after the killings to discuss ditching this evidence, to come clean. He only did it because he had to raise his right hand. A shameful cover-up by police and other officials managed to hold for years before it was exposed in this horrific case.

Obviously destroying records involves clearing out paper copies, electronic copies and other electronic manipulations. Even if this turns out to have been a “false alarm” on the surface, the

fact is that someone was concerned enough about the destruction and that it involved the OCCK case to speak up and this can only be investigated and verified with sworn testimony.

The history of the OCP office in the OCCK case is reprehensible. Publicly, the reputation of L. Brooks Patterson, prosecutor during the reign of the OCCK(s), as a racist, misogynist, heavy-handed, self-interested powerbroker cannot be disputed. See "Letter from Michigan, "Drop Dead, Detroit" in The New Yorker, January 27, 2014, <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2014/01/27/drop-dead-detroit>. I view him as a principal villain for his role in actively protecting the monsters that preyed on children in Oakland County, not only in his role as prosecutor, but also as county executive, a role he clung to tightly until his death. I offer a brief summary as support for my view.

In February 1977, Patterson told The Detroit News and other news outlets that Chris Busch was not a suspect in the OCCK case. Within days of Patterson providing cover for Chris Busch, Busch will be arrested in Patterson's jurisdiction for molesting a child. Between February 28 and March 4, 1977, Busch was arrested for CSC with a minor three times. Stated more clearly: In a span of five days, Busch is arrested three more times. Monday in Oakland County, Thursday in Montmorency County and Friday in Montmorency County. He is released on bond every time, even after admitting to police that he molests children. On March 16, 1977, my brother Tim was abducted 2.5 miles from where Chris Busch was staying at his parents' house and 12 days after his last "catch and release" for CSC.

On November 20, 1978, Busch was found dead of a rifle shot to the head, right between the eyes, in his parents' home, although it is likely he had been dead since November 17. Despite an orgy of evidence in Busch's bedroom indicating involvement in the OCCK crimes, neither local police nor the MSP task force perform a forensic examination of the premises to collect any physical evidence concerning the OCCK case. That is because task force investigators' blood ran cold when they found Busch. He had been "cleared" by a polygraph performed in January 1977 by a rookie and unqualified MSP polygrapher. Patterson used this polygraph as the basis for telling the world Busch and Greene were not involved in the child killings and made those statements weeks before my brother Tim was abducted, while Busch was back on the streets.

Retired state forensic scientist David Metzger claims in 2012 (at the behest of Paul Walton) to have performed such an examination on the ropes found in Busch's room, but his clumsy affidavit of what he claims to have done 34 years ago further implicates the state for what it knew in 1978 and its deliberate actions to protect Busch (and his father, H. Lee Busch's reputation) from conviction and to leave the case unsolved.

On December 15, 1978, without making a single arrest or pursuing Chris Busch as a suspect despite the evidence found in the room where he was found dead, the OCCK task force disbanded citing a lack of funds (despite receiving a ridiculously large sum of grant monies, never accounted for). Yes, Patterson benefited greatly from the abandonment of this case and his responsibilities to the state police.

Patterson's successor at the OCP office, Richard Thompson, is still alive. Yet he refuses to talk about this case. He was Patterson's second in command and his involvement in the OCCK case, specifically attending the polygraphs in Flint of Chris Busch and Greg Greene in January 1977, and the handling of pedophile Busch's CSC charges, is well-established. He was followed in office by David Gorcyca, who at least signed off on the search warrant of the old Busch home in Bloomfield Village, but from my vantage point can hardly be considered to have had a distinguished career as prosecutor.

It is hard to detail and quantify the damage done to your office and to Oakland County by the next in line, Jessica Cooper and her chief, Paul Walton. I will start with my naive and very misplaced hope when she took office in 2008 that we might finally get some traction in the OCCK case and a fair shake. I could not have been more wrong. Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy can describe her interactions at the statewide prosecutors meeting held that January. Rather than welcome the discussion and assistance Worthy was offering in the OCCK case, my understanding is that Cooper completely rejected the help and was utterly uncooperative. This was a precursor of what would be total and hostile lack of cooperation and continued and intensified corruption by the OCP in the OCCK case.

Just after Cooper's election, polygrapher Larry Wasser was finally ordered by a Wayne County court to provide the name of the man he had polygraphed decades earlier and who had allegedly confessed to killing my brother. Rather than cooperate with Det. Williams and Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Rob Moran, Wasser retained attorney Larry Feinberg and fought an investigative subpoena, taking interlocutory appeals in what should have been a straightforward proceeding. Wasser lost his appeals and he was now faced with giving up this name he claimed not to remember.

His attorney Larry Feinberg shares offices with the firm Burgess & Burgess. We would later learn that the late Jane Burgess, a contemporary if not close friend of Jessica Cooper, had represented Chris Busch in his numerous CSC charges around the state of Michigan. I believe Wasser and Feinberg contacted Cooper to discuss the predicament Wasser created for himself. I believe her connections to Jane and Larry Burgess, as well as to Larry Wasser, were the basis for her response to the entire OCCK investigation and her lies to the press, which continued throughout her terms as prosecutor. Cooper and Paul Walton mounted a public campaign to diminish the Busch lead; to say he was not involved and to discredit the evidence. Along the way they defamed my Dad and framed our family as unstable victims. Not once did Cooper or Walton acknowledge that the information from Larry Wasser led to the discovery of the most prominent suspect in decades.

Cooper not only abused the grand jury process solely to instigate gag orders surrounding the OCCK investigation rather than to advance the case, she knowingly, unethically charged my Dad with a felony for leaking information about the existence of this grand jury. Reporter Kevin Dietz informed Cooper in writing that he would swear under oath that my Dad told him nothing about the existence of this grand jury and that he had multiple other sources. Shame on

Cooper and Walton, as well as Oakland County Judge Martha Anderson, who stood for that charade. And shame on the grievance committee of the Michigan State Bar for ignoring the grievance my Dad filed against Cooper for this unethical, punitive move. The transcripts and any recordings of this sham grand jury proceeding should be made public as was permitted by a judge in the 2020 grand jury proceeding in the police shooting of Breonna Taylor in her home in Kentucky. <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/09/29/us/breonna-taylor-grand-jury.html>.

Cooper's misleading statements at a July 2012 press conference concerning evidence found in a car owned by Arch Sloan were cynical, calculated and misleading. They followed on the heels of a damning series of articles in the Detroit Free Press by David Ashenfelter about Chris Busch and his partner Greg Greene. Ashenfelter, like Keenan, did the hard work that no one in the prosecutor's office or at the MSP was willing to do to expose the truth.

Even more damning is the fact that Cooper lied to her fellow prosecutor, Kym Worthy, about the Sloan DNA evidence and then forced task force members to sign oaths of fealty to keep it secret for months. If Cooper can lie to her fellow officers of the law with impunity or without accountability, how is the public supposed to trust the OCP office? Walton outright lied in his August 2020 interview with Heather Catalo about this case. Both Cooper and Walton should be reported to the Michigan State Bar Association. More importantly, the dishonesty and lack of transparency in the OCP office must be acknowledged and a public announcement made that this past behavior **will not be tolerated**.

One need only do a simple Google search to find petty, vindictive statements made about my Dad and my family by Cooper and Walton. Sighing, eye-rolling and unprofessional on camera (and who knows what off-camera), and despite all kinds of legitimate leads in the OCCK case, Cooper and Walton would do nothing to advance the OCCK case. In fact, they purposely hurt it. I believe Cooper informed Sheriff Bouchard and other local law enforcement to continue to obstruct further inquiry into this case and to refuse to respond to any questions the families or the press had. A young OCP attorney who was at one of the FOIA hearings (or maybe it was yet another suppression hearing to try to keep the search warrant affidavit under seal for all time) responded as follows to my Dad's greeting: I've been instructed not to speak with you. So much for courtroom civility. As I said, the damage done by Jessica Cooper and Paul Walton was serious and widespread and surely it is not limited to the OCCK case.

I believe both the MSP and the OCP hacked my computer, my Dad's computer, my brother Chris's computer and all of our phones. I believe there were warrantless hacks on not only our devices, but also those of others communicating with us about this case. I want someone from both agencies to answer my allegations under oath.

For all of these reasons, no one who is still employed by your office who worked on the OCCK case in any capacity--back in the day or more recently in the search warrant for 3310 Morningview Terrace, the FOIA disputes, the Arch Sloan "investigation" or otherwise should be allowed anywhere near this investigation. He or she will be a direct pipeline about the contours

of the investigation to those who have attempted to squelch inquiry in this case. They cannot be trusted.

## **RELATED SEX CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN**

As previously noted, victims of child porn and sex rings in Oakland County have come forward to Marney Keenan and to me. Marney told me: "The connection between child pornography rings and the OCCK case needs to be fully investigated. **I think it is the key to why this case hasn't been solved.**"

Marney also told me the interviews she has done with three survivors are some of the most difficult she has ever done. These sex crimes, occurring over a period of years, are more horrific than anything you can imagine. I agree with Marney's observation that the victim with the most potent information is not a troubled soul, a nut, an imposter or prone to fabrication. Yet law enforcement did not act on the information she provided two years ago. She now feels threatened and all of the victims of these crimes fear for their safety. A concrete plan to protect these witnesses and have their information investigated must be established and implemented to protect their identities at every step and to protect them from retaliation by offenders or law enforcement, including the state police. Any attempts at intimidation must be thwarted immediately.

I point out that you have two civilian women in their sixties and a retired detective doing more work in the OCCK and related child sex abuse cases than anyone on any Oakland County or state police payroll. Just listening to these victims' in-depth accounts, as Marney has, takes a toll she is willing to bear in the hope that the information can be put in the right hands so that their courage in coming forward will make a difference. But the fact that the child porn and sex ring operating in Oakland County was never investigated and the very fact of its existence shut down the OCCK investigation is the most unjust, poisonous result imaginable.

One way or the other, one victim or another, this parallel story is going to come out. It won't be through Marney or me, as we will not violate the confidentiality asked of us. But eventually, and maybe sooner rather than later, someone is going to speak out about these crimes. Times have changed and Oakland County will be in no position to deny the stories or the failure to protect children. The obvious ties with the child killings will be quickly realized as will the fact that the underbelly of Oakland County, complete with law enforcement complicit enablers, was a very main reason why the OCCK crimes were never "solved." Instead, they were shelved at a MSP post where the victims can continue to die every day in MSP file cabinets.

## GOING FORWARD

**“To the living we owe respect, but to the dead we owe only the truth.” --Voltaire**

In the OCCK case and the related cases of child sexual abuse and child pornography in Oakland County, respect for the living and truth on behalf of Mark Stebbins, Jill Robinson, Kristine Mihelich and Tim King, have been purposefully ignored. As I have said, failure to address the obvious only intensifies the suspicion about this investigation.

The victims of the OCCKs spent a combined total of 32 terror-filled days with their abductors, held captive, subjected to indescribably cruel treatment and then finally bathed, murdered and left on roadsides like garbage for all to see. These crimes and the obvious cover-ups dwarf any crime story, true or fictional, told on Netflix or Amazon.

The families of these murdered children suffered trauma, compounded with the knowledge that the killers were never identified and the reality that for the bulk of the last 40-plus years, law enforcement entrusted to find the killers have conspired to hide the truth and manipulate evidence, all for personal gain. Officials deceive themselves when they compartmentalize the damage simply to the family and friends of the victims. In December 2019 an editorial in the Traverse City Record-Eagle published the results of their survey about the top 10 stories of the decade. After describing issues more local to the Traverse City area and the opioid crisis, Record-Eagle readers wanted “information on the potential breaks in the Oakland County child killer case.” This from citizens living over 200 miles from the epicenter of these heinous crimes.

As a newly-elected prosecutor in an environment where the old (corrupt) guard has finally been winnowed down, I believe timing is critical here. Action must be decisive and swift before the taint of previous (and in some cases current) law enforcement culture can strangle attempts at the truth. Other communities have addressed bungled investigations into child murders and come clean to its citizens. It is the only way forward.

It took 27 years to solve and close the the abduction and murder case of seven-year-old Adam Walsh, who was kidnapped from a department store in Hollywood, Florida in 1981. In 2008 a new police chief had the courage to evaluate the bungled investigation himself and admit the case should have been closed much earlier. He attributed that failure, in part, to flaws in his department’s investigation. At a press conference, Chief C.E. Wagner stated: “This is a day that is long overdue. This case could have been closed years ago.” He apologized to the Walsh family and admitted the substantial circumstantial evidence to solve the case was “in front of our face for years.” See <https://www.nytimes.com/2008/12/17/us/17adam.html>. See also a YouTube video of the press conference at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YJmOgeFvpls>.

Adam’s father, John Walsh, said the day was a “reaffirmation of the fact that [Adam] didn’t die in vain. For all the other victims who haven’t gotten justice I say one thing: Don’t give up hope.” I believe in the OCCK case the actions of prosecutors, the MSP and local law enforcement had

the result, if not the design, to take advantage of the trauma and PTSD of victims' families to make sure they gave up hope that these cases would ever be solved.

Another child abduction/murder case that also took 27 years to solve was that of 11-year-old Jacob Wetterling who lived in St. Joseph, Minnesota. This case, much like the OCKK case, carried with it the completely false narrative of "the perfect crime," when in fact it was just a heartbreakingly botched investigation, spearheaded by a series of lame and arrogant local sheriffs. The case was solved in 2016 and law enforcement officials had to answer to the public. <https://www.apmreports.org/story/2016/12/30/27-years-wetterling-child-abduction>. Jacob's parents, like the Walsh family, were remarkably gracious.

And counter to Jessica Cooper's laughable contention that she could never speak about the "open," 43-year-old OCKK case and that to do so would be pointless because she cannot charge dead people, it is the responsibility of the prosecutor not only to speak to a court and a jury, but sometimes to the public when necessary. A district attorney in Sacramento recently did this in the Golden State Killer case. First, in 2016 the FBI and local law enforcement agencies in California announced a \$50,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the East Area Rapist/Golden State Killer whose string of increasingly horrific crimes took place in California between 1976 and 1986. They launched a nationwide multimedia campaign to once again bring this cold case to the public's attention.

<https://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/help-us-catch-the-east-area-rapist>.

Using DNA and an ancestry database, Joseph DeAngelo was arrested for these crimes in 2018. This past summer he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to life in prison. An article in the New York Times stated that Sacramento District Attorney Anne Marie Shubert had been central to the efforts to find the killer, and central in convincing people that this cold case was worth pursuing. Her attention and efforts brought answers and accountability to many victims and their family members. This was certainly a shocking contrast for me when I considered the approach of Jessica Cooper, who spent more time and energy being petty and vindictive than advancing the OCKK investigation and who, like the MSP, would never answer any questions about this case.

There are a number of ways to approach the heavy task of seeking long hidden truth here, made much more difficult by your predecessors. Predecessors who were evil politicians who acted out of pure, malevolent hubris. They did this on the backs of four dead children. Prosecutor Worthy has valuable and instructive experience in dealing with these types in the OCKK case. She has insights about the players and the investigation which I lack. AG Nessel has power over the MSP which is going to need to be exercised with a heavy hand. The three of you could create a powerful team. I repeat with the utmost conviction: **Meaningful change in Oakland County and all of Michigan is only possible if you expose the systemic corruption that was allowed to fester for more than four decades in the OCKK case and the related sex crimes against children by pedophile and child porn rings in and around Oakland County.**

Mercy, respect and the truth have always been too much to ask for in the OCCK case and related sex crimes against children in Oakland County. No more. A full accounting is long, long past due. I look forward to discussing this with you and the people I have asked to be included in this meeting.

With respect,

Catherine K. Broad

Attachments, sent via UPS delivery:

1. Memorandum to File, Barry L. King, February 28, 2015
2. Email from Catherine Broad to Det./Sgt. Sean Street, September 12, 2020
3. Memorandum, Barry L. King re: July 2011 Grand Jury accusations
4. Editorial, The Traverse City Record-Eagle, December 29, 2019
5. Oakland County Child Killer, Coincidence or Cover Up?, Barry L. King
6. Memorandum to file, Barry L. King, July 3, 2013

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