

OPEN LETTER & PUBLIC RECORD REQUEST

**To: Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivey (BCSO)
& State Attorney Phil Archer (SAO)**

From: VolusiaExposed.Com <http://volusiaexposed.com>

**Reference: The Arrest & Criminal Prosecution Of
Kathleen P. Edwards**

April 4, 2021

We (VolusiaExposed.Com) intend to cover the events and developments associated with the recent arrest and criminal prosecution of military veteran Kathleen P. Edwards.

Court records indicate that Mrs. Edwards has been criminally charged with “aggravated manslaughter of a child” regarding her son’s accidental drowning within the family pool.

BCSO’s Arrest Report (click below link)

<http://volusiaexposed.com/brevard/kathleenedwards/itdokedwards42021/edwardsreport.pdf>

As per your agencies’ press releases - it has been alleged that Edwards failed to properly secure her pool, while further failing to supervise her infant child (BCSO). The SAO’s press release stated that “overwhelming” evidence exists, supporting that this tragedy was “entirely preventable”.

BCSO’s Press Release (click below link)

<http://volusiaexposed.com/brevard/kathleenedwards/itdokedwards42021/bcsomedia.pdf>

SAO’s Press Release (click below link)

<http://volusiaexposed.com/brevard/kathleenedwards/itdokedwards42021/saomedia.pdf>

Gentlemen, our publication is preparing to publish an article that will explore the plausibility of our theory that Mrs. Edwards’ criminal prosecution was forged within the unscrupulous crucible – commonly known as “political retribution”.

Our developing article will question whether Edwards’ criminal prosecution is in retaliation for her (family) civil litigation attached to her husband’s 2018 in-custody death within the Brevard County jail.

VolusiaExposed – The In-Custody Death Of Gregory Edwards, Sr. - December 10, 2020
<http://volusiaexposed.com/brevard/edwards2020/gregoryedwardsnovember2020.html>

We shall also address our suspicion that local law enforcement agencies – in their prosecution of Edwards – as well as by taking custody of Edwards’ other child – MAY be attempting to trigger a mental health episode - causing the desired affect of Edwards committing a self harming event – that will in the end - be beneficial to these law enforcement agencies regarding the pending civil litigation.

We shall forward our theories and concerns - by examining how these same law enforcement agencies have processed similar incidents of child drownings.

With the above in mind, we have so far identified three particular child drowning incidents, that transpired within the same jurisdiction (18th Circuit) as the Edwards drowning. These three tragedies appear to have some similarities, as well as providing some contrast to the Edwards drowning (no pool fence, marijuana usage, determination by DCF of parent abuse /negligence, past contact with DCF, etc.).

The contrast within these three drowning incidents to the Edwards drowning - would be, that there were no criminal charges filed – nor were any of these adult subjects known to have on-going litigation with the investigating law enforcement agencies. In short, no political retribution could be attached – or implied.

The below linked DCF case summaries were obtained in compliance with Chapter 39 of Florida State Statutes.

<https://www.myflfamilies.com/newsroom/pressreleases/2014/20140616-In%20Case%20You%20Missed%20It%20-%20Editorial%20Progress%20on%20protecting%20children.shtml>

1. The drowning of three year old Raul Sanchez on January 5, 2018 (date of death 1/22/2018) – Brevard Sheriff’s Office Investigated (2018-00005483) – DCF sustained inadequate supervision of the child – no pool fence was present - no criminal charges filed

<http://volusiaexposed.com/brevard/kathleenedwards/itdokedwards42021/18-393062.pdf>

2. Three year old child drowns (name redacted) on November 3, 2018 in Seminole County. Mother sleeping – mother admits to marijuana usage - child discovered in pool upon family member returning home from work. DCF investigation supports inadequate supervision of child. Pool was not secured - had hole in screen enclosure. 18th SAO provided an explanation letter that charges were not filed because culpable negligence could NOT be established. Mother had over ten previous abuse reports (DCF) from 2009-2017. Report 2018-CJ-019844 filed by the Altamonte Springs PD.

<http://volusiaexposed.com/brevard/kathleenedwards/itdokedwards42021/18-739917.pdf>

3. The drowning death of three year old Riley Fowler on May 11, 2019 (date of death 5/12/2019) in Brevard County. Brevard Child Protective Team (CPT) doctor stated “death due to abuse / neglect and inadequate supervision – as the drowning could have been avoided with appropriate supervision”.

BCSO report 2019-169893 closed out the investigative finding as “unfounded” – no charges or arrest made.

While the very same CPT used in the Edwards drowning - supported that the Fowler child was neglected / inadequately supervised – and that the drowning was preventable – the BCSO did not file charges.

However, these very same CPT rationales (neglect and preventable drowning) were used by law enforcement in justifying Mrs. Edwards’ prosecution.

<http://volusiaexposed.com/brevard/kathleenedwards/itdokedwards42021/19-156176.pdf>

We make the following **PUBLIC RECORD REQUESTS**.

Regarding case #1 – the Sanchez drowning – we request a complete copy of the BCSO investigative report – the DCF summary report listed this report as BCSO 2018-00005483.

Regarding case #2 (Altamonte Springs PD case # 2018-CJ-019844) – we request a complete copy of the 18th SAO letter stating that no criminal prosecution would be open - due to not having enough evidence to support culpable negligence.

Regarding case #3 – the Fowler drowning – we request a complete copy of BCSO investigative report 2019-169893.

Please use our below listed email address as our point of contact – and advise us in advance of any costs that are associated with our request for records.

Lastly, we would be open to any explanations of how the above three child drowning events did not reach a “culpable negligence” level – given the position of both the BCSO and SAO that Mrs. Edwards committed the criminal act of “aggravated manslaughter of a child” in the drowning death of her child.

Regards,

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