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Ref: William Styffe's autopsy report – request for interview / comments

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Please be advised - We (VolusiaExposed.Com) make this public record request for the autopsy report of William Styffe whom died earlier this month.

Mr. William Styffe was an inmate within the Volusia County Jail when he allegedly attempted suicide in September 2013.

Recent media accounts tend to support that Inmate Styffe died while in custody due to his September injuries.

VolusiaExposed is working on an article that will memorialize the Styffe incident. In late October, we requested, and received the jail's incident reports regarding the alleged suicide attempt. We wish to incorporate to our article, the autopsy report conducted by the Volusia County Department of Public Protection - the very same department which operates the county jail.

Given the recent veracity issues attached to the Volusia County Medical Examiner's office (Trayvon Martin Incident, The Marlon Brown incident, and Dr. Bao's termination) - we suspect that the Styffe autopsy report will be of public interest.

In truth, we have concerns, that given the discontinuation of FAC 33-8 reviews / investigations of in-custody jail deaths, coupled with the veracity issues that have run through the Volusia County Department of Public Protection (Beach Patrol, Corrections, Medical Examiner's Officer, etc.) - that it is vital to the public safety, that these documents be made readily available for public review.

Please advise us of any costs associated with this PRR prior to it's fulfillment. In the past, autopsy reports have been provided to us via PDF files emailed to our below listed email address. These files were provided free of charge.

In addition, we would request a comment / interview in regards to some information we have received. According to our information, sometime ago, the jail reduced their security staffing of 2A and 2B cell blocks by 50% (from 2 to 1 officer). When Inmate Styffe allegedly attempted suicide, this staffing was at the reduced level. However, shortly after Inmate Styffe's alleged suicide attempt – that staffing levels were raised back to two officers.

We look forward to your response, and for our requested records.

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