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June 16, 2021

The Honorable Ron Johnson
United States Senate
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Re: Death of USCP Officer Brian Sicknick
OCME #21-00132

Dear Senator Johnson:

Thank you for your March 8, 2021 letter regarding the death of USCP Officer Brian Sicknick. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) for the District of Columbia strives to meet National Association of Medical Examiner's standard that 90% of postmortem examination reports be completed within ninety (90) days from the time of the autopsy.¹ While more complex cases may take longer, we expect that Officer Sicknick's evaluation will be completed within this timeframe. In contrast to popular perception, an autopsy is often only an early step in a death investigation; additional time is often needed to conduct toxicology, lab studies, additional field investigation, and specialist consultations.

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If you need further information do not hesitate to contact OCME's General Counsel, Rodney Adams by email at Rodney.Adams@dc.gov or by phone at (202) 698-9005.

Sincerely,

Francisco J. Diaz, MD, FCAP, FASCP
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March 8, 2021

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Dear Dr. Diaz:

I am writing regarding the death of U.S. Capitol Police (USCP) Officer Brian Sicknick. On January 7, 2021, the day after the Capitol breach, the USCP announced that Officer Sicknick “passed away due to injuries sustained while on-duty.”¹ Specifically, USCP stated that Officer Sicknick “was injured while physically engaging with protesters [at the Capitol on January 6, 2021]. He returned to his division office and collapsed. He was taken to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.”²

Shortly after Officer Sicknick’s death, false reports about how he died began to emerge. For example, the *New York Times* reported that Officer Sicknick “was struck by a fire extinguisher.”³ Other news outlets later revealed that “initial reports about Sicknick being hit with a fire extinguisher are not true”⁴ and that “medical examiners did not find signs that the officer sustained any blunt force trauma.”⁵ The determinations that your office will make will help set the record straight regarding Officer Sicknick’s cause of death.

On February 26, 2021, nearly two months after Officer Sicknick’s death, the USCP stated that the “medical examiner’s report . . . is not yet complete.”⁶ In my ongoing efforts to reconstruct as completely as possible the events of January 6, including what happened to Officer Sicknick, I respectfully request that you inform my office of the date in which you plan to complete your report on this matter, explain why it has taken so long to complete, and provide my office a copy of that report as soon as it is finalized.

¹ Press Release, Loss of USCP Officer Brian D. Sicknick, U.S. Capitol Police, Jan. 7, 2021, <https://www.uscp.gov/media-center/press-releases/loss-uscp-colleague-brian-d-sicknick>.

² *Id.*

³ Daniel Chaitin, *New York Times quietly updates report on fire extinguisher striking Capitol Police officer*, Wash. Examiner, Feb. 14, 2021, <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/new-york-times-capitol-police-officer-brian-sicknick-fire-extinguisher>.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ Evan Perez, David Shortell and Whitney Wild, *Investigators struggle to build murder case in death of US Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick*, CNN, <https://www.cnn.com/2021/02/02/politics/brian-sicknick-charges/index.html>.

⁶ Press Release, Statement on Officer Sicknick, U.S. Capitol Police, Feb. 26, 2021, <https://www.uscp.gov/media-center/press-releases/statement-officer-sicknick>.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ron Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Ron Johnson
U.S. Senator



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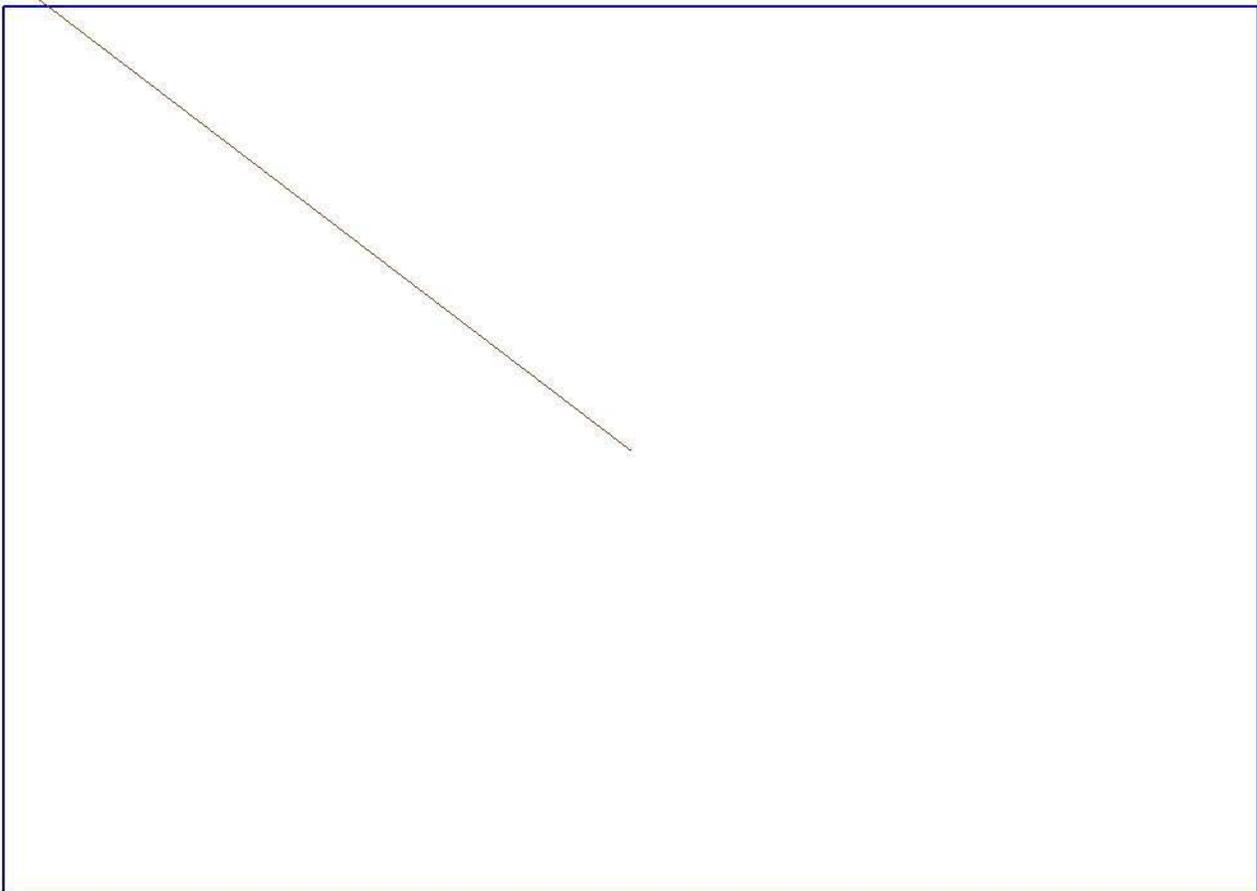
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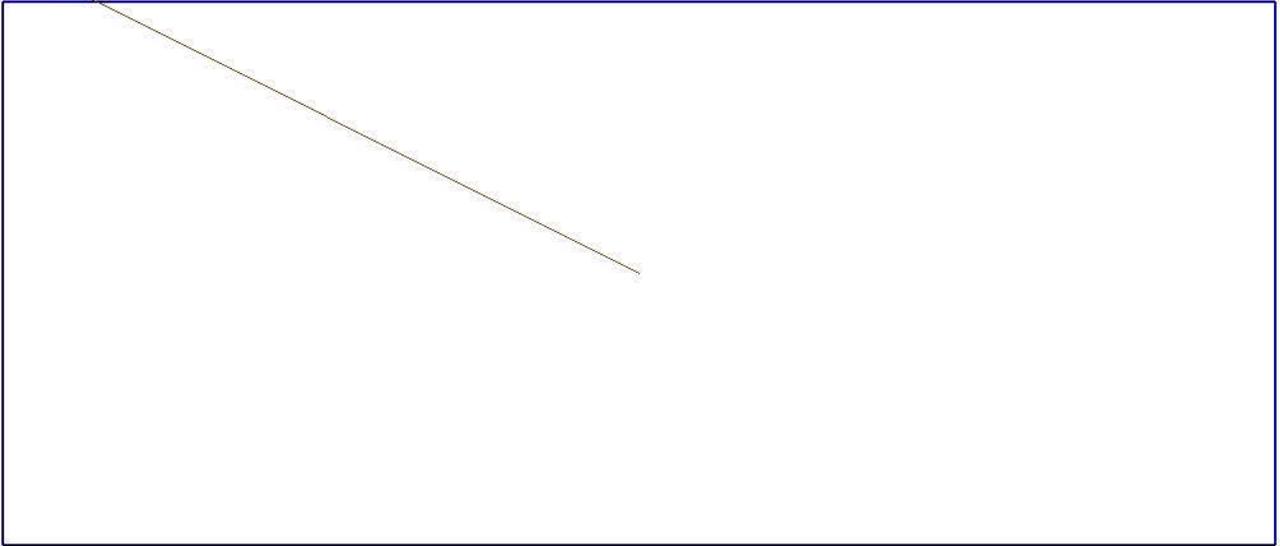
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****Cause and Manner of Death are available and the NOK/Family has been notified****

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Carmen Widman	CNN's New Day	Carmen.contewidman@turner.com	646-467-1742
John McCormack	National Review	john.m.mccormack@gmail.com	202-368-4151

****Cause and Manner of Death are available and the NOK/Family has been notified****

Media Requests			Telephone
RE: Brian Sicknick, Ashli Babbitt, Kevin Greeson, Roseanne Boyland and Benjamin Philips			Number
Name	Media Outlet	Email Address	
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Julie Kelly	American Greatness	julie.kelly45@att.net	
Fadel Allassan	Axios	fadel.allassan@axios.com	
Emmanuelle Saliba	BBC News	emmanuellesaliba@gmail.com	212-203 6937
Sophia Cai	Bloomberg	scai102@bloomberg.net	609-651-0139
Ari Natter	Bloomberg News	anatter5@bloomberg.net	202-445-5555
Clarissa-Jan Lim	BuzzFeed News	clarissa.jan.lim@buzzfeed.com	
Benjamin M. Warwick	CBS affiliate in Denver	bmwarwick@cbs.com	719.322.6466
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Danielle Wallace	FoxNews.com	danielle.wallace@FOXNEWS.COM	646-629-5018
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Report Date Time : 2/26/2021 11:01:25 AM

Request Details Report

Request Information:

Request #	: 2021-FOIA-03278
Action Office	: OCME
Request Type	: FOIA
Request Owner	: -
On Behalf Of	: -
Requester Category	: News Media
Reference	: -
Received Mode	: PAL
Requested Date	: 2/23/2021
Original Received Date	: 2/23/2021
Received Date	: 2/23/2021
Perfect Request	: Yes
Disposition Accepted Date	: -
Delivery Date	: -
Closed Date	: -
Original Target Date	: 3/16/2021
Target Date	: 3/16/2021
Estimated Delivery Date	: 3/16/2021
Total Days on Hold	: 0
Days Remaining	: 12
Request Age	: 3
Delivery Mode	: Download via FOIA Portal
Priority	: Normal
Request Status	: Assigned
Final Disposition	: -
Discretionary Release Made	: No
Discretionary Comments	:
Discretionary Codes	: -
Denial Authority	: -

Description of the Request :

WJLA would like to request cause of death and autopsy report for Officer Brian David Sicknick. He collapsed at Capitol PD Headquarters on Jan. 6th 2021 and passed away later at the hospital. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/06/2021 To 01/08/2021)

Requester Information:

Requester Name	: Cartmill, Elise
Job Title	: Assignment Manager
Created Date	: 2/23/2021
Requester Login	: ecartmill
Default Category	: News Media
Organization	: WJLA
Work Phone 1	: -
Work Phone 2	: -
Mobile	: -
Fax	: -
E-Mail	: ecartmill@sbgvtv.com

Address:

Address 1	: 1100 Wilson Blvd.
Address 2	: -
City	: Virginia
State	: -
Country	: United States
Zip Code	: 22209

Billing Address:

Address 1	: 1100 Wilson Blvd.
Address 2	: -
City	: Virginia
State	: -
Country	: United States
Zip Code	: 22209

Shipping Address:

Address 1	: 1100 Wilson Blvd.
Address 2	: -
City	: Virginia
State	: -
Country	: United States
Zip Code	: 22209

Action History :

Action	Comment	Action Taken By	Action Date/Time
Assigned		Adams, Rodney	2/26/2021 11:01:25 AM
Perfected	Request is marked as Auto Perfected upon receiving.	Admin, EOM	2/23/2021 11:40:33 AM
Assigned		Admin, EOM	2/23/2021 11:40:33 AM
Received	Request '2021-FOIA-03278' is received via Sync Service	Admin, EOM	2/23/2021 11:40:33 AM

Assign :

Assigned By	Assigned Date	Assigned To (User/Group)	Action Office	Comments	Request Status
Adams, Rodney	2/26/2021 11:01:25 AM	Adams, Rodney (Primary)	OCME	-	Received
Adams, Rodney	2/26/2021 11:01:25 AM	Queue, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner	OCME	-	Received
Admin, EOM	2/23/2021 11:40:33 AM	Queue, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner	OCME	-	Received

Link Requests :

Request #	Request Type	Requester Name	Primary User	Received Date	Target Date	Request Status
No link requests found .						

Extension :

ID	Reason for Extension	Days	New Target Date	Approval/Denial Date	Completed Date	Extension Status	Extension Note	Approval/Denial Note	Completion Note
No Extensions found.									

FOIA Documents Details (in Request Folder) :

File Cabinet Drawer	Folder Name	Disposition	Layer Name	No. of Pages	Date Added	Redaction Codes	Document Review Status
No folders have been added to this request.							

FOIA Documents Details (in Review Log) :

File Cabinet Drawer	Folder Name	Disposition	Comments	No. of Pages	Date Added	Redaction Codes
No folders have been added to this request.						

Page Details:

# of pages attached to request folder	: 0
# of pages attached to request folder with partial redactions	: 0
# of pages attached to request folder with full redactions	: 0
# of pages attached to request folder without redactions	: 0
# of documents delivered	: 0
# of pages reviewed	: 0
# of pages delivered	: 0

Partially Applied Redaction Code Details:

Redaction Code	Description	No. of Pages Used
No Page with partial redactions was added to this request.		

Fully Applied Redaction Code Details:

Redaction Code	Description	No. of Pages Used
No Page with full redactions was added to this request.		

Manually - Partially Applied Redaction Code Details:

Redaction Code	Description
No partially applied redaction code details found.	

Manually - Fully Applied Redaction Code Details:

Redaction Code	Description
No fully applied redaction code details found.	

Manually Applied - Other Redaction Code Details:

Redaction Code	Description
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Fee Details :

Payment Status	: No Charges
Last Invoice Amount	: \$ 0.00
Last Invoice Number	: -
Last Invoice Date	: -
Pre-Payment Amount	: \$ 0.00
Total Invoiced	: \$ 0.00
Cost Estimated	: \$ 0.00
Cost Not Charged by the Agency	: \$ 0.00
Total Amount Paid	: \$ 0.00
Balance Due	: \$ 0.00
Total Refund Amount	: \$ 0.00
Amount Requester Willing to Pay	: \$ 0.00
Fee Waiver Requested	: No
Fee Waiver Status	: Fee Waiver Not Requested
Fee Waiver Start Date	: -
Fee Waiver End Date	: -
Willing to Pay All Fees	: Yes
Adjudicate Days (Fee Waiver)	: 0

Fee Details Description:

Fee Items	Charge Type	Unit Rate (\$)	Quantity	Extended Value (\$)
No Fee Details have been Found for this Request.				

Work Hours (Record Search Processing Costs) :

Program Office	Created By	Rate	Hours	Total Cost	Comments
No Record Search Processing Cost details found .					

Work Hours (Staff Processing Costs) :

User Name	Activity	Created By	Rate	Hours	Total Cost	Comments
No staff processing cost details found.						

Transfer Details:

Transfer To	Transfer By	Transfer Date	Comment
No transfer request details found for this request.			

Correspondence Log :

Subject	File Name	User	Status	Mode	E-mail	Dispatched Date	Action Date
Request Description (Form)	PAL Request Form.pdf	Admin, EOM	Received	PAL			2/23/2021 11:40:33 AM
Request Acknowledgement by DC Government FOIA Portal		Admin, EOM	Sent	Download via FOIA Portal	Sent From PAL To (ecartmill@sbgvtv.com)	2/23/2021	2/23/2021 11:40:32 AM
Assignment Notification from DC Government FOIA Portal-Tracking # 2021-FOIA-03278		Admin, EOM	Sent	Download via FOIA Portal	Sent From PAL To (ocme.foiax@dc.gov)	2/23/2021	2/23/2021 11:40:32 AM

Consultation Review Log :

Review ID	Location(s) Referred	Due Date	Created Date	Imported Date	Disposition Accepted Date	Status
No consultation review log records found.						

Requests For Documents:

ID	Location(s) Referred	Request Date	Due Date	Status	Comments
No Request for Documents log details found.					

Document Delivery log:

ID	User	Mode	Status	Delivery Type	E-mail	Dispatched Date	Date
No document delivery log details found.							



Public Safety and Justice Cluster Meeting
March 25, 2021
OCME TALKING POINTS

➤ **Unit Updates:**

- Quality Management:
 - ISO 17020 Accreditation: In November of 2020, this accreditation was attained with ZERO non-conformities.
 - NAME Accreditation: Full accreditation with NAME (National Association of Medical Examiners) for the full 5 years (2/2016 – 2/2021) without a major deficiency.
- OCME has received ten FOIA requests for records pertaining to Officer Sicknick's death following the January 6th Capitol riot. Each of those has been declined. One requestor (Judicial Watch) has appealed.
 - OCME's Public Information Officer has received more than 50 media inquiries.

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OCME ■ PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY CLUSTER ■ March 2021**OCME Caseload by Manner and Year**

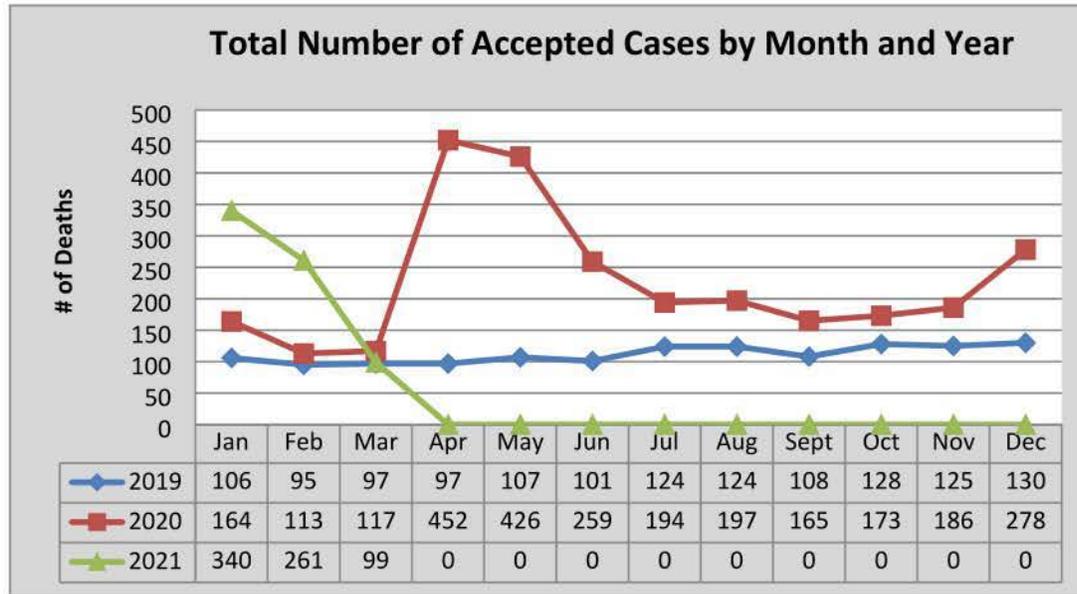
This report provides a breakdown of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiners caseload from January 1, 2019 through March 15, 2021 (YTD, unless otherwise noted). The OCME investigated 6,763 cases in 2019 compared to 9,166 cases in 2020 during the same time period. In 2021 (01/01/2021-03/15/2021), the OCME has already investigated 2,155 cases. As of March 15th, there are 165 cases from calendar year 2021 that are pending cause and manner determination (there are no cases greater than 90 days at this time). The tables below provide a breakdown of the cases by manner of death and year.

Table 1: Case Decision and Requests by Year

Case Decision by Calendar Year			
	2019	2020	2021 (YTD)
Accepted	1342	2725	691
Declined	1845	2017	454
Storage	181	237	38
Cremations	3395	4187	968
Total	6,763	9,166	2,151

Figure 1: Yearly Comparison of OCME Accepted Cases (2019 – 2021)

Note: The data presented for 2021 is for 01/01/2021 – 03-15-2021.



Comparison of Accepted Cases in 2019 and 2020		
	# of Deaths	Difference
2019	1342	
2020	2724	103%

Table 2: Accepted Cases by Manner of Death (excluding non-human remains)

Accepted Cases by MOD			
Manner of Death	2019	2020	2021
Accident	577	745	51
Homicide	164	212	41
Natural	521	1651	424
Pending	0	29	164
Suicide	61	54	11
Undetermined	19	33	0
	1342	2725	691

Note: The above table does not include cremains or non-human remains; except for one (1) non-human remain case in 2019. In addition, cause and manner of death determinations have not been made for all 2020 cases, which are indicated by the “Pending” cases. Please note the “Pending” number of cases change daily and may be less for 2020 at the time of this presentation. The data presented for 2021 is for 01/01/2021 – 03/15/2021 only.

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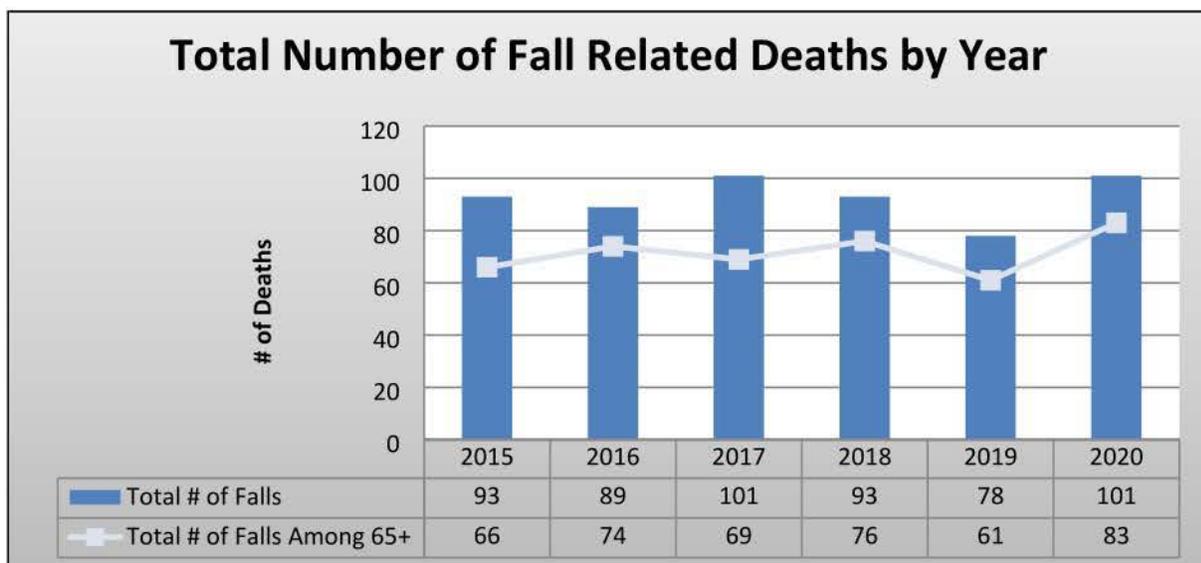
Opioid Related Deaths:

Table 2: Opioid-related Deaths, 2018-2021

	CY18	CY19	CY20	CY21 to 3/15/21
Intoxication Deaths	324	392	531	11
Opioid Deaths	214	281	408	5
% of Intoxication Deaths that are Opioid-related	66%	72%	77%	45%
Average Opioid-related Deaths per month	18	23	34	N/A

Note: The CY20 data is incomplete due to cases that are still "Pending" Cause and Manner of Death.

Falls:





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MEMORANDUM

TO: FOIA Appeals, MOLC
FROM: Rodney K. Adams, General Counsel
DATE: February 22, 2021
SUBJECT: 2021-FOIA-03130; FOIA Appeal 2021-096

Thank you for seeking my input on the denial of a FOIA request by reporter William Marshall, 2021-FOIA-03130, to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) for:

All records, including but not limited to autopsy reports, toxicology reports, notes, photographs, and OCME officials' electronic communications, related to the death on Jan. 6, 2021 of Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick and its related investigation.

The request for personal identifiable information (PII) was properly denied pursuant to DC Code 2-534(a)(2) and 2-534(a)(6). Additional bases include that the OCME has not completed its investigation and report¹ and that law enforcement investigations² are still underway at the time this FOIA request was made.³

Background

In response to Mr. Marshall's FOIA request for the OCME case for the late Off. Sicknick, I advised Mr. Marshall that personal identifiable information (PII) about individual decedents is exempt from disclosure under FOIA⁴ and that OCME's position in not disclosing PII under FOIA is supported by the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in National Archives and Records Admin. v. Favish, 541 US 157 (2004). I advised him that a request for an OCME case file needs to be accompanied by an authorization from the next of kin; a subpoena; or a court order.⁵

¹ DC Code 2-534(a)(4) and 2-534(e)

² DC Code 2-534(a)(3)

³ Correspondence on this FOIA request are filed in FOIAexpress

⁴ DC Code 2-534(a)(2)

⁵ DC Code 5-1412 and 28 DCMR 5000; DC Code 2-534(a)(6)

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Mr. Marshall's request reflects a common misperception of reporters (and the public at large) that a medical examiner will make immediate determinations about the circumstances of a death. As OCME Public Information Officer Cheryle Adams explained in her message to Mr. Marshall, OCME's goal is to meet the national standard of completing its report within ninety (90) days. Such a time interval is required to finish inquiries, record reviews, testing, consultation and other efforts that a prudent medical examiner undertakes. Decency demands that the final report would be shared with a decedent's survivors before any information would be shared with anyone else. Likewise, ongoing law enforcement investigations should not be compromised by premature release of preliminary findings and tentative conclusions. To this end, Ms. Adams advised Mr. Marshall that:

OCME medical examiners comply with the National Association of Medical Examiners' (NAME) standard to determine the cause and manner of death within 90 days; however, for cases that are more complex it could be longer. Therefore, when this information is available and the decedent's next of kin has been notified, I will provide you with the cause and manner of death. Additionally, I have added your name to the list to receive the information when it is available.

Requests to OCME for individual case files by reporters and the curious are not unusual in light of the fact that every jurisdiction has different laws related to the confidentiality of medical examiner case records. Some states, such as Maryland, have completely open records. Others have complete confidentiality, similar to the handling of medical records, and many, such as the District of Columbia, are in between. A principle function of OCME is to support families of decedents. One important component of supporting families is to protect their privacy. Some families may choose to grieve very publically. Others may want to grieve privately. OCME strongly supports either choice by protecting family's privacy until the family decides to waive it once the family has OCME's final report.

Mr. Marshall immediately filed this appeal on the basis that "the intense public interest surrounding this case outweighing any asserted privacy considerations." No further basis was provided.

Records Maintained by OCME

OCME, by 28 DCMR 5005.1, is required to maintain full and complete records and files, properly indexed, which provide the following information:

- (a) The name, if known, of every person whose death is investigated;
- (b) The place where the body was found;
- (c) The date the body was found;
- (d) The cause and manner of death; and
- (e) All other relevant information and reports of the medical examiner concerning the death

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As would be expected, OCME case records usually include personal information such as the decedent's last known address, identification numbers such as a Social Security number, next of kin, medical history, social history, etc.

An important consideration in this FOIA denial appeal is that Mr. Marshall's request was made on February 16, 2021 for a death that occurred on or about January 6, 2021. As described above, OCME's investigation has not been completed as of Mr. Marshall's appeal on February 18, 2021. Thus, the records listed above are not likely to be complete. It is anticipated that the Chief Medical Examiner will make an announcement as to the cause and manner of death for this unfortunate law enforcement officer when a final determination is made.

Legal Analysis

The OCME Records Statute

The Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel has already ruled in a recent decision⁶ on Mr. Marshall's core assertion that he is entitled to the records:

As an initial matter, this office rejects your argument that you are entitled to OCME's case files under D.C. Code § 5-1412, which governs OCME's maintenance of records. Although you are correct that the statute allows a person with a "legitimate interest [to] obtain copies of [such] records," that allowance is expressly based "upon such conditions and payment of such fees *as may be prescribed by regulation by the Mayor.*" D.C. Code § 5-1412(c) (emphasis added). As relevant here, those conditions are laid out in 28 DCMR 5005.3. Under that regulation, you can obtain these records by: (1) providing written authorization of the next of kin for release of the records; (2) serving a subpoena; or (3) obtaining a court order. Your request does not include any of those, and thus D.C. Code § 5-1412(c) does not give you an automatic right to the records you seek.

In other words, DC Code 5-1412 provides an exemption from the DC FOIA statute. DC Code 2-534(a)(6).

The Freedom of Information Act, Exemption 2

While the primary goal of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) is to provide government transparency, DC Code 2-534(a)(2) ("Exemption 2") provides an exemption to disclosure of government records under the DC FOIA statute for:

(2) Information of a personal nature where the public disclosure thereof would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

⁶ MOLC, 2020-227 FOIA Appeal Decision, p. 2

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Exemption 2 is derived from the federal Freedom of Information Act but is phrased in a less awkward manner than the better known federal Exemption 6⁷:

(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

As one might anticipate, federal FOIA Exemption 6 has been much more litigated than the local FOIA Exemption 2. The U.S. Justice Department describes a four-part test used by courts for the applicability of federal Exemption 6:⁸

- First, determine whether the information at issue is a personnel, medical, or similar file;
- Second, determine whether there is a significant privacy interest in the requested information;
- Third, evaluate the requester's asserted FOIA public interest in disclosure; and
- Finally, if there is a significant privacy interest in nondisclosure and a FOIA public interest in disclosure, balance those competing interests to determine whether disclosure "would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy."

First, The Requested Information is in A Specified Location

In looking at the first factor of the four-part test for federal Exemption 6, the courts have broadly interpreted "personnel and medical files and similar files":⁹

Information meets the threshold requirement of Exemption 6 if it is contained in "personnel and medical files and similar files." Personnel and medical files are easily identified, but what constitutes a "similar file" was established by the Supreme Court in U.S. Dep't of State v. Wash. Post Co. There the Supreme Court held, based upon a review of the legislative history of the FOIA, that Congress intended the term "similar files" to be interpreted broadly, rather than narrowly. The Court stated that the protection of an individual's privacy "surely was not intended to turn upon the label of the file which contains the damaging information." Rather, the Court made clear that all information that "applies to a particular individual" meets the threshold requirement for Exemption 6 protection.

The Justice Department gives several examples of how broadly courts have interpreted "personnel and medical files and similar files." For example, the DC District Court found that the Federal Trade Commission acted appropriately in denying release of the names, addresses, and phone numbers of consumers who filed complaints "[s]ince each piece of information withheld by defendants applies to specific individuals."¹⁰ Similar protection of individual identities for interactions with other agencies has

⁷ 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)

⁸ US Justice Department, Guide to FOIA, Exemption 6, pp. 1-2

⁹ Department of Justice Guide to the Freedom of Information Act, Exemption 6, p 4 (internal citations omitted)

¹⁰ Carter, Fullerton & Hayes LLC v. FTC, 520 F. Supp. 2d 134, 144-45

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been upheld by several courts.¹¹ No interpretation of “similar files” is required for Mr. Marshall’s request as the OCME records clearly fall within the definition of medical files.

DC FOIA Exemption 2 avoids the ambiguity of “similar files” and simply says “information of a personal nature.” The phrasing of DC Exemption 2 is almost verbatim from the U.S. Supreme Court’s opinion in Department of State v. Washington Post Co.,¹² which cited with approval the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia holding in New York Times v. NASA¹³ that a government agency need not disclose “information which applies to a particular individual” if its disclosure “would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.”¹⁴ The New York Times was seeking a tape recording of the last moments of the doomed space shuttle *Challenger* astronauts. Trying to define the nature of the file was unimportant and overshadowed by the importance of protecting privacy:

Thus the Supreme Court requires that in applying the threshold test, we look “not [to] the nature of the files” that contain the information sought in a FOIA request, but to the nature of the information requested. *Id.* The information need not be intimate; the threshold for application of Exemption 6 is crossed if the information merely “applies to a particular individual.” *Id.* at 602, 102 S.Ct. at 1961–62. As this court subsequently put it, the threshold is “minimal.” Washington Post Co. v. HHS, 690 F.2d 252, 260 (1982) (“This ensures that FOIA’s protection of personal privacy is not affected by the happenstance of the type of agency record in which personal information is stored.”).¹⁵

Here, the records sought by Mr. Marshall indisputably fall within the definition of “personnel, medical or similar files” under the federal Exemption 6. DC Exemption 2 does not require wrestling with such semantics. “Information of a personal nature” is exactly what the reporter seeks. Personal privacy is protected regardless of the label attached to its location. Therefore, the issue under both the federal and DC FOIA statutes next becomes whether a privacy interest exists.

Second, Significant Privacy Interests Are Present in OCME Case Files

Turning to the second factor in the four-part test, no colorable argument can be made that the information sought by Mr. Marshall does not raise significant privacy interests. As a starting point, the U.S. Court of Appeal, Ninth Circuit has given this definition of when personal privacy is of concern:

(D.D.C. 2007)

¹¹ See Judicial Watch, Inc. v. United States, 84 F. App’x 335, 337 (4th Cir. 2004); accord Judicial Watch, Inc. v. Rossotti, 285 F. Supp. 2d 17, 28 (D.D.C. 2003) (finding names and addresses of people who wrote to the IRS to comment on organization’s tax-exempt status, both pro and con, withholdable under Exemption 7(C)). Prudential Locations LLC v. HUD, 739 F.3d 424, 432 (9th Cir. 2013) (holding that “in light of the repeated pronouncements of HUD’s confidentiality policy,” authors of emails to HUD alleging violations of federal statute “had reasonable expectations that HUD would protect their confidentiality even without a specific request that it do so”).

¹² Department of State v. Washington Post Co., 456 U.S. 595, 602, 102 S.Ct. 1957, 1961–62, 72 L.Ed.2d 358 (1982)

¹³ New York Times Co. v. Nat’l Aeronautics & Space Admin., 920 F.2d 1002, 1004 (D.C. Cir. 1990)

¹⁴ New York Times Co. v. Nat’l Aeronautics & Space Admin., 920 F.2d 1002, 1004 (D.C. Cir. 1990) quoting Department of State v. Washington Post Co., 456 U.S. 595, 602, 102 S.Ct. 1957, 1961–62, 72 L.Ed.2d 358 (1982); 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)

¹⁵ New York Times Co. v. Nat’l Aeronautics & Space Admin., 920 F.2d 1002, 1006 (D.C. Cir. 1990)

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Rather, a disclosure implicates personal privacy if it affects either “the individual’s control of information concerning his or her person,” *Dep’t of Justice v. Reporters Comm. for Freedom of the Press*, 489 U.S. 749, 763, 109 S.Ct. 1468, 103 L.Ed.2d 774 (1989), or constitutes a “public intrusion[] long deemed impermissible under the common law and in our cultural traditions,” *Favish*, 541 U.S. at 167, 124 S.Ct. 1570.¹⁶

The Ninth Circuit had previously stated that, “Information regarding illness or health is personal, and falls under the scope of federal Exemption 6.”¹⁷ The U.S. Supreme Court and Circuit Courts of Appeal have resoundingly upheld the privacy rights for decedents and their survivors in the context of medical examiner records and other information related to their death.

The Supreme Court expressly recognized a right of privacy for survivors with regard to DC Medical Examiner records in 2004.¹⁸ The twist in the *National Archives and Records Admin v. Favish*¹⁹ case was that the Medical Examiner’s post-mortem photographs being sought by a news agency were in the possession of the US Park Police. Therefore, the Supreme Court addressed the personal privacy issue under federal Exemption 7(c), which pertains to protecting privacy by law enforcement agencies. The Supreme Court reviewed the history of a privacy interest for a decedent’s survivors and expressly confirmed that survivors are entitled to privacy with regard to medical examiner records:

As we shall explain below, we think it proper to conclude from Congress’ use of the term “personal privacy” that it intended to permit family members to assert their own privacy rights against public intrusions long deemed impermissible under the common law and in our cultural traditions. This does not mean that the family is in the same position as the individual who is the subject of the disclosure. We have little difficulty, however, in finding in our case law and traditions the right of family members to direct and control disposition of the body of the deceased and to limit attempts to exploit pictures of the deceased family member’s remains for public purposes.²⁰

The Supreme Court went on to explain, by quoting an old New York state opinion and citing multiple other opinions, the source of the privacy right for the survivors:

“It is the right of privacy of the living which it is sought to enforce here. That right may in some cases be itself violated by improperly interfering with the character or memory of a deceased relative, but it is the right of the living, and not that of the dead, which is recognized. A privilege may be given the surviving relatives of a deceased person to protect his memory, but the privilege exists for the benefit of the living, to protect their feelings, and to prevent a violation of their own rights in the character and memory of the deceased.”²¹

¹⁶ *Cameranesi v. United States Dep’t of Def.*, 839 F.3d 751, 763 (9th Cir. 2016), withdrawn and superseded on denial of reh’g en banc, 856 F.3d 626 (9th Cir. 2017)

¹⁷ *Dobronski v. FCC*, 17 F.3d 275, 278 (9th Cir.1994)

¹⁸ *National Archives and Records Admin. V. Favish*, 541 US 157 (2004)

¹⁹ *National Archives and Records Admin. V. Favish*, 541 US 157 (2004)

²⁰ *Nat’l Archives & Records Admin. v. Favish*, 541 U.S. 157, 167, 124 S. Ct. 1570, 1578, 158 L. Ed. 2d 319 (2004)

²¹ *Nat’l Archives & Records Admin. v. Favish*, 541 U.S. 157, 168–69, 124 S. Ct. 1570, 1578, 158 L. Ed. 2d 319 (2004) quoting *Schuyler v. Curtis*, 147 N.Y. 434, 447, 42 N.E. 22, 25 (1895).

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See also *Reid v. Pierce County*, 136 Wash.2d 195, 212, 961 P.2d 333, 342 (1998) (“[T]he immediate relatives of a decedent have a protectable privacy interest in the autopsy records of the decedent”); *McCambridge v. Little Rock*, 298 Ark. 219, 231-232, 766 S.W.2d 909, 915 (1989) (recognizing the privacy interest of the murder victim's mother in crime scene photographs); *Bazemore v. Savannah Hospital*, 171 Ga. 257, 155 S.E. 194 (1930) (*per curiam*) (recognizing parents' right of privacy in photographs of their deceased **1579 child's body); Restatement (Second) of Torts § 652D, p. 387 (1977) (recognizing that publication of a photograph of a deceased infant—a hypothetical “child with two heads”—over the objection of the mother would result in an “inva[sion]” of the mother's “privacy”).²²

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It would be anomalous to hold in the instant case that the statute provides even less protection than does the common law.²³

The Supreme Court described what would occur if it allowed the invasion of the survivors' privacy:

The statutory scheme must be understood, moreover, in light of the consequences that would follow were we to adopt Favish's position. As a general rule, withholding information under FOIA cannot be predicated on the identity of the requester. See *Reporters Committee, supra*, at 771, 109 S.Ct. 1468. We are advised by the Government that child molesters, rapists, murderers, and other violent criminals often make FOIA requests for autopsies, photographs, and records of their deceased victims. Our holding ensures that the privacy interests of surviving family members would allow the Government to deny these gruesome requests in appropriate cases. We find it inconceivable that Congress could have intended a definition of “personal privacy” so narrow that it would allow convicted felons to obtain these materials without limitations at the expense of surviving family members' personal privacy.²⁴

The Supreme Court provided a string citation of its own to support the Court's decision confirming the privacy right of a decedent's family:

For these reasons, in agreement with the Courts of Appeals for both the District of Columbia and the Ninth Circuit, see *Accuracy in Media v. National Park Serv.*, 194 F.3d 120 (C.A.D.C.1999); 217 F.3d 1168 (C.A.9 2000), we hold that FOIA recognizes surviving family members' right to personal privacy with respect to their close relative's death-scene images. Our holding is consistent with the unanimous view of the Courts of Appeals and other lower courts that have addressed the question. See, e.g., *New York Times Co. v. *171 National Aeronautics and Space Admin.*, 782 F.Supp. 628, 631, 632 (D.D.C.1991) (sustaining a privacy claim under the narrower Exemption 6 with respect to an audiotape of the Space Shuttle Challenger astronauts' last words, because “[e]xposure to the voice of a beloved family member immediately prior to that family member's death ... would cause the Challenger families pain” and inflict “a disruption [to] their peace of mind every time a portion of the tape is played within their hearing”), on remand from 920 F.2d 1002 (C.A.D.C.1990); *Katz v. National Archives and Records Admin.*, 862 F.Supp. 476, 485 (D.D.C.1994) (exempting from FOIA disclosure autopsy X-rays and photographs of President Kennedy on the ground that their release would cause “additional anguish” to the surviving family), *aff'd* on other grounds, 68 F.3d 1438 (C.A.D.C.1995); *Lesar v. Department of Justice*, 636

²² *Nat'l Archives & Records Admin. v. Favish*, 541 U.S. 157, 169, 124 S. Ct. 1570, 1578–79, 158 L. Ed. 2d 319 (2004)

²³ *Nat'l Archives & Records Admin. v. Favish*, 541 U.S. 157, 170, 124 S. Ct. 1570, 1579, 158 L. Ed. 2d 319 (2004)

²⁴ *Nat'l Archives & Records Admin. v. Favish*, 541 U.S. 157, 170, 124 S. Ct. 1570, 1579, 158 L. Ed. 2d 319 (2004)

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F.2d 472, 487 (C.A.D.C.1980) (recognizing, with respect to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., his survivors' privacy interests in avoiding "annoyance or harassment"). Neither the deceased's former status as a public official, nor the fact that other pictures had been made public, detracts from the weighty privacy interests involved.²⁵

The U.S. Court of Appeal, First Circuit, summarized the holding of Favish and other courts to support its decision to exempt autopsy records from FOIA:

In Favish, the Supreme Court held that family members have significant privacy interests in their close relatives' "death-scene images" and the "graphic details" surrounding their relatives' deaths. 541 U.S. at 170-71, 124 S.Ct. 1570. The Court also implicitly recognized that family members have privacy interests in their deceased relatives' autopsy records. See id. at 168-70, 124 S.Ct. 1570 (noting that the common law recognizes the privacy interests of a decedent's immediate relatives in the decedent's autopsy records, and that FOIA provides broader protection for privacy interests than the common law (citing Reid v. Pierce County, 136 Wash.2d 195, 961 P.2d 333, 342 (1998))).²⁶

The Ninth Circuit has gone further to conclude that the survivors' right of privacy rises to the level of a Constitutional right:

... So far as we are aware, then, this is the first case to consider whether the common law right to non-interference with a family's remembrance of a decedent is so ingrained in our traditions that it is constitutionally protected. We conclude that it is.²⁷

A common law right rises to the level of a constitutional right if it is "deeply rooted in this Nation's history and tradition, and implicit in the concept of ordered liberty." Washington v. Glucksberg, 521 U.S. 702, 720-21, 117 S.Ct. 2258, 138 L.Ed.2d 772 (1997) (internal citations and quotation marks omitted). The Favish Court considered our history and traditions, and found that "th[e] well-established cultural tradition acknowledging a family's control over the body and death images of the deceased has long been recognized at common law." Favish, 541 U.S. at 168, 124 S.Ct. 1570. For precisely the same reasons, we conclude that this right is also protected by substantive due process.²⁸

Mr. Marshall may contend that OCME has the burden to inquire of the survivors whether they object to release of the PII. Nothing in FOIA places such a burden on an agency.

As recently reaffirmed,²⁹ the Mayor's Office has long interpreted Exemption 2 to include OCME's case files:

This Office has repeatedly held that, just as an individual has a substantial privacy interest in the individual's personally identifiable information, a decedent has a substantial privacy interest in

²⁵ Nat'l Archives & Records Admin. v. Favish, 541 U.S. 157, 170-71, 124 S. Ct. 1570, 1579-80, 158 L. Ed. 2d 319 (2004)

²⁶ Eil v. U.S. Drug Enf't Admin., 878 F.3d 392, 400 (1st Cir. 2017)

²⁷ Marsh v. County of San Diego, 680 F.3d 1148, 1154 (9th Cir. 2012)

²⁸ Marsh v. County of San Diego, 680 F.3d 1148, 1154 (9th Cir. 2012)

²⁹ MOLC, 2020-0227 FOIA Appeal Decision, p. 3

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the medical findings contained in the decedent's autopsy report. See FOIA Appeals 2017-104, 2017-19, 2009-13.

Again, no colorable argument can be made that disclosure of OCME's case records does not raise substantial privacy interests. The survivors are entitled to privacy by common law, constitutional right, and FOIA.

Third, the Reporter Fails to State a Public Interest for Invading Personal Privacy

Turning to the third factor of the four-part test, of note is the Justice Department's emphasis on "Where the privacy concerns . . . are present, the exemption requires the person requesting the information to establish a sufficient reason for the disclosure."³⁰ This requirement in the discussion at hand was established in NARA v. Favish by the Supreme Court for federal Exemption 7(C):

Where the privacy concerns addressed by Exemption 7(C) are present, the exemption requires the person requesting the information to establish a sufficient reason for the disclosure. First, the citizen must show that the public interest sought to be advanced is a significant one, an interest more specific than having the information for its own sake. Second, the citizen must show the information is likely to advance that interest. Otherwise, the invasion of privacy is unwarranted.³¹

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In the case of photographic images and other data pertaining to an individual who died under mysterious circumstances, the justification most likely to satisfy Exemption 7(C)'s public interest requirement is that the information is necessary to show the investigative agency or other responsible officials acted negligently or otherwise improperly in the performance of their duties.³²

FOIA does not recognize public interests unrelated to agency functions.³³ The DC Circuit observed:

The only public interest to be considered under the FOIA is the extent to which disclosure "advances 'the citizens' right to be informed about what their government is up to.'" Nat'l Ass'n of Home Builders v. Norton, 309 F.3d at 34 (quoting United States Dep't of Justice v. Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, 489 U.S. at 773, 109 S.Ct. 1468). This purpose "is not fostered by disclosure of information about private citizens ... that reveals little or nothing about an agency's own conduct." United States Dep't of Justice v. Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, 489 U.S. at 773, 109 S.Ct. 1468. In this case, the substantive content of the witness statements already has been disclosed to plaintiff, see Def.'s Mot. at 18, and the Court can see no public interest in the disclosure of names, addresses and telephone numbers of the witnesses

³⁰ NARA v. Favish, 541 U.S. 157, 172 (2004)

³¹ Nat'l Archives & Records Admin. v. Favish, 541 U.S. 157, 172, 124 S. Ct. 1570, 1580-81, 158 L. Ed. 2d 319 (2004)

³² Nat'l Archives & Records Admin. v. Favish, 541 U.S. 157, 173, 124 S. Ct. 1570, 1581, 158 L. Ed. 2d 319 (2004)

³³ Eil v. U.S. Drug Enf't Admin., 878 F.3d 392, 399 (1st Cir. 2017)

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themselves. See United States Dep't of Justice v. Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, 489 U.S. at 773–74, 109 S.Ct. 1468; Nat'l Ass'n of Retired Fed. Employees v. Horner, 879 F.2d at 879.³⁴

Of note, local Exemption 2 does not have a balancing test in it so this third factor is totally inapplicable to Mr. Marshall's request. Further, Mr. Marshall does not and cannot articulate any specific public interest and certainly no public interest in the functioning of OCME. Therefore, his FOIA request is properly denied.

Fourth, Vague Public Interest Does Not Justify a Clearly Unwarranted Privacy Invasion

Turning to the fourth factor in the four-part test, Mr. Marshall's request fails again. He has not established any reason for the disclosure. Mr. Marshall's curiosity is not a valid reason to invade the privacy of the families that have suffered a death investigated by OCME. Knowing for the sake of knowing is not a sufficient basis, as discussed above. As the DC District Court explained:

To determine what constitutes a "clearly unwarranted privacy invasion," the Court must balance the individual's interest in privacy against the public interest in disclosure, in furtherance of the FOIA's "basic policy of opening agency action to the light of public scrutiny." See Nat'l Ass'n of Home Builders v. Norton, 309 F.3d at 32 (quoting United States Dep't of State v. Ray, 502 U.S. at 175, 112 S.Ct. 541 (internal quotation marks omitted)). **The public interest question is whether disclosure would "contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of government."** United States Dep't of Defense v. Fed. Labor Relations Authority, 510 U.S. 487, 495, 114 S.Ct. 1006, 127 L.Ed.2d 325 (1994) (quoting United States Dep't of Justice v. Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, 489 U.S. 749, 775, 109 S.Ct. 1468, 103 L.Ed.2d 774 (1989)).³⁵ [Emphasis added]

Note should be taken of the test: Whether disclosure would "contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of government." The Supreme Court in its Favish opinion was very direct in setting the standard high for invading the privacy of survivors:

We hold that, where there is a privacy interest protected by Exemption 7(C) and the public interest being asserted is to show that responsible officials acted negligently or otherwise improperly in the performance of their duties, the requester must establish more than a bare suspicion in order to obtain disclosure. Rather, the requester must produce evidence that would warrant a belief by a reasonable person that the alleged Government impropriety might have occurred.³⁶

The Supreme Court, in Favish, confirmed its prior holdings that a presumption of legitimacy is accorded to the government's official conduct. Where the presumption is applicable, clear evidence is usually required to overcome it:³⁷

³⁴ Hertzberg v. Veneman, 273 F. Supp. 2d 67, 87 (D.D.C. 2003)

³⁵ Hertzberg v. Veneman, 273 F. Supp. 2d 67, 84 (D.D.C. 2003)

³⁶ Nat'l Archives & Records Admin. v. Favish, 541 U.S. 157, 174, 124 S. Ct. 1570, 1581, 158 L. Ed. 2d 319 (2004)

³⁷ Nat'l Archives & Records Admin. v. Favish, 541 U.S. 157, 174, 124 S. Ct. 1570, 1581, 158 L. Ed. 2d 319 (2004)

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Only when the FOIA requester has produced evidence sufficient to satisfy this standard will there exist a counterweight on the FOIA scale for the court to balance against the cognizable privacy interests in the requested records.³⁸

The holding of Favish has been followed in various Circuits. For example, a reporter's request for medical and death-related records of patients treated by a convicted physician was properly denied, according to the First Circuit:

We conclude that the district court's balancing of the public interest in disclosure against the relevant privacy interests was flawed because the court applied the wrong standard. Applying the correct standard, we reverse, for several reasons. First, the release of the requested records is unlikely to advance a valid public interest, given the amount of relevant information that Eil already has access to. And second, the substantial privacy interests implicated by the records would outweigh any public interest in disclosure.³⁹

The appropriate test for determining whether medical and death-related records are properly withheld was re-articulated by the First Circuit. Of interest to the present discussion, the Court nixed the contention that a spreadsheet of personal information was any different than the actual records:

Where, as here, the subject of the FOIA request involves "private citizen[s] and ... the information is in the Government's control as a compilation," the privacy interest is at its "apex" while the public interest in disclosure is at its "nadir." Reporters Comm., 489 U.S. at 780, 109 S.Ct. 1468. And when a legitimate privacy interest is implicated, the party seeking disclosure must show (1) that there is a "significant" public interest in disclosure, and (2) that the requested information is "likely to advance that interest."⁴⁰

Not surprisingly, FOIA requesters have tried to be creative in circumventing the required standard. For example, the Supreme Court rebuffed a contention that the names of individuals were needed to confirm the veracity of an agency's reports:

We are also unmoved by respondents' asserted interest in ascertaining the veracity of the interview reports. There is not a scintilla of evidence, either in the documents themselves or elsewhere in the record, that tends to impugn the integrity of the reports. We generally accord Government records and official conduct a presumption of legitimacy. If a totally unsupported suggestion that the interest in finding out whether Government agents have been telling the truth justified disclosure of private materials, Government agencies would have no defense against requests for production of private information.⁴¹

Here, Mr. Marshall makes no claim that his request has anything to do with how OCME conducts death investigations or that the unwarranted invasion of personal privacy would in any way improve government. Therefore, the FOIA request is properly denied.

³⁸ Nat'l Archives & Records Admin. v. Favish, 541 U.S. 157, 174–75, 124 S. Ct. 1570, 1582, 158 L. Ed. 2d 319 (2004)

³⁹ Eil v. U.S. Drug Enf't Admin., 878 F.3d 392, 395 (1st Cir. 2017)

⁴⁰ Eil v. U.S. Drug Enf't Admin., 878 F.3d 392, 398 (1st Cir. 2017) citing Nat'l Archives & Records Admin. v. Favish, 541 U.S. 157, 172, 124 S.Ct. 1570, 158 L.Ed.2d 319 (2004)

⁴¹ U.S. Dept. of State v. Ray, 502 U.S. 164, 179, 112 S. Ct. 541, 550, 116 L. Ed. 2d 526 (1991)

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The decision of the Mayor's Office on a prior appeal almost identical to Mr. Marshall's is equally applicable here:

Your speculation that the release of the autopsy report "would confirm the caliber of weapon" used to kill the decedent does not constitute a public interest under DC FOIA. The caliber of the weapon has no bearing on OCME's performance of its statutory duties. When there is a privacy interest in a record and no countervailing public interest, the record may be withheld from disclosure. See, e.g. Beck v. Department of Justice, 997 F.2d 1489, 1494 (D.C. Cir. 1993). As a result, we find that OCME has properly withheld the requested autopsy records under Exemption 2.⁴²

The Freedom of Information Act, Exemption 4

Mr. Marshall seeks OCME records of a police officer that died on January 6, 2021. The reporter made his request on February 16, 2021. OCME denied that request on February 18, 2021. At the time of the request, of the denial, and of this memorandum, OCME has not completed its inquiry and report on the death at issue. Until OCME has a final report, disclosure of any documents would be premature and improper. Exemption 4 of the DC Freedom of Information Act was well described in a prior FOIA Appeal Decision:⁴³

Deliberative Process Exemption 4 of DC FOIA vests public bodies with discretion to withhold "inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums and letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency[.]" This exemption has been construed to "exempt those documents, and only those documents, normally privileged in the civil discovery context." NLRB v. Sears, Roebuck & Co., 421 U.S. 132, 149 (1975). As a result, Exemption 4 encompasses the deliberative process privilege. See McKinley v. Bd. of Governors of the Fed. Reserve Sys., 647 F.3d 331, 339 (D.C. Cir. 2011). The deliberative process privilege protects agency documents that are both predecisional and deliberative. Coastal States Gas Corp., v. Dep't of Energy, 617 F.2d 854, 866 (D.C. Cir. 1980). A document is predecisional if it was generated before the adoption of an agency policy and it is deliberative if it "reflects the give-and-take of the consultative process." *Id.*

The exemption thus covers recommendations, draft documents, proposals, suggestions, and other subjective documents which reflect the personal opinions of the writer rather than the policy of the agency. Documents which are protected by the privilege are those which would inaccurately reflect or prematurely disclose the views of the agency, suggesting as agency position that which is as yet only a personal position. To test whether disclosure of a document is likely to adversely affect the purposes of the privilege, courts ask themselves whether the document is so candid or personal in nature that public disclosure is likely in the future to stifle honest and frank communication within the agency . . .

As discussed in this decision and others, the goal of the deliberative privilege is to assure candid and frank discussions in the agency before a final decision is made. No place could this be more

⁴² MOLC, 2017-104 Appeal Decision, p. 3

⁴³ MOLC, 2018-76 Appeal Decision, p. 3

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applicable than to the work of the OCME. A decedent's family and the public could easily misconstrue initial observations and tentative differential diagnoses. The grief, confusion, and possible suspicion would only be compounded if the final report had well-founded but different final observations and conclusions, despite this being expected as more information is gathered. Public intrusion and commentary would undoubtedly chill and impede the good faith efforts of the OCME.⁴⁴ Therefore, Mr. Marshall's request should be denied.

Freedom of Information Act, Exemption 3

In light of the death of the Capitol Police officer continuing to be the subject of law enforcement investigation,⁴⁵ withholding of OCME investigative documents is appropriate in that the records are exempt from disclosure pursuant to DC Code § 2-534(a)(3)(A)(i) because disclosure of the investigatory records compiled for law enforcement purposes would interfere with enforcement proceedings.⁴⁶ "[S]o long as the investigation continues to gather evidence for a possible future criminal case, and that case would be jeopardized by the premature release of the evidence, [the investigatory record exemption] applies." See Fraternal Order of Police, Metro. Labor Comm. v. D.C., 82 A.3d 803, 815 (D.C. 2014) (internal quotation and citation omitted).⁴⁷

In applying the exemption for investigatory records compiled for law enforcement purposes that would interfere with enforcement proceedings under D.C. Code § 2-534 (a)(3)(A)(i), OCME has the burden of showing: (1) the documents requested by Mr. Marshall have been "compiled for law enforcement purposes," and (2) disclosure of those documents would "interfere with enforcement proceedings."⁴⁸ The OCME case file created during the investigation of the underlying incident were clearly compiled for law enforcement purposes. While OCME is a fiercely independent agency, the basis for almost all law enforcement actions for homicide are based on OCME determinations.

The D.C. Court of Appeals explained the second prong of this test in FOP, Metro. Labor Comm. v. District of Columbia,⁴⁹ stating:

What Congress meant by interference with enforcement proceedings was "the release of information in investigatory files prior to the completion of an actual, contemplated enforcement proceeding." National Labor Relations Bd. v. Robbins Tire & Rubber Co., 437 U.S. 214, 232, 98 S. Ct. 2311, 57 L. Ed. 2d 159 (1978). "[S]o long as the investigation continues to gather evidence for a possible future criminal case, and that case would be jeopardized by the premature release of

⁴⁴ See FOIA Appeal 2017-49 (denial of a request for pre-final determination documents of the OIG was upheld). OCME recognizes its unique position. It is not a law enforcement agency and jealously maintains its independence in death investigation. However, prosecution of homicide is usually based on the work of OCME.

⁴⁵ Status that law enforcement investigation is ongoing was confirmed with Assistant US Attorney Gilead Light. Telephone conversation, 2/19/21

⁴⁶ MOLC, 2018-042 FOIA Appeal Decision; 2018-054 FOIA Appeal Decision

⁴⁷ MOLC, 2018-042 FOIA Appeal Decision, p. 2

⁴⁸ Bevis v. Department of State, 801 F.2d 1386, 1388, 255 U.S. App. D.C. 347 (D.C. Cir. 1986)

⁴⁹ FOP, Metro. Labor Comm. v. District of Columbia, 82 A.3d 803, 814-815 (D.C. 2014)

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the evidence, [the investigatory records exemption] applies." Juarez v. Department of Justice, 518 F.3d 54, 59, 380 U.S. App. D.C. 178 (D.C. Cir. 2008). However, "where an agency fails to [demonstrate] that the . . . documents [sought] relate to any ongoing investigation or . . . would jeopardize any future law enforcement proceedings, [the investigatory records exemption] would not provide protection to the agency's decision." Robbins Tire & Rubber Co., *supra*, at 235 (alterations in original) (internal quotation marks and citation omitted).⁵⁰

OCME also satisfies this prong as the US Attorney's Office and other agencies are still investigating the Jan 6th riot at the Capitol, including the deaths related thereto. Moreover, premature disclosure of the OCME case file will certainly interfere with any possible future criminal prosecution. Given the seriousness of the potential charges, release of the OCME case file depicting all the of the investigatory efforts immediately after the incident—from canvassing witnesses, collecting evidence, reconstructing the events—would disclose the pace and direction of the investigation as well as lead to witness intimidation and tampering and the destruction of evidence. Therefore, OCME properly withheld the requested OCME case file.

As the OCME case file is part of the criminal investigation, release of these records would violate potential defendants' privacy interests as well as the privacy interests of the witnesses, bystanders, officers, and other victims. Importantly here, release of the OCME file would violate the privacy interests of the decedent's survivors. The courts have traditionally employed a balancing test to determine whether disclosure of requested records constitutes an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. First, the privacy interest(s) implicated in the requested records must be identified and evaluated. With regard to the investigative records of law enforcement agencies, the courts have long-recognized that "individuals, whether they be suspects, witnesses, or investigators" have a "strong interest" in "not being associated unwarrantedly with alleged criminal activity."⁵¹ Without a doubt, "the mention of an individual's name in a law enforcement file will engender comment and speculation and carries a stigmatizing connotation."⁵² Clearly, potential defendants, the witnesses, and others depicted in the OCME case file have a substantial privacy interest in the requested records.

⁵⁰ *Id.* at 815

⁵¹ Fitzgibbon v. CIA, 911 F.2d 755, 767 (D.C. Cir. 1990) (quoting Stern v. FBI, 737 F.2d 84, 91- 92 (D.C. Cir. 1984))

⁵² Branch v. FBI, 658 F.Supp. 204, 209 (D.D.C.1987): *see also* Roth v. DOJ, 642 F.3d 1161, 1175 (D.C. Cir. 2011) (noting that "being associated with a quadruple homicide would likely cause [third parties] precisely the type of embarrassment and reputational harm that Exemption 7(C) is designed to guard against"), *reh'g en banc denied*, No. 09-5428 (D.C. Cir. Nov. 14, 2011); Neely v. FBI, 208 F.3d 461, 464-66 (4th Cir. 2000) (finding that FBI Special Agents and third-party suspects have "substantial interest[s] in nondisclosure of their identities and their connection[s] to particular investigations"); Quiñon v. FBI, 86 F.3d 1222, 1230 (D.C. Cir. 1996) (ruling that "[p]ersons involved in FBI investigations -- even if they are not the subject of the investigation -- "have a substantial interest in seeing that their participation remains secret" (quoting Fitzgibbon, 911 F.2d at 767 (quoting, in turn, King v. DOJ, 830 F.2d 210, 233 (D.C. Cir. 1987))); Franklin v. DOJ, No. 97-1225, slip op. at 10 (S.D. Fla. June 15, 1998) (magistrate's recommendation) (stating law enforcement officers, suspects, witnesses, innocent third parties, and individuals named in investigative files have substantial privacy interests in nondisclosure (*citing* Wichlacz v. U.S. Dep't of Interior, 938 F. Supp. 325, 330 (E.D. Va. 1996))

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Once the privacy interest(s) at stake has been assessed, it is balanced against the identified public interest. The U.S. Supreme Court in United States DOJ v. Reporters Comm. for Freedom of Press,⁵³ limited the public interest standard to the FOIA's "core purpose" of "contribut[ing] significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government."⁵⁴ More succinctly put, the requested information must show "what the Government is up to" in order to satisfy the public interest requirement.⁵⁵ As discussed above, Mr. Marshall does not articulate a cognizable public interest under FOIA.

Since a final report has not been issued by OCME, it is uncertain whether investigative matter in the OCME case file would interfere with a defendant's right to a fair trial. However, OCME would not want to create such a situation. Therefore, DC Code 2-534(a)(3)(B) should be honored in denying Mr. Marshall's request. Further to Exemption 2, release of the OCME case file, which is not final at this time, would be "an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy" under the exemption for law enforcement documents. DC Code 2-534(a)(3)(C). Decency and compassion calls for the survivors to be first made aware of any final determinations and then to give the choice to them as to what personal information will be released. OCME's case file should not be placed in the public domain before law enforcement has completed appropriate investigations and the survivors have had the opportunity to decide what final determinations they wish to share with the public.

Conclusion

The information sought by Mr. Marshall from OCME is personal identifying information. Families who have suffered the loss of a loved one should not be subjected to an unwarranted invasion of their privacy solely because the death was investigated by OCME. The U.S. Supreme Court has definitively recognized that survivors have this right of privacy. The right can only be overridden under FOIA where the requester comes forth with a compelling public interest reason, i.e. a well-founded inquiry into the function of the agency. Here, Mr. Marshall has offered no plausible reason to even consider an unwarranted invasion of the survivors' privacy. Even if Mr. Marshall were able to make a colorable argument, opening OCME case file would be premature and potentially detrimental to the ongoing law enforcement investigations. The risk of public confusion and speculation is too high. The right to a fair trial could be compromised. Mr. Marshall's FOIA request is properly denied.

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⁵³ United States DOJ v. Reporters Comm. for Freedom of Press, 489 U.S. 749 (1989)

⁵⁴ United States DOJ v. Reporters Comm. for Freedom of Press, 489 U.S. 749, 776 (1989)

⁵⁵ United States DOJ v. Reporters Comm. for Freedom of Press, 489 U.S. 749, 781 (1989)

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Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick

Adams, Cheryle (OCME)

Sent: Thu 2/18/2021 3:20 PM

To: bmarshall@judicialwatch.org

Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM); Fields, Beverly (OCME); Adams, Rodney (OCME)

Good afternoon Mr. Marshall,

OCME medical examiners comply with the National Association of Medical Examiners' (NAME) standard to determine the cause and manner of death within 90 days; however, for cases that are more complex it could be longer. Therefore, when this information is available and the decedent's next of kin has been notified, I will provide you with the cause and manner of death. Additionally, I have added your name to the list to receive the information when it is available.

Best regards,
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MEMORANDUM

TO: FOIA Appeals, MOLC
FROM: Rodney K. Adams, General Counsel
DATE: February 22, 2021
SUBJECT: 2021-FOIA-03130; FOIA Appeal 2021-096

Thank you for seeking my input on the denial of a FOIA request by reporter William Marshall, 2021-FOIA-03130, to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) for:

All records, including but not limited to autopsy reports, toxicology reports, notes, photographs, and OCME officials' electronic communications, related to the death on Jan. 6, 2021 of Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick and its related investigation.

The request for personal identifiable information (PII) was properly denied pursuant to DC Code 2-534(a)(2) and 2-534(a)(6). Additional bases include that the OCME has not completed its investigation and report¹ and that law enforcement investigations² are still underway at the time this FOIA request was made.³

Background

In response to Mr. Marshall's FOIA request for the OCME case for the late Off. Sicknick, I advised Mr. Marshall that personal identifiable information (PII) about individual decedents is exempt from disclosure under FOIA⁴ and that OCME's position in not disclosing PII under FOIA is supported by the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in National Archives and Records Admin. v. Favish, 541 US 157 (2004). I advised him that a request for an OCME case file needs to be accompanied by an authorization from the next of kin; a subpoena; or a court order.⁵

¹ DC Code 2-534(a)(4) and 2-534(e)

² DC Code 2-534(a)(3)

³ Correspondence on this FOIA request are filed in FOIAexpress

⁴ DC Code 2-534(a)(2)

⁵ DC Code 5-1412 and 28 DCMR 5000; DC Code 2-534(a)(6)

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Mr. Marshall's request reflects a common misperception of reporters (and the public at large) that a medical examiner will make immediate determinations about the circumstances of a death. As OCME Public Information Officer Cheryle Adams explained in her message to Mr. Marshall, OCME's goal is to meet the national standard of completing its report within ninety (90) days. Such a time interval is required to finish inquiries, record reviews, testing, consultation and other efforts that a prudent medical examiner undertakes. Decency demands that the final report would be shared with a decedent's survivors before any information would be shared with anyone else. Likewise, ongoing law enforcement investigations should not be compromised by premature release of preliminary findings and tentative conclusions. To this end, Ms. Adams advised Mr. Marshall that:

OCME medical examiners comply with the National Association of Medical Examiners' (NAME) standard to determine the cause and manner of death within 90 days; however, for cases that are more complex it could be longer. Therefore, when this information is available and the decedent's next of kin has been notified, I will provide you with the cause and manner of death. Additionally, I have added your name to the list to receive the information when it is available.

Requests to OCME for individual case files by reporters and the curious are not unusual in light of the fact that every jurisdiction has different laws related to the confidentiality of medical examiner case records. Some states, such as Maryland, have completely open records. Others have complete confidentiality, similar to the handling of medical records, and many, such as the District of Columbia, are in between. A principle function of OCME is to support families of decedents. One important component of supporting families is to protect their privacy. Some families may choose to grieve very publically. Others may want to grieve privately. OCME strongly supports either choice by protecting family's privacy until the family decides to waive it once the family has OCME's final report.

Mr. Marshall immediately filed this appeal on the basis that "the intense public interest surrounding this case outweighing any asserted privacy considerations." No further basis was provided.

Records Maintained by OCME

OCME, by 28 DCMR 5005.1, is required to maintain full and complete records and files, properly indexed, which provide the following information:

- (a) The name, if known, of every person whose death is investigated;
- (b) The place where the body was found;
- (c) The date the body was found;
- (d) The cause and manner of death; and
- (e) All other relevant information and reports of the medical examiner concerning the death

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As would be expected, OCME case records usually include personal information such as the decedent's last known address, identification numbers such as a Social Security number, next of kin, medical history, social history, etc.

An important consideration in this FOIA denial appeal is that Mr. Marshall's request was made on February 16, 2021 for a death that occurred on or about January 6, 2021. As described above, OCME's investigation has not been completed as of Mr. Marshall's appeal on February 18, 2021. Thus, the records listed above are not likely to be complete. It is anticipated that the Chief Medical Examiner will make an announcement as to the cause and manner of death for this unfortunate law enforcement officer when a final determination is made.

Legal Analysis

The OCME Records Statute

The Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel has already ruled in a recent decision⁶ on Mr. Marshall's core assertion that he is entitled to the records:

As an initial matter, this office rejects your argument that you are entitled to OCME's case files under D.C. Code § 5-1412, which governs OCME's maintenance of records. Although you are correct that the statute allows a person with a "legitimate interest [to] obtain copies of [such] records," that allowance is expressly based "upon such conditions and payment of such fees *as may be prescribed by regulation by the Mayor.*" D.C. Code § 5-1412(c) (emphasis added). As relevant here, those conditions are laid out in 28 DCMR 5005.3. Under that regulation, you can obtain these records by: (1) providing written authorization of the next of kin for release of the records; (2) serving a subpoena; or (3) obtaining a court order. Your request does not include any of those, and thus D.C. Code § 5-1412(c) does not give you an automatic right to the records you seek.

In other words, DC Code 5-1412 provides an exemption from the DC FOIA statute. DC Code 2-534(a)(6).

The Freedom of Information Act, Exemption 2

While the primary goal of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) is to provide government transparency, DC Code 2-534(a)(2) ("Exemption 2") provides an exemption to disclosure of government records under the DC FOIA statute for:

(2) Information of a personal nature where the public disclosure thereof would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

⁶ MOLC, 2020-227 FOIA Appeal Decision, p. 2

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Exemption 2 is derived from the federal Freedom of Information Act but is phrased in a less awkward manner than the better known federal Exemption 6⁷:

(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

As one might anticipate, federal FOIA Exemption 6 has been much more litigated than the local FOIA Exemption 2. The U.S. Justice Department describes a four-part test used by courts for the applicability of federal Exemption 6:⁸

- First, determine whether the information at issue is a personnel, medical, or similar file;
- Second, determine whether there is a significant privacy interest in the requested information;
- Third, evaluate the requester's asserted FOIA public interest in disclosure; and
- Finally, if there is a significant privacy interest in nondisclosure and a FOIA public interest in disclosure, balance those competing interests to determine whether disclosure "would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy."

First, The Requested Information is in A Specified Location

In looking at the first factor of the four-part test for federal Exemption 6, the courts have broadly interpreted "personnel and medical files and similar files":⁹

Information meets the threshold requirement of Exemption 6 if it is contained in "personnel and medical files and similar files." Personnel and medical files are easily identified, but what constitutes a "similar file" was established by the Supreme Court in U.S. Dep't of State v. Wash. Post Co. There the Supreme Court held, based upon a review of the legislative history of the FOIA, that Congress intended the term "similar files" to be interpreted broadly, rather than narrowly. The Court stated that the protection of an individual's privacy "surely was not intended to turn upon the label of the file which contains the damaging information." Rather, the Court made clear that all information that "applies to a particular individual" meets the threshold requirement for Exemption 6 protection.

The Justice Department gives several examples of how broadly courts have interpreted "personnel and medical files and similar files." For example, the DC District Court found that the Federal Trade Commission acted appropriately in denying release of the names, addresses, and phone numbers of consumers who filed complaints "[s]ince each piece of information withheld by defendants applies to specific individuals."¹⁰ Similar protection of individual identities for interactions with other agencies has

⁷ 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)

⁸ US Justice Department, Guide to FOIA, Exemption 6, pp. 1-2

⁹ Department of Justice Guide to the Freedom of Information Act, Exemption 6, p 4 (internal citations omitted)

¹⁰ Carter, Fullerton & Hayes LLC v. FTC, 520 F. Supp. 2d 134, 144-45

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been upheld by several courts.¹¹ No interpretation of “similar files” is required for Mr. Marshall’s request as the OCME records clearly fall within the definition of medical files.

DC FOIA Exemption 2 avoids the ambiguity of “similar files” and simply says “information of a personal nature.” The phrasing of DC Exemption 2 is almost verbatim from the U.S. Supreme Court’s opinion in Department of State v. Washington Post Co.,¹² which cited with approval the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia holding in New York Times v. NASA¹³ that a government agency need not disclose “information which applies to a particular individual” if its disclosure “would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.”¹⁴ The New York Times was seeking a tape recording of the last moments of the doomed space shuttle *Challenger* astronauts. Trying to define the nature of the file was unimportant and overshadowed by the importance of protecting privacy:

Thus the Supreme Court requires that in applying the threshold test, we look “not [to] the nature of the files” that contain the information sought in a FOIA request, but to the nature of the information requested. *Id.* The information need not be intimate; the threshold for application of Exemption 6 is crossed if the information merely “applies to a particular individual.” *Id.* at 602, 102 S.Ct. at 1961–62. As this court subsequently put it, the threshold is “minimal.” Washington Post Co. v. HHS, 690 F.2d 252, 260 (1982) (“This ensures that FOIA’s protection of personal privacy is not affected by the happenstance of the type of agency record in which personal information is stored.”).¹⁵

Here, the records sought by Mr. Marshall indisputably fall within the definition of “personnel, medical or similar files” under the federal Exemption 6. DC Exemption 2 does not require wrestling with such semantics. “Information of a personal nature” is exactly what the reporter seeks. Personal privacy is protected regardless of the label attached to its location. Therefore, the issue under both the federal and DC FOIA statutes next becomes whether a privacy interest exists.

Second, Significant Privacy Interests Are Present in OCME Case Files

Turning to the second factor in the four-part test, no colorable argument can be made that the information sought by Mr. Marshall does not raise significant privacy interests. As a starting point, the U.S. Court of Appeal, Ninth Circuit has given this definition of when personal privacy is of concern:

(D.D.C. 2007)

¹¹ See Judicial Watch, Inc. v. United States, 84 F. App’x 335, 337 (4th Cir. 2004); accord Judicial Watch, Inc. v. Rossotti, 285 F. Supp. 2d 17, 28 (D.D.C. 2003) (finding names and addresses of people who wrote to the IRS to comment on organization’s tax-exempt status, both pro and con, withholdable under Exemption 7(C)). Prudential Locations LLC v. HUD, 739 F.3d 424, 432 (9th Cir. 2013) (holding that “in light of the repeated pronouncements of HUD’s confidentiality policy,” authors of emails to HUD alleging violations of federal statute “had reasonable expectations that HUD would protect their confidentiality even without a specific request that it do so”).

¹² Department of State v. Washington Post Co., 456 U.S. 595, 602, 102 S.Ct. 1957, 1961–62, 72 L.Ed.2d 358 (1982)

¹³ New York Times Co. v. Nat’l Aeronautics & Space Admin., 920 F.2d 1002, 1004 (D.C. Cir. 1990)

¹⁴ New York Times Co. v. Nat’l Aeronautics & Space Admin., 920 F.2d 1002, 1004 (D.C. Cir. 1990) quoting Department of State v. Washington Post Co., 456 U.S. 595, 602, 102 S.Ct. 1957, 1961–62, 72 L.Ed.2d 358 (1982); 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)

¹⁵ New York Times Co. v. Nat’l Aeronautics & Space Admin., 920 F.2d 1002, 1006 (D.C. Cir. 1990)

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Rather, a disclosure implicates personal privacy if it affects either “the individual’s control of information concerning his or her person,” *Dep’t of Justice v. Reporters Comm. for Freedom of the Press*, 489 U.S. 749, 763, 109 S.Ct. 1468, 103 L.Ed.2d 774 (1989), or constitutes a “public intrusion[] long deemed impermissible under the common law and in our cultural traditions,” *Favish*, 541 U.S. at 167, 124 S.Ct. 1570.¹⁶

The Ninth Circuit had previously stated that, “Information regarding illness or health is personal, and falls under the scope of federal Exemption 6.”¹⁷ The U.S. Supreme Court and Circuit Courts of Appeal have resoundingly upheld the privacy rights for decedents and their survivors in the context of medical examiner records and other information related to their death.

The Supreme Court expressly recognized a right of privacy for survivors with regard to DC Medical Examiner records in 2004.¹⁸ The twist in the *National Archives and Records Admin v. Favish*¹⁹ case was that the Medical Examiner’s post-mortem photographs being sought by a news agency were in the possession of the US Park Police. Therefore, the Supreme Court addressed the personal privacy issue under federal Exemption 7(c), which pertains to protecting privacy by law enforcement agencies. The Supreme Court reviewed the history of a privacy interest for a decedent’s survivors and expressly confirmed that survivors are entitled to privacy with regard to medical examiner records:

As we shall explain below, we think it proper to conclude from Congress’ use of the term “personal privacy” that it intended to permit family members to assert their own privacy rights against public intrusions long deemed impermissible under the common law and in our cultural traditions. This does not mean that the family is in the same position as the individual who is the subject of the disclosure. We have little difficulty, however, in finding in our case law and traditions the right of family members to direct and control disposition of the body of the deceased and to limit attempts to exploit pictures of the deceased family member’s remains for public purposes.²⁰

The Supreme Court went on to explain, by quoting an old New York state opinion and citing multiple other opinions, the source of the privacy right for the survivors:

“It is the right of privacy of the living which it is sought to enforce here. That right may in some cases be itself violated by improperly interfering with the character or memory of a deceased relative, but it is the right of the living, and not that of the dead, which is recognized. A privilege may be given the surviving relatives of a deceased person to protect his memory, but the privilege exists for the benefit of the living, to protect their feelings, and to prevent a violation of their own rights in the character and memory of the deceased.”²¹

¹⁶ *Cameranesi v. United States Dep’t of Def.*, 839 F.3d 751, 763 (9th Cir. 2016), withdrawn and superseded on denial of reh’g en banc, 856 F.3d 626 (9th Cir. 2017)

¹⁷ *Dobronski v. FCC*, 17 F.3d 275, 278 (9th Cir.1994)

¹⁸ *National Archives and Records Admin. V. Favish*, 541 US 157 (2004)

¹⁹ *National Archives and Records Admin. V. Favish*, 541 US 157 (2004)

²⁰ *Nat’l Archives & Records Admin. v. Favish*, 541 U.S. 157, 167, 124 S. Ct. 1570, 1578, 158 L. Ed. 2d 319 (2004)

²¹ *Nat’l Archives & Records Admin. v. Favish*, 541 U.S. 157, 168–69, 124 S. Ct. 1570, 1578, 158 L. Ed. 2d 319 (2004) quoting *Schuyler v. Curtis*, 147 N.Y. 434, 447, 42 N.E. 22, 25 (1895).

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See also *Reid v. Pierce County*, 136 Wash.2d 195, 212, 961 P.2d 333, 342 (1998) (“[T]he immediate relatives of a decedent have a protectable privacy interest in the autopsy records of the decedent”); *McCambridge v. Little Rock*, 298 Ark. 219, 231-232, 766 S.W.2d 909, 915 (1989) (recognizing the privacy interest of the murder victim's mother in crime scene photographs); *Bazemore v. Savannah Hospital*, 171 Ga. 257, 155 S.E. 194 (1930) (*per curiam*) (recognizing parents' right of privacy in photographs of their deceased **1579 child's body); Restatement (Second) of Torts § 652D, p. 387 (1977) (recognizing that publication of a photograph of a deceased infant—a hypothetical “child with two heads”—over the objection of the mother would result in an “inva[sion]” of the mother's “privacy”).²²

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It would be anomalous to hold in the instant case that the statute provides even less protection than does the common law.²³

The Supreme Court described what would occur if it allowed the invasion of the survivors' privacy:

The statutory scheme must be understood, moreover, in light of the consequences that would follow were we to adopt Favish's position. As a general rule, withholding information under FOIA cannot be predicated on the identity of the requester. See *Reporters Committee, supra*, at 771, 109 S.Ct. 1468. We are advised by the Government that child molesters, rapists, murderers, and other violent criminals often make FOIA requests for autopsies, photographs, and records of their deceased victims. Our holding ensures that the privacy interests of surviving family members would allow the Government to deny these gruesome requests in appropriate cases. We find it inconceivable that Congress could have intended a definition of “personal privacy” so narrow that it would allow convicted felons to obtain these materials without limitations at the expense of surviving family members' personal privacy.²⁴

The Supreme Court provided a string citation of its own to support the Court's decision confirming the privacy right of a decedent's family:

For these reasons, in agreement with the Courts of Appeals for both the District of Columbia and the Ninth Circuit, see *Accuracy in Media v. National Park Serv.*, 194 F.3d 120 (C.A.D.C.1999); 217 F.3d 1168 (C.A.9 2000), we hold that FOIA recognizes surviving family members' right to personal privacy with respect to their close relative's death-scene images. Our holding is consistent with the unanimous view of the Courts of Appeals and other lower courts that have addressed the question. See, e.g., *New York Times Co. v. *171 National Aeronautics and Space Admin.*, 782 F.Supp. 628, 631, 632 (D.D.C.1991) (sustaining a privacy claim under the narrower Exemption 6 with respect to an audiotape of the Space Shuttle Challenger astronauts' last words, because “[e]xposure to the voice of a beloved family member immediately prior to that family member's death ... would cause the Challenger families pain” and inflict “a disruption [to] their peace of mind every time a portion of the tape is played within their hearing”), on remand from 920 F.2d 1002 (C.A.D.C.1990); *Katz v. National Archives and Records Admin.*, 862 F.Supp. 476, 485 (D.D.C.1994) (exempting from FOIA disclosure autopsy X-rays and photographs of President Kennedy on the ground that their release would cause “additional anguish” to the surviving family), *aff'd* on other grounds, 68 F.3d 1438 (C.A.D.C.1995); *Lesar v. Department of Justice*, 636

²² *Nat'l Archives & Records Admin. v. Favish*, 541 U.S. 157, 169, 124 S. Ct. 1570, 1578–79, 158 L. Ed. 2d 319 (2004)

²³ *Nat'l Archives & Records Admin. v. Favish*, 541 U.S. 157, 170, 124 S. Ct. 1570, 1579, 158 L. Ed. 2d 319 (2004)

²⁴ *Nat'l Archives & Records Admin. v. Favish*, 541 U.S. 157, 170, 124 S. Ct. 1570, 1579, 158 L. Ed. 2d 319 (2004)

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F.2d 472, 487 (C.A.D.C.1980) (recognizing, with respect to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., his survivors' privacy interests in avoiding "annoyance or harassment"). Neither the deceased's former status as a public official, nor the fact that other pictures had been made public, detracts from the weighty privacy interests involved.²⁵

The U.S. Court of Appeal, First Circuit, summarized the holding of Favish and other courts to support its decision to exempt autopsy records from FOIA:

In Favish, the Supreme Court held that family members have significant privacy interests in their close relatives' "death-scene images" and the "graphic details" surrounding their relatives' deaths. 541 U.S. at 170-71, 124 S.Ct. 1570. The Court also implicitly recognized that family members have privacy interests in their deceased relatives' autopsy records. See id. at 168-70, 124 S.Ct. 1570 (noting that the common law recognizes the privacy interests of a decedent's immediate relatives in the decedent's autopsy records, and that FOIA provides broader protection for privacy interests than the common law (citing Reid v. Pierce County, 136 Wash.2d 195, 961 P.2d 333, 342 (1998))).²⁶

The Ninth Circuit has gone further to conclude that the survivors' right of privacy rises to the level of a Constitutional right:

... So far as we are aware, then, this is the first case to consider whether the common law right to non-interference with a family's remembrance of a decedent is so ingrained in our traditions that it is constitutionally protected. We conclude that it is.²⁷

A common law right rises to the level of a constitutional right if it is "deeply rooted in this Nation's history and tradition, and implicit in the concept of ordered liberty." Washington v. Glucksberg, 521 U.S. 702, 720-21, 117 S.Ct. 2258, 138 L.Ed.2d 772 (1997) (internal citations and quotation marks omitted). The Favish Court considered our history and traditions, and found that "th[e] well-established cultural tradition acknowledging a family's control over the body and death images of the deceased has long been recognized at common law." Favish, 541 U.S. at 168, 124 S.Ct. 1570. For precisely the same reasons, we conclude that this right is also protected by substantive due process.²⁸

Mr. Marshall may contend that OCME has the burden to inquire of the survivors whether they object to release of the PII. Nothing in FOIA places such a burden on an agency.

As recently reaffirmed,²⁹ the Mayor's Office has long interpreted Exemption 2 to include OCME's case files:

This Office has repeatedly held that, just as an individual has a substantial privacy interest in the individual's personally identifiable information, a decedent has a substantial privacy interest in

²⁵ Nat'l Archives & Records Admin. v. Favish, 541 U.S. 157, 170-71, 124 S. Ct. 1570, 1579-80, 158 L. Ed. 2d 319 (2004)

²⁶ Eil v. U.S. Drug Enf't Admin., 878 F.3d 392, 400 (1st Cir. 2017)

²⁷ Marsh v. County of San Diego, 680 F.3d 1148, 1154 (9th Cir. 2012)

²⁸ Marsh v. County of San Diego, 680 F.3d 1148, 1154 (9th Cir. 2012)

²⁹ MOLC, 2020-0227 FOIA Appeal Decision, p. 3

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the medical findings contained in the decedent's autopsy report. See FOIA Appeals 2017-104, 2017-19, 2009-13.

Again, no colorable argument can be made that disclosure of OCME's case records does not raise substantial privacy interests. The survivors are entitled to privacy by common law, constitutional right, and FOIA.

Third, the Reporter Fails to State a Public Interest for Invading Personal Privacy

Turning to the third factor of the four-part test, of note is the Justice Department's emphasis on "Where the privacy concerns . . . are present, the exemption requires the person requesting the information to establish a sufficient reason for the disclosure."³⁰ This requirement in the discussion at hand was established in NARA v. Favish by the Supreme Court for federal Exemption 7(C):

Where the privacy concerns addressed by Exemption 7(C) are present, the exemption requires the person requesting the information to establish a sufficient reason for the disclosure. First, the citizen must show that the public interest sought to be advanced is a significant one, an interest more specific than having the information for its own sake. Second, the citizen must show the information is likely to advance that interest. Otherwise, the invasion of privacy is unwarranted.³¹

...

In the case of photographic images and other data pertaining to an individual who died under mysterious circumstances, the justification most likely to satisfy Exemption 7(C)'s public interest requirement is that the information is necessary to show the investigative agency or other responsible officials acted negligently or otherwise improperly in the performance of their duties.³²

FOIA does not recognize public interests unrelated to agency functions.³³ The DC Circuit observed:

The only public interest to be considered under the FOIA is the extent to which disclosure "advances 'the citizens' right to be informed about what their government is up to.'" Nat'l Ass'n of Home Builders v. Norton, 309 F.3d at 34 (quoting United States Dep't of Justice v. Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, 489 U.S. at 773, 109 S.Ct. 1468). This purpose "is not fostered by disclosure of information about private citizens ... that reveals little or nothing about an agency's own conduct." United States Dep't of Justice v. Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, 489 U.S. at 773, 109 S.Ct. 1468. In this case, the substantive content of the witness statements already has been disclosed to plaintiff, see Def.'s Mot. at 18, and the Court can see no public interest in the disclosure of names, addresses and telephone numbers of the witnesses

³⁰ NARA v. Favish, 541 U.S. 157, 172 (2004)

³¹ Nat'l Archives & Records Admin. v. Favish, 541 U.S. 157, 172, 124 S. Ct. 1570, 1580-81, 158 L. Ed. 2d 319 (2004)

³² Nat'l Archives & Records Admin. v. Favish, 541 U.S. 157, 173, 124 S. Ct. 1570, 1581, 158 L. Ed. 2d 319 (2004)

³³ Eil v. U.S. Drug Enf't Admin., 878 F.3d 392, 399 (1st Cir. 2017)

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themselves. See United States Dep't of Justice v. Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, 489 U.S. at 773–74, 109 S.Ct. 1468; Nat'l Ass'n of Retired Fed. Employees v. Horner, 879 F.2d at 879.³⁴

Of note, local Exemption 2 does not have a balancing test in it so this third factor is totally inapplicable to Mr. Marshall's request. Further, Mr. Marshall does not and cannot articulate any specific public interest and certainly no public interest in the functioning of OCME. Therefore, his FOIA request is properly denied.

Fourth, Vague Public Interest Does Not Justify a Clearly Unwarranted Privacy Invasion

Turning to the fourth factor in the four-part test, Mr. Marshall's request fails again. He has not established any reason for the disclosure. Mr. Marshall's curiosity is not a valid reason to invade the privacy of the families that have suffered a death investigated by OCME. Knowing for the sake of knowing is not a sufficient basis, as discussed above. As the DC District Court explained:

To determine what constitutes a "clearly unwarranted privacy invasion," the Court must balance the individual's interest in privacy against the public interest in disclosure, in furtherance of the FOIA's "basic policy of opening agency action to the light of public scrutiny." See Nat'l Ass'n of Home Builders v. Norton, 309 F.3d at 32 (quoting United States Dep't of State v. Ray, 502 U.S. at 175, 112 S.Ct. 541 (internal quotation marks omitted)). **The public interest question is whether disclosure would "contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of government."** United States Dep't of Defense v. Fed. Labor Relations Authority, 510 U.S. 487, 495, 114 S.Ct. 1006, 127 L.Ed.2d 325 (1994) (quoting United States Dep't of Justice v. Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, 489 U.S. 749, 775, 109 S.Ct. 1468, 103 L.Ed.2d 774 (1989)).³⁵ [Emphasis added]

Note should be taken of the test: Whether disclosure would "contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of government." The Supreme Court in its Favish opinion was very direct in setting the standard high for invading the privacy of survivors:

We hold that, where there is a privacy interest protected by Exemption 7(C) and the public interest being asserted is to show that responsible officials acted negligently or otherwise improperly in the performance of their duties, the requester must establish more than a bare suspicion in order to obtain disclosure. Rather, the requester must produce evidence that would warrant a belief by a reasonable person that the alleged Government impropriety might have occurred.³⁶

The Supreme Court, in Favish, confirmed its prior holdings that a presumption of legitimacy is accorded to the government's official conduct. Where the presumption is applicable, clear evidence is usually required to overcome it:³⁷

³⁴ Hertzberg v. Veneman, 273 F. Supp. 2d 67, 87 (D.D.C. 2003)

³⁵ Hertzberg v. Veneman, 273 F. Supp. 2d 67, 84 (D.D.C. 2003)

³⁶ Nat'l Archives & Records Admin. v. Favish, 541 U.S. 157, 174, 124 S. Ct. 1570, 1581, 158 L. Ed. 2d 319 (2004)

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Only when the FOIA requester has produced evidence sufficient to satisfy this standard will there exist a counterweight on the FOIA scale for the court to balance against the cognizable privacy interests in the requested records.³⁸

The holding of Favish has been followed in various Circuits. For example, a reporter's request for medical and death-related records of patients treated by a convicted physician was properly denied, according to the First Circuit:

We conclude that the district court's balancing of the public interest in disclosure against the relevant privacy interests was flawed because the court applied the wrong standard. Applying the correct standard, we reverse, for several reasons. First, the release of the requested records is unlikely to advance a valid public interest, given the amount of relevant information that Eil already has access to. And second, the substantial privacy interests implicated by the records would outweigh any public interest in disclosure.³⁹

The appropriate test for determining whether medical and death-related records are properly withheld was re-articulated by the First Circuit. Of interest to the present discussion, the Court nixed the contention that a spreadsheet of personal information was any different than the actual records:

Where, as here, the subject of the FOIA request involves "private citizen[s] and ... the information is in the Government's control as a compilation," the privacy interest is at its "apex" while the public interest in disclosure is at its "nadir." Reporters Comm., 489 U.S. at 780, 109 S.Ct. 1468. And when a legitimate privacy interest is implicated, the party seeking disclosure must show (1) that there is a "significant" public interest in disclosure, and (2) that the requested information is "likely to advance that interest."⁴⁰

Not surprisingly, FOIA requesters have tried to be creative in circumventing the required standard. For example, the Supreme Court rebuffed a contention that the names of individuals were needed to confirm the veracity of an agency's reports:

We are also unmoved by respondents' asserted interest in ascertaining the veracity of the interview reports. There is not a scintilla of evidence, either in the documents themselves or elsewhere in the record, that tends to impugn the integrity of the reports. We generally accord Government records and official conduct a presumption of legitimacy. If a totally unsupported suggestion that the interest in finding out whether Government agents have been telling the truth justified disclosure of private materials, Government agencies would have no defense against requests for production of private information.⁴¹

Here, Mr. Marshall makes no claim that his request has anything to do with how OCME conducts death investigations or that the unwarranted invasion of personal privacy would in any way improve government. Therefore, the FOIA request is properly denied.

³⁸ Nat'l Archives & Records Admin. v. Favish, 541 U.S. 157, 174–75, 124 S. Ct. 1570, 1582, 158 L. Ed. 2d 319 (2004)

³⁹ Eil v. U.S. Drug Enf't Admin., 878 F.3d 392, 395 (1st Cir. 2017)

⁴⁰ Eil v. U.S. Drug Enf't Admin., 878 F.3d 392, 398 (1st Cir. 2017) citing Nat'l Archives & Records Admin. v. Favish, 541 U.S. 157, 172, 124 S.Ct. 1570, 158 L.Ed.2d 319 (2004)

⁴¹ U.S. Dept. of State v. Ray, 502 U.S. 164, 179, 112 S. Ct. 541, 550, 116 L. Ed. 2d 526 (1991)

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The decision of the Mayor's Office on a prior appeal almost identical to Mr. Marshall's is equally applicable here:

Your speculation that the release of the autopsy report "would confirm the caliber of weapon" used to kill the decedent does not constitute a public interest under DC FOIA. The caliber of the weapon has no bearing on OCME's performance of its statutory duties. When there is a privacy interest in a record and no countervailing public interest, the record may be withheld from disclosure. See, e.g. Beck v. Department of Justice, 997 F.2d 1489, 1494 (D.C. Cir. 1993). As a result, we find that OCME has properly withheld the requested autopsy records under Exemption 2.⁴²

The Freedom of Information Act, Exemption 4

Mr. Marshall seeks OCME records of a police officer that died on January 6, 2021. The reporter made his request on February 16, 2021. OCME denied that request on February 18, 2021. At the time of the request, of the denial, and of this memorandum, OCME has not completed its inquiry and report on the death at issue. Until OCME has a final report, disclosure of any documents would be premature and improper. Exemption 4 of the DC Freedom of Information Act was well described in a prior FOIA Appeal Decision:⁴³

Deliberative Process Exemption 4 of DC FOIA vests public bodies with discretion to withhold "inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums and letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency[.]" This exemption has been construed to "exempt those documents, and only those documents, normally privileged in the civil discovery context." NLRB v. Sears, Roebuck & Co., 421 U.S. 132, 149 (1975). As a result, Exemption 4 encompasses the deliberative process privilege. See McKinley v. Bd. of Governors of the Fed. Reserve Sys., 647 F.3d 331, 339 (D.C. Cir. 2011). The deliberative process privilege protects agency documents that are both predecisional and deliberative. Coastal States Gas Corp., v. Dep't of Energy, 617 F.2d 854, 866 (D.C. Cir. 1980). A document is predecisional if it was generated before the adoption of an agency policy and it is deliberative if it "reflects the give-and-take of the consultative process." *Id.*

The exemption thus covers recommendations, draft documents, proposals, suggestions, and other subjective documents which reflect the personal opinions of the writer rather than the policy of the agency. Documents which are protected by the privilege are those which would inaccurately reflect or prematurely disclose the views of the agency, suggesting as agency position that which is as yet only a personal position. To test whether disclosure of a document is likely to adversely affect the purposes of the privilege, courts ask themselves whether the document is so candid or personal in nature that public disclosure is likely in the future to stifle honest and frank communication within the agency . . .

As discussed in this decision and others, the goal of the deliberative privilege is to assure candid and frank discussions in the agency before a final decision is made. No place could this be more

⁴² MOLC, 2017-104 Appeal Decision, p. 3

⁴³ MOLC, 2018-76 Appeal Decision, p. 3

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applicable than to the work of the OCME. A decedent's family and the public could easily misconstrue initial observations and tentative differential diagnoses. The grief, confusion, and possible suspicion would only be compounded if the final report had well-founded but different final observations and conclusions, despite this being expected as more information is gathered. Public intrusion and commentary would undoubtedly chill and impede the good faith efforts of the OCME.⁴⁴ Therefore, Mr. Marshall's request should be denied.

Freedom of Information Act, Exemption 3

In light of the death of the Capitol Police officer continuing to be the subject of law enforcement investigation,⁴⁵ withholding of OCME investigative documents is appropriate in that the records are exempt from disclosure pursuant to DC Code § 2-534(a)(3)(A)(i) because disclosure of the investigatory records compiled for law enforcement purposes would interfere with enforcement proceedings.⁴⁶ "[S]o long as the investigation continues to gather evidence for a possible future criminal case, and that case would be jeopardized by the premature release of the evidence, [the investigatory record exemption] applies." See Fraternal Order of Police, Metro. Labor Comm. v. D.C., 82 A.3d 803, 815 (D.C. 2014) (internal quotation and citation omitted).⁴⁷

In applying the exemption for investigatory records compiled for law enforcement purposes that would interfere with enforcement proceedings under D.C. Code § 2-534 (a)(3)(A)(i), OCME has the burden of showing: (1) the documents requested by Mr. Marshall have been "compiled for law enforcement purposes," and (2) disclosure of those documents would "interfere with enforcement proceedings."⁴⁸ The OCME case file created during the investigation of the underlying incident were clearly compiled for law enforcement purposes. While OCME is a fiercely independent agency, the basis for almost all law enforcement actions for homicide are based on OCME determinations.

The D.C. Court of Appeals explained the second prong of this test in FOP, Metro. Labor Comm. v. District of Columbia,⁴⁹ stating:

What Congress meant by interference with enforcement proceedings was "the release of information in investigatory files prior to the completion of an actual, contemplated enforcement proceeding." National Labor Relations Bd. v. Robbins Tire & Rubber Co., 437 U.S. 214, 232, 98 S. Ct. 2311, 57 L. Ed. 2d 159 (1978). "[S]o long as the investigation continues to gather evidence for a possible future criminal case, and that case would be jeopardized by the premature release of

⁴⁴ See FOIA Appeal 2017-49 (denial of a request for pre-final determination documents of the OIG was upheld). OCME recognizes its unique position. It is not a law enforcement agency and jealously maintains its independence in death investigation. However, prosecution of homicide is usually based on the work of OCME.

⁴⁵ Status that law enforcement investigation is ongoing was confirmed with Assistant US Attorney Gilead Light. Telephone conversation, 2/19/21

⁴⁶ MOLC, 2018-042 FOIA Appeal Decision; 2018-054 FOIA Appeal Decision

⁴⁷ MOLC, 2018-042 FOIA Appeal Decision, p. 2

⁴⁸ Bevis v. Department of State, 801 F.2d 1386, 1388, 255 U.S. App. D.C. 347 (D.C. Cir. 1986)

⁴⁹ FOP, Metro. Labor Comm. v. District of Columbia, 82 A.3d 803, 814-815 (D.C. 2014)

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the evidence, [the investigatory records exemption] applies." Juarez v. Department of Justice, 518 F.3d 54, 59, 380 U.S. App. D.C. 178 (D.C. Cir. 2008). However, "where an agency fails to [demonstrate] that the . . . documents [sought] relate to any ongoing investigation or . . . would jeopardize any future law enforcement proceedings, [the investigatory records exemption] would not provide protection to the agency's decision." Robbins Tire & Rubber Co., *supra*, at 235 (alterations in original) (internal quotation marks and citation omitted).⁵⁰

OCME also satisfies this prong as the US Attorney's Office and other agencies are still investigating the Jan 6th riot at the Capitol, including the deaths related thereto. Moreover, premature disclosure of the OCME case file will certainly interfere with any possible future criminal prosecution. Given the seriousness of the potential charges, release of the OCME case file depicting all the of the investigatory efforts immediately after the incident—from canvassing witnesses, collecting evidence, reconstructing the events—would disclose the pace and direction of the investigation as well as lead to witness intimidation and tampering and the destruction of evidence. Therefore, OCME properly withheld the requested OCME case file.

As the OCME case file is part of the criminal investigation, release of these records would violate potential defendants' privacy interests as well as the privacy interests of the witnesses, bystanders, officers, and other victims. Importantly here, release of the OCME file would violate the privacy interests of the decedent's survivors. The courts have traditionally employed a balancing test to determine whether disclosure of requested records constitutes an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. First, the privacy interest(s) implicated in the requested records must be identified and evaluated. With regard to the investigative records of law enforcement agencies, the courts have long-recognized that "individuals, whether they be suspects, witnesses, or investigators" have a "strong interest" in "not being associated unwarrantedly with alleged criminal activity."⁵¹ Without a doubt, "the mention of an individual's name in a law enforcement file will engender comment and speculation and carries a stigmatizing connotation."⁵² Clearly, potential defendants, the witnesses, and others depicted in the OCME case file have a substantial privacy interest in the requested records.

⁵⁰ *Id.* at 815

⁵¹ Fitzgibbon v. CIA, 911 F.2d 755, 767 (D.C. Cir. 1990) (quoting Stern v. FBI, 737 F.2d 84, 91- 92 (D.C. Cir. 1984))

⁵² Branch v. FBI, 658 F.Supp. 204, 209 (D.D.C.1987): *see also* Roth v. DOJ, 642 F.3d 1161, 1175 (D.C. Cir. 2011) (noting that "being associated with a quadruple homicide would likely cause [third parties] precisely the type of embarrassment and reputational harm that Exemption 7(C) is designed to guard against"), *reh'g en banc denied*, No. 09-5428 (D.C. Cir. Nov. 14, 2011); Neely v. FBI, 208 F.3d 461, 464-66 (4th Cir. 2000) (finding that FBI Special Agents and third-party suspects have "substantial interest[s] in nondisclosure of their identities and their connection[s] to particular investigations"); Quiñon v. FBI, 86 F.3d 1222, 1230 (D.C. Cir. 1996) (ruling that "[p]ersons involved in FBI investigations -- even if they are not the subject of the investigation -- "have a substantial interest in seeing that their participation remains secret" (quoting Fitzgibbon, 911 F.2d at 767 (quoting, in turn, King v. DOJ, 830 F.2d 210, 233 (D.C. Cir. 1987))); Franklin v. DOJ, No. 97-1225, slip op. at 10 (S.D. Fla. June 15, 1998) (magistrate's recommendation) (stating law enforcement officers, suspects, witnesses, innocent third parties, and individuals named in investigative files have substantial privacy interests in nondisclosure (*citing* Wichlacz v. U.S. Dep't of Interior, 938 F. Supp. 325, 330 (E.D. Va. 1996))

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Once the privacy interest(s) at stake has been assessed, it is balanced against the identified public interest. The U.S. Supreme Court in United States DOJ v. Reporters Comm. for Freedom of Press,⁵³ limited the public interest standard to the FOIA's "core purpose" of "contribut[ing] significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government."⁵⁴ More succinctly put, the requested information must show "what the Government is up to" in order to satisfy the public interest requirement.⁵⁵ As discussed above, Mr. Marshall does not articulate a cognizable public interest under FOIA.

Since a final report has not been issued by OCME, it is uncertain whether investigative matter in the OCME case file would interfere with a defendant's right to a fair trial. However, OCME would not want to create such a situation. Therefore, DC Code 2-534(a)(3)(B) should be honored in denying Mr. Marshall's request. Further to Exemption 2, release of the OCME case file, which is not final at this time, would be "an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy" under the exemption for law enforcement documents. DC Code 2-534(a)(3)(C). Decency and compassion calls for the survivors to be first made aware of any final determinations and then to give the choice to them as to what personal information will be released. OCME's case file should not be placed in the public domain before law enforcement has completed appropriate investigations and the survivors have had the opportunity to decide what final determinations they wish to share with the public.

Conclusion

The information sought by Mr. Marshall from OCME is personal identifying information. Families who have suffered the loss of a loved one should not be subjected to an unwarranted invasion of their privacy solely because the death was investigated by OCME. The U.S. Supreme Court has definitively recognized that survivors have this right of privacy. The right can only be overridden under FOIA where the requester comes forth with a compelling public interest reason, i.e. a well-founded inquiry into the function of the agency. Here, Mr. Marshall has offered no plausible reason to even consider an unwarranted invasion of the survivors' privacy. Even if Mr. Marshall were able to make a colorable argument, opening OCME case file would be premature and potentially detrimental to the ongoing law enforcement investigations. The risk of public confusion and speculation is too high. The right to a fair trial could be compromised. Mr. Marshall's FOIA request is properly denied.

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⁵³ United States DOJ v. Reporters Comm. for Freedom of Press, 489 U.S. 749 (1989)

⁵⁴ United States DOJ v. Reporters Comm. for Freedom of Press, 489 U.S. 749, 776 (1989)

⁵⁵ United States DOJ v. Reporters Comm. for Freedom of Press, 489 U.S. 749, 781 (1989)

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Attachment:

Email to William Marshall from Cheryle Adams, 2/18/21 3:20 PM

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Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick

Adams, Cheryle (OCME)

Sent: Thu 2/18/2021 3:20 PM

To: bmarshall@judicialwatch.org

Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM); Fields, Beverly (OCME); Adams, Rodney (OCME)

Good afternoon Mr. Marshall,

OCME medical examiners comply with the National Association of Medical Examiners' (NAME) standard to determine the cause and manner of death within 90 days; however, for cases that are more complex it could be longer. Therefore, when this information is available and the decedent's next of kin has been notified, I will provide you with the cause and manner of death. Additionally, I have added your name to the list to receive the information when it is available.

Best regards,
Cheryle

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June 16, 2021

The Honorable Ron Johnson
United States Senate
328 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Death of USCP Officer Brian Sicknick
OCME #21-00132

Dear Senator Johnson:

Thank you for your March 8, 2021 letter regarding the death of USCP Officer Brian Sicknick. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) for the District of Columbia strives to meet National Association of Medical Examiner's standard that 90% of postmortem examination reports be completed within ninety (90) days from the time of the autopsy.¹ While more complex cases may take longer, we expect that Officer Sicknick's evaluation will be completed within this timeframe. In contrast to popular perception, an autopsy is often only an early step in a death investigation; additional time is often needed to conduct toxicology, lab studies, additional field investigation, and specialist consultations.

OCME must first share our findings with the officer's survivors, and we then intend to make a public statement as to the cause and manner of the death. OCME's Public Information Officer has included you on the list to receive that statement as soon as it is issued. DC Code § 5-1412 limits the release of additional information without authorization from next of kin. If personal health information is needed sooner by a congressional investigative committee, we welcome the committee's staff to work with OCME's General Counsel to determine a way that the information can be shared while under seal in the absence of authorization from next of kin.

If you need further information do not hesitate to contact OCME's General Counsel, Rodney Adams by email at Rodney.Adams@dc.gov or by phone at (202) 698-9005.

Sincerely,

Francisco J. Diaz, MD, FCAP, FASCP
Chief Medical Examiner

¹ NAME Inspection and Accreditation Checklist F.4.k

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CASE STATUS OPEN	CASE TYPE Death Investigation
INVESTIGATOR [REDACTED]	CASE SUPERVISOR(S) [REDACTED]
AUTHOR [REDACTED]	DATE / TIME MODIFIED Jan 14, 2021 06:31
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LOCATION TAG	

CASE: HO21-44

DECEDENT: Brian Sicknick

DATE OF DEATH: January 7, 2021

CCN: 21-003297

REPORTING DETECTIVE: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Interview with Officers [REDACTED]

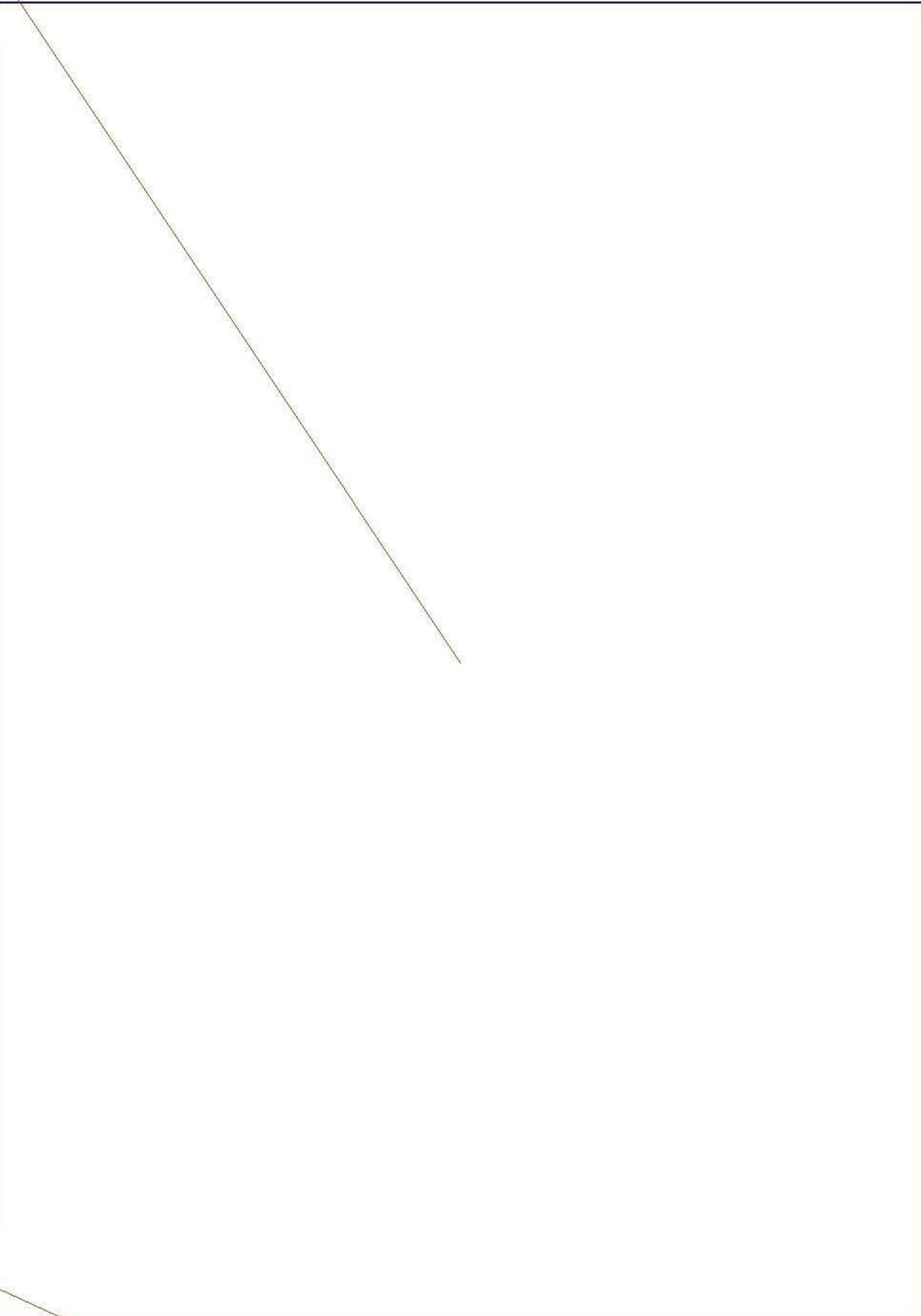
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Public Safety and Justice Cluster Meeting

March 25, 2021

OCME TALKING POINTS

(Please provide the three most important talking points that you would like to highlight this month.)

➤ Unit Updates

- OCME has received ten FOIA requests for records about the investigation of Officer Sicknick's death following the January 6th Capitol riot. Each of those has been declined. One requestor (Judicial Watch) has appealed. OCME's Public Information Officer has received more than 50 media inquiries.

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➤ Other Items

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Requester Default Category: Commercial Organization

Appeal Information

Original Request No.

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Educational or Non-Commercial Scientific

Preferred Delivery Mode

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State

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United States

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Appeal Description

Detailed Appeal Description

Judicial Watch appeals the withholding of the requested records due to the intense public interest surrounding this case outweighing any asserted privacy considerations.

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Request Information

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Date Range for Record Search:To	02/16/2021
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Detailed Request Description

All records, including but not limited to autopsy reports, toxicology reports, notes, photographs, and OCME officials' electronic communications, related to the death on Jan. 6, 2021 of Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick and its related investigation.

Description Document

Fee Information

Amount Willing to Pay	\$250
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Willing to Pay All Fees	No
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Fee Waiver Requested	Yes
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Fee Waiver Request Reason

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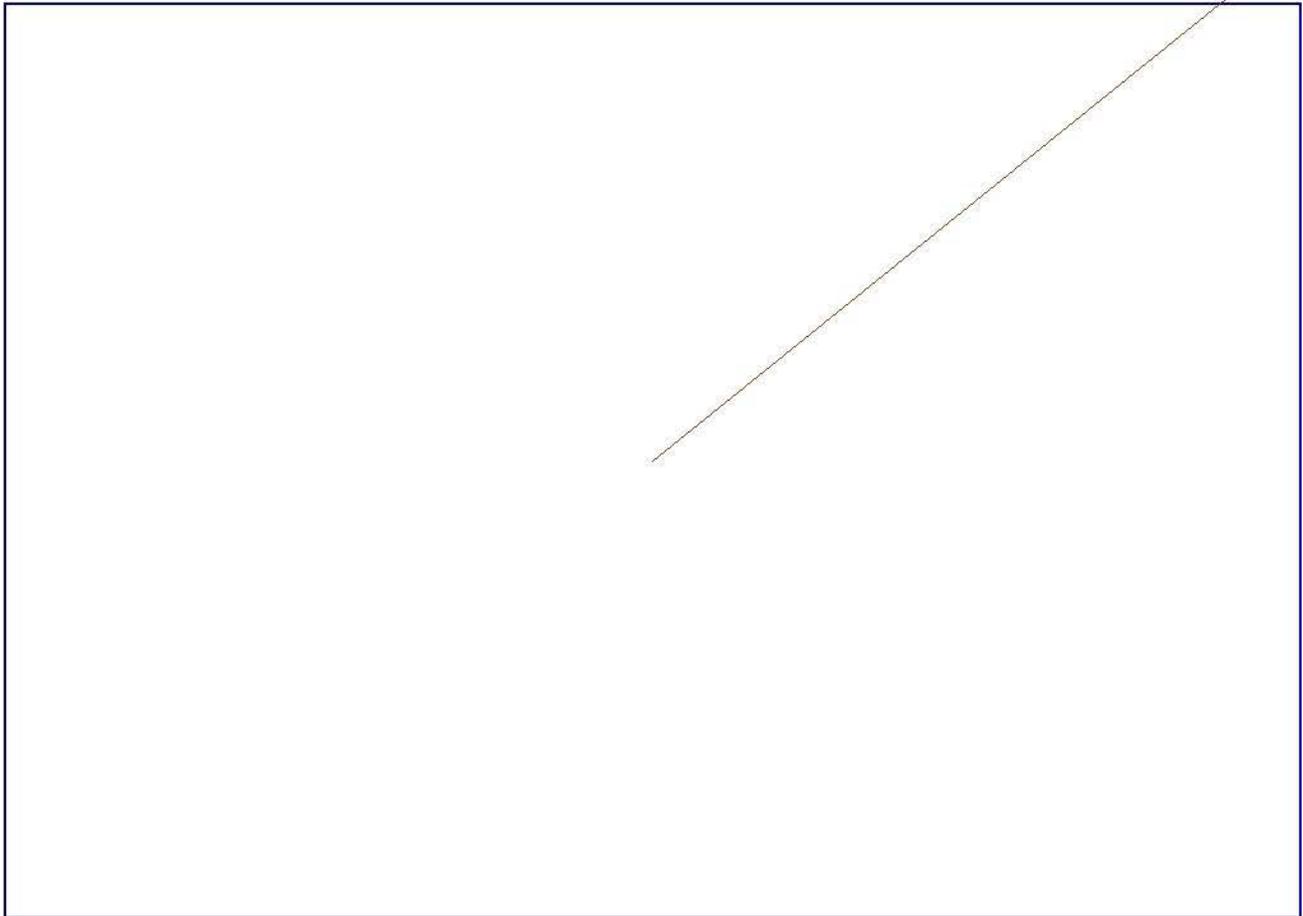
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The Honorable Ron Johnson
United States Senate
328 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Death of USCP Officer Brian Sicknick
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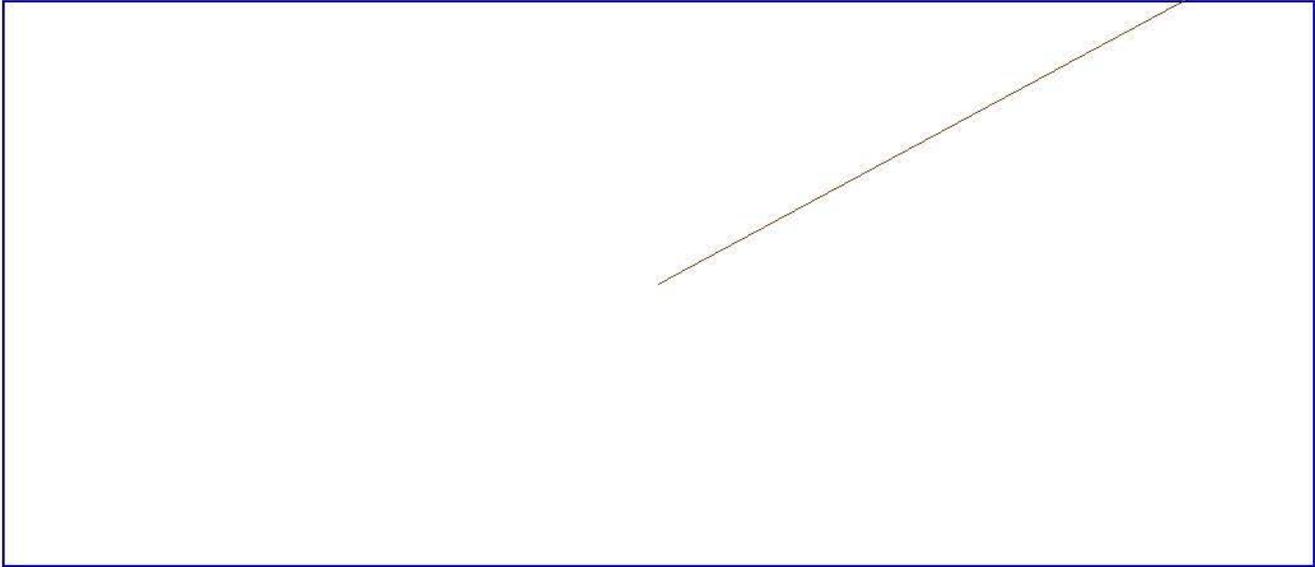
Dear Sen. Johnson:



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Sincerely,

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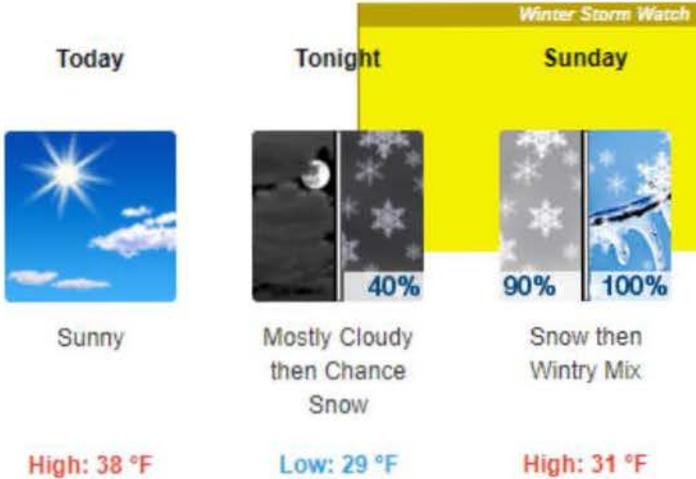


NCR WATCH DESK

SUNRISE BRIEF, JANUARY 30, 2021
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I. WEATHER

- **Today:** Sunny. High 38°. Low 29°.



- **Winter Storm Watch:** From late tonight (1AM) through late Sunday night, [snow accumulations of 4 to 8 inches](#) and ice accumulations of a light glaze are possible throughout the entire NCR.



Winter Storm Operational Changes

- **NCR:** On Sunday, Metrobus will operate on a [moderate snow service plan](#). Scheduled work at Addison Rd, Arlington Cemetery, and on the Yellow Line bridge will be suspended. Metro will [deploy resources and equipment](#) to keep the tracks clear of snow and ice and treat station platforms, walkways, and parking lots. Trains can operate very close to a normal schedule in snowfall of up to six inches.

- **City of Rockville:** A [snow emergency beginning 9AM Sunday](#) will require all vehicles to be removed from roads within the city, including neighborhood streets, by 9AM Sunday.
- **City of Alexandria:** All [public school buildings and grounds will be closed](#) to staff, students, families and community members on Monday due to projected weather conditions. All programs and services at ACPS facilities, including food distribution, are canceled. Virtual classes will continue as normal.

II. DEVELOPMENTS OF NOTE

National Capital Region

- **District of Columbia:** The Capitol Police Officer Sicknick, who died from injuries sustained while protecting the Capitol on January 6, will [lie in honor at the Capitol Rotunda](#) on Tuesday at 9:30PM. A Congressional tribute for Sicknick will occur 10:30AM Wednesday. A ceremonial departure will occur at 12PM Wednesday before Officer Sicknick's interment at Arlington National Cemetery. All events are for invited guests only due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- **City of Alexandria:** Until February 5, warming centers will be available for those who do not have [access to a warm shelter](#) during the day. Due to COVID-19, access to city recreation centers normally available to the public as warming centers have been reduced.
- **City of Alexandria:** The Department of Community and Human Services is offering access to an [online mental health training resource](#) named Kognito. Using simulation and role-play conversations, Kognito allows residents and organizations to understand suicide prevention and assist youth affected by mental illness.



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United States

- **Nationwide/Cyber:** CISA released a Malware Analysis Report on Wednesday detailing several malicious artifacts, identified by FireEye as [SUPERNOVA](#), that affected the SolarWinds Orion product. CISA has assessed that SUPERNOVA is not part of the SolarWinds supply chain attack described in the Activity Alert previously issued.

III. COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)

COVID-19 Data (as of 6AM)

NCR Case and Fatality Counts

Jurisdiction	Cases		Fatalities	
DC	36,414	+282	907	+5
MD NCR	148,939	+851	2,828	+12
Charles	7,909	+76	144	+1
Frederick	15,447	+105	235	+3
Montgomery	58,308	+297	1,254	+4
Prince George's	67,275	+373	1,195	+4
VA NCR	139,999	+955	1,632	+24
Arlington	11,555	+68	200	+1
City of Alexandria	9,342	+43	104	+1
Fairfax HD	59,549	+340	800	+12
Loudoun	20,077	+256	179	+4
Prince William HD	39,476	+248	349	+6
NCR Total	325,352	+2,088	5,367	+41

Sources: [DC Health](#), [MDH](#), [Prince George's County Health Department](#), [VDH](#)

NCR Vaccine Summary

Jurisdiction	Doses Administered		Phase
DC (as of 1/23/21)	51,421	+0	1b Tier 2
MD NCR	127,733	+10,673	1c
VA NCR	159,547	+11,866	1b
NCR Total	338,701	+22,539	N/A

Sources: [DC Health](#), [MDH](#), [VDH](#)

World Case and Fatality Counts

Metric	United States		Worldwide	
Cases	25,933,227	+166,059	102,144,857	+608,729
Fatalities	436,810	+3,604	2,208,782	+15,870
Recoveries	No Data	No Data	56,501,095	+370,095

Source: [Johns Hopkins University](#)

National Capital Region

- **Prince George's County:** Public Schools employees began [signing up to receive COVID-19 vaccine](#) on January 28. As of yesterday, the county remains at a [high-risk level](#) in the three main factors that will allow in-person learning to begin.
- **Maryland:** Vaccine supply is extremely limited, and the demand will far exceed the supply for some time to come. As of January 29, the state has administered 852,625 vaccines, with approximately 23,000 doses given Thursday, January 28. However, the state is currently only receiving 10,000 doses a day.
- **Prince William County:** Starting February 1, the county's [12 public libraries will be closed](#) to the public and offering curbside service only, so staff could dedicate time to COVID-19 vaccine call centers. In this new voluntary roll, staff will assist with vaccine appointments and provide general phone support.

United States

- **West Virginia:** The Department of Health and Human Resources [unveiled a new system through Everbridge](#). The new roll-out allows West Virginians to pre-register for COVID-19 vaccine and receive updates through text, phone and or emails. This is another tool in the toolbox that will help make the vaccination process as easy and efficient as possible.
- **Nationwide:** Johnson & Johnson is expected to file for an [emergency authorization](#) with the US FDA for their COVID-19 vaccine. Although the efficacy of the vaccine is markedly below the levels seen with the first two authorized COVID-19 vaccines, its efficacy rate of 66% is above the thresholds set by the FDA.



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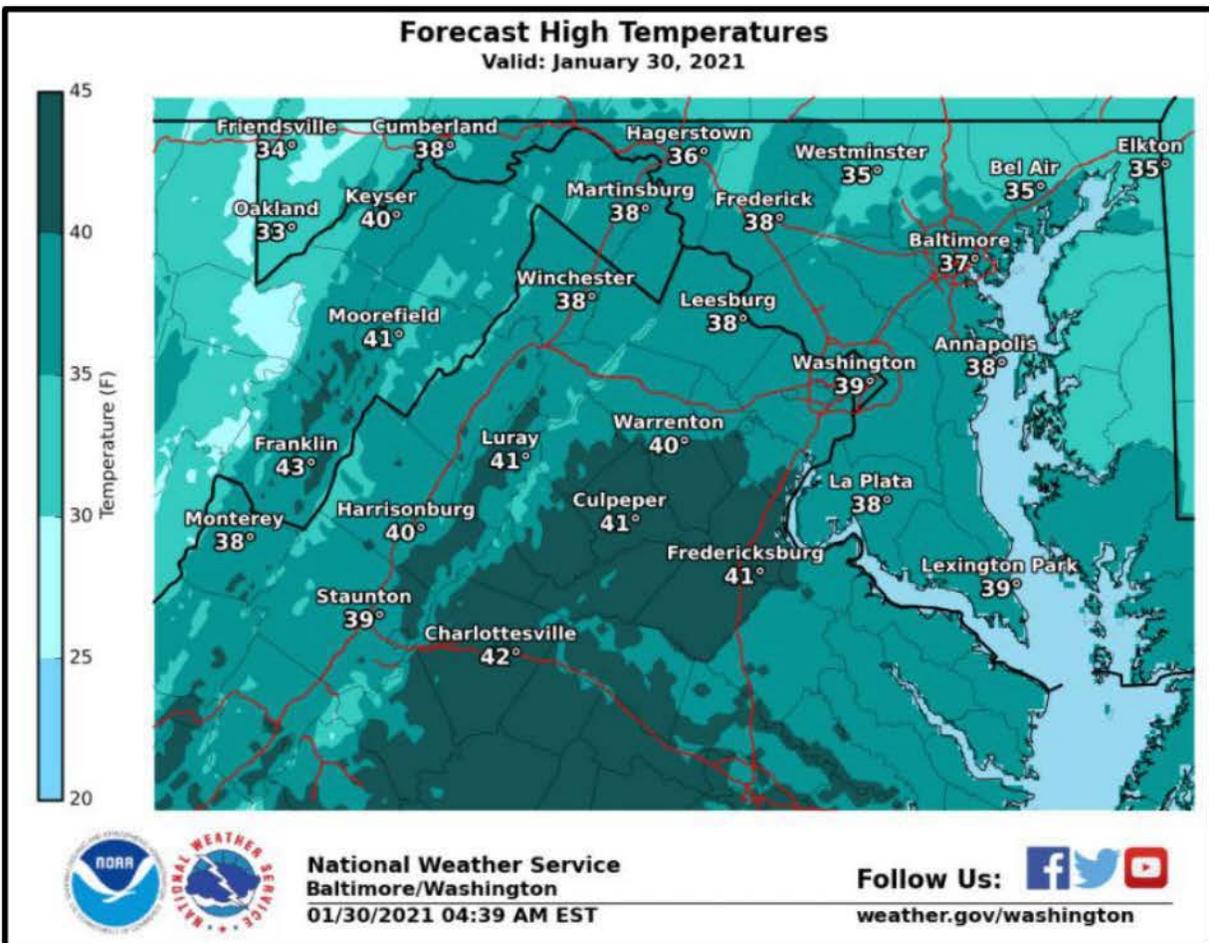
- **Nationwide:** HHS amended the PREP Act to [expand authorization for vaccination administration](#) to any healthcare provider in any state or US territory with a license or certification in a state, and to physicians, registered nurses, and practical nurses whose license or certification expired in good standing in the last five years.

World

- **Worldwide:** The European Medicines Agency authorized the recommendation of AstraZeneca's vaccine, to be used in [people 18 and over](#). This is the third vaccine given the go ahead by the European Medicines Agency. Currently the agency has approved Pfizer and Moderna vaccines.

EVENTS WITH THE POTENTIAL TO IMPACT CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

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SUNRISE BRIEF, JANUARY 8, 2021
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I. WEATHER

- Today:** Chance of flurries after 10AM, mixing with sprinkles after noon. High 40°. Low 28°.

Today	Tonight	Saturday
Mostly Cloudy then Chance Sprinkles/Flurries	Mostly Cloudy	Sunny
High: 40 °F	Low: 28 °F	High: 42 °F

II. DEVELOPMENTS OF NOTE

National Capital Region

- District of Columbia:** A [US Capitol Police officer passed away last night](#) due to injuries sustained while physically engaging with demonstrators at the US Capitol on Wednesday, January 6 2021.

United States

- Nationwide:** The Department of Defense's [Counter-Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems \(sUAS\) Strategy](#) provides a framework for addressing sUAS hazards and threats in a variety of operating environments, including the US homeland.

III. COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)

COVID-19 Data (as of 6AM)

NCR Case and Fatality Counts

Jurisdiction	Cases		Fatalities	
DC	30,750	+268	808	+2
MD NCR	125,980	+1,091	2,533	+12
Charles	6,471	+75	128	+0
Frederick	12,446	+137	196	+2
Montgomery	49,257	+393	1,119	+5
Prince George's	57,806	+486	1,090	+5
VA NCR	111,715	+1,071	1,449	+8
Arlington	9,541	+121	184	+0
City of Alexandria	7,747	+71	89	+0
Fairfax HD	47,744	+463	713	+6
Loudoun	15,095	+122	162	+1
Prince William HD	31,588	+294	301	+1
NCR Total	268,445	+2,430	4,790	+22

Sources: [DC Health](#), [MDH](#), [Prince George's County Health Department](#), [VDH](#)

NCR Vaccine Summary

Jurisdiction	Doses Administered		Phase
DC (as of 1/4/21)	16,989	+0	1a
MD NCR	21,563	+2,475	1a
VA NCR	30,973	+2,819*	1a
NCR Total	69,525	+5,294	1a

Sources: [DC Health](#), [MDH](#), [VDH](#)

*Fairfax City Doses Administered remains at (9) as of 1/6/21

World Case and Fatality Counts

Metric	United States		Worldwide	
Cases	21,581,749	+276,426	88,140,964	+840,621
Fatalities	365,321	+4,024	1,900,380	+14,766
Recoveries	No Data	No Data	49,170,247	+312,532

Source: [Johns Hopkins University](#)

National Capital Region

- Frederick County:** By the end of next week, [all 3,800 doses allocated to the Health Department](#) will have been distributed to Group 1A. All nursing home residents and staff and all Frederick Health Hospital health care staff who chose to be vaccinated have received their first doses. Vaccinations of first responders and other health care providers are still underway.



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- **City of Alexandria:** Free COVID-19 testing kiosks are available. The kiosks will expand access and reduce wait times at other testing sites. Walk-up testing is available, but [appointments](#) are encouraged.



Image of testing kiosks (Source: www.Alexandria.gov)

- **Virginia:** To [accelerate Virginia's vaccination efforts](#), medical facilities will be required to use vaccine as soon as possible, or risk having future allotments reduced. Priority groups have been expanded, with K-12 teachers and childcare workers among the next to receive the vaccine. The Virginia National Guard will provide logistical support and help local health departments with administering vaccines as more doses become available.

United States

- **Nationwide:** During December 14–23, 2020, [21 cases of anaphylaxis after administration were detected](#) out of 1,893,360 first doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine (11.1 cases per million doses); 71% of these occurred within 15 minutes of vaccination.
- **Nationwide:** CVS Health and Walgreens expect to [complete the first round of COVID-19 vaccinations](#) in nursing homes and assisted living facilities by January 25.

- **Nationwide:** The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases has [begun phase 2/3 clinical trials of two antibody therapies](#) for mild or moderate COVID-19 cases.
- **Nationwide:** HHS announced \$22 billion in funding to states, including the District of Columbia, to [provide critical support for testing and vaccination-related activities](#) to jurisdictions before January 19, 2021.
- **California:** A new statewide public health order aiming to maximize surge capacity for all state hospitals is requiring [all California hospitals to accept patients](#) from hospitals in crisis care. In the past two months, COVID-19 hospitalizations have increased sevenfold, while COVID-19 ICU hospitalizations have increased by over sixfold.
- **Florida:** Hard Rock Stadium in Miami is opening today as Florida's first [state-operated drive-thru vaccination site](#) for front-line health care workers and people 65 years and older. First doses were administered in a soft launch on Wednesday. Once fully operational, the site will administer 1,000 doses of the Moderna vaccine per day.
- **Massachusetts:** All [hospitals have escalated to Tier 4 status](#) (the highest level), indicating active, ongoing constraints. The number of patients in hospitals increased by 145% and ICU admissions increased by 111% over the last six weeks.

World

- **Worldwide:** New research suggests that [Pfizer's vaccine can protect against a mutation found in two highly contagious variants](#) of COVID-19 from the UK and South Africa.
- **China:** Researchers estimate 168,000 Wuhan residents were infected with COVID-19, [approximately three times more than official numbers](#). A separate study found as many as half a million people could have been infected.

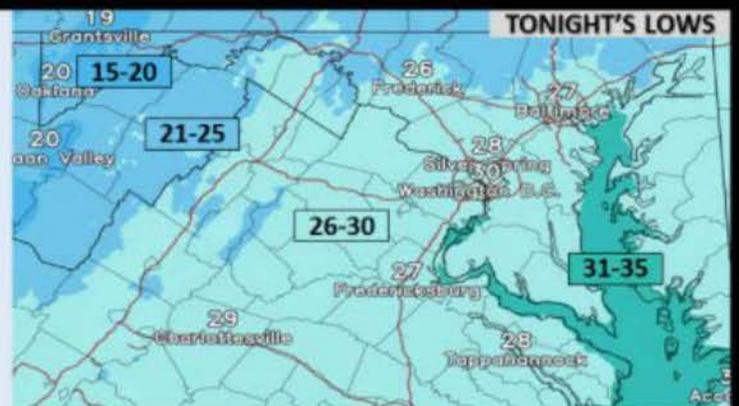


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TODAY/TONIGHT:



- Mostly cloudy skies today; gradual decrease in clouds overnight
- Slight chance of rain/snow showers across central VA & southern MD
- A few sprinkles or flurries from I-66 and Highway 50 southward

SATURDAY:



- Brisk northwesterly winds with gusts 20-25 mph, locally higher
- Mostly sunny skies with wind chills in the 20s & 30s
- Small Craft Advisories across the Chesapeake Bay & tidal Potomac

NWS BALTIMORE/WASHINGTON

1/8/2021 @ 430 AM

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I. WEATHER

- Today:** Snow likely, mainly before 8AM, then a chance of snow after 2PM. Cloudy, wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 28mph. Total daytime snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible. High 33°. Low 28°.



- A [Winter Weather Advisory](#) remains in effect until 9AM for the District of Columbia, portions of central, northern and southern Maryland and central and northern Virginia. A band of moderate snow capable of producing 1 to two inches will impact the I-95 corridor.

Impacts to COVID-19 Operations

- District of Columbia:** Public COVID-19 testing sites [will re-open](#) today.
- Prince William County:** COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics will have [delayed openings](#) today and appointments before 10AM have been canceled. Testing at James S. Long Regional Park has been canceled.

II. DEVELOPMENTS OF NOTE

National Capital Region

- City of Alexandria:** Training will be held at the Corporal Charles W. Hill Law Enforcement Firearms Training Facility from 7AM until 9PM. Residents in the area can expect to hear [sounds of gunfire](#) as training will be held through the month.

III. COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)

COVID-19 Data (as of 6AM)

NCR Case and Fatality Counts

Jurisdiction	Cases	Fatalities
DC	37,008 +136	916 +3
MD NCR	150,963 +495	2,855 +12
Charles	8,060 +38	144 +0
Frederick	15,646 +31	237 +1
Montgomery	59,155 +190	1,266 +6
Prince George's	68,125 +236	1,208 +5
VA NCR	142,378 +658	1,642 +0
Arlington	11,769 +78	201 +0
City of Alexandria	9,482 +47	104 +0
Fairfax HD	60,436 +237	802 +0
Loudoun	20,484 +100	181 +0
Prince William HD	40,207 +196	354 +0
NCR Total	330,349 +1,289	5,413 +15

Sources: [DC Health](#), [MDH](#), [Prince George's County Health Department](#), [VDH](#)

NCR Vaccine Summary

Jurisdiction	Doses Administered	Phase
DC (as of 1/30/21)	62,219 +10,798	1b Tier 2
MD NCR	147,843 +2,639	1c
VA NCR	186,379 +10,624	1b
NCR Total	396,441 +24,061	N/A

Sources: [DC Health](#), [MDH](#), [VDH](#)

World Case and Fatality Counts

Metric	United States	Worldwide
Cases	26,321,457 +134,033	103,486,647 +468,004
Fatalities	443,365 +2,034	2,240,276 +10,950
Recoveries	No Data No Data	57,424,587 +299,155

Source: [Johns Hopkins University](#)



NCR WATCH DESK

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National Capital Region

- **District of Columbia:** Residents are being warned of a COVID-19 vaccine scam offering individuals the chance to [“privately purchase” a COVID-19 vaccine dose](#). No such option exists; all vaccines and vaccine providers are vetted and approved by DC Health.

VACCINE FRAUD ALERT
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If you receive any messages or calls about the private sale of a vaccine, report this as an illegal scam.

The only places you can get a vaccine are through hospitals, clinics, pharmacies, and doctors' offices.

There are no one-off sales of vaccines. And when you receive a real vaccine, it will always be free.

Report a scam to MPD: (202) 727-4159



CORONAVIRUS.DC.GOV
February 1, 2021




- **District of Columbia:** Individuals who work in person for a licensed child care provider or an independent school located within the District are now [eligible to book](#) a vaccination appointment with One Medical.
- **Maryland:** The first two of six planned mass-vaccination sites are set to [open on Friday at Six Flags America in Prince George's County and at Baltimore Convention Center](#). Appointments will be available pending arrival of vaccine doses at the facilities.

United States

- **Nationwide:** Effective today, TSA will require individuals to wear a mask at TSA airport screening checkpoints and throughout the commercial and public transportation systems. This requirement will remain effective until May 11, 2021. [Passengers without a mask](#) may be denied entry, boarding, or continued transport. Failure to comply with the mask requirement can result in civil penalties.

World

- **Canada:** On Monday, Peel Public Health and confirmed the [first case of the South African COVID-19 variant](#) in Ontario. The Mississauga resident reportedly has not traveled.
- **Canada:** Toronto Public Health announced two confirmed UK COVID-19 variant cases [following a COVID-19 outbreak](#) at a meat production facility on Monday. Officials report that there is no indication that any cases identified had recently traveled or had contact with a person who traveled recently currently.
- **South Africa:** One million doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine, the [first COVID-19 vaccine to be delivered in South Africa](#), arrived at Johannesburg's O.R. Tambo International Airport on Monday. The country's vaccination campaign will kick off with the injection of South Africa's front-line health workers. The first doses are set to be administered in mid-February after the vaccines are tested and approved by South Africa's drug regulatory authorities.



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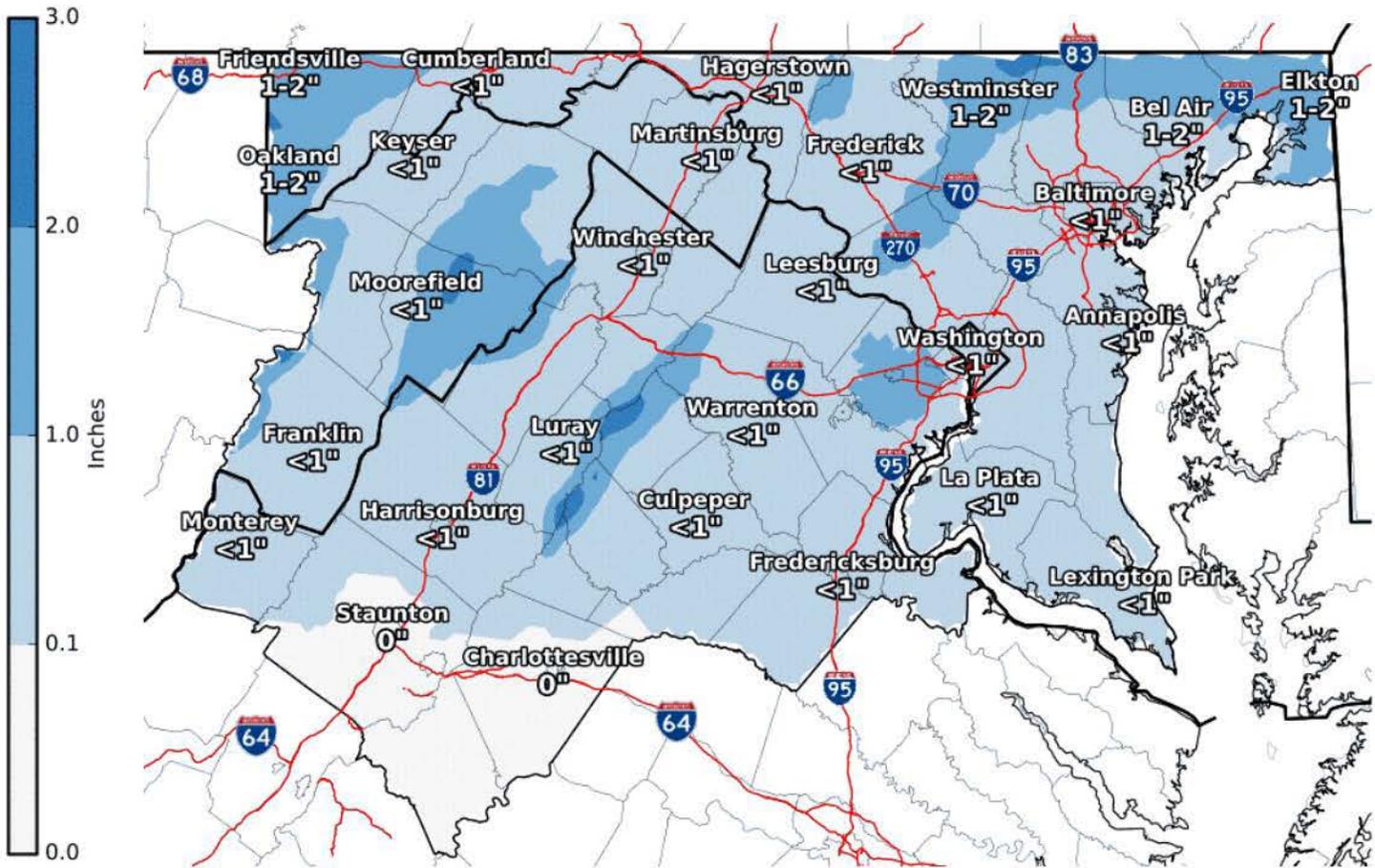
EVENTS WITH THE POTENTIAL TO IMPACT CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Event Name

[US Capitol Police Brian D. Sicknick Lying in Honor](#)

Event Total Snowfall

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I. WEATHER

- Today:** A chance of snow before 10AM. Cloudy through mid-morning, then gradual clearing. Northwest wind 14 to 16 mpg, with gust as high as 29 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%. High 39°. Low 45°.



- Wintery Weather Risks:** A light wintery mix is possible late [Thursday night into Friday](#) morning. Wind chill temperatures below zero are possible Friday Night over the ridgetops. There is uncertainty in precipitation amounts and extent of cold air late Thursday night into Friday.



(Source: NWS)

II. DEVELOPMENTS OF NOTE

United States

- Maryland:** Over 150 crew members responded to a three-alarm fire at an apartment complex in Baltimore Tuesday afternoon. No injuries were reported, [twenty-seven families were displaced](#), and over thirty units in the complex are uninhabitable.



Firefighter extinguishing the fire in the unit block of Springridge Court (Source: BCFire)

- Florida:** Two FBI agents were killed and three were injured while attempting to serve a [high-risk warrant](#) yesterday morning in Sunrise (approximately 11 miles Northwest of Fort Lauderdale).

III. COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)

COVID-19 Data (as of 6AM)

NCR Case and Fatality Counts

Jurisdiction	Cases	Fatalities
DC	37,138	921
MD NCR	151,419	2,860
Charles	8,087	144
Frederick	15,722	237
Montgomery	59,292	1,269
Prince George's	68,318	1,210
VA NCR	143,025	1,653
Arlington	11,806	203
City of Alexandria	9,528	104
Fairfax HD	60,690	807
Loudoun	20,618	183
Prince William HD	40,383	356
NCR Total	331,582	5,434

Sources: [DC Health](#), [MDH](#), [Prince George's County Health Department](#), [VDH](#)



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NCR Vaccine Summary

Jurisdiction	Doses Administered	Phase	
DC (as of 1/30/21)	62,219	+0	1b Tier 2
MD NCR	150,779	+2,936	1c
VA NCR	196,911	+10,532	1b
NCR Total	409,909	+13,468	N/A

Sources: [DC Health](#), [MDH](#), [VDH](#)

World Case and Fatality Counts

Metric	United States		Worldwide	
	Cases	Fatalities	Recoveries	Phase
Cases	26,435,696	+114,239	103,943,365	+456,718
Fatalities	446,901	+3,536	2,255,091	+14,815
Recoveries	No Data	No Data	57,754,110	+329,523

Source: [Johns Hopkins University](#)

National Capital Region

- Montgomery County:** Two additional cases of the B.1.351 ([South African variant](#)) were confirmed yesterday in two individuals, who recently traveled abroad. Contact tracing is underway, and close contacts are isolating. The South Africa coronavirus variant was first reported in the United States last week, when officials announced two cases in South Carolina.

United States

- Nationwide:** Beginning February 11, approximately 1 million additional COVID-19 vaccine doses will be shipped [directly to thousands of pharmacies](#). The effort aims to speed up the inoculation process and address equity concerns surrounding vaccine access.
- Nationwide:** A new diagnostic test is being developed to fight the flu & COVID-19. BARDA and Visby Medical are developing a [rapid test to detect these infections](#) for use at home & in point-of-care settings. The hand-held disposable device platform is expected to provide a sample-to-result time of less than 30 minutes.

- United Kingdom:** Recent tests on some samples of the COVID-19 UK variant have shown a ["concerning" mutation known as E484K](#). E484K is present in the genetic make-up of both the South African and Brazilian variants. Some research has shown that this mutation may help the virus evade antibodies, which would make it more resistant to the current generation of COVID-19 vaccines.
- Russia:** The Sputnik V vaccine is [91.6% effective against symptomatic COVID-19](#) and 100% effective against severe and moderate disease, according to an [interim analysis](#) of the vaccine's Phase 3 trial results, which involved just under 20,000 participants. At present, the vaccine is registered in 16 countries.



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Brisk NW Winds Today; Next System Arrives Thursday Night

WINDS TODAY



TEMPERATURE (HIGH/LOW) FORECAST

LOCATION	WED (2/3)	THU (2/4)	FRI (2/5)
Washington, D.C.	40/27	45/35	50/30
Baltimore	38/24	43/31	48/27
Hagerstown	37/21	42/32	45/25
Charlottesville	44/22	50/36	51/26
Oakland	26/13	39/30	38/16
Winchester	36/21	43/33	45/24

⚠️ Gale Force Winds Possible Over Waters Until 6 PM

- Flurries or a few snow showers this morning
- Return of sunshine this afternoon through Thursday afternoon

THURSDAY NIGHT/FRIDAY SYSTEM

➡️ A system currently moving into Oregon will bring a chance for light snow & freezing rain Thursday night into Friday, eventually becoming all rain

Minor snow/ice accumulations possible north & west of DC

NWS Baltimore/Washington

February 3, 2021 04:45 AM

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****Cause and Manner of Death are available and the NOK/Family has been notified****

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Sent: Wed, 7 Apr 2021 18:33:28 +0000
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Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM);Fields, Beverly (OCME)
Subject: Determinations of the Cause and Manner of Death - RE: January 6, 2021

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- 5) Brian Sicknick: pending

From: Dedner, Olivia (EOM)
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Importance: High

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- 5) Brian Sicknick: pending

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Importance: High

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Thank you,
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- Quality Management:
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 - NAME Accreditation: Full accreditation with NAME (National Association of Medical Examiners) for the full 5 years (2/2016 – 2/2021) without a major deficiency.
- OCME has received ten FOIA requests for records pertaining to Officer Sicknick's death following the January 6th Capitol riot. Each of those has been declined. One requestor (Judicial Watch) has appealed.
 - OCME's Public Information Officer has received more than 50 media inquiries.

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OCME ■ PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY CLUSTER ■ March 2021**OCME Caseload by Manner and Year**

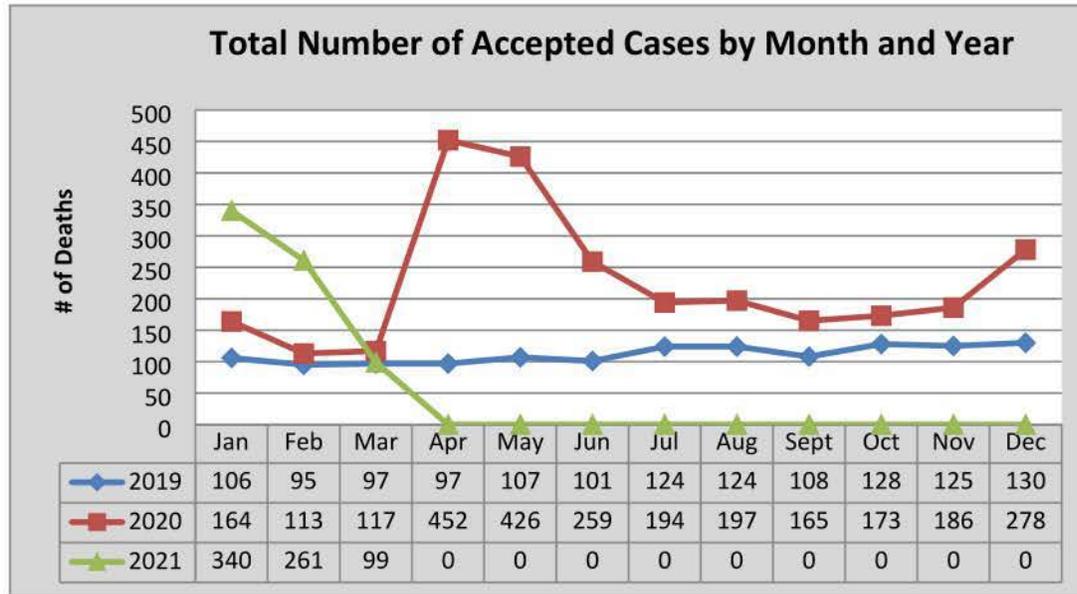
This report provides a breakdown of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiners caseload from January 1, 2019 through March 15, 2021 (YTD, unless otherwise noted). The OCME investigated 6,763 cases in 2019 compared to 9,166 cases in 2020 during the same time period. In 2021 (01/01/2021-03/15/2021), the OCME has already investigated 2,155 cases. As of March 15th, there are 165 cases from calendar year 2021 that are pending cause and manner determination (there are no cases greater than 90 days at this time). The tables below provide a breakdown of the cases by manner of death and year.

Table 1: Case Decision and Requests by Year

Case Decision by Calendar Year			
	2019	2020	2021 (YTD)
Accepted	1342	2725	691
Declined	1845	2017	454
Storage	181	237	38
Cremations	3395	4187	968
Total	6,763	9,166	2,151

Figure 1: Yearly Comparison of OCME Accepted Cases (2019 – 2021)

Note: The data presented for 2021 is for 01/01/2021 – 03-15-2021.



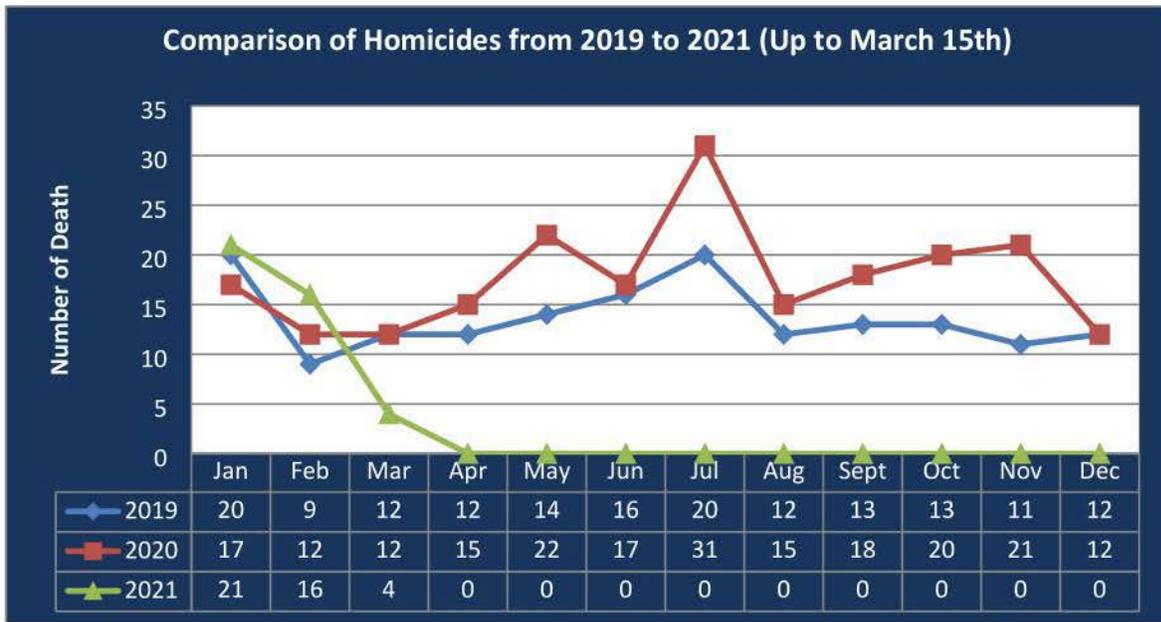
Comparison of Accepted Cases in 2019 and 2020		
	# of Deaths	Difference
2019	1342	
2020	2724	103%

Table 2: Accepted Cases by Manner of Death (excluding non-human remains)

Accepted Cases by MOD			
Manner of Death	2019	2020	2021
Accident	577	745	51
Homicide	164	212	41
Natural	521	1651	424
Pending	0	29	164
Suicide	61	54	11
Undetermined	19	33	0
	1342	2725	691

Note: The above table does not include cremains or non-human remains; except for one (1) non-human remain case in 2019. In addition, cause and manner of death determinations have not been made for all 2020 cases, which are indicated by the “Pending” cases. Please note the “Pending” number of cases change daily and may be less for 2020 at the time of this presentation. The data presented for 2021 is for 01/01/2021 – 03/15/2021 only.

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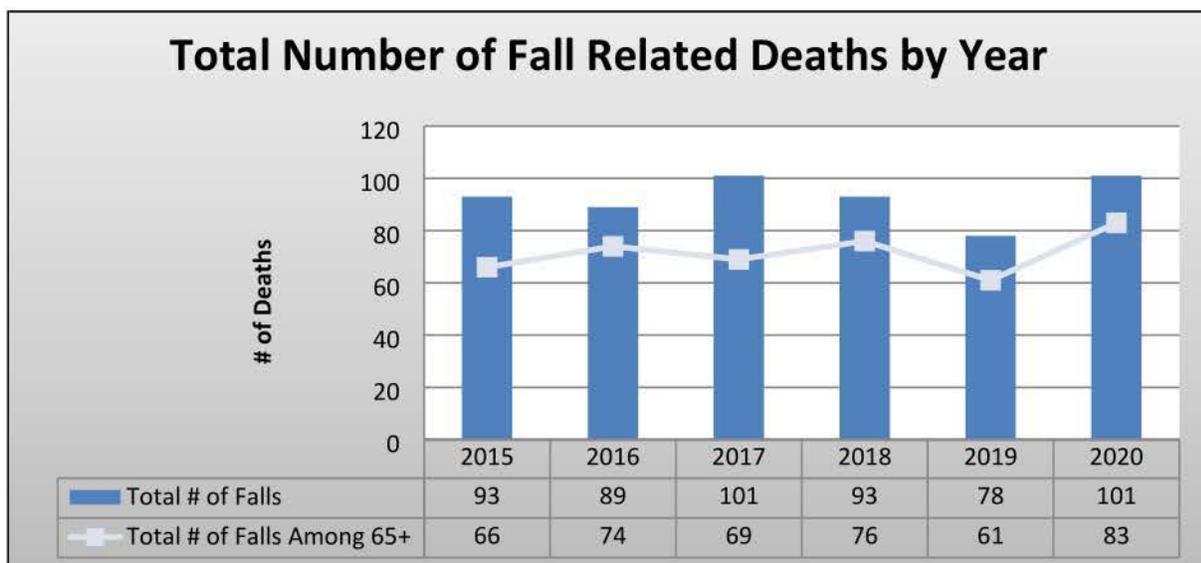
Opioid Related Deaths:

Table 2: Opioid-related Deaths, 2018-2021

	CY18	CY19	CY20	CY21 to 3/15/21
Intoxication Deaths	324	392	531	11
Opioid Deaths	214	281	408	5
% of Intoxication Deaths that are Opioid-related	66%	72%	77%	45%
Average Opioid-related Deaths per month	18	23	34	N/A

Note: The CY20 data is incomplete due to cases that are still "Pending" Cause and Manner of Death.

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Case Report

Fatal Basilar Thrombosis Possibly Related to Minor Cervical Trauma: A Case Report

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Background. Basilar thrombosis is a potentially fatal event, whose traumatic etiology has been repeatedly stated. **Methods.** We performed the autopsy and the microscopic examination of the brain stem structures from an individual, whose sudden death raised logical suspicions regarding the causative factor. **Results.** The brain was swollen and clearly hyperemic; a massive basilar thrombus with complete occlusion of the median segment of the basilar artery was macroscopically seen. The brainstem showed an infarcted zone in the pons, with secondary hemorrhagic changes, mainly in the form of multiple petechial hemorrhages. Pontine arteries showed extensive alterations, mainly in the form of severed endothelium, which suggested a thrombotic-traumatic mechanism as the main etiological factor. **Conclusions.** Minor injuries, such as slight whiplashes, abrupt neck movements, neck trauma related to the slowing down of the vehicles, and critical neck positioning, can all of them explain a thrombotic event in the basilar artery, leading to a fatal occurrence. Other risk factors may obviously concur, but their importance seems unclear.

1. Case Report

A 53-year-old man was found dead from the driver of a passenger van, upon arrival at the city of destination. With other passengers leaving the van, he waited for the man to descend, thinking that he was asleep. The victim was immediately brought at the city hospital, where the death was declared. The autopsy was performed immediately the same day; samples were sent at the Institute of Forensic Medicine where microscopy was made on the organs of interest.

The medical staff examined the previous medical files and documentation of the victim; no chronic diseases were suggested. He was referred to be a heavy smoker (30 years with twenty cigarettes per day); he was obese; but no hypertension or other major risk factors were found. Toxicology revealed no signs or suggestions for medications, intoxications, or recent use of ethanol.

The day of the trip the victim woke up early and left his home at dawn; he used to go working every day at the city of destination.

The forensic pathologist performing the autopsy found nothing unusual at the thoracic cavity, no enlargement of cardiac rooms was seen. The autopsy showed no thrombi inside the cardiac cavities; nor was any sign of thrombotic event found in the major extra cranial vessels. The coronary arteries showed atherotic signs compatible with the age and the body mass (his weight was 97 kilograms for a height of 165 centimeters).

The brain was swollen and clearly hyperemic; a massive basilar thrombus with complete occlusion of the median segment of the basilar artery was macroscopically seen (Figure 1).

The dissected basilar artery, from the origin of the vertebral arteries to its top, is shown (Figure 2); samples of brain stem tissues were microscopically examined. The occlusion of the basilar artery was in the median portion; thrombotic fragments were found as well in the oral portion of the basilar artery.

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FIGURE 1: Macroscopy of the brain; the occluded thrombotic basilar artery is seen.



FIGURE 2: The occlusion of the basilar artery involved mainly the median portion. Note the atheromatous basilar artery, with an extensive and fresh thrombus.

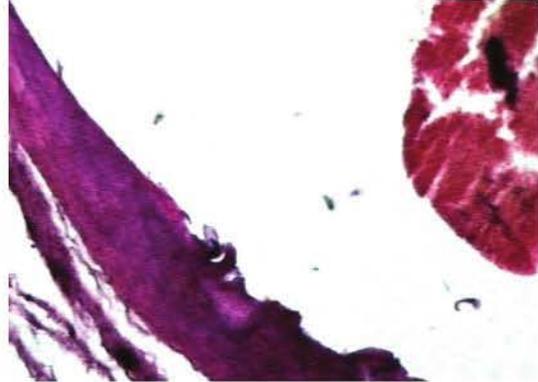


FIGURE 3: Severed endothelium in the territory of a pontine artery (center of the figure) with fragments of a fresh thrombus (right in the figure).



FIGURE 4: Intraluminal thrombus.

extensive alterations, mainly in the form of severed endothelium, which suggested a thrombotic-traumatic mechanism as the main etiological factor (Figure 3).

Microscopically, evidence of thrombotic fragments in the pontine arteries was found as well (Figure 4), with thrombus formation expanding longitudinally (Figure 5).

The occlusion of the basilar artery was considered from the forensic experts and the consultant staff as the causative factor of death. In face of lacking other etiological factors that could have explained the impressive thrombotic occlusion of basilar artery, leading to immediate death, the experts concluded that minor cervical trauma could be responsible. In fact, the victim was found seated in the van in a very precarious position in the last row. Interviewed from the coroner, the passengers referred a very unstable trip in a bumpy and poorly driven car, with the driver obliged to slow down several times, causing even some displacement of the passengers inside the vehicle. The shocks that the victim absorbed on the posterior region of his neck during the braking episodes possibly caused the thrombotic occlusion of the basilar artery, with expansion of the occluding fragments to the pontine arteries; the immediate death probably followed one of those shocking moments, due to pontine infarction. The role of other causative or predisposing factors remained unclear.

2. Discussion

The thrombotic occlusion of the basilar artery is almost fatal, and all pioneer studies have been convergent on the issue [1, 2]. The probability that the basilar thrombosis might be the cause of a sudden death has been described in the literature since 1868 [3]. However, a fatal basilar thrombosis related only with a minor trauma, to our knowledge, has been described and published only more than a century later, in 1990 [4]. The authors referring such a case accept as well that no signs of external trauma in the cervical spine, soft tissues of the neck, or adjacent structures were found, albeit the occlusion of the basilar artery was obvious and interested the entire length of the artery [4]. The possibility that an occlusion of the basilar artery might follow even a minor whiplash injury has been emphasized as well; the thrombotic event might follow the trauma in a time delay that might reach several months [5]. Other authors have described even a group of patients in whom vertebrobasilar ischemia came on after the extension of their necks over the edge of a hairdresser's sink, while having their hair shampooed [6]. Such a strange and unusual presentation of a so-called "beauty parlor syndrome", where the trauma to the neck has of course to be minor and irrelevant, if

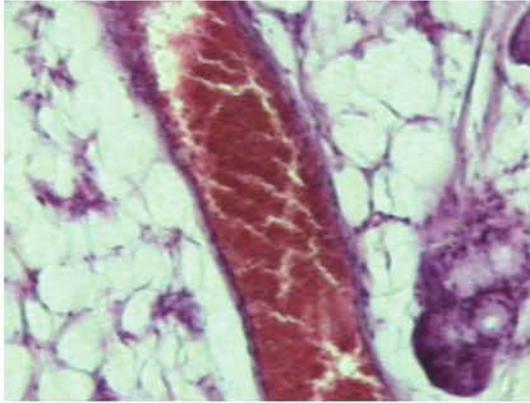


FIGURE 5: A thrombosed arteriole in the sagittal section. The fresh thrombus expanded longitudinally. There is evidence of adjacent cellular edema.

inexistent, has been also reported from other sources [7]. The same author that coined the above-mentioned term of the syndrome emphasizes that the critical neck position might be an independent risk factor for a posterior circulation stroke [8].

While previously the chiropractic manipulation was considered to be an important factor leading to traumatic vertebrobasilar ischemia, recent data suggest the motor vehicle accidents to be the most common cause of traumatic vertebrobasilar ischemia, irrespective to the severity of the accident [9]. Through suggesting the trauma as a causative factor, almost everywhere in the literature this trauma of the cervical region is implied as a blunt one [10].

In discussing the mechanism of injury, some authors speculate that hyperflexion of the neck is the dominant mechanism of injury [11]. A list of risk factors has been suggested, with obesity and cigarette smoking being among them [12]. In our case, there was no external sign of traumatic shock to the cervical region, nor any internal hematoma following the plane dissection during the autopsy. Anyway, other factors such as obesity and/or cigarette smoking might have been playing a concurrent role.

The case described in our paper was abruptly fatal; however the prognosis of basilar artery occlusion even in the cases of a more prolonged time course is generally poor. The authors mention several factors that might influence the immediate and long-term outcome, such as the decreased level of consciousness, the presence of dysarthria, the pupillary abnormalities, bulbar symptoms, bilateral involvement of cerebellar hemispheres, tetraplegy, and even the cardiac cause of embolism [13]. All patients with such factors referred to by this study either have died or suffered from severe further disability [13].

Basilar artery occlusion may present without significant warning symptoms, or with fluctuating symptoms progressing to severe disability and death; the latter might have a similar course with that of a brainstem tumor, leading as well to a sudden, immediate death [14, 15]. The transient symptoms that precede the major event of a basilar thrombosis include visual spots, blurred vision, diplopia,

facial paresthesias, vertigo, ataxia, dysarthria, and transient hemiparesis or tetraparesis. Based on the temporal profile of the symptomatology, the basilar thrombosis will manifest in several clinical pictures, such as

- (a) sudden onset of symptomatology, with bulbar signs, impaired consciousness, probably progressing to a locked-in syndrome and coma; potentially such cases can be immediately fatal;
- (b) a more gradual course of the above-mentioned symptomatology, leading later to the full and final clinical picture of a tetraplegic, comatose patient;
- (c) prodromal symptoms, mostly transient in their nature, such as vision impairment, convulsive-like jerking, and hemiparesis, preceding the total occlusion by days or weeks.

In nonfatal cases, the recanalization is considered an important requisite for a good functional outcome [16]. Although recanalization is achieved more frequently with intra-arterial thrombolysis, the morbidity and mortality of patients treated with such a procedure was not significantly different from the effect of intravenous thrombolysis, according to a study [17]. Tissue plasminogen activator (rtPA, recombinant) is the only pharmaceutical agent approved from FDA for the treatment of the acute ischemic stroke. On the other hand, more conventional therapies (anticoagulation, antiaggregants) offer only an insufficient efficacy, with a case fatality of 40%, and with 65% of survivors remaining dependent thereafter [18].

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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 8, 2021

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Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
401 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20024

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Ron Johnson
U.S. Senator

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Ron Johnson
U.S. Senator

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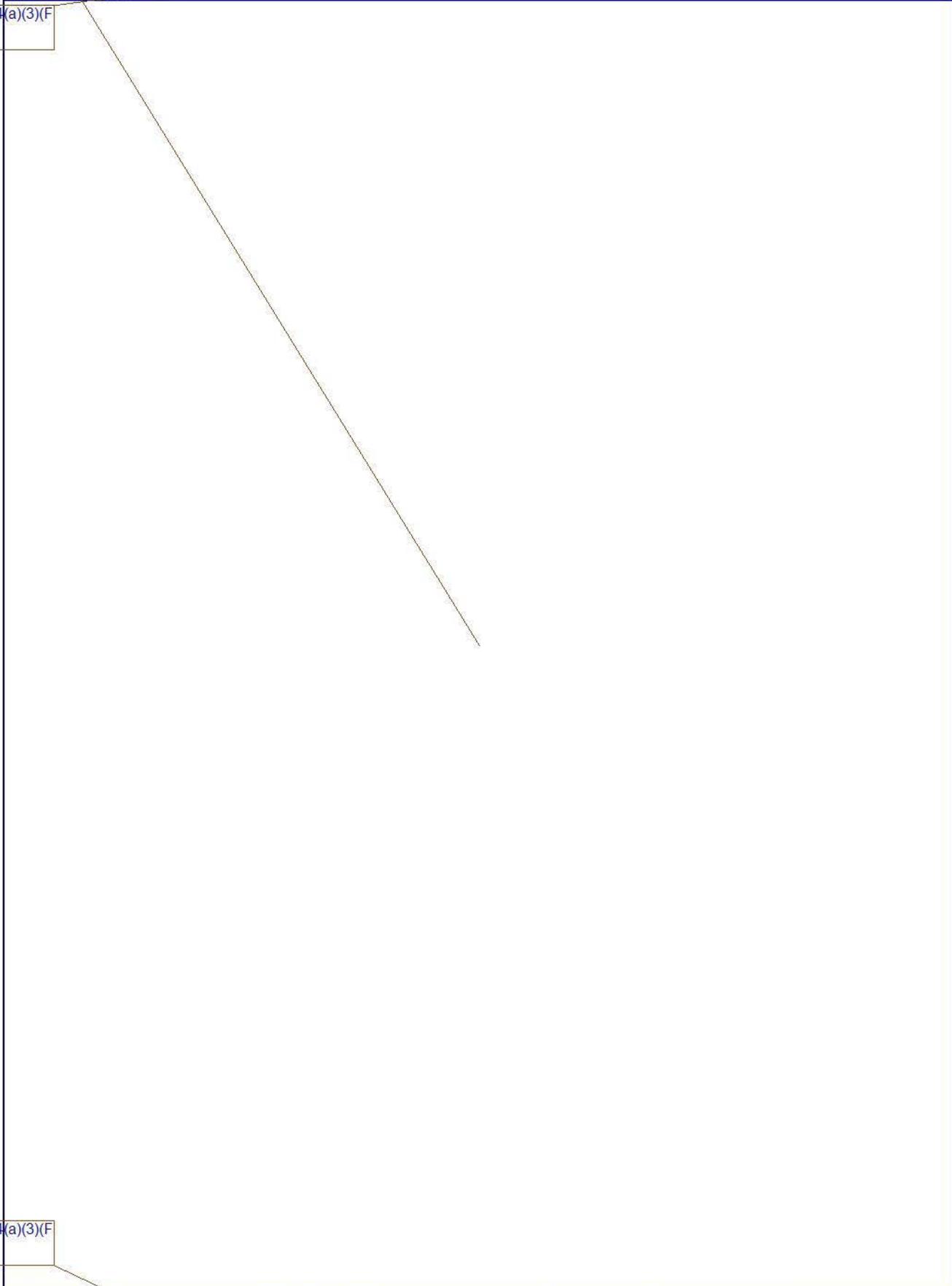
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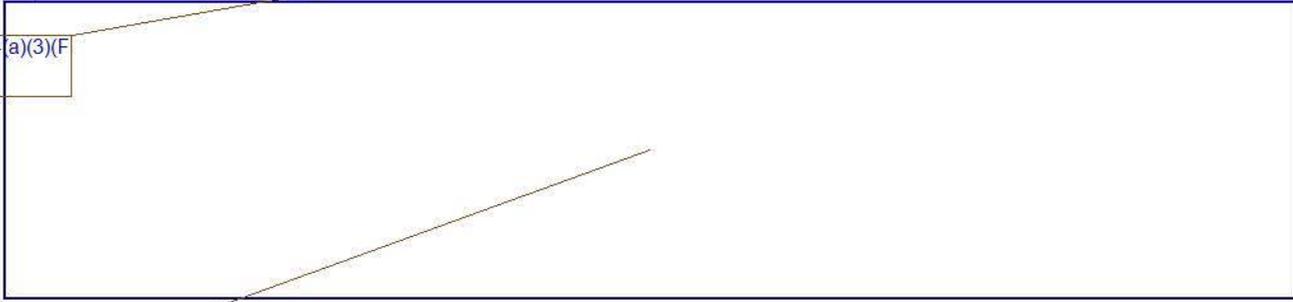
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Appeal Information

Original Request No.	2021-FOIA-03130
Requester Category	Educational or Non-Commercial Scientific
Preferred Delivery Mode	Download via FOIA Portal

Mailing Address

Street1	425 Third Street
Street2	Suite 800
City	Washington
State	District of Columbia
Country	United States
Zip Code	20024

Appeal Description

Detailed Appeal Description	Judicial Watch appeals the withholding of the requested records due to the intense public interest surrounding this case outweighing any asserted privacy considerations.
Description Document	

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General Request Information

Select a Request Type	FOIA
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Requester Category	Educational or Non-Commercial Scientific
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Request Information

Date Range for Record Search:From	01/06/2021
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Detailed Request Description

All records, including but not limited to autopsy reports, toxicology reports, notes, photographs, and OCME officials' electronic communications, related to the death on Jan. 6, 2021 of Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick and its related investigation.

Description Document

Fee Information

Amount Willing to Pay	\$250
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Willing to Pay All Fees	No
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Fee Waiver Requested	Yes
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Fee Waiver Request Reason

Judicial Watch is a non-profit educational organization registered as a 501(c)(3) organization with the IRS, whose mission is to investigate, expose and educate the public about the operations of the government.



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER
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Telephone: 202-698-9000

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March 31, 2021

The Honorable Ron Johnson
United States Senate
328 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Death of USCP Officer Brian Sicknick
OCME #21-00132

Dear Senator Johnson:

Thank you for your March 8, 2021 letter regarding the death of USCP Officer Brian Sicknick. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) for the District of Columbia strives to meet National Association of Medical Examiner's standard that 90% of postmortem examination reports be completed within ninety (90) days from the time of the autopsy.¹ While more complex cases may take longer, we expect that Officer Sicknick's evaluation will be completed within this timeframe. In contrast to popular perception, an autopsy is often only an early step in a death investigation; additional time is often needed to conduct toxicology, lab studies, additional field investigation, and specialist consultations.

OCME must first share our findings with the officer's survivors, and we then intend to make a public statement as to the cause and manner of the death. OCME's Public Information Officer has included you on the list to receive that statement as soon as it is issued. DC Code § 5-1412 limits the release of additional information without authorization from next of kin. If personal health information is needed sooner by a congressional investigative committee, we welcome the committee's staff to work with OCME's General Counsel to determine a way that the information can be shared while under seal in the absence of authorization from next of kin.

If you need further information do not hesitate to contact OCME's General Counsel, Rodney Adams by email at Rodney.Adams@dc.gov or by phone at (202) 698-9005.

Sincerely,

Francisco J. Diaz, MD, FCAP, FASCP
Chief Medical Examiner

¹ NAME Inspection and Accreditation Checklist F.4.k



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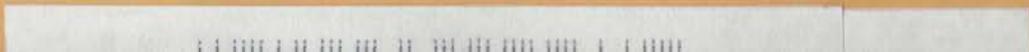


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*Because no one
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Superior Court of the District of Columbia
CIVIL DIVISION
Civil Actions Branch
500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Suite 5000 Washington, D.C. 20001
Telephone: (202) 879-1133 Website: www.dccourts.gov

Judicial Watch, Inc.

Plaintiff

vs.

District of Columbia

Defendant

Case Number 2021 CA 000875 B

SUMMONS

To the above named Defendant:

You are hereby summoned and required to serve an Answer to the attached Complaint, either personally or through an attorney, within twenty one (21) days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you are being sued as an officer or agency of the United States Government or the District of Columbia Government, you have sixty (60) days after service of this summons to serve your Answer. A copy of the Answer must be mailed to the attorney for the plaintiff who is suing you. The attorney's name and address appear below. If plaintiff has no attorney, a copy of the Answer must be mailed to the plaintiff at the address stated on this Summons.

You are also required to file the original Answer with the Court in Suite 5000 at 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Mondays through Fridays or between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Saturdays. You may file the original Answer with the Court either before you serve a copy of the Answer on the plaintiff or within seven (7) days after you have served the plaintiff. If you fail to file an Answer, judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Michael Bekesha

Name of Plaintiff's Attorney

Judicial Watch, Inc.

Address

425 Third Street, S.W., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20024

(202) 646-5172

Telephone

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Date

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IMPORTANT: IF YOU FAIL TO FILE AN ANSWER WITHIN THE TIME STATED ABOVE, OR IF, AFTER YOU ANSWER, YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT ANY TIME THE COURT NOTIFIES YOU TO DO SO, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY DAMAGES OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. IF THIS OCCURS, YOUR WAGES MAY BE ATTACHED OR WITHHELD OR PERSONAL PROPERTY OR REAL ESTATE YOU OWN MAY BE TAKEN AND SOLD TO PAY THE JUDGMENT. IF YOU INTEND TO OPPOSE THIS ACTION, DO NOT FAIL TO ANSWER WITHIN THE REQUIRED TIME.

If you wish to talk to a lawyer and feel that you cannot afford to pay a fee to a lawyer, promptly contact one of the offices of the Legal Aid Society (202-628-1161) or the Neighborhood Legal Services (202-279-5100) for help or come to Suite 5000 at 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., for more information concerning places where you may ask for such help.

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
CIVIL DIVISION**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.,
425 Third Street, S.W., Suite 800
Washington, DC 20024,

Plaintiff,

v.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20004,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 2021 CA 000875 B

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Judicial Watch, Inc. brings this action against Defendant District of Columbia to compel compliance with the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act, D.C. Code § 2-531. As grounds therefor, Plaintiff alleges as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. The Court has jurisdiction over the persons and subject matter of this action pursuant to D.C. Code § 11-921.

PARTIES

2. Plaintiff Judicial Watch, Inc. is a not-for-profit, educational organization incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia and headquartered at 425 Third Street, S.W., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20024. Plaintiff seeks to promote transparency, accountability, and integrity in government and fidelity to the rule of law. As part of its mission, Judicial Watch regularly requests records under federal and state "open records" laws, analyzes

the responses and any records it receives, and disseminates its findings and the records to the public to inform them about “what their government is up to.”

3. Defendant is the District of Columbia. Defendant has possession, custody, and control of records to which Plaintiff seeks access. See *Kane v. District of Columbia*, 180 A.3d 1073, 1078-1079 (D.C. 2018). Defendant is headquartered at John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20004.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

4. On February 16, 2021, Plaintiff submitted a FOIA request to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (“OCME”), a public body within the District, seeking access to:

All records, including but not limited to autopsy reports, toxicology reports, notes, photographs, and OCME officials’ electronic communications, related to the death on Jan. 6, 2021 of Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick and its related investigation.

5. By email dated February 18, 2021, OCME denied Plaintiff’s FOIA request.

6. Using the DC government Public FOIA Portal, Plaintiff, on February 18, 2021, administratively appealed OCME’s final determination to the Mayor. The administrative appeal was subsequently assigned FOIA Request Number 2021-APP-00068.

7. As of the date of this Complaint, OCME has failed to provide Plaintiff with a final determination on its administrative appeal.

COUNT I **(Violation of FOIA)**

8. Plaintiff realleges paragraphs 1 through 7 as if fully stated herein.

9. Defendant is in violation of FOIA.

10. Plaintiff is being irreparably harmed by Defendant's violation of FOIA, and Plaintiff will continue to be irreparably harmed unless Defendant is compelled to comply with the law.

11. Pursuant to FOIA, the Mayor was required to make a determination concerning Plaintiff's administrative appeal within 10 business days or by March 4, 2021. D.C. Code § 2-537(a).

12. Because Defendant has failed to make a final determination on Plaintiff's administrative appeal within the time limits set by FOIA, Plaintiff is deemed to have exhausted its administrative appeal remedies. D.C. Code § 2-537(a)(1).

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court: (1) order Defendant to conduct searches for any and all records responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request and demonstrate that it employed search methods reasonably likely to lead to the discovery of records responsive to the request; (2) order Defendant to produce, by a date certain, any and all non-exempt records responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request and a *Vaughn* index of any responsive records withheld under claim of exemption; (3) enjoin Defendant from continuing to withhold any and all non-exempt records responsive to the FOIA request; (4) grant Plaintiff an award of attorneys' fees and other litigation costs reasonably incurred in this action pursuant to D.C. Code § 2-537(c); and (5) grant Plaintiff such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

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Dated: March 19, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Michael Bekesha
Michael Bekesha (D.C. Bar No. 995749)
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Counsel for Plaintiff

Superior Court of the District of Columbia

CIVIL DIVISION- CIVIL ACTIONS BRANCH

INFORMATION SHEET

Judicial Watch, Inc. Case Number: 2021 CA 000875 B
 vs Date: March 19, 2021
 District of Columbia One of the defendants is being sued
 in their official capacity.

Name: <i>(Please Print)</i> Michael Bekesha		Relationship to Lawsuit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attorney for Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> Self (Pro Se) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Firm Name: Judicial Watch, Inc.		
Telephone No.: 202.646.5172	Six digit Unified Bar No.: 995749	

TYPE OF CASE: Non-Jury 6 Person Jury 12 Person Jury
 Demand: \$ _____ Other: _____

PENDING CASE(S) RELATED TO THE ACTION BEING FILED

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<input type="checkbox"/> 26 Petition for Civil Asset Forfeiture (Vehicle)		
<input type="checkbox"/> 27 Petition for Civil Asset Forfeiture (Currency)		
<input type="checkbox"/> 28 Petition for Civil Asset Forfeiture (Other)		
D. REAL PROPERTY		
<input type="checkbox"/> 09 Real Property-Real Estate	<input type="checkbox"/> 08 Quiet Title	
<input type="checkbox"/> 12 Specific Performance	<input type="checkbox"/> 25 Liens: Tax / Water Consent Granted	
<input type="checkbox"/> 04 Condemnation (Eminent Domain)	<input type="checkbox"/> 30 Liens: Tax / Water Consent Denied	
<input type="checkbox"/> 10 Mortgage Foreclosure/Judicial Sale	<input type="checkbox"/> 31 Tax Lien Bid Off Certificate Consent Granted	
<input type="checkbox"/> 11 Petition for Civil Asset Forfeiture (RP)		

Michael Bekesha

Attorney's Signature

March 19, 2021

Date



SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
CIVIL DIVISION Civil Actions Branch
500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Suite 5000, Washington, D.C. 20001
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JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.
Vs.
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

C.A. No. 2021 CA 000875 B

INITIAL ORDER AND ADDENDUM

Pursuant to D.C. Code § 11-906 and District of Columbia Superior Court Rule of Civil Procedure (“Super. Ct. Civ. R.”) 40-1, it is hereby **ORDERED** as follows:

- (1) This case is assigned to the judge and calendar designated below. All future filings in this case shall bear the calendar number and the judge’s name beneath the case number in the caption.
- (2) Within 60 days of the filing of the complaint, plaintiff must file proof of service on each defendant of copies of (a) the summons, (b) the complaint, and (c) this Initial Order and Addendum. The court will dismiss the claims against any defendant for whom such proof of service has not been filed by this deadline, unless the court extended the time for service under Rule 4(m).
- (3) Within 21 days of service (unless otherwise provided in Rule 12), each defendant must respond to the complaint by filing an answer or other responsive pleading. The court may enter a default and a default judgment against any defendant who does not meet this deadline, unless the court extended the deadline under Rule 55(a).
- (4) At the time stated below, all counsel and unrepresented parties shall participate in a remote hearing to establish a schedule and discuss the possibilities of settlement. Counsel shall discuss with their clients **before** the hearing whether the clients are agreeable to binding or non-binding arbitration. **This order is the only notice that parties and counsel will receive concerning this hearing.**
- (5) If the date or time is inconvenient for any party or counsel, the Civil Actions Branch may continue the Conference **once**, with the consent of all parties, to either of the two succeeding Fridays. To reschedule the hearing, a party or lawyer may call the Branch at (202) 879-1133. Any such request must be made at least seven business days before the scheduled date. No other continuance of the conference will be granted except upon motion for good cause shown.
- (6) Parties are responsible for obtaining and complying with all requirements of the General Order for Civil cases, each judge’s Supplement to the General Order and the General Mediation Order. Copies of these orders are available in the Courtroom and on the Court’s website <http://www.dccourts.gov/>.

Chief Judge Anita M. Josey-Herring

Case Assigned to: Judge JASON PARK
Date: March 19, 2021
Initial Conference: **REMOTE HEARING - DO NOT COME TO COURTHOUSE**
SEE REMOTE HEARING INSTRUCTIONS ATTACHED TO INITIAL ORDER

9:30 am, Friday, June 18, 2021
Location: Courtroom 519
500 Indiana Avenue N.W.
WASHINGTON, DC 20001

ADDENDUM TO INITIAL ORDER AFFECTING ALL MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CASES

D.C. Code § 16-2821, which part of the Medical Malpractice Proceedings Act of 2006, provides, "[a]fter action is filed in the court against a healthcare provider alleging medical malpractice, the court shall require the parties to enter into mediation, without discovery or, if all parties agree[,] with only limited discovery that will not interfere with the completion of mediation within 30 days of the Initial Scheduling and Settlement Conference ("ISSC"), prior to any further litigation in an effort to reach a settlement agreement. The early mediation schedule shall be included in the Scheduling Order following the ISSC. Unless all parties agree, the stay of discovery shall not be more than 30 days after the ISSC."

To ensure compliance with this legislation, on or before the date of the ISSC, the Court will notify all attorneys and *pro se* parties of the date and time of the early mediation session and the name of the assigned mediator. Information about the early mediation date also is available over the internet at <https://www.dccourts.gov/pa/>. To facilitate this process, all counsel and *pro se* parties in every medical malpractice case are required to confer, jointly complete and sign an EARLY MEDIATION FORM, which must be filed no later than ten (10) calendar days prior to the ISSC. D.C. Code § 16-2825 Two separate Early Mediation Forms are available. Both forms may be obtained at www.dccourts.gov/medmalmediation. One form is to be used for early mediation with a mediator from the multi-door medical malpractice mediator roster; the second form is to be used for early mediation with a private mediator. Plaintiff's counsel is responsible for eFiling the form and is required to e-mail a courtesy copy to earlymedmal@dcsc.gov. Unrepresented plaintiffs who elect not to eFile must either mail the form to the Multi-Door Dispute Resolution Office at, Suite 2900, 410 E Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20001, or deliver if in person if the Office is open for in-person visits.

A roster of medical malpractice mediators available through the Court's Multi-Door Dispute Resolution Division, with biographical information about each mediator, can be found at www.dccourts.gov/medmalmediation/mediatorprofiles. All individuals on the roster are judges or lawyers with at least 10 years of significant experience in medical malpractice litigation. D.C. Code § 16-2823(a). If the parties cannot agree on a mediator, the Court will appoint one. D.C. Code § 16-2823(b).

The following people are required by D.C. Code § 16-2824 to attend personally the Early Mediation Conference: (1) all parties; (2) for parties that are not individuals, a representative with settlement authority; (3) in cases involving an insurance company, a representative of the company with settlement authority; and (4) attorneys representing each party with primary responsibility for the case.

No later than ten (10) days after the early mediation session has terminated, Plaintiff must eFile with the Court a report prepared by the mediator, including a private mediator, regarding: (1) attendance; (2) whether a settlement was reached; or, (3) if a settlement was not reached, any agreements to narrow the scope of the dispute, limit discovery, facilitate future settlement, hold another mediation session, or otherwise reduce the cost and time of trial preparation. D.C. Code § 16-2826. Any Plaintiff who is unrepresented may mail the form to the Civil Actions Branch at [address] or deliver it in person if the Branch is open for in-person visits. The forms to be used for early mediation reports are available at www.dccourts.gov/medmalmediation.

Chief Judge Anita M. Josey-Herring

Civil Remote Hearing Instructions for Participants

The following instructions are for participants who are scheduled to have cases heard before a Civil Judge in a **Remote Courtroom**

Option 1: (AUDIO ONLY/Dial-in by Phone):

Toll 1 (844) 992-4762 or (202) 860-2110, enter the Meeting ID from the attachment followed by #, press again to enter session.

- *Please call in no sooner than 5 minutes before your scheduled hearing time. Once you have joined the session, please place your phone on mute until directed otherwise. If you should happen to get disconnected from the call, please call back in using the phone number and access number provided and the courtroom clerk will mute your call until the appropriate time.*

If you select **Option 2** or **Option 3** use the **Audio Alternative**

Option 2: (LAPTOP/ DESKTOP USERS 1):

Open Web Browser in Google Chrome and copy and paste following address from the next page:
<https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/XXXXXXXXXX>

Option 3: (LAPTOP/ DESKTOP USERS 2):

Open Web Browser in Google Chrome and copy and paste following address
<https://dccourts.webex.com> Select **Join**, enter the Meeting ID from the next page

AUDIO ALTERNATIVE: Instead of automatically using **USE COMPUTER FOR AUDIO**, select **CALL-IN** and follow the **CALL-IN** prompt window. Use a cell phone or desk phone. You will be heard clearer if you **do not** place your phone on **SPEAKER**. It is very important that you enter the **ACCESS ID #** so that your audio is matched with your video.



Option 4: (Ipad/SMART PHONE/TABLET):

- Go to App Store, Download WebEx App (Cisco WebEx Meetings)
- Sign into the App with your Name and Email Address
- Select Join Meeting
- Enter address from the next page: <https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/XXXXXXXXXX>
- Click join and make sure your microphone is muted and your video is unmuted (if you need to be seen). If you only need to speak and do not need to be seen, use the audio only option.
- When you are ready click "Join Meeting". If the host has not yet started the meeting, you will be placed in the lobby until the meeting begins.

For Technical Questions or issues Call: (202) 879-1928, Option #2

Superior Court of the District of Columbia
 Public Access for Remote Court Hearings
 (Effective August 24, 2020)

The current telephone numbers for all remote hearings are: 202-860-2110 (local) or 844-992-4726 (toll free). After dialing the number, enter the WebEx Meeting ID as shown below for the courtroom. Please click a WebEx Direct URL link below to join the hearing online.

Audio and video recording; taking pictures of remote hearings; and sharing the live or recorded remote hearing by rebroadcasting, live-streaming or otherwise are not allowed

Division	Courtroom	Types of Hearings Scheduled in Courtroom	Public Access via WebEx	
			WebEx Direct URL	WebEx Meeting ID
Auditor Master	206	Auditor Master Hearings	https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctbaudmaster	129 648 5606
Civil	100	Civil 2 Scheduling Conferences; Status, Motion and Evidentiary Hearings including Bench Trials	https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctb100	129 846 4145
	205	Foreclosure Matters	https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctb205	129 814 7399
	212	Civil 2 Scheduling Conferences; Status, Motion and Evidentiary Hearings including Bench Trials	https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctb212	129 440 9070
	214	Title 47 Tax Liens; and Foreclosure Hearings	https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctb214	129 942 2620
	219	Civil 2 Scheduling Conferences; Status, Motion and Evidentiary Hearings including Bench Trials	https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctb219	129 315 2924
	221	Civil 1 Scheduling Conferences; Status, Motion and Evidentiary Hearings including Bench Trials	https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctb221	129 493 5162
	318	Civil 2 Scheduling Conferences; Status, Motion and Evidentiary Hearings including Bench Trials	https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctb318	129 801 7169
	320	Civil 2 Scheduling Conferences; Status, Motion and Evidentiary Hearings including Bench Trials	https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctb320	129 226 9879

400	Judge in Chambers Matters including Temporary Restraining Orders, Preliminary Injunctions and Name Changes	https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctb400	129 339 7379	
415	Civil 2 Scheduling Conferences; Status, Motion and Evidentiary Hearings including Bench Trials	https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctb415	129 314 3475	
516		https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctb516	129 776 4396	
517		https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctb517	129 911 6415	
518		https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctb518	129 685 3445	
519		https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctb519	129 705 0412	
JM-4		https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctbjm4	129 797 7557	
A-47	Housing Conditions Matters	https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctba47	129 906 2065	
B-52	Debt Collection and Landlord and Tenant Trials	https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctbb52	129 793 4102	
B-53	Landlord and Tenant Matters including Lease Violation Hearings and Post Judgment Motions	https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctbb53	129 913 3728	
B-109	Landlord and Tenant Matters	https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctbb109	129 127 9276	
B-119	Small Claims Hearings and Trials	https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctbb119	129 230 4882	



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMNER**

**401 E Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20024**



202-698-9000 (Office)

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ben Moskowitz
Associate Director
Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel

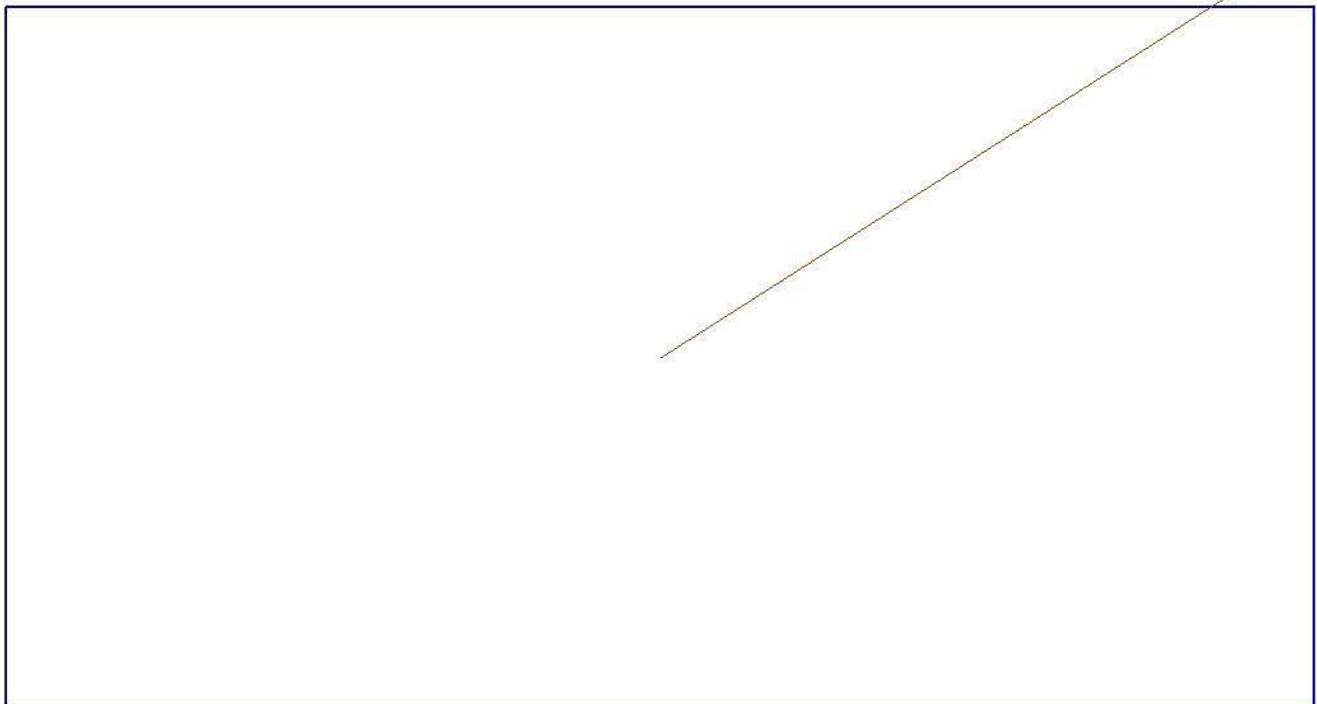
CC: Giavanna White
Julia Hudson

FROM: Rodney K. Adams
General Counsel
Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

DATE: April 5, 2021

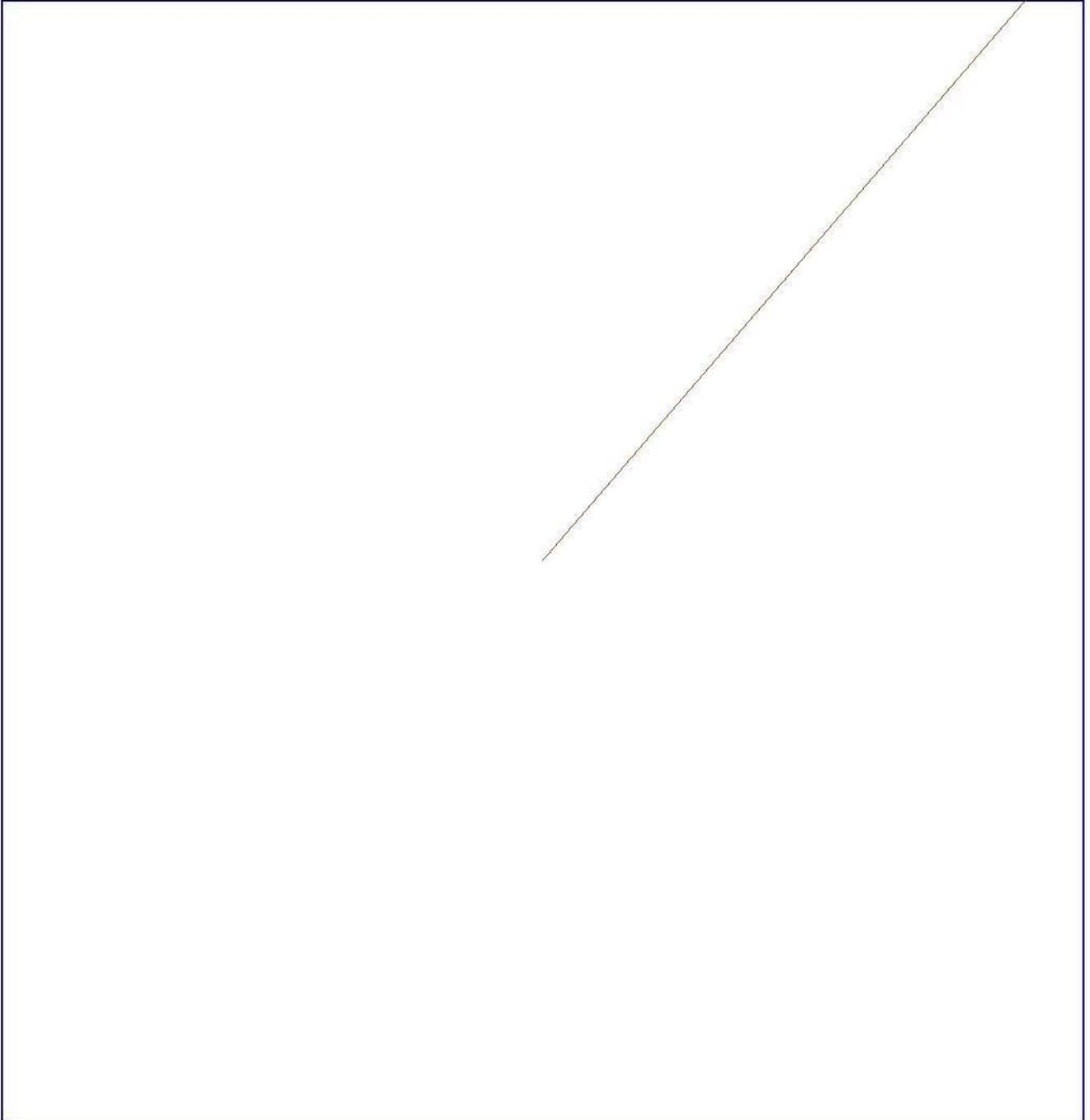
RE: Monthly Report

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2-534(e)



OCME General Counsel
MOLC Monthly Report

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DC Government
 Executive Office of the Mayor John A. Wilson Building 1350
 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W. Suite 300-G
 Washington, DC 20004



Report Date Time : 3/9/2021 11:01:44 AM

Request Details Report

Request Information:

Request #	: 2021-FOIA-03472
Action Office	: OCME
Request Type	: FOIA
Request Owner	: -
On Behalf Of	: -
Requester Category	: News Media
Reference	: -
Received Mode	: PAL
Requested Date	: 3/3/2021
Original Received Date	: 3/3/2021
Received Date	: 3/3/2021
Perfected Request	: Yes
Disposition Accepted Date	: -
Delivery Date	: -
Closed Date	: -
Original Target Date	: 3/24/2021
Target Date	: 3/24/2021
Estimated Delivery Date	: 3/24/2021
Total Days on Hold	: 0
Days Remaining	: 11
Request Age	: 4
Delivery Mode	: E-mail
Priority	: Normal
Request Status	: Assigned
Final Disposition	: -
Discretionary Release Made	: No
Discretionary Comments	:
Discretionary Codes	: -
Denial Authority	: -

Custom Fields:

Data Types	Data Formats : Documents (letters memos reports manuals etc.)
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Description of the Request :

Requesting the autopsy report and death certificate for late U.S. Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick who died from injuries suffered in the Jan. 6 insurrection. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/06/2021 To 12/31/2021)

Requester Information:

Requester Name	: Grisales, Claudia
Job Title	: Reporter
Created Date	: 3/3/2021
Requester Login	: cgrisales
Default Category	: News Media
Organization	: NPR
Work Phone 1	: -
Work Phone 2	: -
Mobile	: 202-845-3908
Fax	: -
E-Mail	: cgrisales@npr.org

Address:

Address 1	: 1111 North Capitol St NE
Address 2	: -
City	: Washington
State	: District of Columbia
Country	: United States
Zip Code	: 20002

Billing Address:

Address 1	: 1111 North Capitol St NE
Address 2	: -
City	: Washington
State	: District of Columbia
Country	: United States
Zip Code	: 20002

Shipping Address:

Address 1	: 1111 North Capitol St NE
Address 2	: -
City	: Washington
State	: District of Columbia
Country	: United States
Zip Code	: 20002

Action History :

Action	Comment	Action Taken By	Action Date/Time
Assigned		Adams, Rodney	3/9/2021 11:01:44 AM
Perfected	Request is marked as Auto Perfected upon receiving.	Admin, EOM	3/3/2021 1:15:56 PM
Assigned		Admin, EOM	3/3/2021 1:15:56 PM
Received	Request '2021-FOIA-03472' is received via Sync Service	Admin, EOM	3/3/2021 1:15:56 PM

Assign :

Assigned By	Assigned Date	Assigned To (User/Group)	Action Office	Comments	Request Status
Adams, Rodney	3/9/2021 11:01:44 AM	Adams, Rodney (Primary)	OCME	-	Received
Adams, Rodney	3/9/2021 11:01:44 AM	Queue, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner	OCME	-	Received
Admin, EOM	3/3/2021 1:15:56 PM	Queue, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner	OCME	-	Received

Link Requests :

Request #	Request Type	Requester Name	Primary User	Received Date	Target Date	Request Status
No link requests found .						

Extension :

ID	Reason for Extension	Days	New Target Date	Approval/Denial Date	Completed Date	Extension Status	Extension Note	Approval/Denial Note	Completion Note
No Extensions found.									

FOIA Documents Details (in Request Folder) :

File Cabinet Drawer	Folder Name	Disposition	Layer Name	No. of Pages	Date Added	Redaction Codes	Document Review Status
No folders have been added to this request.							

FOIA Documents Details (in Review Log) :

File Cabinet Drawer	Folder Name	Disposition	Comments	No. of Pages	Date Added	Redaction Codes
No folders have been added to this request.						

Page Details:

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# of documents delivered	: 0
# of pages reviewed	: 0
# of pages delivered	: 0

Partially Applied Redaction Code Details:

Redaction Code	Description	No. of Pages Used
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Fully Applied Redaction Code Details:

Redaction Code	Description	No. of Pages Used
No Page with full redactions was added to this request.		

Manually - Partially Applied Redaction Code Details:

Redaction Code	Description
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Manually - Fully Applied Redaction Code Details:

Redaction Code	Description
No fully applied redaction code details found.	

Manually Applied - Other Redaction Code Details:

Redaction Code	Description
No other applied redaction code details found.	

Fee Details :

Payment Status	: No Charges
Last Invoice Amount	: \$ 0.00
Last Invoice Number	: -
Last Invoice Date	: -
Pre-Payment Amount	: \$ 0.00
Total Invoiced	: \$ 0.00
Cost Estimated	: \$ 0.00
Cost Not Charged by the Agency	: \$ 0.00
Total Amount Paid	: \$ 0.00
Balance Due	: \$ 0.00
Total Refund Amount	: \$ 0.00
Amount Requester Willing to Pay	: \$ 0.00
Fee Waiver Requested	: Yes
Fee Waiver Status	: Granted
Fee Waiver Start Date	: 3/3/2021
Fee Waiver End Date	: 3/12/2021
Willing to Pay All Fees	: Yes
Adjudicate Days (Fee Waiver)	: 7

Fee Details Description:

Fee Items	Charge Type	Unit Rate (\$)	Quantity	Extended Value (\$)
No Fee Details have been Found for this Request.				

Work Hours (Record Search Processing Costs) :

Program Office	Created By	Rate	Hours	Total Cost	Comments
No Record Search Processing Cost details found .					

Work Hours (Staff Processing Costs) :

User Name	Activity	Created By	Rate	Hours	Total Cost	Comments
No staff processing cost details found.						

Transfer Details:

Transfer To	Transfer By	Transfer Date	Comment
No transfer request details found for this request.			

Correspondence Log :

Subject	File Name	User	Status	Mode	E-mail	Dispatched Date	Action Date
Request Description (Form)	PAL Request Form.pdf	Admin, EOM	Received	PAL			3/3/2021 1:15:56 PM
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Assignment Notification from DC Government FOIA Portal-Tracking # 2021-FOIA-03472		Admin, EOM	Sent	Download via FOIA Portal	Sent From PAL To (ocme.foiax@dc.gov)	3/3/2021	3/3/2021 1:15:54 PM

Consultation Review Log :

Review ID	Location(s) Referred	Due Date	Created Date	Imported Date	Disposition Accepted Date	Status
No consultation review log records found.						

Requests For Documents:

ID	Location(s) Referred	Request Date	Due Date	Status	Comments
No Request for Documents log details found.					

Document Delivery log:

ID	User	Mode	Status	Delivery Type	E-mail	Dispatched Date	Date
No document delivery log details found.							

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Attending Physician's Report

1. Name of deceased employee (Last, first, middle) [Redacted]	2. Date of death (Mo., day, year) [Redacted]
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3. What history of injury or employment related disease was given to you? [Redacted]	4. If treated for disease, give diagnosis. [Redacted]
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5. If death was not instantaneous, describe the treatment you provided. [Redacted]	6. Show dates on which treatment was given. [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]
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7. What was the direct cause of death?
[Redacted]

8. What were the contributory causes of death, if any?
[Redacted]

9. In your opinion, was the death of the employee due to the injury as reported in item 3 above? Yes No
Give the medical reasons for your opinion, unless causal relationship is obvious.
[Redacted]

10. Was a biopsy or an autopsy performed? Yes No
Arrange for a copy of the report to be submitted.

11. Name and address (Please type - include ZIP Code)
[Redacted]

I certify that all statements in response to the questions asked above are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. Further, I understand that any knowingly false or misleading statement or concealment of material fact may subject me to felony criminal prosecution.

12. Signature	13. Date signed (Mo., day, year)
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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORM CA-5b, CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION
BY PARENTS, BROTHERS, SISTERS, GRANDPARENTS OR GRANDCHILDREN**

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Who Should
File Claim | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This claim form should be completed and filed by the deceased employee's parents, grandparents or representative (custodian or guardian) of minor brothers, sisters or grandchildren. A separate form is required for each person claiming benefits. |
| When Should
Claim Be Filed | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Claim must be filed within three years following date of death, unless the decedent's immediate superior had actual knowledge of an on-the-job injury or death within 30 days; or written notice of the injury or death was given within 30 days. The timely filing of a disability claim will satisfy the time requirements for a death claim based on the same injury. |
| What Documents
Are Required | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The birth certificate of the deceased employee; also a death certificate if not previously submitted; birth certificates for minor brothers, sisters and grandchildren. If claim is made on behalf of a grandparent, birth certificate of decedent's mother or father, as appropriate. If claim is made on behalf of a grandchild, birth certificate of decedent's son or daughter as appropriate. Copies of certificates or documents are acceptable only if they are certified by the person having official custody of such records. They should then be attached to the claim form when it is filed. |
| How to
Complete Claim | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All items on the claim form should be completed. If an item is not applicable, indicate by showing "NA". Note that the claim form requests information about several categories of persons, i.e., items 1-7 make inquiry about the decedent; 8-20 the dependent; 21-25 the dependent's husband or wife, if married at the time of employee's death. The attending physician's report on the reverse of the form must also be completed before the form is submitted to the OWCP. |
| Funeral/Burial
Allowance | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Submit original itemized funeral and burial bills. If paid, so indicate and give name and address of person making payment. If an Administrator or Executor has been appointed, give such person's name and address and attach a copy of the appointment document. |

See the following page for a definition of dependents and a description of benefits.

Obtained via FOIA by Judicial Watch Inc
**DEATH BENEFITS FOR PARENTS, BROTHERS, SISTERS, GRANDPARENTS
AND GRANDCHILDREN UNDER THE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ACT (FECA)**

Eligible Dependents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Benefits are payable on behalf of partially or totally dependent parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents and grandchildren.
Period Of Entitlement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Parents and grandparents: Payments continue until death, remarriage or termination of dependency. Minor brothers, sisters and grandchildren: Payments continue until death, marriage or attainment of 18 years of age. Payments may continue beyond 18 if the child is mentally or physically incapable of self-support or is a "full-time" student. Student benefits terminate on: marriage, completion of 4 years of education beyond high school level, or at age 23, whichever occurs first.
Compensation Rates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● For parent - 25% of the employee's monthly pay, if one is wholly dependent and the other is not dependent at all. If both are wholly dependent - 20% each. A proportionate amount is paid if either or both are partially dependent. Brothers, sisters, grandparents, and grandchildren - 20% if only one is wholly dependent. If more than one is wholly dependent - 30% shared equally. If one or more is partially dependent - 10% shared equally if more than one.
Direct Deposit Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● The Department of Treasury requires all Federal payments be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT), also called Direct Deposit. You may submit a completed SF-1199A, Direct Deposit Sign Up, or complete the information in items 32 through 34 of this form. If you do not have a bank account, you may be required to receive your payment through Direct Express Debit MasterCard. To request information on the Direct Express Debit MasterCard, go to www.usdirectexpress.com or call 1-800-333-1795. If directed to enroll in the Program, you may contact for the Department of Treasury at 1-888-224-2950 to address any questions or concerns you may have, as well as apply for a waiver from the process. NOTE: payments to residents of foreign countries are exempt from the Treasury requirement.
Social Security Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● If the employee was covered under the Federal Employees's Retirement System (FERS), 5 USC 811 (d)(2) requires that Social Security benefits payable to beneficiaries, which are attributable to the deceased employee's Federal Service, are deducted from the beneficiary's compensation entitlement.
Payment Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Monthly payments for all beneficiaries cannot exceed 75% of the employee's monthly salary or 75% of the top step of GS-15 of the General Schedule. The surviving widow or widower and children have first priority. Other eligible dependents may receive payment only if the widow or widower and children's percentages are less than 75%.
Funeral/Burial Allowance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Funeral and burial expense up to a maximum of \$800 may be paid. Amount paid by the VA will be deducted. If death occurs away from the employee's duty station, transportation costs may be paid to return the deceased employee to his home or last place of residence. In addition to any funeral or burial expenses, a sum of \$200 may be paid for reimbursement of the costs of termination of the decedent's status as an employee of the United States.
Third Party Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● If the employee's death was caused by a person or party other than the Federal Government, a "third party action" or lawsuit may be indicated. In such instances the Department of Labor will provide further instructions.

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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 8, 2021

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[Transcript: Mayor Muriel Bowser on "Face the Nation," January 10, 2021](#)

January 10, 2021

CBS // Face the Nation

The following is a transcript of an interview with Washington, D.C., Mayor Muriel Bowser that aired Sunday, January 10, 2021, on "Face the Nation."

[Law enforcement braces for more extremist violence in DC and around the US ahead of Inauguration Day](#)

January 11, 2021

CNN // Geneva Sands

DC Mayor Muriel Bowser has asked for additional security measures with ten days to go before Inauguration Day as Wednesday's riot has set off a shockwave of concern among federal, state and local officials for more possible bloodshed over the outcome of the 2020 election that ousted President Donald Trump from office.

[DC Mayor asks White House for emergency declaration funding for inauguration security](#)

January 10, 2021

CNN // Paul LeBlanc

Washington, DC, Mayor Muriel Bowser on Sunday sent a letter to President Donald Trump asking for an emergency declaration in order to get additional funding for President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration as safety concerns mount following the US Capitol breach.

[DC Mayor Asks Feds to Cancel Demonstration Permits, Plan Inauguration Security](#)

January 11, 2021

NBC 4 // Mark Segraves

The mayor of Washington, D.C., asked federal officials to cancel permits for demonstrations and plan to protect federal property around Inauguration Day "given the new threats from insurgent acts of domestic terrorists." Mayor Muriel Bowser asked Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Chad Wolf to cancel public gathering permits for the next two weeks, from Jan. 11 to Jan. 24. The request is "essential to demonstrating our collective resolve in ensuring the constitutional transfer of power and our nation's capital," Bowser wrote in a letter Saturday, days after a stunning riot inside the U.S. Capitol Building.

[After coming to the Capitol's rescue, D.C. leaders seek more autonomy under Biden](#)

January 9, 2021

The Washington Post // David Nakamura & Michael Brice-Saddler

Contee, his voice choked by mists of pepper spray, called Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D), and they agreed to enact a 6 p.m. city curfew. Then they met up at a command center and watched on video feeds as D.C. officers tried in vain to help their federal counterparts hold back the rioters engaged in acts of insurrection.

[Inside a Deadly Siege: How a String of Failures Led to a Dark Day at the Capitol](#)

January 10, 2021

The New York Times // By Mark Mazzetti, Helene Cooper, Jennifer Steinhauer, Zolan Kanno-Youngs and Luke Broadwater

Huddled in a command center on Wednesday afternoon, Mayor Muriel Bowser of Washington and her aides saw a photograph of blood stains on the temporary grandstands at the Capitol, a makeshift structure built for the inauguration of a new president in two weeks.

LOCAL

[D.C. Educators Reflect On Teaching Students About Capitol Insurrection](#)

January 8, 2021

The Washington City Paper // Amanda Michelle Gomez

“It’s sad that the color of someone’s skin determines whether they are a threat or not,” says a high school student. Her classmates react with thumbs up and heart emojis.

[‘I Did Not Feel Safe’: D.C. Essential Workers Describe Their Reactions To The Insurrection](#)

January 8, 2021

WAMU/DCist // Elliot C. Williams

After pro-Trump insurrectionists fought their way into Congress and essentially shut the city down Wednesday, stories began emerging of restaurant workers, hotel, and hospital staff getting caught in the fracas. D.C.’s essential workers, it would seem, were once more put in danger.

[A U.S. Capitol Police Officer Assaulted During The Insurrection Has Died](#)

January 8, 2021

WAMU/DCist // Staff

A U.S. Capitol Police officer, who was assaulted during the insurrection at the Capitol, died at approximately 9:30 p.m. Thursday evening, according to a statement from the USCP. He was 42.

[US Capitol Police Announce Off-Duty Death of Officer](#)

January 11, 2021

NBC 4 // Staff

U.S. Capitol Police announced the off-duty death of a longtime officer, saying he was “selfless in his service” and that the department is reeling from this latest blow.

[Much To Washingtonians’ Concern, Trump Insurrectionists Are Staying At D.C. Airbnbs](#)

January 8, 2021

WAMU/DCist // Ruth Tam

On Wednesday morning, as Congress gathered on Capitol Hill to certify the country's Electoral College votes for President-elect Joe Biden, Andrew Kravetz was at his H Street row home, drinking coffee and scrolling through Twitter in his pajamas.

For the latest information on the District Government's response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus), please visit coronavirus.dc.gov.

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[State Capitals Tighten Security Amid Threat Of Armed Protests Ahead Of Inauguration](#)
January 13, 2021
NPR // Greg Allen

That episode, plus the scenes at the U.S. Capitol last week have raised concerns among lawmakers and other elected officials about their own safety. D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser unveiled a series of measures she wants the federal government to take to step up security leading up to next week's inauguration. At a briefing, she was asked if she was worried about her personal safety.

[D.C. Officials Ignored the Lessons We Learned in Charlottesville. Here Are 3 Things Leaders Should Do to Help Prevent Future Attacks](#)
January 13, 2021
Times // Michael Singer

The New York Times reports that Mayor Muriel Bowser, seeking to avoid the overly militarized federal presence that met last year's Black Lives Matter protests, sent a letter warning against excessive deployments. But she was herself a victim of the Justice Department's conclusion that the event would be relatively peaceful.

[D.C. leaders spar over coronavirus vaccine access for poorer residents](#)
January 13, 2021
The Washington Post // Julie Zauzmer, Rachel Chason, Lola Fadulu and Erin Cox

District health officials doubled the number of people taking calls this week to help seniors sign up for vaccines and say more appointments could open up this week. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) said Wednesday that the city is opening up appointments as it receives doses of the vaccine from the federal government.

[Two Virginia police officers, man in 'Camp Auschwitz' sweatshirt arrested in Capitol riot](#)
January 13, 2021
The Washington Post // Spencer S. Hsu, Rachel Weiner and Hannah Knowles

But prosecutors aim to hold a man who is accused of threatening both House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) and D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D).

[Metro to close 13 stations for a week amid threats of inauguration violence](#)
January 13, 2021
The Washington Post// Justin George

Metro and D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) urged bus riders to check online schedules before traveling.

[The historical roots of the security failure at the Capitol](#)
January 13, 2021
The Washington Post // Lauren Pearlman

Pentagon officials report that in the days leading up to the siege, the chief repeatedly assured Congress that his officers could handle the expected crowds. They maintain that the Capitol Police did not ask for D.C. guard backup or request to put in place a riot contingency plan. D.C. Mayor

Muriel E. Bowser (D) even urged lighter security for the pro-Trump rally than she had for last summer's protests for racial justice. But when 8,000 pro-Trump demonstrators marched down Pennsylvania Avenue, they overran the Capitol Police's 1,400 officers and entered the Capitol.

[The best way to secure the Capitol is to make D.C. a state](#)

January 13, 2021

The Washington Post// Robinson Woodward-Burns

Last week, President Trump incited what was essentially a white nationalist mob to storm the U.S. Capitol. Before the chaos, D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) had asked for a small deployment of D.C. National Guardsman, mainly to control traffic and monitor Metro stations. But when the violence erupted, she joined other local leaders — including Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan (R) and Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam (D) — in asking the Pentagon to deploy more forces, and to change the mission of the D.C. Guard. The Pentagon denied those requests at first, leading to a delay that may have lasted two hours (The exact timing is in dispute). District, Maryland and Virginia Guard troops eventually joined D.C. police officers and the Capitol police by nightfall and belatedly quelled the revolt.

[D.C. mayor: People in security perimeter for inauguration to be questioned](#)

January 13, 2021

Washington Times // Emily Zantow

D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser announced Wednesday that people may be stopped and questioned before entering the city's security perimeter that will be in place for days leading up to Inauguration Day.

[Cleveland Meredith, 'deranged' Colorado man, brought 2,500 rounds of ammo to Washington: DOJ](#)

January 13, 2021

Washington Times//Andrew Blake

In documents unsealed before the hearing, officials said Mr. Meredith sent text messages the day after the siege in which he discussed killing House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser.

[Troops nap in Capitol ahead of preparations for Biden inauguration](#)

January 13, 2021

Washington Examiner// Mike Brest

Washington, D.C., Mayor Muriel Bowser sent a letter to the president on Sunday asking for an emergency declaration to obtain additional funding for inauguration security, which was granted on Monday. The move frees up readiness resources.

[Bowser: DC under National Special Security Event period today ahead of inauguration](#)

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ABC7 // Staff

Mayor Muriel Bowser announced that the District is under a National Special Security Event period beginning Wednesday ahead of the presidential inauguration on Jan. 20.

[How police failures let a violent insurrection into the Capitol](#)

January 13, 2021

USA TODAY// Cara Kelly, Daphne Duret, Ramon Padilla, Erin Mansfield, Stephen J. Beard and Jayme Fraser

Washington Mayor Muriel Bowser sought assistance from the district's National Guard on Dec. 31, according to a timeline released by the Pentagon. On Sunday, Jan. 3, the plan was presented to the president – and approved.

[Homeland Security expedites Washington lockdown ahead of inauguration, after Capitol riots](#)

January 13, 2021

USA TODAY // Kevin Johnson and Joey Garrison

Washington D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser, who has urged people not to travel to Washington for the inauguration, said Wednesday that security measures could affect transportation including the Metro rail service operated by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

[Airbnb cancels all inauguration week reservations in D.C.](#)

January 13, 2021

Politico// Evan Semones

The move follows pleas from local authorities, including Washington, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser, strongly discouraging travel to the city after last week's deadly riots at the U.S. Capitol.

[QAnon believer who plotted to kill Nancy Pelosi came to D.C. ready for war](#)

January 13, 2021

Politico// Nolan D. McCaskill

"I predict that within the next 12 days, many in our country will die," wrote Cleveland Grover Meredith Jr., who had threatened to kill Washington Mayor Muriel Bowser and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), according to federal court records.

[Colorado man accused of threatening to shoot Pelosi in head brought 2,500 rounds of ammo to DC, feds say](#)

January 13, 2021

Fox News //Audrey Conklin

In texts and on social media, the defendant made a number of threatening comments aimed at Pelosi, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser and D.C. in general.

[Airbnb canceling and blocking DC reservations during inauguration week](#)

January 13, 2021

CSNBC// Jessica Bursztynsky

The FBI has warned of armed protests being planned for Washington, D.C., and state capitals in the run-up to the inauguration. The presidential inaugural committee, as well as D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser, Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan and Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam, have asked people not to travel to the area for the inauguration, due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and last week's deadly insurrection.

[DC Mayor Bowser gains further federal help in inauguration security](#)

January 13, 2021

WDVM Rohan Mattu

"Certainly this time last year we didn't expect to be in this situation," said Bowser of the advanced preparations. "Even last week, we didn't expect to be starting this early."

[Airbnb says it will block reservations in DC area during inauguration](#)

January 13, 2021

CNN// Matt McFarland

Airbnb said in a blog post that the shift was informed by feedback from its hosts as well as government officials. DC Mayor Muriel Bowser has encouraged Americans to stay away from the city, and to watch the inauguration online. Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan and Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam released a joint advisory Monday encouraging potential inauguration attendees to stay home, given last week's events at the Capitol and the Covid-19 pandemic.

[Biden team to produce prime-time inauguration television special](#)

January 13, 2021

CNN// Sarah Mucha, Arlette Saenz and Kate Sullivan

It also comes as law enforcement in the nation's capital and around the country brace for further extremist violence during the transition of power, after supporters of President Donald Trump stormed the US Capitol building in a deadly riot last week. The Pentagon has authorized up to 15,000 National Guard troops to meet current and future requests for Biden's inauguration next week, and DC Mayor Muriel Bowser has urged Americans to avoid the city.

[DC activists have come up with a way to entice skeptics to vaccine centers | Reese's Final Thought](#)

January 13, 2021

WUSA9 // Randolph Terrance Sturdivant

Beginning phase 2 of DC Health's planned rollout this week, Mayor Bowser announced on Monday that the coronavirus vaccine is now available here for folks 65 and older. Hopefully, we'll soon get to the point that vaccinations are readily available to the rest of our population.

[Security concerns mount ahead of Biden inauguration](#)

January 13, 2021

The Hill // Jordain Carney and Morgan Chalfant

"I want to continue to ask all of our residents to stay away from the downtown, to enjoy the inauguration activities virtually, and let our law enforcement keep peace," D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser (D) said on "Good Morning America" on Tuesday.

[Several Items Stolen During Capitol Break-In, Including Pelosi's Laptop](#)

January 13, 2021

Vision Times // Chris Cheng

Washington Mayor Muriel Bowser, Maryland Governor Larry Hogan, and Virginia Governor Ralph Northam have issued a joint statement asking Americans not to participate in Biden's inauguration ceremony.

[Airbnb cancels DC reservations ahead of inauguration after Capitol insurrection](#)

January 13, 2021

Anagha Srikanth

All guests will be refunded in full and hosts will be reimbursed by Airbnb, including those who booked stays via HotelTonight, a last-minute rental service owned by Airbnb. Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam (D), Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan (R) and D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser (D) have asked people not to travel to D.C. for the inauguration amid the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, offering a virtual livestream instead.

[What are Joe Biden's 'party boxes' and what's in it? Sold-out \\$105 kit includes champagne flutes and face masks](#)

January 13, 2021

Meaww// Aharon Abhishek

These party boxes were an initiative to encourage crowds to stay back home rather than gather in-person on the inauguration day. The committee urged the people last month to avoid traveling and watch the events at home with the coronavirus pandemic still ravaging the US. In addition, there have been warnings issued by the FBI of armed protests at the Capitol in the days to come. As far as the measures go, DC Mayor Muriel Bowser wrote to President Donald Trump seeking an emergency declaration.

[Why DC National Guard's role was so limited during Capitol riot](#)

January 13, 2021

Associated Press // Staff

About 340 members of the D.C. National Guard had been requested by Mayor Muriel Bowser. Because the District is not a state, the Defense Department has authority over the D.C. Guard, and that control is delegated to Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy. The Pentagon approved Bowser's

request for Guard troops to support D.C. police for the protests.

[**Airbnb cancels all Washington, DC. reservations for inauguration week**](#)

January 13, 2021

New York Post // Nicolas Vega

“Mayor Bowser, Governor Hogan and Governor Northam have been clear that visitors should not travel to the DC Metro area for the Inauguration,” the company said in a blog post. “Additionally, we are aware of reports emerging yesterday afternoon regarding armed militias and known hate groups that are attempting to travel and disrupt the Inauguration.”

[**U.S. Capitol Attack Exposes Urgency for DC Statehood, Says Shadow Representative**](#)

January 13, 2021

Cheddar// Lawrence Banton

Just off of the heels of last week's attack, the city is gearing up to host President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration, an event DC Mayor Muriel Bowser is asking that Americans virtually attend from home because of persistent safety concerns. Owolewa said he is concerned about residents of the city, in particular, not just for potential violence at the event but the fallout from the pandemic at health care facilities, restaurants, and shops.

[**Washington, D.C., as dining rooms remain closed in the wake of insurrection and a spike in COVID-19 cases.**](#)

January 13, 2021

Nation's Restaurant News //Bret Thorn

Washington D.C. mayor Muriel Bowser has extended a moratorium on indoor dining at restaurants until two days after the scheduled inauguration of president-elect Joe Biden on Jan. 20 “in the interest of public health and safety,” according to an order issued Monday.

[**D.C.-area leaders: Stay away from inauguration**](#)

January 13, 2021

Travel Weekly // Christina Jelski

Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam, Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan and Washington mayor Muriel Bowser have joined forces to urge Americans not to travel to the nation's capital for the coming week's presidential inauguration, asking citizens to "participate virtually" instead.

[**Airbnb, Google Move To Curb Organized Inauguration Violence**](#)

January 13, 2021

International Business Times // Glenn Chapman and Chris Stien

Washington Mayor Muriel Bowser on Monday also asked visitors to stay home.

[**Why Getting A Reservation On Airbnb In DC On Inauguration Day Will Be Impossible**](#)

January 13, 2021

International Business Times // Courtney Drakeford

“[D.C.] Mayor Bowser, [Maryland] Governor Hogan and [Virginia] Governor Northam have been clear that visitors should not travel to the D.C. Metro area for the Inauguration,” Airbnb said in a statement.

[**Soldiers Flow Into Capitol in Scene That Recalls Civil War**](#)

January 13, 2021

Bloomberg// Todd Shields and Keith Laing

“We should ask D.C. residents to expect some impacts to transportation. That includes Metro,” Bowser said. “Our hotels are very concerned” and some may close for safety reasons, she added.

[**Airbnb Cancels Washington, D.C. Bookings Inauguration Week, Citing Risks**](#)**Airbnb Cancels**

[Washington, D.C. Bookings Inauguration Week, Citing Risks](#)

January 13, 2021

Bloomberg // Priya Anand

Officials in Washington are preparing for inauguration week with heightened security, including thousands of troops from the National Guard, among other measures. Washington Mayor Muriel Bowser encouraged people this week to watch the inauguration from home instead of visiting.

[Armed Man Threatened Violence Against DC Mayor in Texts to Family, Friends: Feds](#)

January 13, 2021

NBC4 // Staff

“I will say I get threats a lot — I don’t know the number off the top — and if MPD thinks that it’s actionable, then they will implement whatever measures that they think are necessary,” Bowser said.

[Coronavirus in DC, Maryland, Virginia: What to Know on Jan. 13](#)

January 13, 2021

NBC4 // Staff

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[Airbnb blocks and cancels all DC metro area reservations, citing reports of ‘armed militias’](#)

January 13, 2021

NBC4 // Jacob Kastrenakes

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[Armed Man Threatened Violence Against DC Mayor in Texts to Family, Friends: Feds](#)

January 13, 2021

NBC 4 // Staff

A man who traveled to Washington for the Capitol riot and is charged with threatening House Speaker Nancy Pelosi also made threats of violence toward Washington, D.C., Mayor Muriel Bowser and had the means to carry them out, federal prosecutors say.

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[Will Inauguration Day Bring More Insurrection? 5 Things To Know](#)

January 13, 2021

Patch // Megan VerHeist

D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser has also urged locals to stay home and travelers to avoid the city on Inauguration Day and the days leading up to it.

[Colorado Man ‘Had the Means’ to Carry Out Death Threats Against Pelosi, D.C. Mayor: Docs](#)

January 13, 2021

Daily Beast // Pilar Melendez

A Colorado man who allegedly drove to Washington, D.C., and threatened to kill House Speaker Nancy Pelosi also talked about shooting D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser—and “had the means” to carry out the sinister plot, according to prosecutors. In new court documents, prosecutors allege Cleveland Grover Meredith Jr. had been discussing “wartime” against several lawmakers last Wednesday before thousands of MAGA supporters stormed the Capitol building. Meredith drove to D.C. with a camper full of weapons on Jan. 6 and threatened Pelosi and Bowser in text messages to another individual. “At the time he made these threats, the defendant had the means to carry them out,” prosecutors said in a pre-trial detention memo. “Specifically, he was in possession of two firearms, including one equipped with a telescopic sight, several high capacity magazines, and approximately 1,000 rounds of ammunition of various caliber, including ‘armor-piercing’ rounds. Finally, after arriving in Washington, D.C., the defendant engaged in an act of violence by assaulting a pedestrian, unprovoked, and then fleeing in his vehicle. Given these facts and circumstances, the defendant should remain detained.”

[Airbnb Cancels All Inauguration Week Reservations — And Bans Capitol Rioters Who Used App](#)

January 13, 2021

Forbes // Joe Walsh

In the wake of last week’s storming of the Capitol building by a mob of President Trump’s supporters, police are preparing in case some of the same groups return to the city for Biden’s swearing-in. Some threats have already emerged: Armed protests are planned for D.C. and every state capital ahead of the Inauguration, the FBI said Monday, and extremists are chatting on social media about violent plots on Inauguration Day itself. As a result, officials like D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser are encouraging people to stay away from the capital and watch the festivities at home, dampening an event normally marked by large crowds.

[Travel from California to the inauguration? Here’s what to expect](#)

January 13, 2021

Christopher Reynolds and Mary Forgione

In its statement, Airbnb noted that Washington Mayor Muriel Bowser and the governors of Maryland and Virginia have stressed that would-be visitors should avoid the D.C. Metro area, in part because armed militias and hate groups are said to be “attempting to travel and disrupt the inauguration.”

[DC Metro To Close 13 Stations In Days Around Inauguration](#)

January 13, 2020

Patch// Emily Leayman, Patch Staff

The changes come as officials urge residents to avoid downtown DC around Inauguration Day. DC Mayor Muriel Bowser, Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam and Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan issued a joint statement urging Americans to avoid traveling to DC due to the COVID-19 pandemic and potential of violence after the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

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[D.C. transportation director leaving to join Biden administration's climate team](#)

January 14, 2021

The Washington Post // Luz Lazo

“He has worked tirelessly to make our roads and sidewalks safer and more efficient, and to build a transportation network that not only meets our needs today but looks ahead to the future,” Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) said in a statement.

[DDOT Director Jeff Marootian has a new gig in the Biden Administration](#)

January 14, 2021

Greater Greater Washington// Libby Solomon

Bowser said her office will make a personnel announcement about DDOT's leadership soon.

[Lafayette Square, Capitol rallies met starkly different policing response](#)

January 14, 2021

The Washington Post // Rachel Chason and Samantha Schmidt

About a half-hour before the 7 p.m. curfew that District Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) imposed on June 1, federal officers in riot gear began moving crowds west on H Street at Lafayette Square, which is in front of the White House. A voice on a loudspeaker had warned the crowd to disperse, but the protesters couldn't hear it. They turned to one another in confusion. “Did somebody do something?” Ty Hobson-Powell, then 24, recalled saying as he stood across from St. John's. “What's going on?”

[Lady Gaga, Jennifer Lopez to perform at Biden's inauguration](#)

January 14, 2021

Politico// Quint Forgey

Biden's inaugural committee instructed the public last month to not attempt to view the ceremony in-person because of coronavirus-related concerns. Following last week's deadly siege of the Capitol by pro-Trump rioters, Washington, D.C., Mayor Muriel Bowser also warned Americans to stay away from the nation's capital amid heightened security threats.

[Anticipating Trouble, D.C. Locks Down A Week Before Inauguration](#)

January 14, 2021

AP // Ashraf Khalil and Lolita C. Baldor

“Clearly we are in uncharted waters,” said Washington Mayor Muriel Bowser.

[Washington locks down, Delta bans guns to D.C. ahead of inauguration](#)

January 14, 2021

Reuters // Staff

The park service closed the Washington Monument to tours and Mayor Muriel Bowser asked visitors to stay away from the city.

[Fate Of Twice-Impeached Trump Rests In Senate's Hands](#)

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[Donna Brazile, Johns Hopkins leaders speak as part of Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration](#)

January 14, 2021

The Hub // Saralyn Cruickshank

Brazile echoed those same sentiments during her talk. As chair of Washington Mayor Muriel Bowser's coronavirus task force, Brazile helped marshal district resources to deploy mobile COVID-19 testing sites for city residents, helped ensure the district's schoolchildren had equal access to the tools they'd need for remote instruction, and worked to protect Washington's homeless population, to whom the coronavirus poses a specific risk. Her mission, she explained, was that marginalized communities and communities of color would not be left behind when closures and stay-at-home orders were put in place.

[Airbnb Cancels All DC Reservations Ahead Of Inauguration Week](#)

January 14, 2021

Kimberly Wilson // Essence

"D.C. Mayor Bowser, Maryland Governor Hogan and Virginia Governor Northam have been clear that visitors should not travel to the D.C. Metro area for the Inauguration," the company said. "Additionally, we are aware of reports emerging yesterday afternoon regarding armed militias and known hate groups that are attempting to travel and disrupt the Inauguration."

[Washington mobilizes a massive troop buildup in the capital ahead of Biden inauguration](#)

January 14, 2021

Fortune // Todd Shields

Contee said "somewhere upwards, beyond 20,000 members of the National Guard" are being called to take up positions in the city. Security steps could extend to the Metro subway system, Mayor Muriel Bowser said without supplying details.

[DC Inauguration Updates: National Mall May Be Closed](#)

January 14, 2021

NBC4 // Sophia Barnes

Starting at 6 a.m. Friday, the U.S. Secret Service all parking garages in a large restricted zone around the National Mall, Capitol, White House and other key parts of downtown will be closed, as well, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser said Wednesday.

[Delta is banning guns in checked luggage on flights to Washington D.C. ahead of Biden's inauguration](#)

January 14, 2021

Yahoo // Natasha Dailey

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[When Trump and others were silent after the Capitol breach, D.C.'s mayor stepped up](#)
January 17, 2021

The Washington Post // Julie Zauzmer and Michael Brice-Saddler

“I know you probably won’t have a lot of time to enjoy our beautiful city,” she said to the volunteers from Virginia who had left their homes and families to protect the nation’s capital from insurrectionists, catching snatches of sleep on the Capitol’s cold marble floors. “When you come back, please be sure to do exactly that.”

[This inauguration was supposed to be women’s chance to celebrate](#)
January 18, 2021

The Washington Post // Petula Dvorak

Howard University was supposed to have a huge celebration in honor of Harris, their alumna. The Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority sisters were planning on filling D.C. with their signature colors, pink and green, for the inauguration. With D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) asking people not to come to town at all, that plan is out.

[D.C.’s children deserve better](#)
January 18, 2021

The Washington Post // Opinion by Editorial Board

The long-running federal court oversight of D.C.’s child welfare system is likely coming to an end after a judge last summer gave preliminary approval to settlement of a lawsuit filed 30 years ago on behalf of children who were victims of abuse or neglect while under the watch of the city government. The likelihood that D.C. may soon be on its own should be impetus for the city to ensure there are sufficient and multiple safeguards in place. Instead, Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) has inexplicably — and maddeningly — vetoed legislation that would have helped to strengthen oversight of the agency given the critical job of protecting vulnerable children.

[In closing Mall, officials try to strike a balance between the First Amendment and securing Biden’s inauguration](#)
January 18, 2021

The Washington Post // Marissa J. Lang

The agency, which issues permits for rallies on the Mall and other federal parks in the nation’s capital, vacillated on proposals with officials from the U.S. Secret Service, D.C. police and the office of Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D), who has said no protest permits would be issued from the city in the coming days.

[Among the Insurrectionists](#)
January 15, 2021

The New Yorker//Luke Mogelson

The Proud Boys who marched past Fuentes at the end of his December 12th speech were

heading to the Washington Monument. When I got there, hundreds of them covered the grassy expanse near the obelisk. “Let’s take Black Lives Matter Plaza!” someone suggested. In June, the security fence around the White House had been expanded, subsuming green spaces previously open to the public, in response to protests over the killing of George Floyd, in Minneapolis. Muriel Bowser, the mayor of D.C., had renamed two blocks adjacent to the fence Black Lives Matter Plaza, and commissioned the city to paint “black lives matter” across the pavement in thirty-five-foot-high letters. Throughout the latter half of 2020, Trump had sought to dismiss the popular uprisings that Floyd’s death had precipitated by ascribing them to Antifa, which he vilified as a terrorist organization. The Proud Boys had seized on Trump’s conflation to recast their small-scale rivalry with antifascists in leftist strongholds like Berkeley and Portland as the front line of a national culture war. During the Presidential campaign, Trump’s histrionic exaggerations of the threat posed by Antifa fuelled conservative support for the Proud Boys, allowing them to vastly expand their operations and recruitment. The day after a Presidential debate in which Trump told the Proud Boys to “stand back and stand by,” Lauren Witzke, a Republican Senate candidate in Delaware, publicly thanked the group for having provided her with “free security.” (She lost the race.)

[‘We cannot yield’: Harris says inauguration should take place outside despite security concerns](#)

January 15, 2021

Politico// Quint Forgey

Both Biden’s inaugural committee and Washington Mayor Muriel Bowser have warned Americans to stay away from the inauguration, as the Capitol complex remains heavily fortified. The Washington Post reported on Thursday that all or most of the National Mall is expected to be closed to the general public.

[DOJ internal watchdog opens investigation into Capitol riots](#)

January 15, 2021

Politico// Nick Niedzwiadek

The Pentagon initially authorized 340 unarmed National Guardsmen at the request of Washington Mayor Muriel Bowser. They primarily assisted support local police around the city with things like traffic and crowd control ahead of a rally headlined by President Donald Trump.

[What we know about potential armed protests ahead of Joe Biden's inauguration](#)

January 15, 2021

CNN// Eric Levenson and Jon Passantino

He also praised DC Mayor Muriel Bowser's security posture, including discouraging people from coming to DC for the inauguration.

[DC Mayor to hold inauguration preparation public safety briefing Friday](#)

January 15, 2021

WJLA// Elliot Henney

D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser will be joined by several federal partners Friday for an inauguration preparation public safety briefing.

[Democrats ask hotel, rental car chains to help find Capitol rioters and prevent more attacks](#)

January 15, 2021

CNBC// Kevin Breuninger

Maloney's letters noted that Washington, D.C., Mayor Muriel Bowser has urged Americans to stay away from her city during the inauguration. National Guard troops are being deployed to the nation's capital in order to deter potential violence.

[DC Inauguration Updates: National Mall Closed, Police Have 'All Hands on Deck'](#)

January 15, 2021

NBC// Staff

"Our officers can focus on keeping D.C. safe from any aspects of crime, including these extremist groups that have attacked our capital," Mayor Muriel Bowser said.

[NPS: National Mall closed through Inauguration Day, demonstrations allowed](#)

January 15, 2021

Washington Times // Emily Zantow

That decision goes against D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser's request to Interior Secretary David L. Bernhardt to cancel and block any demonstrations.

['Retain All Records' Through January, Congress Instructs Travel Companies](#)

January 15, 2021

Forbes // Suzanne Rowan Kelleher

"Alarmingly, the FBI has now warned that there are ongoing threats of continued violence and armed attacks in Washington, D.C., and around the country, through Inauguration Day, including calls by white supremacist groups for a 'Million Militia March' on January 20, 2021," wrote Maloney, noting that Washington, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser has urged Americans to stay away from the nation's capital until after the inauguration because of the threat of violence.

['War-time footing': Capital draped in steel and concrete in unprecedented inauguration security operation](#)

January 15, 2021

USA Today // Kevin Johnson

"Clearly, we are in uncharted waters," D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser said of the preparations that have changed the face of the city.

['Enjoy it virtually': DC mayor urges Americans to stay home for Biden's inauguration](#)

January 15, 2021

NBC // Jane C. Timm

"I want to reiterate my request to Americans enjoy this 59th inauguration of the president of the United States and the vice president of the United States at home. Enjoy it virtually on January 20th," Bowser said. "We know this is the right request for our public safety and our public health."

[Airbnb is a clear outlier in canceling reservations for inauguration](#)

January 15, 2021

Yahoo Finance // Melody Hahm

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[Martin Luther King gave his life fighting the same forces stirred by Trump](#)

January 15, 2021

The Washington Post // Colbert I. King

D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) said during in interview on CNN on Tuesday night, “Trumpism is not dead and it won’t die on Jan. 20.”

[Interior to close National Mall to demonstrations before inauguration](#)

January 15, 2021

Politico/ Ben Lefebvre

Context: D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser had urged Interior to close off the Mall to outside gatherings after Trump supporters, goaded by the president in a speech near the Mall, attacked the Capitol, overwhelming security and delaying the certification of Biden's election. The ransacking led to five deaths, and federal prosecutors said members of the mob had intended to kill lawmakers.

[DC designates two areas for Inauguration Day protests amid heightened security](#)

January 15, 2021

FOX NEWS// Vandana Rambaran

Bernhardt, a Trump appointee, had held out despite multiple requests from D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser and other lawmakers to suspend protests ahead of the inauguration as a security precaution after a riot at the Capitol on Jan. 6.

[Fortress Washington: How The Nation’s Capital Is Prepping For Inauguration Day](#)

January 15, 2021

International Business Times // Dan Graeber

Jeff Reinbold, the superintendent for the National Mall and Memorial Parks, said the decision was made in coordination with D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser, area police and the Secret Service. From her Twitter account, meanwhile, Bowser was advocating for a see-something, say-something campaign ahead of the inaugural event.

[National Mall sealed off through Biden’s inauguration, and protesters will be frisked amid ‘extremist’ threats](#)

January 15, 2021

New York Daily News //Chris Sommerfeldt

“We cannot allow a recurrence of the chaos and illegal activity that the United States and the world witnessed last week,” Secret Service Special Agent-in-Charge Matt Miller, whose agency is leading security operations for the inauguration, said at a press briefing with Washington Mayor Muriel Bowser. “Our democracy is built on the rule of law, and the Secret Service workforce is dedicated and committed to uphold its oath to the Constitution.”

['All Hands On Deck': National Mall Is Closed As Agencies Fortify D.C.](#)

January 15, 2021

NPR/ Bill Chappell

Federal officials, Washington Mayor Muriel Bowser and others gave new details about their security plans at a briefing Friday. They urged people to enjoy the inauguration from home and to follow it online rather than in person.

[Officials hint at closing DC border for Inauguration Day](#)

January 15, 2021

Washington Examiner//Anna Giaritelli

"The United States Secret Service is considering some other closures inbound to Washington, and I think they will announce those when those decisions have been made," Mayor Muriel Bowser, a Democrat, said at a press conference downtown Friday afternoon.

[Jury trials to resume in D.C. Superior Court on March 22, court officials say](#)

January 15, 2021

The Washington Post // Keith L. Alexander

Court officials said D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) gave the court special exemption to begin holding jury trials that would go against the city's rules limiting social gatherings during the pandemic.

[State Death Tax Hikes Loom: Where Not To Die In 2021](#)

January 15, 2021

Forbes // Ashlea Ebeling

As states address budget woes due to the pandemic, one place they may turn to for revenue as they have in past economic crises is death taxes. Already the District of Columbia has toughened its estate tax levy, effective January 1, 2021. In August, Mayor Muriel Bowser signed the "Estate Tax Adjustment Act" reducing the exemption from \$5.67 million in 2020 to \$4 million for individuals who die on or after January 1, 2021. A resident dying in 2021 with a taxable estate of \$10 million would owe nearly \$1 million in estate tax to D.C.

[Security heightens around US Capitol as Inauguration Day draws closer](#)

January 15, 2021

FOX 8 // Jaclyn Ramkissoon and Anna Wiernicki

Dc Mayor Muriel Bowser says anyone wanting to participate in next week's events should do so from home. Officials postponed an inauguration rehearsal scheduled for Sunday over security concerns. It is now scheduled for Monday.

[Ahead of the inauguration, much of D.C. closed off as never before](#)

January 15, 2021

The Washington Post // Lauren Tierney, Tim Meko, Hannah Dormido, Laris Karklis, and Joe Fox

"We know this is very inconvenient for our residents and businesses. I want to say thank you for your cooperation and flexibility," D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) said. "Clearly we are in uncharted waters."

[Pentagon authorizes 25,000 National Guard members for inauguration](#)

January 18, 2021

CNN // Oren Liebermann, Caroline Kelly, Evan Perez and Geneva Sands

Different entities involved in the inauguration are preparing as well. Washington Mayor Muriel Bowser on Monday urged Americans to avoid the city during Biden's inauguration. Speaking at a news conference Monday, Bowser, a Democrat, stressed that she was concerned about more violent actors potentially coming to the city in the run-up to the inauguration, saying, "If I'm scared of anything, it's for our democracy, because we have very extreme factions in our country that are armed and dangerous."

[DC takes 'aggressive posture' on security ahead of Inauguration Day](#)

January 15, 2021

NBC4 // Raquel Martin

D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser is urging the public to stay home for the actual ceremony on Wednesday and “enjoy it right in their own states, in their own living rooms.”

[An inhospitable Washington adjusts to an unconventional inauguration](#)

January 15, 2021

The Washington Post// Lori Aratani and Shannon McMahon

Battered by a pandemic and last week’s deadly riot, the region’s top elected officials, D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D), Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan (R) and Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam (D) want to keep visitors at bay, saying in a joint statement that “we are taking the extraordinary step of encouraging Americans not to come to Washington.”

[FAQs: 2021 inauguration plans after Capitol riot, amid pandemic](#)

January 15, 2021

WTOP// Dan Friedell and Jose Umana

“Due to the unique circumstances surrounding the 59th Presidential Inauguration, including last week’s violent insurrection as well as the ongoing and deadly COVID-19 pandemic, we are taking the extraordinary step of encouraging Americans not to come to Washington, D.C., and to instead participate virtually,” reads a joint statement from D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser, Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan and Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam.

[Facebook to Block Events Near U.S. Capitol: Inaugural Update](#)

January 15, 2021

Bloomberg News // Staff

In a press conference on Friday, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser said that the inauguration is not the only target being discussed by extremist groups and that events leading up to it over the next few days could also be at risk.

[Washington to see 'new normal' for security after Biden inauguration: DC mayor](#)

January 15, 2021

Reuters // Staff

Washington Mayor Muriel Bowser said on Friday that even after the presidential inauguration on Jan. 20 the city will have to maintain heightened security in light of the Capitol riots.

[U.S. closing landmarks, announces vehicle checks in Washington for inauguration](#)

January 15, 2021

Reuters/ Staff

“We are going to go back to a new normal,” Bowser said. “We certainly have to think about a new posture in the city. So while we are focused on January the 20th, we are also focused on January the 21st and every day thereafter in the nation’s capital.”

[‘Where are they going to go?’ D.C. activists help move people off the street before potential unrest](#)

January 16, 2021

The Washington Post // Kyle Swenson

“The Mayor and the Governors agreed to urge Americans not to come into Washington, DC for the Inauguration and to instead participate virtually,” D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D), Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan (R) and Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam (D) all announced in a joint statement last week.

[As troop levels swell in D.C., National Guard commander says he believes he has city](#)

officials' trust

January 16, 2021

The Washington Post // Dan Lamothe

The robust military plan comes as tensions still simmer following the Trump administration's aggressive show of force in Washington over the summer, when thousands of National Guard members were deployed at the behest of Trump amid racial justice protests, despite concerns from Bowser (D) that they were exacerbating tensions.

Washington braces for unrest as level of threat unclear

January 16, 2021

Washington Examiner // Anna Giaritelli

Mayor Muriel Bowser warned Friday that the inauguration on Wednesday was "not the only target or activity that's out there being discussed" as high-threat.

Coronavirus in DC, Maryland, Virginia: What to Know on Jan. 16

January 16, 2021

NBC Washington // Staff

The website was back up and running within a few hours, and D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser apologized for the technical difficulties. All the appointments were quickly filled, but more will become available at 9 a.m. Monday on the website.

Far-Right Activist Who Goes By 'Baked Alaska' — Reportedly Among Those Arrested After Capitol Riot

January 16, 2021

Forbes // Tim Gionet

Rioters organized online and openly planned to assault the U.S. Capitol, with some even taking the time to print t-shirts that said "Civil War January 6, 2021." Still, law enforcement appeared completely unprepared for the mob that stormed that Capitol after being riled up Thursday morning Trump, and significant efforts are now underway to remove him from office before his term ends in 12 days. For much of the afternoon Jan. 6, rioters moved relatively unimpeded throughout the U.S. Capitol building, and most of the arrests on Jan. 6 were for curfew violations after D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser ordered the streets to be clear by 6 p.m. The lack of preparedness by Capitol Police has been widely condemned, especially since they responded with violence against mostly peaceful Black Lives Matter protesters in 2020. On Thursday, Capitol Police Chief Steven Sund announced his resignation.

Half of Americans support D.C. statehood in the wake of the Capitol riots

January 16, 2021

Fortune // Aric Jenkins

But last week's failure of law enforcement to contain a mob of President Trump's supporters as they broke into the Capitol building, leaving five dead in the process, brought new relevancy to the matter. D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser was unable to summon the local National Guard, as the power to do so resides with the federal government, rather than the city itself.

Authorities Are Preparing For Even More Far-Right Violence

January 16, 2021

Sara Boboltz

On Friday, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser encouraged business owners to print out signs from a government website that read, "WEAPONS — INCLUDING CONCEALED FIREARMS —

ARE NOT WELCOME ON THESE PREMISES,” to hang in their front windows so visitors are reminded of the district’s strict gun laws. There will be two designated “free speech zones” where protesters — up to 100 — must first pass through metal detectors, according to Jeffrey Reinbold, superintendent of the National Mall and Memorial Parks.

[How Facebook Is Prepping For Joe Biden’s Inauguration Amid Online Threats](#)

January 16, 2021

International Business Times // Courtney Drakeford

“[D.C.] Mayor Bowser, [Maryland] Governor Hogan and [Virginia] Governor Northam have been clear that visitors should not travel to the D.C. Metro area for the Inauguration,” the company said in a statement.

[Terrifying scope of Capitol attack becoming clearer as Washington locks down for Biden's inauguration](#)

January 16, 2021

CNN // Nicole Gaouette

The second man is alleged to have driven from Colorado to Washington, DC, a day before Trump's rally with more than 2,500 rounds of ammunition and an assault rifle. He is said to have texted acquaintances that he wanted to shoot or run over House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and shoot DC Mayor Muriel Bowser, according to court records.

[How the world’s biggest tech companies are working to prevent more violence on Inauguration Day](#)

January 16, 2021

Yahoo Finance // Melody Hahm and Daniel Howley

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[DC hotels won't close during inauguration week after Airbnb canceled all area reservations amid worries of renewed violence](#)

January 16, 2021

Business Insider // Brittany Chang

Airbnb's decision was made following a joint statement from Mayor Muriel Bowser, Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, and Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam asking visitors to stay clear of Washington, DC during the inauguration following the historic Capitol siege.

[D.C. on Edge as Joe Biden’s Unconventional Inauguration Looms Large](#)

January 15, 2021

Breitbart // Hannah Bleau

Street closures are dominating the capital, with “much of D.C. closed off like never before,” as described by the Washington Post. D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser (D), however, said the city is in the midst of “uncharted waters.”

['Armed protests' warning puts officials on alert this weekend ahead of Biden inauguration](#)

January 17, 2021

CNN // Susannah Cullinane and Ray Sanchez

MPD is coordinating with the FBI and briefing DC Mayor Muriel Bowser daily on all threats, Contee said.

[D.C. gives staff assignments for in-person learning as mistrust in reopening plan persists](#)
January 17, 2021

The Washington Post // Perry Stein

“I would dare say we have the best reopening plan anywhere in the country,” Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) said at a Ward 3 Democrats meeting last week. “And that is not an exaggeration.”

[Nationwide protests authorities feared by Trump supporters fail to materialize](#)
January 17, 2021

Los Angeles Times // Molly Hennessy-Fiske, Patrick J. McDonnell, Jaweed Kaleem, Richard

Washington Mayor Muriel Bowser, interviewed on NBC’s “Meet the Press,” said that the overwhelming security presence in the capital reflected a somber reality that is “domestic terrorist-focused.”

["When there's civil unrest, people like to come and support small business." In Washington DC, residents enjoy a Sunday afternoon reprieve while staying vigilant](#)
January 17, 2021

Insider // Rachel Cohen

Muriel Bowser, said she was concerned about attacks in residential neighborhoods, where there is less of a formal security presence. The mayor recently requested that businesses hang signs that stress weapons, "including concealed firearms" are not welcome on the premises.

[No love lost as Trump prepares to leave capital city](#)
January 17, 2021

The Washington Times // Stephen Dinan and Seth McLaughlin

In the history of the nation’s capital, no chief executive has ever had so terrible a relationship with his new home as Mr. Trump, who leaves the city a more broken and battered version of itself.

The president found the District to be a prison, confining him to the White House. His only safe spot was his hotel on Pennsylvania Avenue. Any chance he got, he headed for one of his golf clubs, either in Virginia for daylong road trips, or New Jersey or Florida for longer escapes.

The feeling was mutual. D.C. residents regularly lined up to boo his motorcade and jeer his staff as they braved the streets for a bite to eat.

“He considered it a swamp, and they considered him the swamp creature,” said Kevin Chaffee, editor of Washington Life Magazine.

As Mr. Trump departs, his supporters are leaving a parting gift for a city on edge and under siege. Ahead of the inauguration of Joseph R. Biden, the Potomac River is being treated like a moat protecting the District. Although the drawbridges aren’t being pulled up, authorities plan to post blockades to deny access from the south.

It’s the latest manifestation of the disdain Mr. Trump and the city have long felt for each other.

[Washington Is Transformed Into A War Zone Ahead Of Inauguration](#)
January 17, 2021

Vanity Fair // Charlotte Klein

Multiple bridges, subway stations, and bus routes will be closed throughout the inauguration. The National Mall will also be closed to the general public on Inauguration Day, the National Park Service announced Friday, saying in a statement that two small areas adjacent to the park will remain open for inaugural events, and there will be areas reserved for peaceful demonstration. However, D.C. mayor Muriel Bowser has urged people to stay home, particularly in light of the Capitol attack, which laid bare threats of “domestic white extremism” that were not taken “seriously enough,” she said Sunday, during an interview on NBC’s Meet the Press. “We never believed that so-called patriots would attempt to overthrow their government and kill police officers, but that’s exactly what happened,” Bowser told host Chuck Todd, adding: “We don’t want to see fences, we definitely don’t want to see armed troops on our streets, but we do have to take a different posture.”

[D.C. Mayor Bowser says focus must shift to 'domestic white terrorism'](#) [She says internal threats were not taken seriously enough.](#)

January 17, 2021

Politico // Sarah Cammarata

The deadly riot also laid bare that the country did not take the threat of domestic terrorism “seriously enough,” Bowser said on NBC’s “Meet the Press.”

[Weekend protests at state capitols stayed small amid heavy police presence](#)

January 17, 2021

CNN // Christina Maxouris, Eric Levenson and Dakin Andone

Washington, DC, Mayor Muriel Bowser urged Americans to enjoy the inauguration virtually from home and has asked anyone who does not need to be out to avoid restricted areas.

[DC mayor says she's concerned about threats to residential neighborhoods](#)

January 17, 2021

The Hill // Zack Budryk

Washington, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser (D) said Sunday that despite heavy security around federal facilities, she is concerned about potential terror attacks elsewhere in the city, particularly residential areas.

[Threats transform capital into military zone ahead of inauguration](#)

January 17, 2021

The Hill // Rebecca Beitsch

“There’s a great deal of very concerning chatter, and it’s what you don’t know that we’re preparing for. So I don’t know if anyone has raised their hand to say, ‘We are coming. We will be there.’ But we are preparing as if they are,” he said in a press conference Friday with D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser.

[Biden inauguration security: What to know as DC locks down](#)

January 18, 2021

Fox News // Vandana Rambaran

D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser announced that the city’s Metro has closed 13 of its stations as well as four major bridges. Transit lines, including trains and buses, will be suspended and wide swaths of streets in and around the Capitol will be closed off.

[Biden's inauguration: What to expect](#)

January 18, 2021

Washington Examiner // Naomi Lim, Political Reporter

Democrats launched five days of festivities over the weekend with a virtual welcome event and concert, as inaugural organizers and Washington, D.C., Mayor Muriel Bowser continue to urge Biden supporters to stay home.

[Everything to Know About Security Ahead of Inauguration Day](#)

January 18, 2021

NBC Washington // Staff

“Due to the unique circumstances surrounding the 59th Presidential Inauguration, including last week’s violent insurrection, as well as the ongoing and deadly COVID-19 pandemic, we are taking the extraordinary step of encouraging Americans not to come to Washington, D.C., and to instead participate virtually, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser, Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan and Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam said last week in a joint statement.

[Army Secretary says National Guard's riot response was hampered by archaic system](#)

January 18, 2021

CNN // Barbara Starr, Zachary Cohen and Mike Conte

"No one really understood the situation. No specifics or clarity what the size of the crowd, where they were, did they actually breach the building," said McCarthy in an interview at the Pentagon. McCarthy said he "ran down the hall to get authority to launch" the National Guard even as he "didn't have great understanding" of what was happening after a phone call with DC Mayor Muriel Bowser and DC Police Chief Robert Contee. "A lot of confusion because we weren't asked for help" in the leadup to the event, McCarthy said.

[Who's attending Biden's inauguration?](#)

January 18, 2021

Fox News // Danielle Wallace

The closure has been ordered to ensure safety and security within the area of the National Special Security Event designated by the Department of Homeland Security for the 59th presidential inauguration, according to a statement from the National Park Service, which has been working with D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser’s office, Metropolitan Police Department and the United States Secret Service.

[Macho Politics Defined Trump's Presidency. Culminating With Capitol Riot](#)

January 18, 2021

NPR // Danielle Kurtzleben

The idealization of a particular type of masculinity has gone hand in hand with hostility to women. Research has also found a link between "hostile sexism" and Trump support. In addition, numerous reports since the Capitol Hill riot have cited misogynist language among the rioters toward women leaders like Pelosi and Washington, D.C., Mayor Muriel Bowser.

['It hurts my heart': MLK Day in DC subdued with King Memorial closed, city locked down](#)

January 18, 2021

USA TODAY // Ryan W. Miller

In the days after, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser renamed the street Black Lives Matter Plaza, with the words painted in yellow, bold letters on the pavement. Anti-Trump demonstrators

have remained nearby, despite the White House erecting a new security fence around its perimeter.

[D.C. Black-owned businesses prepare for inauguration week amid threats of violence](#)

January 18, 2021

The Grio // Alicia Diaz

Their decisions are being made amid the catastrophic financial loss that many local businesses have faced over the past year. Cold weather, outdoor dining restrictions and the curfew enacted by Mayor Muriel Bowser on Jan. 6 — the day of the Capitol siege — have exacerbated an already dire situation.

[Black Lives Matter protesters near White House have one final message for Trump – you should be arrested](#)

January 18, 2021

Independent // Andrew Buncombe

Dozens of people were hurt, in an event DC mayor Muriel Bowser termed “shameful”.

Get important updates on the 59th Presidential Inauguration from DC Government. Text INAUG2021 to 888-777 for updates on public safety, street closures, weather alerts, and more.

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[Food Delivery Apps to Need DC Restaurants' OK for Listings](#)

February 11, 2021

NBC News Washington // Juliana Valencia

As for the fees of food delivery apps, those could have cost customers more. But last summer D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser signed emergency legislation to put a cap on commissions fees to 15 percent. Previously, the typical commission was about 30 percent.

[Bowser, Hogan, Northam Ask FEMA To Take Over Vaccinating Local Federal Workers](#)

February 11, 2021

DCist // Colleen Grablick

D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser, Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, and Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam penned a joint letter to the secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the acting administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency this week, requesting the agencies dip into vaccine allotments they use to vaccinate members of Congress and the military in order to provide doses to federal workers and WMATA employees in the D.C. region.

[Should Young D.C. Councilmembers Get Vaccinated Yet?](#)

February 11, 2021

Washington City Paper // Mitch Ryals

The day after Mayor Muriel Bowser received the COVID-19 vaccine on camera, D.C. councilmembers received an email from Council Secretary Nyasha Smith. They, too, were eligible to get the shot, an email on Jan. 26 said.

[A DC restaurant struggles to make it through COVID](#)

February 11, 2021

Washington Examiner // Jay Caruso

In January 2020, Yiotis's business partner told him that the business grew by 300% from the year before when the restaurant first opened. Then COVID-19 hit. On March 16, Mayor Muriel Bowser ordered all restaurants and bars to shut down, giving them the option for takeout and delivery. In June, restaurants opened with a capacity limit of 50%. That lifeline didn't help much as Mazi, which is just blocks from the White House, suffered from the result of the Black Lives Matter protests. As streets were closed off and violence took hold, people canceled reservations, and the minimal foot traffic disappeared.

[Traffic counts fell during the coronavirus pandemic, but road fatalities still increased](#)

February 12, 2021

The Washington Post //Luz Lazo

In the District, lawmakers in September approved a package of sweeping road-safety measures to accelerate improvements to bike and pedestrian infrastructure, expand the city's automated traffic enforcement program and boost traffic safety education. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) last year cut the city's default speed limit to 20 mph, from 25 mph.

[Busboys and Poets to launch 'streatery' east of the Anacostia River](#)

February 12, 2021

The Washington Post // Michael Brice-Saddler

The outdoor dining rooms have become a popular lifeline for restaurants at a time when indoor dining is severely restricted and offers increased risk of exposure to the virus. Last month, D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) introduced legislation to extend the program into 2023.

['Archaic security strategy': DC delegate introduces bill banning permanent Capitol fencing](#) **February 11, 2021**

The Washington Examiner // Zachary Halaschak

District Mayor Muriel Bowser has also pushed back against those calling for permanent fencing. She said the city would "not accept" extra fencing as a long-term solution.

[Capitol Police predict no swift end in sight for fences](#)

February 11, 2021

The Washington Examiner // Nicholas Rowan

Washington Mayor Muriel Bowser also said she opposed the proposal, tweeting that the fence should come down "when the time is right."

Local

[An Independent Journalist Is Suing D.C. Police After He Was Arrested Filming A Black Lives Matter Protest](#)

January 11, 2021

DCist //Margaret Barthel

Local independent journalist and documentarian Kian Kelley-Chung was one of more than 40 people arrested by the Metropolitan Police Department at a racial justice protest in August. Officers seized his camera equipment, and he spent the night in a holding cell before being released without charges the following day. Kelley-Chung says he didn't get his camera equipment or cell phone back from police custody for 10 weeks.

[A Local Task Force Says D.C. Can End Its Reliance On Federal Prisons In 10 Years. Here's How](#)

January 11, 2021

The DCist // Jenny Gathright

In the next decade, D.C. could reduce incarceration by half, bring residents who have been in federal prisons in other states back home, and replace the D.C. Jail, which has been in deep disrepair for years.

[D.C. Reports Cases of South African And U.K. Coronavirus Variants](#)

February 12, 2021

The DCist // Colleen Grablick

The more transmissible variants of the coronavirus first reported in the U.K. and South Africa have been identified in D.C. residents, according to DC Health Director LaQuandra Nesbitt.

['She Loved Hard': D.C. Teacher Who Died Of COVID-19 Remembered For Her Motherly Touch](#)

February 11, 2021

DCist // Debbie Truong

Helenmaire' White spent most of her working life styling hair at The Ultimate Touch Hair Salon, a business she opened with her husband on Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue in Southeast D.C. in the late 1980s.

National

[House Democrats conclude Trump impeachment case, warning of potential violence if Republicans refuse to convict](#)

February 11, 2021

The Washington Post // Mike DeBonis and Seung Min Kim

House Democrats closed their impeachment case against Donald Trump on Thursday by linking his history of incendiary rhetoric and months-long campaign to undermine the November election to the statements of insurrectionists who stormed the Capitol on Jan. 6 — and raising the prospect of future violence without a conviction.

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[Last of 8 citywide shelters meant to replace DC General opens](#)

February 3, 2021

WJLA // Sam Ford

They were priorities of Mayor Muriel Bowser since her first term: family shelters, one in each city ward, to replace the DC General homeless shelter.

[District Completes Ward 1 Homeless Shelter, Capping A Years-Long Effort To Replace D.C. General](#)

February 3, 2021

The DCist // Jenny Gathright

The completion of the city's seven new family shelters was a project five years in the making. Poor conditions at D.C. General were thrust into the spotlight after 8-year-old Relisha Rudd went missing from the shelter in 2014. And in February 2016, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser first announced the plan to replace D.C. General in Southeast with smaller shelters in each ward (except Ward 2).

[D.C. To Open 1,800 Vaccine Appointments For Priority Wards Thursday](#)

February 3, 2021

DCist // Colleen Grablick

According to Bowser's statement Wednesday, zip codes in wards 5, 7, and 8 were prioritized this week because they have the lowest percentage of residents 65 and older who have received a first dose of the vaccine. As of Jan. 28, only 11.3% of older residents in Ward 8 have received the vaccine, compared to 33.3% in Ward 3. Wards 5, 7, and 8 are also the wards with the highest number of residents who have died from COVID-19, according to D.C. Health data.

[The fence around the Capitol](#)

February 3, 2021

The Washington Post // J. Keith Kennedy

I agree with D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) and others who oppose the erection of permanent barriers to protect the Capitol. Access to the landmarks of our city is what gives it a very special character.

[A plea for forgiveness before we forget](#)

February 3, 2021

The Washington Post // Robin Givhan

Sicknick lay in honor but the public could not come to pay its respects. And so our

representatives did so in our stead. On Wednesday morning, at a formal memorial, members of Congress, law enforcement officials, D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser and the newly confirmed defense secretary, Lloyd Austin, all passed through the recently installed non-scalable fencing, the razor wire and the watchful gaze of National Guard troops to offer condolences to the officer's family on behalf of "we, the people," who were held back by the barricades because so many of us can no longer be trusted to keep the peace.

[Lawmakers Honor Slain Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick In Rotunda](#)

February 3, 2021

Brakkton Booker

Others in attendance included members of the congressional leadership; Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin; Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Army Gen. Mark Milley; Washington, D.C., Mayor Muriel Bowser; and members of the District's Metropolitan Police Department.

[Congressional leaders pay tribute as Capitol Police officer lies in honor](#)

February 3, 2021

The Hill // Cristina Marcos

Dozens of members of Congress, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser (D), the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, members of the Metropolitan Police Department and Capitol Police officers gathered in the Rotunda for a final send-off before Sicknick, an Air National Guard veteran, is interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

Local

[An announcement about a cherished community hub turned into real talk about the need for Black D.C. residents to own a piece of the city](#)

February 3, 2021

The Washington Post // Theresa Vargas

On the first day of Black History Month, a time that calls for reflecting on the past, a well-known D.C. developer, a longtime city activist and three local lawmakers stood together on an outdoor stage in Southeast Washington and talked about the future.

[D.C. Councilmember Reintroduces Bills Bolstering Street Vendor Protections](#)

February 3, 2021

The DCist // Colleen Grablick

Legislation to decriminalize street vending without a license is back in the D.C. Council after failing to pass last year.

National

[Here's the new Democratic plan for \\$1,400 stimulus checks](#)

February 3, 2021

The Washington Post // Heather Long and Jeff Stein

President Biden promised to get more relief to Americans quickly to help people survive financially until the pandemic is under control. A key part of Biden's proposal is to send

another round of cash payments directly to U.S. households.

[U.S. infection rates are dropping; now just 'lay low and cool it' during Super Bowl, Fauci says](#)

February 4, 2021

The Washington Post // Paul Schemm and Erin Cunningham

The Washington Post is providing this important information about the coronavirus for free. For more free coverage of the coronavirus pandemic, sign up for our Coronavirus Updates newsletter where all stories are free to read.

[Fearing violence and political uncertainty, Americans are buying millions more firearms](#)

February 3, 2021

The Washington Post // Hannah Denham and Andrew Ba Tran

Firearm sales soared in January after a mob-led assault on the U.S. Capitol and the arrival of a new administration that favors tighter gun restrictions.

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[D.C. officials knock on doors to reach seniors amid push for vaccine equity](#)

February 4, 2021

The Washington Post // Julie Zauzmer, Hannah Natanson and Rebecca Tan

Staff from Mayor Muriel E. Bowser's office went door to door in Ward 8, home to some of the city's poorest neighborhoods, while offering to sign up seniors for vaccine appointments. Door-knocking is the city's latest attempt to improve on vaccination rates in lower-income neighborhoods, which have fallen far behind numbers in wealthier areas.

[DC COVID-19 vaccine appointments continue to fill up quickly](#)

February 4, 2021

FOX 5 // Digital Team

"Currently demand for the vaccine in DC is much higher than the supply we are receiving from the federal government," a statement from the Mayor's office said. "Mayor Bowser and DC Health continue to advocate for the federal government to send more vaccine so that we can meet the high demand for it and protect the lives of our residents and our workforce."

[Why DC went ahead with vaccinating those age 65+ against COVID-19](#)

February 4, 2021

WTOP // Will Vitka

"But we're not turning anybody (away)," D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser said. "If they called us, and a person was 65, and went through their portal, they would still be able to get an appointment."

[Teen shot in arm in Shaw](#)

February 4, 2021

WUSA 9 // Laura Wainman

For her part, Mayor Bowser announced the appointment of Linda Harlee Harper to the position of director of gun violence prevention – the city's first-ever position focused on the issue.

[U.S. Capitol Police to receive enough COVID-19 shots to vaccinate all officers](#)

February 4, 2021

WUSA9 // Khalida Volou

It is still unclear if defense officials informed D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser's office of the testing data.

[Mayor Bowser's Rent Crisis Group Is Stacked With Members Representing Interests of Landlords and Developers](#)

February 3, 2021

Washington City Paper // Amanda Michelle Gomez

Mayor Muriel Bowser has created a nearly 30-member group of housing experts tasked with writing recommendations to address the rent crisis. The hope is that the group can come to

some kind of consensus on policies like rental assistance and rent control, and offer solutions, according to the mayor's team.

[DC invites emergency responders to return and enjoy the District with deals, discounts on attractions](#)

February 4, 2021

WDVM // Rohan Mattu

Mayor Muriel Bowser announced the 'DC Salutes You' program Thursday in partnership with the city's Hospitality Alliance. The program includes deals for military, law enforcement, veterans and first responders at the District's copious restaurants, hotels, and cultural attractions.

[Washington, D.C. Passes One of the Most Robust Prohibitions on Non-Competes in the Country](#)

Thursday, February 4, 2021

National Law Review // Staff

Last month, Washington, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser signed the Ban On Non-Compete Agreements Amendment Act of 2020 ("the Act"), which becomes effective next week. This law is a statutory ban on non-compete agreements that has the strength of similar bans in California, North Dakota, and Oklahoma.

[What Chicago And D.C. School Officials Can Learn From The 1981 Air Traffic Controllers Strike](#)

February 4, 2021

Forbes // Jeanne Allen

The D.C. case is the most directly comparable, as the teachers union contract explicitly prohibits strikes. Mayor Muriel Bowser should reject further negotiations with the union unless they expressly reject a strike. She should certainly continue to bargain in good faith, but should refuse to do so with a gun at her head, or more directly with guns at the heads of over 51,000 D.C. public school kids.

[Improving coronavirus numbers spark debate over cause, restrictions](#)

February 5, 2021

The Washington Times // Charles Hurt

D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser and most counties in Maryland recently allowed restaurants to serve indoors up to 25% capacity.

[D.C. Gym Chain To Pay D.C. \\$10,000 In Settlement For Alleged COVID-19 Safety Violations](#)

February 4, 2021

DCist // Elliot C. Williams

An investigator with Racine's office visited the Shaw location six times between Oct. 20 and Nov. 23 and witnessed mask-less patrons within six feet of each other, per the release. An outdoor workout setup wasn't properly spaced for people working out or those walking by, the suit alleges. Racine's office says the practices directly violate Mayor Muriel Bowser's mask order and Phase Two guidance for gyms and workout studios.

Local

[District Health Officials Begin Vaccinations For People Experiencing Homelessness](#)

February 5, 2021

DCist // Dominique Maria Bonessi and Jenny Gathright

DC Health officials will start vaccinating those experiencing homeless at congregate shelters next week.

[Developer Douglas Jemal Gifts Community Garden To Check It Enterprises, Ending Long Standoff](#)

February 5, 2021

DCist // Aja Beckham

A prominent D.C. developer, Douglas Jemal, has decided to end a months-long legal battle with Anacostia's Check It Enterprises, a go-go clothing store, and gift it a beloved community garden.

[Almost 1,600 Postal Workers in DC Region Tested Positive for COVID-19; 7 Have Died](#)

February 4, 2021

NBC Washington // Scott MacFarlane, Rick Yarborough, Steve Jones and Jeff Piper

In a year when so many have stayed at home, Jackie Hairston did not. A 35-year U.S. Postal Service employee, she loved her job, deemed essential, inside the busy Ward Circle substation in Northwest D.C.

[D.C. teachers union expected to vote on possible 'illegal' strike over unsafe schools](#)

February 4, 2021

WJLA // Tom Roussey

Within a week members of the Washington Teachers' Union (WTU) are expected to vote on whether to authorize the union to take "collective action" up to and including a possible strike.

[Financial Report Says D.C. Is In a Good Place, But Its Hospitality Workers Are Not](#)

February 4, 2021

The Washington City Paper // Amanda Michelle Gomez

The District ended fiscal year 2020 in a strong position. In the year of our lord 2020, the pension and retiree health care trust funds remained fully funded, and the city continued to have a AAA bond rating, so there is no risk of being managed by a federal Control Board. The District ended the fiscal year in September with \$1.4 billion in its rainy day fund. This level of reserves equates to 60 days of operating cash that officials could use during an emergency.

National

[Senate moves forward on budget bill to pass Biden economic relief plan](#)

February 4, 2021

The Washington Post // Erica Werner and Jeff Stein

The Senate headed toward approval of a budget bill early Friday paving the way for passage of President Biden's \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package, as Democrats cheered the progress on measures to address the pandemic, while Republicans complained of partisanship and excessive spending.

[House ejects Marjorie Taylor Greene from committees over extremist remarks](#)

February 4, 2021

The Washington Post // Mike DeBonis

The House voted largely along party lines Thursday to remove Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene from her two committee assignments, a precedent-shattering move by Democrats to rebuke a Republican who has espoused extremist beliefs that she publicly renounced in part just hours before the vote.

[Bipartisan support emerges for domestic-terror bills as experts warn threat may last '10 to 20 years'](#)

February 4, 2021

The Washington Post // Karoun Demirjian

An apparent bipartisan majority of the House Homeland Security Committee on Thursday endorsed the idea of new laws to address domestic terrorism in the wake of last month's riot at the U.S. Capitol, as experts warned such internal threats would plague the country for decades to come.

[Johnson & Johnson seeks emergency FDA authorization for single-shot coronavirus vaccine](#)

February 4, 2021

The Washington Post // Carolyn Y. Johnson and Laurie McGinley

Pharmaceutical giant Johnson & Johnson submitted its single-shot coronavirus vaccine to U.S. regulators Thursday afternoon for emergency use authorization after the vaccine was shown to be robustly effective against illness in a global trial — and especially at preventing severe disease and death.

[Vaccine terms explained: Efficacy vs. effectiveness, herd immunity and others](#)

February 4, 2021

The Washington Post // Allyson Chiu

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[McKinsey, adviser to businesses around the world, agrees to pay \\$573.9 million to settle charges for its role in opioid epidemic](#)

February 4, 2021

The Washington Post // Peter Whoriskey and Christopher Rowland

McKinsey & Company, one of the world's largest business consulting firms, has agreed to pay \$573.9 million in a settlement with 47 states regarding its role in aiding drug companies during the opioid addiction epidemic.

[White House signals willingness to consider executive action on student debt cancellation](#)

February 4, 2021

The Washington Post // Danielle Douglas-Gabriel

White House press secretary Jen Psaki said Thursday the Biden administration is looking into whether it can use executive authority to cancel some portion of the \$1.6 trillion in federal student loans owed by 43 million Americans.

[AP tests will be offered at home or in school as virus crisis persists, but this time exams will be of normal length](#)

February 4, 2021

The Washington Post // Nick Anderson

High school students will be able to take Advanced Placement tests this spring at home or in

school, on multiple possible dates, as the coronavirus pandemic continues to require unprecedented improvisation in academic routines.

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[Trump's lawyers say he was immediately 'horrified' by the Capitol attack. Here's what his allies and aides said really happened that day.](#)

February 9, 2021

The Washington Post // Rosalind S. Helderman and Josh Dawsey

As a curfew called by D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) fell over the city at 6 p.m., Trump tweeted again. This time, he went even further in expressing sympathy for his supporters and their actions.

[D.C.'s racial equity agenda demands action now](#)

February 9, 2021

The Washington Post Opinion // Kenyan R. McDuffie

D.C. must implement a racial equity agenda now. The D.C. Council has already laid the foundation for D.C.'s racial equity agenda. I introduced the Racial Equity Achieves Results Act (Reach Act) in January 2019 and spent nearly two years working with residents, advocates and colleagues to shape it. In December, the D.C. Council unanimously passed the Reach Act, and on Jan. 18, we launched the Council Office of Racial Equity, which will ensure that council legislation is evaluated for its impact on racial equity before passage, just as bills are evaluated for legality and fiscal impact. The Reach Act also requires the mayor to establish an office of racial equity that will use performance metrics to hold agencies accountable for eliminating racial disparities among residents. I was pleased that D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) announced her search for a chief equity officer.

[D.C. now has a director of gun violence prevention. It's about time.](#)

February 9, 2021

The Washington Times // Editorial Board

Last month, Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) announced the appointment of Linda Harllee Harper, who most recently served as senior deputy director to the District's Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS), to the newly created position charged with coordinating a focused effort on gun violence. Ms. Harllee Harper is credited with helping to lead extensive reforms to the city's juvenile justice system during a career in D.C. that started with her work with D.C. public schools as a substance abuse prevention coordinator at the former Oak Hill Youth Center. "Linda Harllee Harper is a visionary leader in social and criminal justice," said Ms. Bowser. "[She] certainly has a heart for our communities and those impacted by violence, as evidenced by her long career helping young people." D.C. Council member Charles Allen (D-Ward 6), who sponsored the legislation creating the position, hailed her as someone with the requisite expertise, experience and community standing.

[Top GOP lawmaker in Michigan falsely claims Capitol riot was 'staged,' dismisses Trump supporters' role](#)

February 9, 2021

The Washington Post // Hannah Knowles and Tom Hamburger

Shirkey was then asked if Democratic D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser played a role.

[Parents Of DCPS Football Players Ask Mayor To Allow Games For College Scholarships](#)

February 9, 2021

DCist // Aja Beckham

In December, Mayor Bowser issued an order that prohibits high contact sports, including football, from practice and competitions. In late January, the DC State Athletic Association announced that because the order extends through mid-March, fall and winter sports championships were canceled. These games are typically the time when college recruiters look for talent.

[DC Delegate introduces legislation to eliminate Capitol fencing](#)

February 9, 2021

Fox News // Maureen Umeh

D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser has also weighed in on the fencing, saying she's against it. However, because the Capitol grounds are federal territory, neither mayor Bowser nor the D.C. Council have the power to order the fencing removed.

[Price tag hits almost \\$500 million for the National Guard's response to the insurrection](#)

February 9, 2021

WUSA 9 // Jess Arnold

D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser, Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, and Shadow Senator Paul Strauss, however, want it removed as soon as possible. Regardless, Maryland Congressman David Trone (D) told WUSA9's investigative team last week that the impact of the insurrection on security will likely be seen for a while.

[DC teachers' union votes against authorizing strike](#)

February 9, 2021

WTOP // Abigail Constantino

In a letter to schools Chancellor Lewis Ferebee and Mayor Muriel Bowser, the union said the decision demonstrates that its members want to work with District leaders on urgent action to "safely reopen schools and want to exhaust all other remedies before authorizing a strike."

[Short-Term Family Housing Site Opens in D.C.'s Ward 1](#)

February 9, 2021

Washington Informer // Staff

This achievement marks another milestone in Mayor Muriel Bowser's strategic plan to end homelessness and close the time-worn D.C. General Hospital in favor of citywide short-term family housing programs, the mayor's office said. Families are expected to begin moving into the Terrell next month.

[Department of Employment Services Makes Changes to Its System](#)

February 9, 2021

Washington City Paper // Amanda Michelle Gomez

“That is indeed good news,” said Bowser of the changes on Monday. “We know thousands of people have experienced just devastating loss because of the pandemic.”

Local

[Washington Teachers Union Files Safety Complaint After D.C. Teacher Dies Of COVID-19](#)

February 9, 2021

DCist // Debbie Truong

Helen White, a cosmetology instructor, worked at Ballou STAY Opportunity Academy for 14 years.

[D.C. teachers union votes against strike, prompting city to withdraw request for a restraining order](#)

February 9, 2021

The Washington Post // Perry Stein

The Washington Teachers’ Union voted Tuesday against authorizing a strike, with the union’s lawyer informing a judge that the more than 4,000-member group has no plans to participate in a strike or work stoppage.

[D.C. police charge man in woman’s fatal stabbing during domestic dispute](#)

February 9, 2021

The Washington Post // Peter Hermann

A man was arrested Monday night in Northeast Washington after D.C. police responded to a residence and found a 28-year-old woman dead from multiple stab wounds, according to authorities.

[Amid Spike In Vehicle Thefts, D.C. Launches Task Force To Combat Carjackings](#)

February 9, 2021

The DCist // Daniella Cheslow

Acting D.C. Police Chief Robert Contee says he is launching a task force to handle a rise in automobile theft during the pandemic.

National

[Senate votes to pursue Trump impeachment trial after declaring the proceedings constitutional](#)

February 9, 2021

The Washington Post // Seung Min Kim, Mike DeBonis, Karoun Demirjian and Tom Hamburger

The Senate voted along mostly partisan lines Tuesday to pursue Donald Trump's second impeachment trial, after hours of arguments and the airing of a gripping documentary of the deadly Capitol riot that followed Trump's inflammatory rally on Jan. 6.

[Covid fueled anti-Asian racism. Now elderly Asian Americans are being attacked.](#)

February 9, 2021

The Washington Post // Jada Chin

A surge in brutal attacks against Asian American seniors in the Bay Area, including one that resulted in the death of an 84-year-old Thai man, has left residents fearful and angry and activists — including Hollywood celebrities — demanding justice.

[As CDC weighs coronavirus testing requirement for domestic flights, industry voices fierce opposition](#)

February 9, 2021

The Washington Post // Lori Aratani, Michael Laris and Ian Duncan

U.S. public health officials are weighing whether to require domestic travelers to show proof of a negative coronavirus test before boarding their flights, drawing fierce opposition from airlines, labor unions and lawmakers but underscoring the severity of the pandemic and difficult trade-offs involved with trying to subdue it.

From: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: 2021-FOIA-04288
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 3:10:40 PM
Attachments: [Responsive documents collected.docx](#)

Cheryle,

Attached is a compilation of the emails and text message that you sent to me in response to this FOIA request. I would be grateful if you would do another search of your emails and texts to assure that you have captured everything during the time period of the request to/from anyone described in the request. I want to be sure that our response is complete.

Thanks for your help,

Rod Adams

Rodney K. Adams

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From: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: 2021-FOIA-04288
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 1:07:31 PM

Cheryle,

This is the exact request from Judicial Watch. I would be grateful if you would forward any responsive emails or other communications so that I review and redact as appropriate.

All records of communications among OCME officials, and between OCME officials and other municipal, state, and federal government employees, including emails and text messages, regarding the preparation and drafting of an email sent by OCME official Cheryle Adams on April 7, 2021 with the subject line "Determination of the Cause and Manner of Death – RE: January 6, 2021", involving the death of Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick. (A copy of Ms. Adams' email is attached for your reference.) (Date Range for Record Search: From 03/01/2021 To 04/08/2021)

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To: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: 2021-FOIA-04288
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 3:41:40 PM
Attachments: [Responsive documents collected.docx](#)

Dr. Diaz,

I need for you to search your emails and text messages for any communications that may be responsive to this FOIA request:

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Attached is a compilation of the emails and text messages collected by Cheryle. I am looking for anything additional between you and others, such as the DM or CA office, with regard to developing the press release.

Thanks for your help,

Rod Adams

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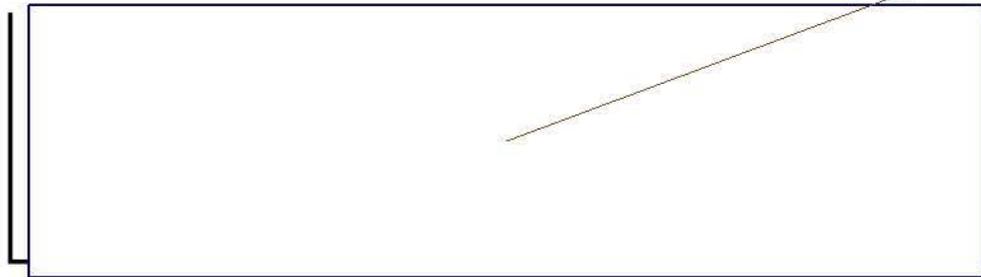
From: [Tolliver, Samantha \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#); [Raso, Stephen \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: 21-00132 (TX21-0046)
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 4:22:45 PM

Hi Dr. Breland,

The preliminary results for the above referenced case are as follows:

OCME #/ Tox#		
21-00132/ TX21-0046		
	Preliminary Result	Complete Pending Date
PM Blood	2-534(a)(2); 2-534(a)(6)	
PM Urine		
Liver		
Hospital Blood		
Hospital Urine		

Vitreous



Next week the hospital urine will be screened. We'll update you next week with any additional findings.

New phone numbers are listed below:

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From: [Raso, Stephen \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Tolliver, Samantha \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: 21-00132 (TX21-0046)
Date: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 1:52:38 PM

Hi Dr. Breland,

As discussed on the phone I have scheduled for NMS testing on both the Hospital blood (Item #10) and the Hospital urine (Item #14) [redacted]

2-534(a)(2);
2-534(a)(6);
2-534(e)

2-534(a)(2);
2-534(a)(6);
2-534(e)

2-534(a)(2);
2-534(a)(6);
2-534(e)

Thanks.

Stephen A. Raso, Ph.D
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Cell (202) 821-7347

From: [Tolliver, Samantha \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Raso, Stephen \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: 21-00132 (b:21-0046) DRAFT report
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 4:09:16 PM
Attachments: [DRAFT REPORT BRELAND.pdf](#)

Hi Dr. Breland,

As discussed, I've attached the draft report for the above reference case. The report is pending review and may be adjusted before its final release.

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From: [John Breen Johnson \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Mitchell, Roger \(OCME\)](#); [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#); [Lyles, Denise \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: 21-00132 GWUH
Date: Friday, January 8, 2021 4:58:36 AM

The case number for the Capitol officer at GWUH is 21-00132.

Name: Brian Sicknick

Age: 42

Race: White

Gender: Male

Thank you,

Breen Johnson, D-ABMDI
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From: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Lyles, Denise \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: 21-00132 Medical records
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 7:24:38 AM
Attachments: [21-000132 Allcare Med Records.pdf](#)
[21-00132 B Sicknick Audio.pdf](#)
[21-00132 B Sicknick Demo.pdf](#)
[21-00132 B Sicknick Med history.pdf](#)
[21-00132 P Sicknick.pdf](#)

Good morning Denise,
Can you please upload these medical records to the e-file for 21-00132?

Thanks,
Dr. Breland

Sasha Breland, M.D.

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From: [Pugh, Andrea \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: 21-00132 TX21-0046 TOXICOLOGY E-REPORT
Date: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 11:32:18 AM
Attachments: [rpt_preliminary01.rtf](#)
Importance: High

Sasha Breland, M.D. - This is a preliminary toxicology report. Please do not reply to this email. A copy of this report is saved for you in P:\E-TOXREPORTS. Thank you

From: [Pugh, Andrea \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: 21-00132 TX21-0046 TOXICOLOGY E-REPORT
Date: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 11:47:28 AM
Attachments: [rpt_preliminary01.rtf](#)
Importance: High

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From: [Pugh, Andrea \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: 21-00132 TX21-0046 TOXICOLOGY E-REPORT
Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 10:59:37 AM
Attachments: [rpt_preliminary01.rtf](#)
Importance: High

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From: [Fields Broadbent, Leigh \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: 21-00132
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 8:21:48 PM

Evening!

The GWUH records for the above case have been dropped in the bin for medical records.

Thanks,

*Leigh Fields Broadbent, PA-C
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From: [Lyles, Denise \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Snowden, Brian \(OCME\)](#); [Lassiter, Kimberly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: 21-00132
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 2:27:12 PM

Dr. Breland

The hard copy of the chart is ready, I sent out a request to METT to pick it up

Denise Lyles, PA, D-ABMDI

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From: [Investigations OCME](#)
To: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: 21-00132
Date: Monday, January 11, 2021 12:50:18 PM
Attachments: [001EDC31.PDF](#)

Dr. Breland

FYI

Denise

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To: Investigations OCME
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From: [Lyles, Denise \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Wood, Rebecca \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: 21-00132
Date: Friday, January 8, 2021 5:37:33 PM
Importance: High

Rebecca

See the RR, I told Officer Brockwell you will reach out to the mother Saturday morning, I provided your number so they would answer the phone,

We need to establish kinship, funeral home, medical & social history the usual

Denise Lyles, PA, D-ABMDI

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From: [Fields Broadbent, Leigh \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Lyles, Denise \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: 21-00132
Date: Friday, January 8, 2021 5:06:31 PM

Evening!

Regarding the above case, I contacted the lab at GWUH and was informed that we already have all of their specimens.

Thank you very much,

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From: [Smith, Melinda \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Wood, Rebecca \(OCME\)](#); [Lyles, Denise \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: 21-00132
Date: Friday, January 8, 2021 2:58:02 PM

Hello All,

The above case has been positively Identified as
CMS has been updated

Sicknick, Brian David

DOB

Melinda D. Smith
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From: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Tolliver, Samantha \(OCME\)](#); [Raso, Stephen \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: 21-00132
Date: Friday, January 8, 2021 12:44:07 PM
Importance: High

2-534(a)(2);
2-534(a)(6);
2-534(a)

Good afternoon,

Can you please expedite testing for the following "Capitol Hill Riot" related death: 21-00132. I

ordered Please
test both hospital and autopsy specimens.

Thanks,
Dr. Breland

Sasha Breland, M.D.

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From: [Lyles, Denise \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Petrasek, MaryBeth \(OCME\)](#); [John Breen Johnson \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Wood, Rebecca \(OCME\)](#); [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: 21-00132
Date: Friday, January 8, 2021 12:08:26 PM

FYI

Dr. Breland has requested the hard copy of the entire chart from GWUH, I have already sent the request

Denise Lyles, PA, D-ABMDI

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From: [Katherine Kim \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: 21-00132
Date: Friday, January 8, 2021 8:35:06 AM

2-534(a)(3)(C)

Special Agent Riley, FBI,

Katherine Kim, D-ABMDI

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From: [Lyles, Denise \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Wood, Rebecca \(OCME\)](#); [Petrasek, MaryBeth \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: 21-00132
Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 9:25:55 AM

Dr. Breland

Did you receive the hard copy of medical records for this case ?

Denise Lyles, PA, D-ABMDI

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From: [Brent Harris](#)
To: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: 21-132 draft
Date: Sunday, February 7, 2021 7:29:03 PM
Attachments: [Basilar artery thrombosis after cervical injury 2010.pdf](#)
[21-00132_draft.doc](#)

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Sasha,
Here is the draft for your rush case and a paper I found on the topic. Take a look and let me know your thoughts.

Best, Brent

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From: [Mattox, Angelica \(EOM\)](#)
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Bcc: [Internal AM Clips \(EOM\)](#)
Subject: 3.16.21 AM Press Clips
Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 7:24:11 AM
Attachments: [3.16.21 AM Press Clips.docx](#)

MMB

[DC Mayor Bowser reflects on year of COVID-19 — and looks to the future](#)

March 16, 2021

WTOP // Megan Cloherty

D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser says she “couldn’t be prouder” of the District health department’s response to the coronavirus pandemic over the last year and said the nation’s capital is poised for a comeback.

[Bowser lifts restrictions on outdoor gatherings, indoor dining limits, recreational sports](#)

March 15, 2021

WJLA // Daniel Miller

Mayor Muriel Bowser announced Monday that she is lifting several COVID restrictions in D.C. including outdoor gatherings, indoor dining restaurant capacity, and recreational sports.

[Nationals, D.C. United receive approval to have limited fans at home games](#)

March 15, 2021

The Washington Post // Jesse Dougherty

D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) added Monday that the city will revisit its capacity rules at some point in April. And while announcing their plan to host 5,000 fans to begin the season, the Nationals wrote in a news release that “discussions will begin this week with officials from the District about increasing capacity for the second homestand, which begins April 15.”

[Nationals approved to host 5,000 fans with aim to increase capacity in mid-April](#)

March 15, 2021

The Washington Times // Andy Kostka

D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser announced Monday that professional sports teams could apply for a waiver to host fans. D.C. United has been approved to host 2,000 fans, and the Nationals are the next team approved. The Wizards and Capitals have also applied.

[More in DC eligible for COVID-19 vaccine: some safety rules to be relaxed](#)

March 15, 2021

Rico Massimo

More people in D.C. are now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine, and some restrictions will soon be relaxed, Mayor Muriel Bowser said Monday

[D.C. will ease Covid-19 restrictions starting next week](#)

March 15, 2021

Washington Business Journal // Alex Koma

D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser is easing some public health restrictions as Covid-19 vaccines become more widely available, and could look to roll back additional Covid limitations in early April.

[D.C. United approved to host limited fans; Washington Nationals appear on track](#)

March 15, 2021

The Washington Post // Jesse Dougherty

Even before United received its official clearance, D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) announced that the Nationals soon could be approved to host up to 5,000 fans per game. The Nationals open their season against the New York Mets in Washington on April 1. They are the last MLB team without local approval to reopen their gates.

[D.C. to Allow Nationals to Host 5,000 Fans for Opening Day](#)

March 15, 2021

NBC4 // Matt Weyrich

D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser announced in a press conference Monday that local professional sports teams are now eligible to apply for a waiver that grants them the ability to host fans in limited capacity.

[D.C. mayor eases vaccine rules, says all adults eligible by May 1](#)

March 15, 2021

Washington Times // Emily Zantow

D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser announced Monday that every resident age 16 or older will become eligible for the coronavirus vaccine on May 1. At least 14.2% of the city's more than 700,000 residents already are either partially or fully vaccinated, the mayor said during a press conference.

[D.C. Restaurant Workers Are Now Eligible for the COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

March 15, 2021

Washington City Paper // Laura Hayes

Also at today's press conference, Mayor Muriel Bowser announced the 10 p.m. cut off time for alcohol sales would be extended to midnight starting on March 22. Some thought she would expand the indoor dining capacity limit from 25 to 50 percent, but the city is taking more time before expanding capacity, unlike some jurisdictions that moved forward before restaurant workers could get vaccinated.

[DC Lifts Some COVID-19 Restrictions; Events Industry Feels Left Out](#)

March 15, 2021

NBC4 // Darcy Spencer

Monday Mayor Muriel Bowser announced restrictions were being lifted in many areas, but those in the events industry believe they can hold larger events like dinners and weddings and still be compliant with COVID-19 precautions.

[Cars begin to reclaim Black Lives Matter Plaza in D.C. after months-long closure](#)

March 15, 2021

Marissa J. Lang

Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) renamed the stretch in honor of the movement days after the Trump administration oversaw the forceful clearing of peaceful protesters with chemical irritants and officers on horseback. That law enforcement action is the subject of a congressional investigation.

[BLM Plaza Is Now Open to Cars](#)

March 15, 2021

Washingtonian // Andrew Beaujon

BLM Plaza has been closed to cars since last summer. DC Mayor Muriel Bowser renamed the street, the preponderance of which culminates at Lafayette Square in front of the White House,

last June and directed that the phrase “Black Lives Matter” be painted on it in very large yellow letters.

[Movie Theaters Can Reopen in DC](#)

March 15, 2021

Washingtonian // Jane Recker

Mayor Muriel Bowser announced a number of additional re-openings and rule relaxations. Some high school sports resume today, and indoor fitness classes can resume with up to 10 people. Outdoor fitness classes can now have up to 50 people. And 50 people is also the new limit for socially distanced outside gatherings, up from 25.

[Parking Enforcement Ramps Up in D.C.](#)

March 15, 2021

The Georgetowner // Kate Oczypok

Mayor Muriel Bowser stated that, as city activity continues to climb, full parking enforcement will resume at some point in the near future.

[Anne Mahlum Is Resigning as CEO of Solidcore](#)

March 15, 2021

Washingtonian // Mimi Montgomery

Mahlum hasn't been without controversy. For a time, she was famously warring with both her ex-boyfriend and a Los Angeles fitness entrepreneur over Solidcore's founding. She drew ire early in the Trump administration for publicizing her angst after Ivanka Trump supposedly attended a Solidcore class under an alias. More recently, Mahlum was in the news for defying DC Mayor Muriel Bowser's order suspending indoor workout classes. After Bowser issued new restrictions in light of rising Covid cases, Solidcore released a statement saying it would continue to operate as usual, and believed it could do so safely. Shortly after issuing the letter, the fitness company temporarily closed its DC studios after a visit from the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs. They have since reopened.

[Let's define our terms: What is affordable housing, anyway?](#)

March 15, 2021

Greater Greater Washington // Libby Solomon

According to a 2019 housing report from DC Mayor Muriel Bowser's administration, affordability in DC is a particular challenge for large lower-income households of four or more people, particularly as new development in recent years has targeted smaller households.

[D.C. Expands Coronavirus Vaccine Eligibility, Rolls Back Restrictions On Businesses And Gatherings](#)

March 15, 2021

DCist // Jordan Pascale

All D.C. residents 16 and older will be eligible to pre-register for COVID-19 vaccination appointments starting May 1, Mayor Muriel Bowser announced Monday.

[D.C. eases coronavirus restrictions; Prince George's expands vaccine eligibility](#)

March 15, 2021

The Washington Post // Julie Zauzmer, Rachel Chason and Jenna Portnoy

Every adult in the District will be eligible for coronavirus vaccine appointments starting on May 1, Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) said Monday, in keeping with the national goal set last week by President Biden.

Local

[D.C.'s Lost Year: How the pandemic upended lives and businesses across a region](#)

March 16, 2021

Emily Davies and Michael Brice-Saddler

As the coronavirus shut down the nation and its capital, jazz music silenced on U Street. Gone were the lines outside the 9:30 Club and the drinks afterward at American Ice Company. Neighborhood boutiques and restaurants emptied.

[Tens of thousands of children in Washington suburbs return to in-person school](#)

March 15, 2021

Washington Post // Hannah Natanson and Donna St. George

Tens of thousands of children in the Washington suburbs are returning to in-person schooling this week, marking the end — for many — of more than a year of wholly virtual instruction.

National

[Biden faces growing political threat from border upheaval](#)

March 15, 2021

The Washington Post // Sean Sullivan and Nick Miroff

Rep. Henry Cuellar, a moderate Texas Democrat whose district hugs the border with Mexico, isn't happy with how President Biden's team has responded to the surge of migrants trying to enter the United States. "His people need to do a better job of listening to those of us who have done this before," he said Monday.

[Two arrested in assault on police officer Brian D. Sicknick, who died after Jan. 6 Capitol riot](#)

March 15, 2021

Washington Post // Spencer S. Hsu, Peter Herman and Emily Davies

Federal authorities have arrested and charged two men with assaulting U.S. Capitol Police officer Brian D. Sicknick with an unknown chemical spray during

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[Area Man Supports D.C. Statehood](#)

March 18, 2021

DCist // Margaret Barthel

The president has been getting some not-so-subtle hints about the subject since his welcome back to the city from his neighbors in the Wilson Building down Pennsylvania Ave.: D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser and her administration.

[Advocate for DC Statehood](#)

March 18, 2021

The Hoya // Brian Zhu

Recognizing a security threat, at 1:34 p.m., D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser (D) requested National Guard forces from Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy. At 1:49 p.m., Capitol Police Chief Steven Sund requested assistance from the commanding general of the D.C. National Guard. The Guard was not activated.

[Find out which DC streets are getting repaved](#)

March 18, 2021

WTOP // Abigail Constantino

The District Department of Transportation released a map of which roads, street, alleys and sidewalks are getting improvements. It's part of D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser's plan of "eliminating all poor quality roads in the District by 2024," according to DDOT.

[The opening of DC's political season](#)

March 18, 2021

DC Line // Jonetta Rose Barras

Those suggestions have come in recent weeks as Mayor Muriel Bowser prepares to file her proposed fiscal year 2022 budget and financial plan with the legislature. Initially, the document was to be submitted this month; however, she requested and received an extension until April 22 from the DC Council.

[Carmageddon? DC's leaders can choose a different road.](#)

March 18, 2021

Greater Greater Washington // Caitlin Rogger

More drivers also need more places to park; space better used for the pickup-dropoff zones (PUDOs), streateries, and outdoor retail that have been essential to the survival of local businesses and will likely be for some time, along with expanded sidewalks needed for safe social distancing. DC Mayor Muriel Bowser and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) have leaned into these innovations during the emergency period, and business leaders say they've proven their value.

[Voices of Wards 7 And 8: What Does Gentrification Mean For Neighborhoods East Of The River?](#)

March 18, 2021

Dcist // Dee Dwyer

Local government has taken steps to manage growth in communities east of the river. In 2019, Mayor Muriel Bowser signed an order requiring D.C. government agencies looking to lease new office space to give priority to locations in wards 7 and 8. The city has also distributed grants to microbusinesses owned or majority-owned by residents of Wards 7 and 8.

[Much of D.C.'s Vaccine Information Is Only in English. Some Change is Coming.](#)

March 18, 2021

Washington City Paper // Laura Hayes and Amanda Michelle Gomez

When Mayor Muriel Bowser's administration launched its pre-registration portal for the COVID-19 vaccine March 10, it was only available in English. The government website that hosts vaccine information and links to the portal, vaccinate.dc.gov, can be translated into Amharic or Spanish using Google Translate, but the actual portal where D.C. residents and workers enter their personal information to be added to a list of people vying for a vaccine appointment is strictly in English. Even the button that hyperlinks to the registration portal cannot be translated via Google because it's a graphic.

[Yes, Capitol Rioters Were Armed. Here Are The Weapons Prosecutors Say They Used](#)

March 19, 2021

NPR // Tom Dreisbach

Cleveland Grover Meredith of North Carolina planned to arrive in D.C. for the Trump rallies on Jan. 6, according to federal prosecutors, but he was delayed because of car trouble. He was arrested the following day for allegedly assaulting a man in Washington, D.C., in a traffic-related incident and for making death threats against the D.C. mayor and Pelosi.

[National Cherry Blossom Festival goes virtual for second year in a row](#)

March 18, 2021

Washington Times // Emily Zantow

Last March, festival events were canceled, postponed or held online in accordance with the D.C. Department of Health's recommendations to eliminate large crowds in order to stop the spread of the coronavirus. Mayor Muriel Bowser declared a state of emergency that is still in effect.

Local

[Texas man arrested outside vice president's residence told police he was 'looking for help'](#)

March 18, 2021

The Washington Post // Peter Hermann and Paul Duggan

A Texas man arrested outside the vice president's residence on Wednesday told an officer "he was looking for help" and "wanted to talk to the president" before leading police to his vehicle, which contained a rifle and 113 rounds of ammunition, according to court documents.

[Passenger in truck dies after crash with car in Northeast Washington](#)

March 18, 2021

The Washington Post // Dana Hedgpeth

A passenger in a truck was killed Tuesday after it crashed with a car in Northeast Washington.

[Around 200 People Gather for Vigil, March at DC's Chinatown Arch After Georgia Killings](#)

March 17, 2021

NBC4 // Shomari Stone

Around 200 people gathered Wednesday night for a vigil near the Chinatown arch and then marched in solidarity following the killings of eight people, including six of Asian descent, at massage parlors in the Atlanta area.

[448 businesses moved from Downtown DC in three months - how many more are next?](#)

March 18, 2021

WUSA9 // Nathan Baca and Haleigh Purvis

Four hundred and forty-eight. That's the number of businesses that moved out of downtown Washington D.C. or went out of business from October to December 2020, according to U.S. Postal Service change of address numbers.

[How much is a Black girl's life worth? Lawmakers want to remove race, gender in wrongful death lawsuits](#)

March 18, 2021

WUSA 9 // Delia Goncalves, Stephanie Wilson, Haleigh Purvis

"Hold on! Hold on to Jesus, just trust in Him, believe His word!," sang Emanuel Baptist Church choir members during a late evening rehearsal.

[DC Police search for man missing since Wednesday](#)

March 18, 2021

WJLA // Kristen Schneider

The Metropolitan Police Department is searching for a man considered 'critical missing.'

[Will DDOT Repave A Street, Sidewalk, Or Alley Near You In 2021? Find Out On This Map.](#)

March 18, 2021

DCist // Jordan Pascale

The District Department of Transportation will begin its repaving program when the weather warms up in the coming weeks, and on Thursday, it released a map of which roads, sidewalks, and alleys it will fix this year.

[As Local Governments Try To Fix Vaccine Access Disparities, Community Leaders Question](#)

March 18, 2021

DCist //Margaret Barthel

Significant racial disparities persist in the vaccine rollout across the D.C. region, despite the fact that Black and Brown communities have borne the brunt of the coronavirus pandemic. Now, after months of navigating complex appointment systems and logistical hurdles, public health officials and community-led groups are trying to correct course on a vaccine distribution process that was not designed for the region's most marginalized residents.

[Even With Legal Sports Betting, the March Madness Experience Is Still Not a Reality in D.C.](#)

March 18, 2021

Washington City Paper // Noah Frank

The outside of the William Hill sportsbook at Capital One Arena Credit: Noah Frank
The world endured a very different kind of March Madness in 2020. Just as everything else in society came to a screeching halt, so did the sports calendar. One year later, the NCAA men's and women's basketball tournaments are back, but the March Madness experience—and the

experience of a live sportsbook in the Las Vegas mold—is still not a reality in D.C.

National

[A nationwide horror: Witnesses, police paint a picture of a murderous rampage that took 8 lives](#)

March 18, 2021

The Washington Post // Tim Craig, Mark Berman, Hannah Knowles and Marc Fisher

Robert Aaron Long's family had finally had it. Long, 21, was so obsessed with sex — watching hour upon hour of pornography online, visiting the kinds of spas where the customers bought "massages with happy endings" — that on Monday night, his parents kicked him out of the house, according to police and a friend who confirmed the account.

[As House approves 'dreamers' bill, Biden pushes for support amid GOP resistance in Senate](#)

March 18, 2021

The Washington Post // Seung Min Kim and Marianna Sotomayor

President Biden on Thursday implored lawmakers to enact permanent protections for immigrants without legal status who came to the United States as children, a path that would formalize their footing in a country they have known as home for years.

[IRS warns of potential delays for major child poverty initiative in \\$1.9 trillion stimulus](#)

March 18, 2021

The Washington Post // Tony Romm

A program authorized under the \$1.9 trillion stimulus to combat child poverty is at risk of early delays, as the Internal Revenue Service grapples with its massive tax backlog and recent decision to extend the tax-filing deadline until May 17.

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[‘It’s not a local issue anymore’: D.C. statehood moves from political fringe to the center of the national Democratic agenda](#)

March 20, 2021

The Washington Post // Mike DeBonis and Meagan Flynn

“People think we’re wards of the Congress,” said Beverly Perry, the top adviser to Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) on statehood advocacy. “We spend a lot of time correcting people” — even in neighboring Maryland, where Perry testified last Monday in support of a pro-statehood resolution pending in the House of Delegates.

[D.C. public school students like our kids pay an immeasurable price without in-person classes](#)

March 19, 2021

The Washington Post // Joanne Levine and Caroline Mehta

There has been a lot of spin coming from D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) and Schools Chancellor Lewis D. Ferebee that DCPS has “reopened strong.” This is a farce at best, an insult at worse. From where we sit, it’s a baldfaced lie. Our eighth-grade daughters have zero opportunities for in-person instruction.

[No weddings, no galas: Event planners feel overlooked as covid restrictions are lifted for others](#)

March 20, 2021

The Washington Post // Emily Davies

The fate of Caroline Foster’s wedding day depended on a news conference Monday, when D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser was set to announce the first sweeping rollback of coronavirus restrictions.

[Some DC youth sports return to competition](#)

March 19, 2021

WTOP // Megan Cloherty

Moderate- and high-contact sports are still restricted from competition in the District, and Mayor Muriel Bowser has said she’ll reevaluate where the health metrics are in early April to decide whether that will change.

[DC 911 interim director details errors, pledges improvements](#)

March 19, 2021

The Washington Post // Neal Augenstein

Mayor Muriel Bowser is in the midst of a nationwide search for the director.

[DC loosening some coronavirus restrictions](#)

March 22, 2021

WTOP // Colleen Kelleher

D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser last week extended the city’s public health emergency through May 20.

[All DC restaurants can serve alcohol until midnight starting Monday](#)

March 20, 2021

WTOP // Valerie Bonk

Establishments that serve alcohol can resume serving beverages to customers daily from 6 a.m. to midnight, according to an order by Mayor Muriel Bowser and an emergency decision from the city’s Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

[Everything you need to know about the push for D.C. statehood, hours before hearing begins](#)
March 22, 2021
WJLA // John Gonzalez

Mayor Muriel Bowser says H.R. 51, the Washington, D.C. Admission Act, is a promising sign that our country is finally ready to right this historic wrong. However, GOP opponents of the bill call it unconstitutional.

['Now, we carry that momentum:' Mayor Bowser urges '#DCStatehood' stories ahead of hearing](#)
March 20, 2021
WJLA // Kristen Schneider

Mayor Muriel Bowser is encouraging DC residents to show their support on social media ahead of Monday's statehood hearing.

[Coronavirus in DC, Maryland, Virginia: What to Know on March 21](#)
March 21, 2021
NBC Washington // Staff

More people will be able to celebrate Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Easter and during Holy Week. D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser's office temporarily raised coronavirus-related capacity limits at the Basilica. The mayor's office granted the Archdiocese a waiver to allow between 750 and 1,500 people inside.

[DC Raises Capacity Limit at Basilica for Easter, Holy Week](#)
March 19, 2021
NBC Washington // Staff

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[Biden Supports DC Statehood, With Congressional Hearing Scheduled Monday](#)
March 19, 2021
NBC Washington // Staff

Mayor Muriel Bowser seemed excited to get the support, tweeting, "Let's get it done Mr. President."

[Kiss Tavern In Shaw Loses Liquor License After Allegedly Violating COVID-19 Restrictions](#)
March 22, 2021
DCist // Colleen Grablick

Under D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser's current executive order, hookah lounges must remain closed unless they operate as a licensed food establishment with ABRA. At the time of the violations described, Bowser's order also required on-site alcohol sales to stop at 10 p.m.

[D.C. Hesitates To Expand Hotel Shelter Program For Medically Vulnerable Residents, As Waitlist Grows](#)
March 19, 2021
Colleen Grablick

In mid-February of this year, Ward 1 Councilmember and chair of the Committee on Human Services Brianne Nadeau called on Mayor Muriel Bowser to allocate a portion of the fiscal year 2022 budget to purchase the hotels for short-term PEP-V housing and longer term permanent supportive housing. In a similar letter to the mayor, Ward 5 Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie requested that the city invest \$140 million in the next budget to purchase and convert the Washington Marriott Wardman Park Hotel into an affordable and permanent supportive housing site.

[DC Adults of All Ages Can Pre-Register for COVID-19 Vaccination](#)

March 19, 2021
DC Post // Jane Smith

DC Mayor Muriel Bowser urged every adult resident in the District, currently eligible or not, to sign up for receiving the COVID-19 vaccine through the city's pre-registration portal.

[DDOT to Repave Many Streets, Sidewalks This Year; Are There Any Near You?](#)

March 21, 2021
DC Post // Jane Smith

As part of the program, Mayor Muriel Bowser's administration has committed to "eliminating all poor quality roads in the District by 2024," according to a release by DDOT.

[DC LGBTQ Budget Coalition's priorities must be addressed](#)

March 19, 2021
Washington Blade // Anthony Musa

Leadership from Mayor Muriel Bowser would be a proposed budget that leaves no federal dollar off the table to enhance and expand critical services. Any funding cuts will disproportionately impact LGBTQ+ people, especially our Black and Brown trans/non-binary community. The D.C. government is in a unique position regarding the upcoming budget; in 2020 the government ran a surplus of \$526 million, resulting from the fiscal conservativeness of the previously approved budget. The government has opportunities to take advantage of new or underutilized revenue streams or review different areas of the budget that are over-utilized, such as the budget for the Metropolitan Police Department.

[Watchdog group sues DC for autopsy report of Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick](#)

March 19, 2021
Washington Examiner // Daniel Chaitin

D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser's office did not immediately return a request for comment.

Local

[Commission to reimagine police in District grapples with effort to defund](#)

March 21, 2021
The Washington Post // Peter Hermann

A commission created to help the District reinvent policing is preparing a final report that could propose sweeping changes, including taking officers out of schools, curtailing traffic enforcement and shrinking the department's size and budget.

[Police recover body from Anacostia River near Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling](#)

March 21, 2021
The Washington Post // Ann E. Marimow

D.C. police and emergency officials recovered a body Sunday from the Anacostia River near Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling.

[D.C. police investigate two fatal shootings](#)

March 21, 2021
The Washington Post // Ann E. Marimow

D.C. police are investigating two fatal shootings involving young men that occurred Saturday night just before 8.

[Arrest made in subway homicide, D.C. police say](#)

March 20, 2021
The Washington Post // Martin Weil

An arrest was made Friday in a fatal shooting on a Metro subway platform, the D.C. police said.

[Burtell M. Jefferson, Washington's first Black police chief, dies at 96](#)

March 19, 2021

The Washington Post // Peter Hermann

Burtell M. Jefferson, who joined the District's largely segregated police department in 1948 and launched a behind-the-scenes campaign to help Black officers advance through the ranks as he rose to become the city's first African American police chief, died March 19 at his home in Washington. He was 96.

['We're losing a piece of our history'](#)

March 19, 2021

The Washington Post // Paul Schwartzman

The clocks on the walls no longer work, the furnace is busted, and the only window is covered with a thick sheet of plywood.

National

[AstraZeneca's U.S. trial shows coronavirus vaccine is 79 percent effective](#)

March 22, 2021

The Washington Post // William Booth

Oxford University and AstraZeneca reported on Monday that their coronavirus "vaccine for the world" was safe and 79 percent effective overall, according to data from a long-awaited clinical trial in the United States, alongside other studies in Chile and Peru.

[The missing students of the pandemic](#)

March 21, 2021

The Washington Post // Eli Saslow

Rich Pimentel had already tried searching in a trailer park and a migrant camp when he started driving toward the third and final address listed in the student's school file. He followed his GPS to a neighborhood on the edge of the desert, an oasis of palm trees and swimming pools protected by a steel gate. "Wow," Pimentel said, as he rolled down his window and pulled up to a call box. "Finally a happy ending. Maybe this kid's actually okay."

[Mayorkas says 'the border is closed,' defends Biden's immigration strategy](#)

March 21, 2021

The Washington Post// Amy B Wang

Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas defended President Biden's immigration strategy and emphasized in multiple interviews Sunday that the southern border of the United States "is closed," as the Biden administration faces criticism over a record number of migrants seeking entry into the country from Mexico and Central America.

[As vaccinations increase, you may want to dine indoors again. Here's what to consider.](#)

March 19, 2021

The Washington Post // Emily Heil and Tim Carman

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[D.C. to offer amnesty for overdue tickets, as ticketing for all parking violations resumes](#)

April 19, 2021

The Washington Post // Luz Lazo

Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) said Monday that as of June 1 the city will end its year-long reprieve from ticketing for parking infractions such as expired meters and overstayed parking in residential zones.

[D.C. bolsters police presence, requests National Guard troops ahead of Derek Chauvin verdict](#)

April 19, 2021

The Washington Post // Marissa J. Lang and Julie Zauzmer

After Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) made a direct appeal Monday to acting secretary of the Army John E. Whitley, he authorized the activation of about 250 unarmed troops to help respond to any protests that may arise following a verdict in the trial of Derek Chauvin, the former police officer accused in Floyd's death.

[D.C. Council to take first vote on block-by-block plan for future development](#)

April 20, 2021

The Washington Post // Julie Zauzmer and Michael Brice-Saddler

The council can edit the changes suggested by Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) a year ago — including her call to allow multistory apartment buildings in many areas now restricted to low-rise development. That proposal has caused consternation among residents who want to preserve the small-town feel of their neighborhoods, as well as those who worry that allowing new construction would lead to higher-priced housing, gentrification and displacement.

[DC Mayor: 'Kids will be required to come back to school in the fall'](#)

April 19, 2021

ABC7 // Courtney Pomeroy

"Kids will be required to come back to school in the fall," D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser said at a Monday press conference.

[D.C. parking enforcement to resume in June](#)

April 19, 2021

The Washington Times // Emily Zantow

D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser announced Monday that several government functions that had been suspended during the coronavirus pandemic, including parking enforcement, will resume within the next few months.

[All parking enforcement in DC to begin June 1, mayor says](#)

April 19, 2021

WUSA9 // Khalida Volou

The District will begin reinforcing all parking restrictions starting June 1 after almost a year of

suspending driving regulations and requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Mayor Muriel Bowser announced Monday at a news conference.

[DC Will Restart Parking Enforcement June 1](#)

April 19, 2021

Washingtonian // Andrew Beaujon

The District of Columbia plans to restart enforcing parking regulations on June 1. Also, if your license expired during the pandemic, you'll have to renew it before July 1, Mayor Muriel Bowser announced in a news conference Monday.

[Deadline set for drivers to display 'valid credentials' in D.C.](#)

April 19, 2021

ABC7 // Anna-Lysa Gayle

"I don't know if people have tried lately, because over the last several weeks...we've been able to add more appointments. We're trying to give people a very long run way," Mayor Bowser said.

[D.C. To Begin Bringing COVID-19 Vaccines To Homebound Residents Next Week](#)

April 19, 2021

DCist // Colleen Grablick

D.C. will begin administering vaccines to homebound residents at their homes on April 26, Mayor Muriel Bowser announced Monday.

[Mayor Bowser says 8,000 home COVID testing kits now available in the District](#)

April 19, 2021

WJLA // Daniel Miller

Mayor Muriel Bowser announced Monday that home coronavirus testing kits are now available to residents. These kits offer convenience for people to get tested without having to wait in line at a testing site.

[Army preparing to approve DC request for National Guard ahead of verdict in Derek Chauvin trial](#)

April 19, 2021

CNN // Barbara Starr and Alison Main

The move comes amid nationwide tensions after recent police killings of Americans of color and as cities brace for more protests and potential unrest as the Chauvin trial in the death of George Floyd nears a close. DC officials told reporters on Monday that they requested National Guard assistance to help secure the District and acting Secretary of the Army John Whitley is scheduled to meet with DC Mayor Muriel Bowser Monday afternoon on the pending request, an administration official tells CNN.

[D.C. bolsters police presence, requests National Guard troops ahead of Derek Chauvin verdict](#)

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The Washington Post // Marissa J. Lang and Julie Zauzmer

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[250 DC National Guard troops activated amid possible protests over Chauvin trial verdict](#)

April 19, 2021
WUSA9 // Bruce Leshan

D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser has asked for the authority to put the National Guard on standby as the city prepares for reaction to a verdict in the trial of former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin in the death of George Floyd.

[Officers pulling overtime hours, National Guard mobilized as country awaits Chauvin verdict](#)

April 19, 2021
WDVM // Lex Juarez

As the country awaits a verdict in the Derek Chauvin trial, officials in major cities are bracing for a potential outcome of protests and riots. District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser said she and other city officials have been planning for the possible unrest since before the trial started.

[Nation's capital on edge ahead of Chauvin trial verdict in death of George Floyd](#)

April 19, 2021
Fox5 // Melanie Alwick , Stephanie Ramirez and FOX 5 Digital Team

Ramirez says FOX 5 has confirmed that Mayor Muriel Bowser has requested as many as 300 members of the National Guard be ready to go at the D.C. Armory should D.C. police need more support.

[As Capital One Arena prepares for reopening, 7News explains what fans can expect](#)

April 20, 2021
ABC7 // John Gonzalez

Mayor Muriel Bowser granted Monumental Sports & Entertainment, and the owner of the Washington Wizards and Washington Capitals and Capital One Arena, a waiver to operate NBA and NHL games with a fan capacity of 10%, which equates to 2,100 fans.

[How can Ward 3 reach the Mayor's affordable housing goal?](#)

April 19, 21
Street Sense Media // Meg Maguire

Ward 3, which includes neighborhoods northwest of Georgetown that are the wealthiest in the city, is abuzz with talk of affordable housing. Ad hoc working groups are attracting new members to address racially discriminatory policies of the past. Residents and city officials embrace greater racial, cultural and economic diversity and believe that people who work here should be able to live here. All proclaim a desire to meet Mayor Muriel Bowser's goal of 1,990 new units of dedicated affordable housing — that is, housing for people making between 30% and 80% of the area's median family income — by 2025. This unity of purpose is the good news.

[The Washington DC Sauce Drenched in Debate](#)

April 20, 2021
BBC // Bernd Desbusmann Jr

Local foodies are incredibly protective of the sauce and its role in local culture. In 2018, for example, Mayor Muriel Bowser drew the ire of many constituents by saying she was "annoyed" at the sauce's association with DC, a statement even the Washington Post characterised as "not a minor misstep". On her personal Facebook page, Bowser, who took office in 2015, questioned why and how the condiment had become a "quintessential" DC food. Faced with an onslaught of criticism – some light-hearted, some not – the mayor's spokesperson said Bowser "wanted to provide DC residents something to discuss on

Thanksgiving".

Local

[D.C. unemployment recipients who have missed benefits since March should get paid this week](#)

April 19, 2021

The Washington Post // Michael Brice-Saddler

Up to 2,500 D.C. unemployment recipients whose benefits were interrupted in recent weeks should receive the funds they are owed beginning Tuesday, the director of the city's Department of Employment Services (DOES) said.

[Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick, who engaged rioters, suffered two strokes and died of natural causes, officials say](#)

April 19, 2021

The Washington Post // Peter Hermann

Capitol Police officer Brian D. Sicknick suffered two strokes and died of natural causes a day after he confronted rioters at the Jan. 6 insurrection, the District's chief medical examiner has ruled.

[The new changes to vaccine eligibility and access in DC and Virginia](#)

April 19, 2021

WJLA // Tom Roussey

On Sunday, all Virginia residents 16 and up became eligible to sign up to get vaccinated for COVID-19.

[DC has requested National Guard help in case of protests after Chauvin verdict](#)

April 19, 2021

WJLA // Courtney Pomeroy

D.C. officials have requested the assistance of the National Guard in the city in case of large-scale protests after a verdict comes down in the Derek Chauvin trial in Minneapolis, according to Mayor Muriel Bowser, who said it's her job to "prepare for the worst."

[DC set to begin overnight spraying of ginkgo trees](#)

April 19, 2021

WTOP // Jack Pointer

With spring in full bloom, D.C.'s Department of Transportation will start its annual tradition of spraying ginkgo trees Monday night.

[DC health officials reject church's request for 'COVID-immune' seating section](#)

April 19, 2021

WTOP // Melissa Howell

A request from a D.C. church for a "COVID-immune" section for fully vaccinated parishioners that would have allowed more than 300 people to gather without social distancing requirements has been rejected by D.C. health officials.

[Firefighters respond to building fire in DC's U Street corridor](#)

April 19, 2021

WTOP // Juan Herrera

Investigators are looking into what caused a fire that engulfed a two-story storefront in

Northwest D.C. early Sunday morning.

[George Washington requiring students, staff to get vaccine before fall in-person learning](#)
April 19, 2021
WJLA // Staff

George Washington University announced Monday that it will require students, faculty, and staff who are participating in in-person learning this fall to be fully vaccinated before coming to campus.

[D.C.'s New Southwest Library To Open In Ward 6 Next Month](#)
April 19, 2021
Elliot C. Williams

A rendering of the renovated Southwest Library's porch and entrance.

National

[Prosecutor argues Chauvin's 'ego' led to Floyd's death; jury deliberations begin](#)
April 19, 2021
The Washington Post // Holly Bailey

The fate of Derek Chauvin, the former Minneapolis police officer accused of killing George Floyd, is now in the hands of jurors, who began deliberations late Monday in the landmark case that forced a national debate on race and policing.

[Biden will hold a big climate summit this week to reestablish U.S. leadership. Not everyone may follow.](#)
April 19, 2021
The Washington Post // Anne Gearan, Brady Dennis and Michael Birnbaum

President Biden will convene dozens of world leaders this week for a virtual climate change summit, marking not only an effort to restart the global push to address the rising threat but also the new president's first grand gesture as a world leader.

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[‘One and done’ vaccine clinics serve D.C. homeless](#)

April 2, 2021

The Washington Post // Jenna Portnoy

D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) announced the lifting of some restrictions on gatherings and entertainment in mid-March and plans to announce a further relaxation Monday. She has cited broader vaccinations as a reason to loosen limits.

[In a bid to bring grocers to food deserts, Prince George’s turns to alcohol sales](#)

April 3, 2021

The Washington Post // Rachel Chason

In D.C., which allows beer and wine to be sold in grocery stores, Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) this year tried to attract grocers to that city’s food deserts by supporting the introduction of a bill that would have allow grocery stores in Wards 7 and 8 — the city’s poorest wards, which border Prince George’s — to have a permit that is allows 25 percent of their sales to be alcohol, rather than the typical 15 percent. That legislation is awaiting a hearing.

[Why does it feel like the D.C. region is behind on vaccinations?](#)

April 3, 2021

The Washington Post // Julie Zauzmer and Antonio Olivo

From the beginning of the vaccine rollout late last year, D.C. started with fewer doses per person in its patient pool than states, and it has fallen further as the rollout progressed. To start, when the federal government allocated doses to states on a per capita basis, Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) asked for extra because of the large number of health-care workers and law enforcement officers who live in the suburbs and aren’t counted in D.C.’s population but were D.C.’s responsibility to vaccinate.

[Police Officer William Evans, killed in Capitol car attack, was an 18-year veteran](#)

April 2, 2021

MSNBC // Dennis Romero

"There is still much to be determined about this attack and DHS offers its full support to Capitol Police and DC Mayor [Muriel] Bowser," Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro N. Mayorka said in a statement.

[D.C. mayor appoints city's first-ever chief equity officer](#)

April 2, 2021

The Washington Times // Emily Zantow

D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser announced Friday that Amber Hewitt will serve as the city’s first chief equity officer

[DC appoints first Chief Equity Officer](#)

April 2, 2021

WTOP // Glynis Kazanjian

D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser appointed Amber Hewitt to be the city's first chief equity officer Friday.

[Bowser Appoints D.C.'s First Chief Equity Officer](#)

April 2, 2021

DCist // Debbie Truong

Mayor Muriel Bowser announced the appointment on The Politics Hour with Kojo Nnamdi. She said Hewitt will help the city recuperate from the coronavirus pandemic, which has disproportionately hurt Black, Latino and low-income families in the District.

[DC Is Getting Its First Chief Equity Officer](#)

April 2, 2021

Washingtonian // Amber Hewitt

Mayor Muriel Bowser is appointing DC's first Chief Equity Officer today. Amber Hewitt, Bowser's pick, will head the newly-formed Office of Racial Equity, announced by the city in February. Both the office and Hewitt's appointment mark a more focused effort by the District to tackle equity issues after protests demanding racial justice swept the city last summer.

[D.C. pushes security grant for faith-based institutions after year of unrest](#)

April 2, 2021

The Washington Post // Emily Davies

"I encourage DC's faith-based communities and nonprofits to look into all the ways these funds can be used, think about how they can be used to enhance their own security, and then apply for funding," said D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) in a statement.

[D.C. Encourages Houses Of Worship To Use Federal Grants For Increased Security](#)

April 2, 2021

DCist // Colleen Grablick

The money, available through a U.S. Department of Homeland Security grant program, can be used to purchase security enhancements like cameras, locks, gates, and personnel, as well as training and planning. Grants of up to \$150,000 can be awarded to a faith-based partner or eligible nonprofit organization, according to a press release D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser issued on Friday.

[DC's nonprofits, houses of worship can now apply for federal security grants](#)

April 2, 2021

WTOP // Glynis Kazanjian

Mayor Muriel Bowser's office announced the new applications in a Friday statement, saying the funding is geared toward making nonprofit operations and religious sanctuaries safer through purchasing or enhancing security-related infrastructure, such as cameras, gates, locks, new doors and hiring or training security personnel.

[National forensics board suspends D.C. crime lab's accreditation, halting analysis of evidence, city says](#)

April 3, 2021

The Washington Post // Keith L. Alexander

An official with the office of Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) said that the suspension is in place for 30 days and that the city will appeal the finding.

[One shot, free transportation and on-site child care: How groups in D.C. are working to vaccinate people in hard-hit Ward 8](#)

April 3, 2021

The Washington Post // Lola Fadulu

Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) stopped by with her daughter, Miranda, to tour the site. People received shots inside on covered tennis courts. After getting the vaccine, people had the opportunity to stop by several tables and speak with staff, including from Whitman-Walker Health and Food & Friends, that were set up near the exit.

[**A commission makes a good start at reimagining policing in D.C.**](#)

April 4, 2021

Washington Post // Opinion by the Editorial Board

The report comes as the police department comes under new leadership, with acting police chief Robert J. Contee III expected to be confirmed after winning unanimous approval of the council's public safety committee. The acting chief has expressed his willingness to adapt police to a new role, and is holding his own town-hall-style meetings to hear from residents firsthand. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) has undertaken new initiatives to deal with gun violence as a public health issue, and to coordinate violence intervention, social services and community outreach to at-risk neighborhoods. No doubt there will be pushback — some perhaps justified — to many of the recommendations, and there is sure to be a debate about the size of the department. But the commission is right to say that agreement should come first on what we want police to do, and what others might do better.

[**What's Happening With D.C.'s COVID-19 Cases?**](#)

April 2, 2021

Washington City Paper // Amanda Michelle Gomez

Mayor Muriel Bowser's administration eased some coronavirus restrictions, albeit not to the degree that governors elsewhere have. She kept the mask mandate, for example, but allowed gyms to have indoor classes with up to 10 people and permitted select live entertainment to resume. Unlike neighboring states, Bowser kept indoor dining at 25 percent capacity. The mayor said she'll revisit reopening April 5.

[**The state owes deference to the church**](#)

April 4, 2021

Washington Examiner // Editorial Board

Washington, D.C., Mayor Muriel Bowser and California Gov. Gavin Newsom are among the Democratic executives who fought in court to save their unreasonable and unconstitutional curbs on worship. Bowser and Newsom both lost in court, and consequently, many other church-restricting mayors and county executives around the country have backed down in the face of lawsuits and potential lawsuits.

Local

[**One officer dead after car rams Capitol barricade; suspect fatally shot by police, officials say**](#)

April 2, 2021

The Washington Post // Peter Hermann, Matt Zaptosky, Michelle Boorstein and Jessica Contrera

One Capitol Police officer was killed and another injured Friday when a man crashed his vehicle into them near the U.S. Capitol, an attack that once again put the city on edge as threats stemming from the deadly insurrection in January had started to wane.

[**Immigrant families are leaving D.C.'s public schools. Will they return?**](#)

April 4, 2021

The Washington Post // Perry Stein

At Brightwood Education Campus in Northwest Washington, 12 immigrant families — 25 students — moved out of the city and left the school during the pandemic. At Roosevelt High not far away, the school is down more than 60 students whose first language is not English. Cardozo Education Campus, another school in Northwest Washington, lost more than 20 of those students.

[Spring cements foothold, as cherry blossoms seem about to start leaving](#)

April 3, 2021

The Washington Post // Martin Weil

Some might have wished Saturday a little warmer in Washington, and some would note how the morning temperature flirted with freezing. But overall, Saturday seemed to meet many requirements for a fine spring day.

[Police charge man in connection with triple shooting in Southeast Washington](#)

April 3, 2021

The Washington Post // Peter Hermann

One of three men who was shot Friday morning on a Southeast Washington street near Congress Heights returned fire at a vehicle and has now been charged with firearms offenses, according to D.C. police.

[Four dead, including two brothers, during violent Saturday in D.C.](#)

April 4, 2021

The Washington Post // Emily Davies

At least four people were killed Saturday in the District — three as a result of gunfire — in a violent day for a city struggling to control a rising homicide rate. A shooting in Southeast Washington claimed the lives of two brothers.

[Man, 37, fatally shot in Northeast Washington](#)

April 4, 2021

The Washington Post // Emily Davies

A 37-year-old man was fatally shot Saturday afternoon in Northeast Washington, D.C. police said.

[Pedestrian fatally struck after lying down in a Northeast D.C. intersection, police say](#)

April 4, 2021

Emily Davies

A 54-year-old pedestrian was fatally struck by a van early Saturday after lying down in a Northeast Washington intersection, D.C. police said.

[Intermittent outages on DC.gov's website causes disruption to DMV site, others](#)

April 4, 2021

WJLA // Samantha Mitchell

The District of Columbia's Office of the Chief Technology Officer is reporting that intermittent outages on the DC.gov network are causing some disruptions to service on Sunday.

['I'm tired of it' | 9 people dead to DC gun violence in an 8-day span, police reports show](#)

April 4, 2021

Kolbie Satterfield // WUSA 9

The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) reported at least 17 people were shot in D.C. from March 27 to April 3. MPD reported nine of those victims died.

[Casa Ruby appeals for support for new building following landlord dispute](#)

April 4, 2021

Washington Blade // Lou Chibbaro Jr.

Ruby Corado, executive director of Casa Ruby, the D.C. LGBTQ community services center, posted a GoFundMe appeal on March 31 asking for financial support to relocate to a new headquarters building following a dispute with its landlord.

[U.S. Attorney's Office prosecutes just 7 D.C. hate crimes in 2020](#)

April 2, 2021

Washington Blade // Lou Chibbaro Jr.

The Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia on March 31 released a two-page fact sheet showing that in the year 2020 its office had prosecuted just seven out of 42 bias-related arrests made by D.C. police as a hate crime.

[Troubled DC Crime Lab Loses Its Accreditation](#)

April 3, 2021

DCist // Ally Schweitzer

The D.C. crime lab is already under a criminal investigation related to an alleged cover-up of erroneous forensic testing.

[Historic Board Says Transformer Sculptures Can't Remain In Georgetown](#)

April 2, 2021

DCist // Martin Austermuhle

Two massive Transformers sculptures have been standing outside a Georgetown home since January, drawing curious onlookers and complaints from some history-minded neighbors.

National

[When police kill people, they are rarely prosecuted and hard to convict](#)

April 4, 2021

The Washington Post // Mark Berman

The footage has played multiple times inside the downtown Minneapolis courtroom where Derek Chauvin is on trial for murder, showing George Floyd, a Black man, gasping for air under the White police officer's knee.

[With stimulus cash and jobs spike, U.S. emerges as main engine for global economic recovery](#)

April 4, 2021

The Washington Post // David J. Lynch

The robust U.S. economic recovery this year is expected to be good news for factory workers, freight handlers and farmers.

[Will school be back to normal this fall? Kind of, sort of, maybe.](#)

April 3, 2021

The Washington Post // Laura Meckler and Donna St. George

Parents, students and teachers, exhausted by the false starts, union battles, quarantines and remote learning that have upended this school year, are looking around the bend with an urgent, fretful question: Come fall, will school at last be back to normal?

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[D.C. medical examiner releases cause of death for four people who died during Capitol riot](#)

April 7, 2021

The Washington Post // Peter Hermann and Steve Thompson

A Facebook page belonging to a Rosanne Boyland in Kennesaw features several pro-Trump posts and includes a false assertion that D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) ordered hotels and other businesses to close in advance of the Jan. 6 rally.

[D.C. Forensics Lab 'Deliberately Concealed Information.' Accreditation Board Says](#)

April 7, 2021

DCist // Colleen Grablick

In a press conference on Monday, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser supported an investigation into the lab's practices, but also stated that she is committed to defending the lab over the next 30 days.

[DC sports fans wonder why stadium and arena seats aren't being filled even with loosened restrictions](#)

April 7, 2021

Fox 5 // Ayesha Khan

Fox 5's Ayesha Khan asked this question via an email to Mayor Muriel Bowser's office on Wednesday. A spokeswoman told her to refer back to the announcement the mayor made on Monday.

[Georgetown Is Installing Deck Panels to Widen Its Sidewalks](#)

April 7, 2021

Washingtonian // April 7, 2021

With Mayor Muriel Bowser's announcement that everyone in DC age 16 and older will be eligible for the Covid vaccine starting April 19, there's a hint of hope blooming alongside the greenery of spring.

[A To-Do List for Robert Contee as He Prepares to Take the Helm of MPD](#)

April 8, 2021

Washington City Paper // Mitch Ryals

Homicides in D.C. are spiking this year; currently, the number of homicides is 34 percent higher than at this point in 2020. Last year, D.C. recorded a 16-year high in homicides. The Council decreased Mayor Muriel Bowser's proposed police budget last year, and there is political will to reduce the size of the force going forward—against the department's wishes.

[Contee On the Road to Becoming Next D.C. Police Chief](#)

April 7, 2021

The Washington Informer // James Wright

Allen said Contee — appointed by D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser in December — “is the right person for the right time.”

[Change Needed When Policing Youth, D.C. Police Reform Commission Says](#)

April 7, 2021

Washington Informer // Sam P.K. Collins

Schools in the District currently employ one officer for every 165 students, compared to one social worker for every 254 students, and one psychologist for every 529 students. Legislation approved by the D.C. Council in the wake of last year’s social uprising relinquished MPD’s control over the hiring of school security guards, much to the chagrin of D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser (D) and policing stalwarts.

[Tishaura Jones Wins Mayoral Race in St. Louis](#)

April 7, 2021

Essence // Donna Owens

Jones is joining multiple Black women leading America’s top 100 cities. They include: Kim Janey in Boston, Vi Lyles in Charlotte, LaToya Cantrell in New Orleans, Keisha Lance Bottoms in Atlanta, London Breed in San Francisco, Muriel Bowser in Washington and Lori Lightfoot in Chicago.

Local

[Here’s what we know about covid infections in D.C. schools](#)

April 7, 2021

The Washington Post // Perry Stein

A new notification is posted nearly every day on the school system’s public website. They trickle in a few at a time.

[D.C. leaders question Transit Police tactics after woman is restrained on Metro platform](#)

April 7, 2021

The Washington Post // Justin George

D.C. leaders on Wednesday criticized the Metro Transit Police after a video on social media showed four officers holding a woman with a bloody lip facedown on a Metro platform.

[Man dies in fire in Brookland neighborhood of Northeast Washington](#)

April 7, 2021

The Washington Post // Peter Hermann

One man was killed in a fire early Wednesday that burned through a single-family house in the Brookland neighborhood of Northeast Washington, according to D.C. police and fire officials.

['It's unfair for privacy and safety' | Complaints about mess, long vaccine lines at this DC CVS store](#)

April 7, 2021

WUSA 9 // Delia Goncalves

Fed up with the mess outside the CVS in the Penn Branch Shopping Center in Southeast, Dr. Janal Burton pulled out her cellphone and pressed record.

[Barry Farm redevelopment illustrates how far DCHA still has to go](#)

April 7, 2021

Greater Greater Washington // Nena Perry-Brown

Although the DC Housing Authority's (DCHA) redevelopment of Southwest's Greenleaf Gardens community is starting off with some promising signs of transparency, the agency is still leaving a lot to be desired when it comes to the plans for some of the other public housing developments under its purview. One of the more obvious examples is just two miles, or two Metro stops, away, in Barry Farm, from which over a hundred households have already been scattered and left wanting for more input on what will happen next.

[Calls to D.C. Child and Family Services Agency Have Dropped, but That Doesn't Mean Child Abuse Has Stopped](#)

April 8, 2021

Washington City Paper // Ashley Hackett

The District had seen warning signs prior to 2-year-old Gabriel Eason's death. But after suffering months of abuse at home, in April 2020 Gabriel died from what medical examiners determined was significant head and abdominal trauma while under the care of his mother, Ta'Jeanna Eason, and her boyfriend Antonio Turner.

[D.C. Schools Will Not Administer Standardized Exams This Year](#)

April 7, 2021

DCist // Debbie Truong

The start of in-person learning at Bell Multicultural School in Washington D.C. Assistant principal Oliver Jones greets students arriving at the school on the first day of in-person learning since last March.

National

[Biden says he's open to compromise with Republicans on \\$2 trillion infrastructure plan](#)

April 7, 2021

The Washington Post // Jeff Stein and Tony Romm

President Biden on Wednesday said he was open to compromise with Republicans on how to pay for his approximately \$2 trillion jobs and infrastructure package, but insisted that inaction was unacceptable.

[Biden to take a flurry of actions on gun control](#)

April 7, 2021

The Washington Post // Seung Min Kim and Tyler Pager

President Biden on Thursday will announce a half-dozen executive actions focused on curbing gun violence, including regulations on home-assembled firearms and the nomination of a gun-control advocate to head the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

[Derek Chauvin used his body weight to pin George Floyd's neck and never moved, use-of-force expert says](#)

April 7, 2021

The Washington Post // Holly Bailey

Derek Chauvin had one knee on George Floyd's neck and another on his back and was pressing down with most of his body weight for the entirety of the nine minutes and 29 seconds the Black man was restrained, handcuffed and facedown on a street, a use-of-force expert testified Wednesday.

[Before becoming a terrorist leader, ISIS chief was a prison informer in Iraq for U.S.](#)

records show

April 7, 2021

The Washington Post // Joby Warrick

In confidential interrogation reports, Iraqi detainee M060108-01 is depicted as a model prisoner, “cooperative” with his American captors and unusually chatty. At times, he seemed to go out of his way to be helpful, especially when offered a chance to inform on rivals within his organization, then known as the Islamic State of Iraq.

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From: [Dawsonceel, Terencia \(OCME\)](#)
 To: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#)
 Subject: 60/90 Day Reports
 Date: Friday, February 5, 2021 12:44:57 PM
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From: [Elise Cartmill](#)
To: ["Adams, Chervle \(OCME\)"](#)
Subject: 7News Question on Officer Sicknick Cause of Death
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 3:55:23 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Hello,

The Washington Post just released a news article with Officer Sicknick's cause of death after speaking with the Medical Examiner. Is that being released? We would like to confirm that information.

Thank you,

Elise Cartmill, Assignment Manager

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From: [Downey, Brian \(HSGAC\)](#)
To: ["beverly.fields@dc.gov"](#); ["sasha.breland@dc.gov"](#); ["ocme@dc.gov"](#)
Cc: [Wittmann, Scott \(HSGAC\)](#)
Subject: A letter from U.S. Senator Ron Johnson
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 11:28:07 AM
Attachments: [2021-03-08 RHJ to DC Medical Examiner - Final.pdf](#)
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To: cheryle.adams@dc.gov
Subject: AFP query re Brian Sicknick autopsy
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Dear Ms Adams,

I understand OCME has completed and released an autopsy of Officer Brian Sicknick. Would it be possible to get a copy? This is of course of great interest to the public.
Thanks for your help on this.

Respectfully,

Paul HANDLEY

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Subject: AP inquiry: Sicknick death
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Hi Cheryle,

I just wanted to touch base on the death of Officer Brian Sicknick. I see the ME's office has determined a cause and manner of death and was hoping you might be able to provide some info on that determination now.

Thanks,
Mike

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Mike Balsamo

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Subject: Accepted: Call re: Sicknick

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From: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Tolliver, Samantha \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Automatic reply: 21-00132 (TX21-0046)
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 4:22:45 PM

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From: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#)
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From: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Ware-Murrell, Tiffany \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Automatic reply: Brian Sicknick
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 3:56:23 PM

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From: [Apple News](#)
To: cheryle.adams@dc.gov
Subject: Biden's pledge for vaccines and stimulus checks, the dangerous rise of the supersized pickup truck, and more from Apple News
Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 7:37:45 AM

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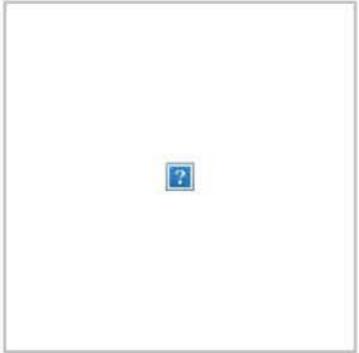


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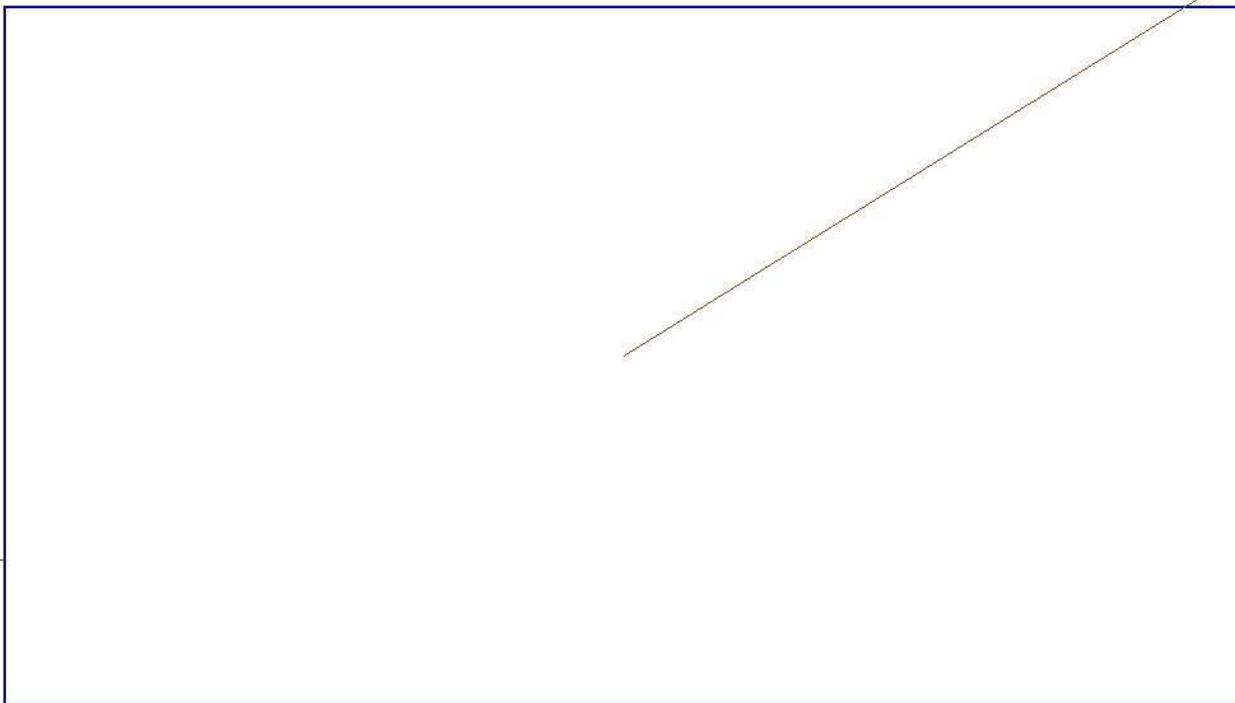
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To: cheryle.adams@dc.gov
Subject: Brian Sicknick ME report?
Date: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 12:33:41 PM

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Hello,

Can I get the latest status on this, saw MPD Chief Contee say the ME report for Sicknick is pending, and reports that this could take 90 days to complete, possible to confirm? Also, how do I go about requesting to get this report for Brian Sicknick once it's ready?

Best,

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From: [Watts, Lindsay](#)
To: [Chervle Adams](#)
Subject: Brian Sicknick autopsy
Date: Thursday, February 4, 2021 11:50:45 AM

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Hi Cheryle,

I wanted to verify that the autopsy for Officer Sicknick has still not been completed. This info is circulating on Twitter:

BREAKING: Medical examiners did not find signs that US Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick sustained any blunt force trauma, so investigators believe that early reports that he was fatally struck by a fire extinguisher are not true, further deflating Democrats' impeachment case

Is that accurate?

Thank you,

Lindsay Watts
Reporter
Fox5DC
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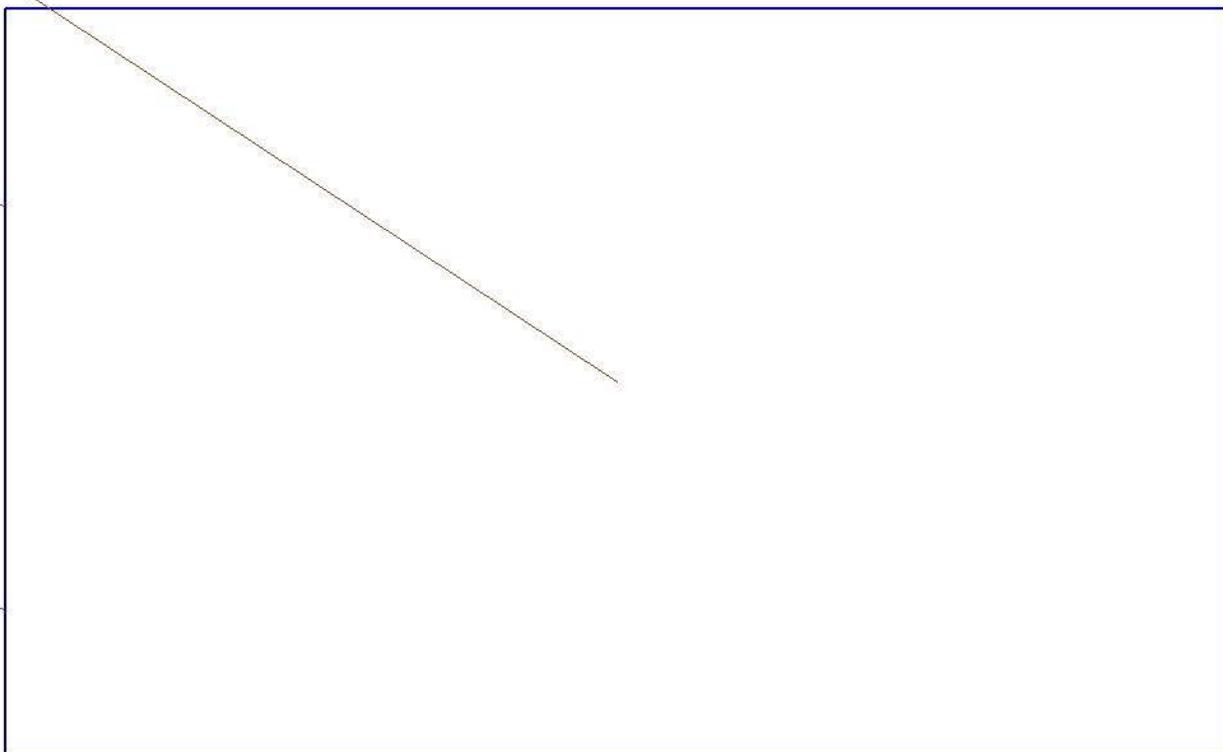
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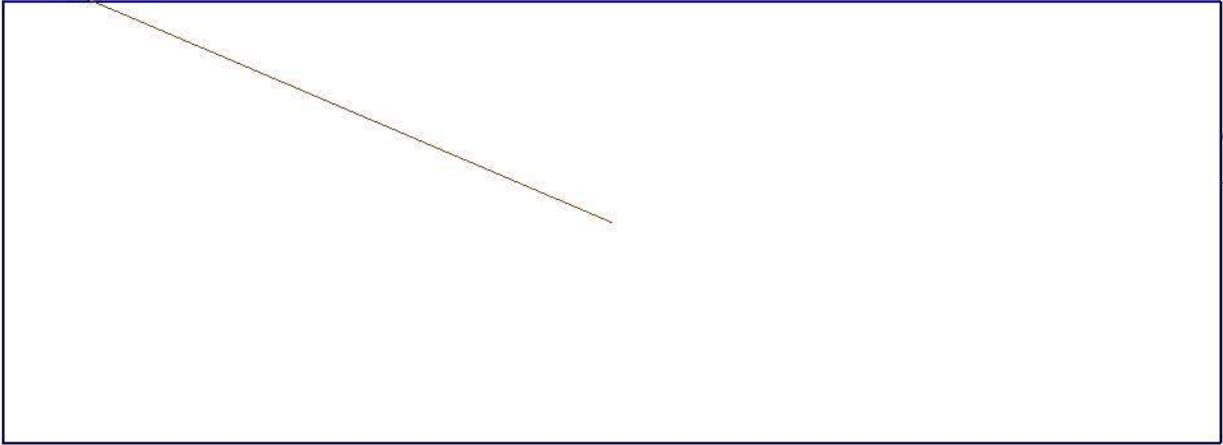
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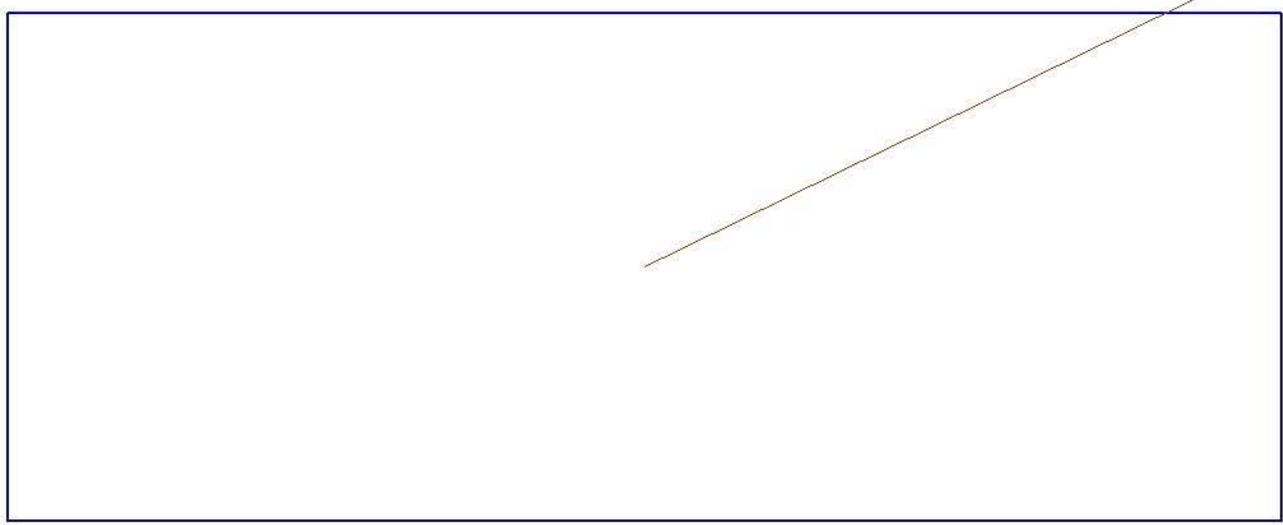


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To: cheryle.adams@dc.gov
Subject: BuzzFeed News request
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Hi Cheryle, I'm a reporter with BuzzFeed News. Is your office releasing a copy of the report about the cause of death of Officer Brian Sicknick, or information about it?

Thank you,
Zoe Tillman

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Zoe Tillman | **BuzzFeed News** | Senior Reporter
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From: [Triay, Andres](#)
To: cheryle.adams@dc.gov
Subject: CBS news question
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 3:54:29 PM

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Good afternoon. You all have a conclusion in the officer sicknick investigation? Thanks.

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From: [Wild, Whitney](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: CNN follow up
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Hi Cheryle,

Is it possible to speak with the Medical Examiner regarding the Sicknick determination?

We have some follow-up questions we are hoping to clarify.

Thank you!

Best,
Whitney Wild
CNN
202-701-8532

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: COMPLETED: I HAVE HER ON THE LIST TO RECEIVE THE COD/MOD WHEN IT GOES OUT: cause of death? RE: 2021-FOIA-03472 status...
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:47:11 PM

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From: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:22 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: RE: I HAVE HER ON THE LIST TO RECEIVE THE COD/MOD WHEN IT GOES OUT: cause of death? RE: 2021-FOIA-03472 status...

She's calling me; said that Post is reporting that ME has announced cause and manner. I told her that everyone would receive the release at the same time

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From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:08 PM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
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From: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:06 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: FW: cause of death? RE: 2021-FOIA-03472 status...

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Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:01 PM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Subject: cause of death? RE: 2021-FOIA-03472 status...

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Hello,

I am seeing a WaPo story on the late officer Sicknick's cause of death but not seeing a release for the ME's office? I haven't had luck reaching Cheryle. Can you help?

Best,

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From: Adams, Rodney (OCME) <rodney.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 1:40 PM
To: Claudia Grisales <CGrisales@npr.org>
Subject: RE: 2021-FOIA-03472 status...

You are correct as to access to autopsy reports. The limitations on access to death certificates are contained in the statutes that I cited for you.

All the best,

Rod Adams

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From: Claudia Grisales [<mailto:CGrisales@npr.org>]
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To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)

Subject: RE: 2021-FOIA-03472 status...

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Thank you much. I did get that initial email and missed it, apologies. To double, triple check, believe this says that autopsy report is not public unless next of kin gives authorization or there's a subpoena or court order? Do I have that right? Also, I'm resubmitting the request for the death certificate via vital records, but is there guidance whether there are limits there as well?

Best,

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From: Adams, Rodney (OCME) <rodney.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 1:01 PM
To: Claudia Grisales <CGrisales@npr.org>
Subject: RE: 2021-FOIA-03472 status...

Ms. Grisales:

Thanks for your message. It suggests that the messaging system within the District's FOIA portal didn't function properly to deliver the email that I sent to you. For your convenience, I have inserted the text of my email below.

Dear Ms. Grisales:

This is in response to your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for the following:

Requesting the autopsy report and death certificate for late U.S. Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick who died from injuries suffered in the Jan. 6 insurrection. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/06/2021 To 12/31/2021)

Access to medical examiner records varies widely between jurisdictions. The public policy of the District of Columbia is that all persons are entitled to full and complete information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those who represent them as public officials and employees. However, this is tempered by the protection of privacy for individual citizens and their survivors. A mission of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) is to support the families who have suffered a loss. See [National](#)

Archives and Records Admin. V. Favish, 541 US 157 (2004). Disclosure of personal information, especially medical records, is not permitted under FOIA. DC Code 2-534(a)(2) and 5 USC 552(b)(6). More specifically, see DC Code 5-1412 under DC Code 2-534(a)(6). Accordingly, OCME does not release autopsy reports in response to FOIA requests. A direct request to OCME for an autopsy report would need to be accompanied by 1) an authorization of the next of kin for release of information, 2) a subpoena, or 3) a court order. DC Code 5-1412 and 28 DCMR 5000. In cases where an investigation has not been completed, as here, additional FOIA exceptions such as DC Code 2-534(a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(4), and (e) are applicable. Therefore, I must advise you that your request for the autopsy report of Officer Sicknick is declined.

Death certificates are not maintained by OCME. These records are kept by Vital Records within the DC Department of Health. Therefore, a request for a death certificate should be directed to Vital Records. Access to death certificates is limited to those individuals listed in DC Code 7-231.24 and 7-231.25.

Under DC Code 2-537 and 1 DCMR 412, you have the right to appeal this letter to the Mayor or to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. If you elect to appeal to the Mayor, your appeal must be in writing and contain "Freedom of Information Act Appeal" or "FOIA Appeal" in the subject line of the letter as well on the outside of the envelope. The appeal must include (1) a copy of the original request; (2) a copy of any written denial; (3) a statement of the circumstances, reasons, and/or arguments advanced in support of disclosure; and (4) a daytime telephone number, and e-mail and/or U.S. Mail address at which you can be reached. The appeal may be submitted [online](#) via the DC government Public FOIA Portal. Written appeals may also be mailed to: The Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel, FOIA Appeal; 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 407, Washington, D.C. 20004. Electronic versions of the same information can instead be e-mailed to The Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel at foia.appeals@dc.gov. Further, a copy of all appeal materials must be forwarded to the OCME FOIA Officer. Failure to follow these administrative steps will result in delay in the processing and commencement of a response to your appeal to the Mayor.

If you have any additional questions regarding this request, you may contact me at this email address.

All the best,

Rod Adams

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I hope this is helpful to you.

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To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
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Hello,

Could I get more info on why this FOIA request was closed? I assume I need to resubmit this FOIA request?

Best,

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To: francisco.diaz@dc.gov; [Branson, Joshua \(MPD\)](#); [Palmertree, Riley M. \(WF\) \(FBI\)](#); [Scarpelli, Anthony \(USADC\)](#)
Subject: Call re: Sicknick

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From: [Watts, Lindsay](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Can you confirm?
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 3:53:09 PM

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Capitol Police officer Brian D. Sicknick suffered two strokes and died of natural causes a day after he confronted rioters at the Jan. 6 insurrection, the District's chief medical examiner has ruled.

Thanks,

Lindsay Watts
Fox5DC

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 7, 2021, at 3:06 PM, Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Lindsay,

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Best regards,
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From: Watts, Lindsay [mailto:Lindsay.Watts@FOX.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 2:54 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM); Fields, Beverly (OCME)
Subject: Re: Determinations of the Cause and Manner of Death - RE: January 6, 2021

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Hi Cheryle,

Can you provide information about the delay in cause of death for Officer Sicknick? Can you tell me again what the NAME guidelines are (I believe you said 90 days)? When do you expect to have cause of death?

Thanks!

Lindsay Watts
Reporter
Fox5DC
202-823-2447
Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 7, 2021, at 2:33 PM, Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

On Wednesday, January 6, 2021 an unprecedented incident of civil insurrection at the United States Capitol resulted in the deaths of five individuals. The District of Columbia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. Francisco J. Diaz, MD, FACP, has issued the following determinations as to the cause and manner of death for four of those individuals.

Ashli Babbitt, 35 years old:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Cause of Death—
Gunshot wound to the left anterior shoulder
<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Manner of Death—
Homicide

Kevin Greeson, 55 years old:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Cause of Death—
Hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Manner of Death—
Natural

Benjamin Phillips, 50 years old:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Cause of Death—
Hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Manner of Death—
Natural

Roseanne Boyland, 34 years old:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Cause of Death—
Acute Amphetamine Intoxication
<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Manner of Death—
Accident

The cause and manner of death for Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick are pending.

Background explanation of medical terminology on the cause and manner of death:

As determined by the Chief Medical Examiner, the “cause of death” is the medical disease, injury, alcohol, drug or toxic substance that caused a person’s death. The “manner of death” describes the circumstances surrounding a person’s death and falls within one of the following categories:

- Accident: Used when there is no evidence of intent; an unintentional, sudden, and unexpected death.
- Homicide: Death results from the intentional harm of one person by another, including actions of grossly reckless behavior.
- Natural: Used when a disease alone causes death. If death is hastened by an injury, the manner of death is not considered natural.
- Suicide: Death results from the purposeful attempt to end one’s life.
- Undetermined: Used when there is insufficient information to assign another manner.

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From: [Hobbs, Tawnell](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryl \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Can you send information on sicknick?
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 3:56:31 PM

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Hi! Did you send out something on sicknick? Some news entities are reporting it.

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From: [Lyles, Denise \(OCME\)](#)
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Cc: [Mitchell, Roger \(OCME\)](#); [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#); [Love, Jennifer \(OCME\)](#); [Wood, Rebecca \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Capitol Incident Cases
Date: Friday, January 8, 2021 3:45:42 PM
Importance: High

Good morning

2-534(a)(2);
2-534(a)(6)

FYI, all the cases from the Capitol Incident all Identifications have been confirmed

- 21-0 [redacted] Benjamin James Phillips –*father notified*
- 21-0 [redacted] Kevin D Greeson –*wife notified*
- 21-0 [redacted] Ashli Elizabeth Pamatian aka A. Babbitt –*partner/husband notified*
- 21-0 [redacted] Roseanne Marie Boyland- *parents notified*
- 21-00132 Brian David Sicknick- Capitol Police –*pending family notification*

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: bmarshall@judicialwatch.org
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#); [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick
Date: Thursday, February 18, 2021 3:20:23 PM

Good afternoon Mr. Marshall,

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Best regards,
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To: emansfield@gannett.com
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#); [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick
Date: Friday, February 19, 2021 8:31:07 AM

Good morning Erin,

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Best regards,
Cheryle

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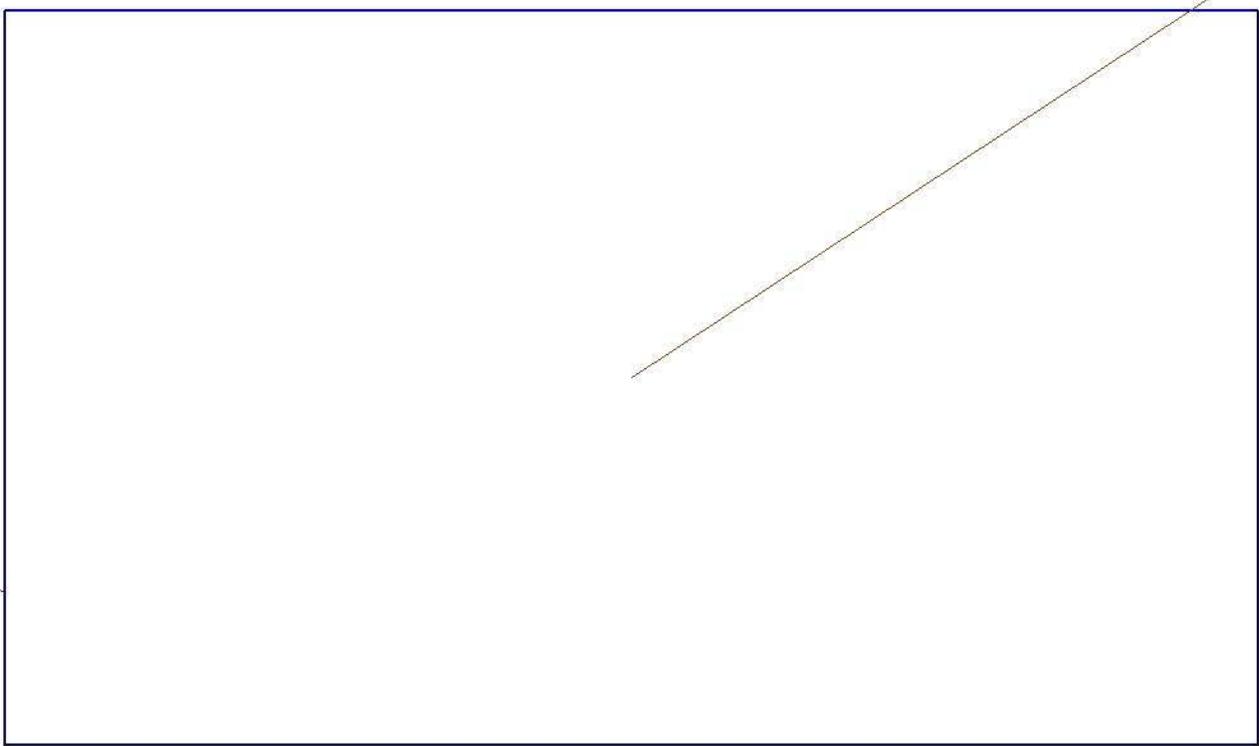
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From: [Jerry Dunleavy](#)
To: cheryle.adams@dc.gov
Subject: Capitol Riot
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 4:36:21 PM

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Dear Cheryle,

Thanks for your call.

Would I be able to get a copy of the Medical Examiner's full determinations for the causes of death for those who died at the Capitol riot on January 6?

Can the Medical Examiner provide its definition of a homicide?

Can the Medical Examiner say why it has not been able to determine a cause of death for Officer Sicknick? Does it consider it a homicide? Has it ruled in or ruled out a chemical spray or a stroke causing his death?

Is the autopsy report for Officer Sicknick something that could be made available?

Does the Medical Examiner have a justification for why this was pushed beyond the 90-day period and what the Medical Examiner's policy is in this regard?

Many thanks!

JD

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From: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Francis, Anna \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Case 21-00132
Date: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 2:35:12 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Can you please restrict access to E-file in this case.

Francisco J. Diaz, MD FCAP FASCP
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Bcc: Scott.MacFarlane@nbcuni.com; zoe.tillman@buzzfeed.com
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Subject: Confirmation on Officer Sicknick's Autopsy
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Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick died from strokes one day after Jan. 6 riot, D.C. chief medical examiner rules

Thanks,

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Hospital: GWUH

Location within Hospital: Emergency Department

MRN:

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From: [Gurman, Sadie](#)
To: cheryle.adams@dc.gov; [Aruna Viswanatha](#)
Subject: Determination on Brian Sicknick
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 3:54:17 PM

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Hi, there,

Wondering if you might be in a position to share the determination and cause of Brian Sicknick's death or where I should look to find that. Appreciate your help with this!

Sadie Gurman
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Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Bcc: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Determinations of the Cause and Manner of Death - RE: January 6, 2021
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 2:33:28 PM

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To: [Adams, Chervle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Dr. Diaz Interview Request
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 10:08:31 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Good morning Cheryl – I see Dr. Diaz gave a brief interview to the Washington Post regarding Officer Sicknick’s autopsy results. Would he do the same for us?

Thanks,
Eric Flack

Eric Flack | Chief Investigative Reporter

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From: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Draft letter to Sen. Johnson
Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 2:29:27 PM
Attachments: [Johnson re Sicknick investigation 2021 03 09.docx](#)

Here's a revised draft after input from Betsy Cavendish and the MOLC. I look forward to your improvements.

Rod Adams

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Date: Thursday, February 11, 2021 10:33:31 AM

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Dear Cheryle

Thank you for returning my call. As I explained I'm a journalist for the Daily Mail and want to establish the latest accurate situation as far as information that has been released in relation to Officer Brian Sicknick's death.

It's my understanding that the Medical Examiner has not concluded their investigation, nor has any cause of death been issued. Is that correct?

I have seen reports that 'no visible injuries were found' on Officer Sicknick but I cannot see any verification of that so again wanted to establish if this is something that has come from your office? When the report has been concluded is that something that will be a matter of public record and possible for me to request or will that be a decision for the family? I know it varies from state to state so want to check.

And finally, if it is something that I can request is it possible for me to place that request now or does that have to be done after it is completed?

There has been so much misinformation swirling I just want to get the facts directly from you as far as the Medical Examiner's part in proceedings.

I appreciate your time on this,

Yours with best wishes,

Laura Collins
Chief Investigative Reporter
DailyMail.com

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Cc: [Lyles, Denise \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Endorsements
Date: Friday, January 8, 2021 1:12:35 AM

2-534(a)(3)(A)(i) Morning! 2-534(a)(2); 2-534(a)(3)(C)

2-534(a)(2); 2-534(a)(6) Accepted:

21-00132 → Please contact [redacted] regarding the start time of the autopsy. He will be waiting in his car outside the building by 0730-0800 hrs regardless

2-534(a)(2); 2-534(a)(6) 21-[redacted] → FYI, donor

Pending:

21-[redacted] (ER) → Pending contact with NOK to confirm circumstances and medical history

Thank you very much,

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To: [Adams, Chervle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FINAL DRAFT: Cause and Manner for USCP Officer Brian Sicknick
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 1:28:02 PM

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- **Brian Sicknick, 42 years old:**
 - Cause of Death—Acute brain stem and cerebellar infarcts due to acute basilar artery thrombosis
 - Manner of Death—Natural

Publicly disclosed timeline of events:

- Wednesday, January 6, 2021:
 - Approximately 2:20 PM: Officer Brian Sicknick is sprayed with a chemical substance outside the U.S. Capitol.
 - Approximately 10:00 PM: Officer Sicknick collapses at the U.S. Capitol and is transported by D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services to a local hospital.
- Thursday, January 7, 2021:
 - Approximately 9:30 PM: Officer Sicknick dies at a local hospital.

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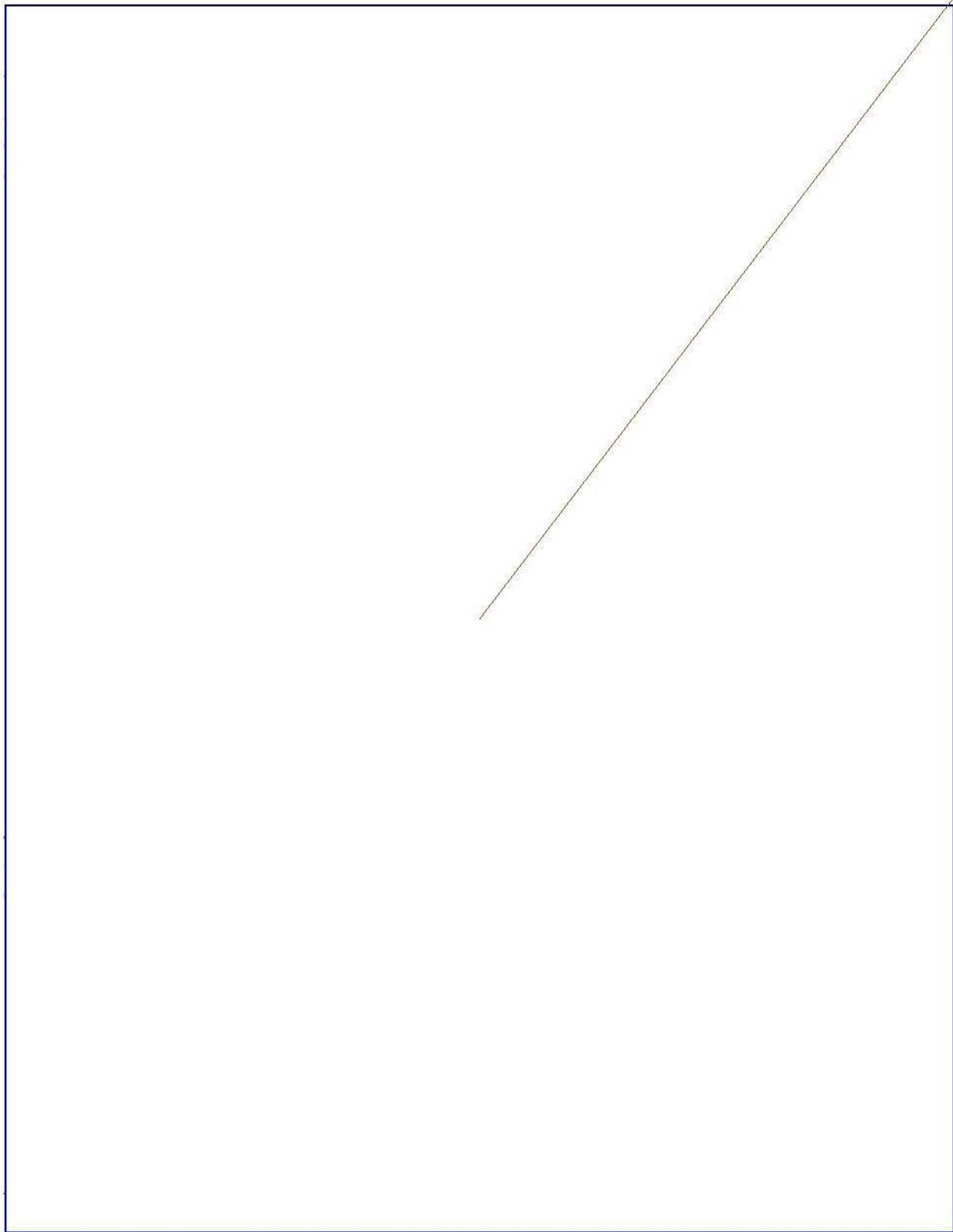
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To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FINAL: Chief Medical Examiner Releases Cause and Manner of Deaths From January 6 Insurrection (NOT APPROVED)
Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 6:53:23 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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To: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: 3 months?
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 8:36:10 AM

Thank you for this email and I will send the standard reply regarding the case is pending.

Cheryle E. Adams

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From: Fripp, SaVern (OCME)
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 8:08 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Cc: Fields, Beverly (OCME)
Subject: Re: FOLLOW UP: 3 months?

Good Morning Cheryle,

Yes, we have to respond to every email. Typically I would just say the Officer's case is pending and that's it.

SaVern

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On Apr 8, 2021, at 8:04 AM, Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

Good morning Beverly,

Does this email require a response? Please let me know.

Thank you,
Cheryle

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3 months and you can determine that 2 of the deaths were by natural causes, one by a drug overdose, one by a gunshot when the only ones carrying weapons were police. Yet after the lie of officer Sicknick's death being caused by a fire extinguisher, you have been "unable" to reach a conclusion about his death?

And we are to believe that?

George Weible

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Subject: FOLLOW UP: 3 months?
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Cc: Wittmann, Scott (HSGAC)
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Sincerely,

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Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

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To: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#); [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: A letter from U.S. Senator Ron Johnson
Date: Thursday, April 1, 2021 9:12:51 AM

Good morning Rodney,

Thank you for this update.

Best regards,
Cheryle

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Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 4:27 PM
To: Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
Cc: Adams, Cheryle (OCME); Fields, Beverly (OCME)
Subject: FW: FOLLOW UP: A letter from U.S. Senator Ron Johnson

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Subject: RE: FOLLOW UP: A letter from U.S. Senator Ron Johnson

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OCME is in receipt of Senator Ron Johnson's letter regarding Officer Brian Sicknick and the letter has been referred to OCME's general counsel who has been included on this email.

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Cc: [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#); [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: ABC News autopsy request
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 12:27:43 PM

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Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 12:37:31 PM

Mike,

OCME medical examiners comply with the National Association of Medical Examiners' (NAME) standard to determine the cause and manner of death within 90 days; however, for cases that are more complex it could be longer. I have added your contact information to the list and will follow up with you when the information is available.

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Thank you — just for my planning, do you know when the cause and manner information will be available?

On Jan 13, 2021, at 12:29 PM, Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

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To: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#)
Cc: [Yun, Ramona \(EOM\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: AFP query on Brian Sicknick autopsy
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:41:29 AM

Good morning Olivia,

We sent the statement to Paul Handley on Monday, April 19, 2021.

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From: Dedner, Olivia (EOM)
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:21 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
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Subject: FW: AFP query on Brian Sicknick autopsy

Request for Cause and Manner statement below.

Olivia Walton Dedner
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From: Yun, Ramona (EOM) <ramona.yun1@dc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:19 AM
To: Dedner, Olivia (EOM) <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>
Subject: FW: AFP query on Brian Sicknick autopsy

FYA,

From: Paul HANDLEY <Paul.HANDLEY@afp.com>
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:13 PM
To: Press (EOM) <Press@dc.gov>
Subject: AFP query on Brian Sicknick autopsy

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Hi. Would you be able to help us to obtain a copy of the autopsy for Officer Brian Sicknick. The Post has reported on it , citing acting deputy mayor Geldart.

Thanks for any help on this.

Respectfully,

Paul HANDLEY

US National Security Correspondent

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Subject: FOLLOW UP: AUTOPSY RESULTS FOR US CAPITOL POLICE OFFICER BRIAN SICKNICK
Date: Monday, March 15, 2021 11:46:18 AM
Attachments: [image005.png](#)
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To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
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Stephanie Wilson | SENIOR MULTIMEDIA JOURNALIST

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To: triava@cbsnews.com
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Asli Babbitt autopsy results
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 5:09:38 PM

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To: [Claudia Grisales](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Brian Sicknick ME report?
Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 7:36:11 AM

Good morning Claudia,

I sent you this email on Tuesday. Please see my response below regarding your request.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 1:05 PM
To: Claudia Grisales
Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM) (olivia.dedner@dc.gov); Fields, Beverly (OCME)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Brian Sicknick ME report?

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Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 12:42:52 PM

Good afternoon Claudia,

Your inquiry falls within the Freedom of Information Act. A response will be provided within the normal timeframes subsequent to the District's declared Public Health Emergency per Section 503 of the COVID-19 Response Emergency Amendment Act of 2020, effective March 17, 2020, D.C. Act 23-247, and available here: <http://lims.dccouncil.us/Download/44469/B23-0718-SignedAct.pdf>.

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Good morning Cheryle,

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Best,

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Watts, Lindsay](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Brian Sicknick autopsy
Date: Thursday, February 4, 2021 2:06:28 PM

Good afternoon Lindsay,

This case is still pending.

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From: Watts, Lindsay [<mailto:Lindsay.Watts@FOX.COM>]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2021 11:50 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: Brian Sicknick autopsy

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Hi Cheryle,

I wanted to verify that the autopsy for Officer Sicknick has still not been completed. This info is circulating on Twitter:

BREAKING: Medical examiners did not find signs that US Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick sustained any blunt force trauma, so investigators believe that early reports that he was fatally struck by a fire extinguisher are not true, further deflating Democrats' impeachment case

Is that accurate?

Thank you,

Lindsay Watts
Reporter
Fox5DC
202-823-2447

Sent from my iPhone

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To: kmclaughlin@insider.com
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Brian Sicknick death__Insider.com coverage
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 6:03:56 PM

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From: Kelly McLaughlin <kmclaughlin@insider.com>
Date: April 19, 2021 at 4:28:17 PM EDT
To: ATD OCME <ocme@dc.gov>
Subject: Brian Sicknick death __ Insider.com coverage

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Hello,

I'm a reporter with Insider.com. I'm working on a story about Brian Sicknick, and the Washington Post's report that he died from natural causes but the riot "played a role in his condition."

Can you confirm his cause and manner of death for my story, please?

Thank you,
Kelly McLaughlin

Kelly McLaughlin
Senior reporter



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Subject: FOLLOW UP: Brian Sicknick
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Subject: Brick Sicknick

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Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Brian Sicknick
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 4:46:47 PM

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Good evening,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Anthony Leake, and I am a credentialed member of the media and White House Correspondent. Can you please provide me with the autopsy results of Brian Sicknick? Also, if you can provide me with any and all other materials and statements pertaining to this matter. I would greatly appreciate it

Anthony Leake
Chronicle Fashion Guide
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Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: CBS News inquiry
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:22:19 AM

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M: 608-658-0223

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Date: April 19, 2021 at 3:58:19 PM EDT
To: ATD OCME <ocme@dc.gov>
Subject: **CNBC Inquiry, Sicknick Ruling**

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Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 6:09:27 PM

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Dear Madame or Sir:

My name is Jen Christensen. I've been asked to write a story about the death of Officer Sicknick, particularly how someone could die of natural causes after a traumatic event. I apologize if you have released this already, I'm covering this from the medical perspective and just coming onto the story today. Is this something we could get a copy of or is there someone at the office we can speak with about the report. This will be a story for CNN.com that will give perspective on what a "natural causes" determination is etc. There was a lot of confusion from readers and we just want to educate them about the matter. Any insight on this important story would be very much appreciated. It is for a story that will run this afternoon on CNN.com as soon as we can put it together.

All the best,
Jen

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On Feb 20, 2021, at 5:43 PM, Fripp, SaVern (OCME) <savern.fripp@dc.gov> wrote:

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Jan Stevenson <jan.stevenson43@gmail.com>
Date: February 20, 2021 at 5:42:44 PM EST
To: ATD OCME <ocme@dc.gov>
Subject: Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick

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How long was the body retained before being released for cremation?

Thanks so much for your assistance.

Yours faithfully,

Jan Stevenson

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: jan.stevenson43@gmail.com
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick
Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 9:48:51 AM

Good morning Jan,

Please let me know the media outlet that you are representing.

Thank you,
Cheryle

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To: [Jerry Dunleavy](#)
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Capitol Riot
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 4:57:24 PM

On Wednesday, January 6, 2021 an unprecedented incident of civil insurrection at the United States Capitol resulted in the deaths of five individuals. The District of Columbia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. Francisco J. Diaz, MD, FACP, has issued the following determinations as to the cause and manner of death for four of those individuals.

Ashli Babbitt, 35 years old:

- Cause of Death—Gunshot wound to the left anterior shoulder
- Manner of Death—Homicide

Kevin Greeson, 55 years old:

- Cause of Death—Hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
- Manner of Death—Natural

Benjamin Phillips, 50 years old:

- Cause of Death—Hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
- Manner of Death—Natural

Roseanne Boyland, 34 years old:

- Cause of Death—Acute Amphetamine Intoxication
- Manner of Death—Accident

The cause and manner of death for Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick are pending.

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Does the Medical Examiner have a justification for why this was pushed beyond the 90-day period and what the Medical Examiner's policy is in this regard?

- OCME medical examiners comply with the National Association of Medical Examiners' (NAME) standard to determine the cause and manner of death within 90 days; however, for cases that are more complex it could be longer. Therefore, when this information is available and the decedent's next of kin has been notified, I will provide you with the cause and manner of death.

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From: Jerry Dunleavy [mailto:jdunleavy@washingtongovernor.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 4:36 PM

To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)

Subject: Capitol Riot

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Dear Cheryle,

Thanks for your call.

Would I be able to get a copy of the Medical Examiner's full determinations for the causes of death for those who died at the Capitol riot on January 6?

Can the Medical Examiner provide its definition of a homicide?

Can the Medical Examiner say why it has not been able to determine a cause of death for Officer Sicknick? Does it consider it a homicide? Has it ruled in or ruled out a chemical spray or a stroke causing his death?

Is the autopsy report for Officer Sicknick something that could be made available?

Does the Medical Examiner have a justification for why this was pushed beyond the 90-day

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Many thanks!

JD

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Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 2:38:43 PM

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Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 6:37:22 PM

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Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Cause and Manner of Death for USCP Officer Brian Sicknick
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:42:44 AM

Good morning Claudia,

I am acknowledging receipt of your request and will follow up with a response soon.

Best regards,
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Hello,

Hope all are well. Following up on this request, could I set up an interview time with ME Diaz as well? Hoping to go over his findings, largely in similar format to his WaPo interview. I'm flexible on a time for the chat. Thanks much.

Best,

Claudia Grisales
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Hello,

Apologies, a follow up question, possible to confirm WaPo reporting that Sicknick suffered two strokes in laymen's terms?

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To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>

Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM) <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>; Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov>

Subject: Cause and Manner of Death for USCP Officer Brian Sicknick

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To: [Claudia Grisales](#)
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Cause and Manner of Death for USCP Officer Brian Sicknick
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:42:44 AM

Good morning Claudia,

I am acknowledging receipt of your request and will follow up with a response soon.

Best regards,
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Hello,

Hope all are well. Following up on this request, could I set up an interview time with ME Diaz as well? Hoping to go over his findings, largely in similar format to his WaPo interview. I'm flexible on a time for the chat. Thanks much.

Best,

Claudia Grisales
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Hello,

Apologies, a follow up question, possible to confirm WaPo reporting that Sicknick suffered two strokes in laymen's terms?

Best,

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Paul Tschudi
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Subject: FOLLOW UP: Cause and manner
Date: Thursday, April 1, 2021 1:21:32 PM

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Subject: FOLLOW UP: Cause and manner
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 12:02:48 PM

Good afternoon Mark,

I am following up with you to provide the cause and manner of death for Lakisha Barnes. The cause of death was manual strangulation and the manner of death was ruled a homicide.

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Date: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 11:12:23 AM

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Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Determinations of the Cause and Manner of Death - RE: January 6, 2021
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:32:58 AM

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Good morning,

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Thanks,

Jamie

From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 2:33 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM) <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>; Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov>

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Hi Cheryle,

Can you provide information about the delay in cause of death for Officer Sicknick? Can you tell me again what the NAME guidelines are (I believe you said 90 days)? When do you expect to have cause of death?

Thanks!

Lindsay Watts
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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Watts, Lindsay](#)
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Determinations of the Cause and Manner of Death - RE: January 6, 2021
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 3:05:59 PM

Good afternoon Lindsay,

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Best regards,
Cheryle

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From: Watts, Lindsay [mailto:Lindsay.Watts@FOX.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 2:54 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM); Fields, Beverly (OCME)
Subject: Re: Determinations of the Cause and Manner of Death - RE: January 6, 2021

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Hi Cheryle,

Can you provide information about the delay in cause of death for Officer Sicknick? Can you tell me again what the NAME guidelines are (I believe you said 90 days)? When do you expect to have cause of death?

Thanks!

Lindsay Watts
Reporter
Fox5DC

202-823-2447

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 7, 2021, at 2:33 PM, Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

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To: [Heath, Brad \(Reuters\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Determinations of the Cause and Manner of Death - RE: January 6, 2021
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 3:03:01 PM

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Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 2:56 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: RE: Determinations of the Cause and Manner of Death - RE: January 6, 2021

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Thanks, Cheryle.

Are you able to elaborate at all on why the cause and manner of death for Ofc. Sicknick remain undetermined? Is it unusual for a case to remain pending for this long?

Thanks,

Brad

From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 2:33 PM

To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>

Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM) <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>; Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov>

Subject: Determinations of the Cause and Manner of Death - RE: January 6, 2021

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Schram, Jamie \(*IC\)](#)
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Determinations of the Cause and Manner of Death - RE: January 6, 2021
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:32:58 AM

Good morning Jamie,

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From: Schram, Jamie (*IC) [mailto:Jamie.Schram@tmz.com]

Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 9:27 AM

To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)

Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM); Fields, Beverly (OCME)

Subject: Re: Determinations of the Cause and Manner of Death - RE: January 6, 2021

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Good morning,

Officer Brian Sicknick was not on yesterday's list. When can we expect his autopsy results?

Thanks,

Jamie

From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 2:33 PM

To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>

Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM) <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>; Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov>

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To: [Castillo, Susana \(EOM\)](#); [Foster, LaToya \(EOM\)](#)
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Dr. Diaz Interview Request
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:31:36 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
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Good afternoon Susana,

I will be updating the spreadsheet that you should have a copy of with the current media requests and will send that document as soon as it is completed. Please let me know if you should have any additional questions.

Thank you,
Cheryle

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From: Castillo, Susana (EOM)
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:29 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME); Foster, LaToya (EOM)
Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM); Fields, Beverly (OCME)
Subject: RE: Dr. Diaz Interview Request

Hi Cheryle,
Any way you can create a log and send only document?
Thanks,
Susana

Susana Castillo

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From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:22 AM
To: Castillo, Susana (EOM) <susana.castillo@dc.gov>; Foster, LaToya (EOM) <latoya.foster@dc.gov>
Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM) <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>; Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov>
Subject: FYI: Dr. Diaz Interview Request

Good morning to all,

Please see the request below regarding an interview.

Best regards,
Cheryle

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From: Flack, Eric [<mailto:EFlack@wusa9.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 10:08 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: Dr. Diaz Interview Request

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Thanks,
Eric Flack

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To: EFlack@wusa9.com
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Dr. Diaz Interview Request
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 12:18:02 PM
Attachments: [image005.png](#)
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Good afternoon Eric,

I am acknowledging receipt of your request and will follow up with a response soon.

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To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: FW: Dr. Diaz Interview Request

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Hi Cheryle – Resending this in case you missed it since I had not heard back.

If an interview is not possible can you please answer/address the following questions?

1. Why did release of Officer Sicknick's autopsy results and manner of death take longer than the others who deaths were connected to the siege on the Capitol January 6th?
2. Why did Officer Sicknick's autopsy results and manner of death take longer than NAME's 90 day standard for results to be returned and complete?
3. In a release from your office January 6th Dr. Diaz stated: On Wednesday, January 6, 2021 an unprecedented incident of civil insurrection at the United States Capitol resulted

in the deaths of five individuals. Officer Sicknick was included in that count. How can his manner of death be stroke/natural causes while at the same time be attributed to the insurrection?

This is for a report that will air on tonight's evening news.

Thanks,
Eric Flack

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To: [Laura Collins](#)
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Email enquiry as requested
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 7:44:38 AM

Good morning Laura,

I will follow up with you when the information is available.

Best regards,
Cheryle

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From: Laura Collins [mailto:Laura.Collins@mailonline.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 1:39 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
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Dear Cheryle

I'm not sure that I thanked you for this, if not I certainly meant to!
I appreciate being added to the list of media receiving updates,
Yours with best wishes,

Laura

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 11, 2021, at 12:09 PM, Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

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Good afternoon Laura,

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner will only release the cause and manner of death when this information is available. Additionally, I have added your name to the list to receive the information when it is available.

Best regards,
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Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 10:18 AM

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Date: Thursday, February 11, 2021 12:09:26 PM

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To: [Laura Collins](#)
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Email enquiry as requested
Date: Thursday, February 11, 2021 12:09:26 PM

Good afternoon Laura,

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner will only release the cause and manner of death when this information is available. Additionally, I have added your name to the list to receive the information when it is available.

Best regards,
Cheryle

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From: Laura Collins [mailto:Laura.Collins@mailonline.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 10:18 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
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Subject: FOLLOW UP: Email enquiry as requested
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 7:44:38 AM

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Dear Cheryle

I'm not sure that I thanked you for this, if not I certainly meant to!
I appreciate being added to the list of media receiving updates,
Yours with best wishes,

Laura

Sent from my iPhone

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To: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: FOIA Appeal 2021-096
Date: Thursday, February 18, 2021 3:13:30 PM



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To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: RE: FOLLOW UP: FOIA Appeal 2021-096

I suppose it would be the honorable course for you to follow up despite the wounding to my fragile ego.

Rod Adams

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Cc: Adams, Cheryle (OCME); Fields, Beverly (OCME)
Subject: FW: FOIA Appeal 2021-096

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Date: Thursday, February 18, 2021 3:11:14 PM

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Subject: FOLLOW UP: FOIA request
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:40:07 PM

Olivia has indicated that she will follow up with Mark Segraves.

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Interesting. I'll sit on it until after we do release the info.

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I would like all emails between Peter Herman of the Washington post and Cheryle Adams or Beverly Fields or anyone at OCME regarding cause and manner for Officer BRIAN Sicknick.

I am making this request under the freedom of information act.

Mark Segraves
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Sent from my iPhone, but never while driving. I would never do that. Although it would explain the typos.

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Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:35:25 AM

I will forward your email to Olivia for awareness purposes.

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From: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:33 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Cc: Diaz, Francisco (OCME); Fields, Beverly (OCME)
Subject: RE: FOLLOW UP: [EXTERNAL] RE: FOIA request

That would be fine. Mr. Seagraves, despite his protests, had already filed a FOIA request on the District portal. I will handle it in due course.

Rod

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-----Original Message-----

From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:26 AM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME) <rodney.adams@dc.gov>
Cc: Diaz, Francisco (OCME) <francisco.diaz@dc.gov>; Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov>
Subject: FOLLOW UP: [EXTERNAL] RE: FOIA request

Good morning to all,

Thank you for this update. Should we forward this email to the Deputy Mayor's office for awareness? Please let me know.

Thank you,
Cheryle

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From: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 10:36 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME); Fields, Beverly (OCME); Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: FOIA request

As you'll note from the back and forth below, reporter Mark Seagraves has his knickers in a bind. I will need to run ESRs through OCTO to assure we are responsive.

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From: Segraves, Mark (NBCUniversal) [<mailto:Mark.Segraves@nbcuni.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 10:30 AM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: FOIA request

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I really don't mean to be problematic about this but you don't need my address the foia law does not require that, it does not require you to use the portal.

That said I already have an account on the portal and have submitted it through the portal.

Thank you fir your attention to this request.

Mark Segraves
NBC Washington News
202-997-1576
@SegravesNBC4

Sent from my iPhone, but never while driving. I would never do that. Although it would explain the typos.

> On Apr 20, 2021, at 10:21 AM, Adams, Rodney (OCME) <rodney.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

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> OK, then I need your mailing address so I can set it up for you.

>

> Rod

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> DC law does not require me to go through the portal. dc FOIA law is
> very clear about that. I do wish to pursue this request. Thank you
>

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> NBC Washington News
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> @SeagravesNBC4
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>> On Apr 20, 2021, at 10:11 AM, Adams, Rodney (OCME) <rodney.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

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>> Mr. Seagraves:

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>> Thank you for your message. If you wish to pursue this request, please register and complete the form on the District's FOIA portal ([https://urldefense.com/v3/https://foia-dc.gov/...!!PIZeeW5wscynRO!5cx7xdP3raGY8LsHjueC5SUflZVaKmpj_UKbOYBAxhX8vh2tbxZBFW0cnJFWEtlaCOM\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/https://foia-dc.gov/...!!PIZeeW5wscynRO!5cx7xdP3raGY8LsHjueC5SUflZVaKmpj_UKbOYBAxhX8vh2tbxZBFW0cnJFWEtlaCOM$)) so we can process it appropriately. If you do not, I will assume that you are withdrawing the request.

>>

>> All the best,

>>

>> Rod

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>> From: Seagraves, Mark (NBCUniversal) [<mailto:Mark.Seagraves@nbcuni.com>]

>> Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:33 PM

>> To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)

>> Subject: FOIA request

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>> I am making this request under the freedom of information act.

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>> Mark Seagraves

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: skeating@justthenews.com
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#); [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: FOIA request from media
Date: Monday, February 8, 2021 1:21:01 PM

Good afternoon Susan,

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner will release the cause and manner of death when this information is available. Additionally, I have added your name to the list to receive the information when it is available.

Best regards,
Cheryle

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From: Susan Katz Keating [<mailto:skeating@justthenews.com>]
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 11:40 AM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME); ATD OCME
Subject: FOIA request from media

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The autopsy report for Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick.

I am requesting an expeditious response.

Sincerely,

~Susan Katz Keating
Just the News
1850 K St., NW, Ste 1000
Washington, D.C. 2006

Cell: 703-401-2547

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#); [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: FOIA request from media
Date: Monday, February 8, 2021 11:57:30 AM

Rodney,

Would you like for me to follow up with this individual? Please let me know.

Thank you,
Cheryle

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From: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Sent: Monday, February 08, 2021 11:55 AM
To: Fripp, SaVern (OCME)
Cc: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: RE: FOIA request from media

Thanks, SaVern. She sent the same request to me directly as well.

Rod Adams

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From: Fripp, SaVern (OCME)
Sent: Monday, February 08, 2021 11:42 AM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Cc: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: FW: FOIA request from media

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From: Susan Katz Keating [<mailto:skeating@justthenews.com>]
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 11:40 AM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME); ATD OCME
Subject: FOIA request from media

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Susan Katz Keating](#)
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#); [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: FOIA request from media
Date: Thursday, February 11, 2021 11:50:19 AM

Good morning Susan,

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Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 11:13 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM); Fields, Beverly (OCME); Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Subject: Re: FOLLOW UP: FOIA request from media

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Good morning Cheryle,

Can you please tell me why the results have not been released yet?

Thank you,

~Susan

On Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 1:35 PM Susan Katz Keating <skeating@justthenews.com> wrote:

Thank you, Cheryle, I appreciate the update.

Best,

~Susan

On Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 1:33 PM Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: FOIA request
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 8:12:50 AM

Good morning Beverly,

Thank you for this email. Is there anything more that I need to do regarding this request? Please let me know.

Best regards,
Cheryle

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From: Fields, Beverly (OCME)
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 8:14 PM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Cc: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: Re: FOIA request

Hi,

Mr. Seagraves called me this afternoon prior to his email and asked why information was provided to Mr. Herman at the Washington Post solely. He was quite upset. I referred him to the Mayor's Communications Team for response.

Beverly Ann Fields, Esq.
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202-329-9006 (c)
beverly.fields@dc.gov

> On Apr 19, 2021, at 4:38 PM, Adams, Rodney (OCME) <rodney.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

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> Interesting. I'll sit on it until after we do release the info.

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> Rod Adams

> Rodney K. Adams

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Papson, Allison](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: FOX 5 REQUEST: Brian Sicknick, Ashli Babbitt, Kevin Greeson, Rosanne Boyland & Benjamin Philips
Date: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 2:54:15 PM

Good afternoon Allison,

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From: Papson, Allison [mailto:Allison.Papson@FOX.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2021 2:35 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: RE: FOLLOW UP: FOX 5 REQUEST: Brian Sicknick, Ashli Babbitt, Kevin Greeson, Rosanne Boyland & Benjamin Philips

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Hi Cheryle,

Do you have an ETA on when you think these will be released?

Thank you.

Allison Papson
Senior Assignment Editor
Fox 5
202-895-3000
 @AllisonPapson



From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>

Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 3:23 PM

To: Allison Papson <Allison.Papson@FOXTV.COM>

Subject: FOLLOW UP: FOX 5 REQUEST: Brian Sicknick, Ashli Babbitt, Kevin Greeson, Rosanne Boyland & Benjamin Philips

Good afternoon Allison,

These cases are still pending and I have added your name to the list to receive the cause and manner of death when this information is available.

Best regards,
Cheryle

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From: Allison Papson [<mailto:Allison.Papson@FOXTV.COM>]

Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 12:54 PM

To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)

Subject: Re: FOLLOW UP: FOX 5 REQUEST: Brian Sicknick, Ashli Babbitt, Kevin Greeson, Rosanne Boyland & Benjamin Philips

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Hi Cheryle,

Any updates on these cases?

Thank you.

Allison Papson

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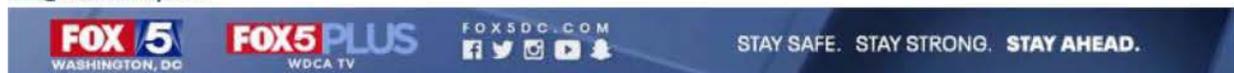
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Greeson, Rosanne Boyland & Benjamin Philips

Good morning Allison,

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner will release the cause and manner of death when this information is available.

Best regards,
Cheryle

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Hi Cheryle,

Will you please send us the cause and manner of death for Brian Sicknick, Ashli Babbitt, Kevin Greeson, Rosanne Boyland & Benjamin Philips?

Thank you.

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To: Kelly.Phares@FOXNEWS.COM
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: FOX INQUIRY: Jan 6 insurrection 4 individuals cause and manner of death release
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 3:35:19 PM

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From: Phares, Kelly <Kelly.Phares@FOXNEWS.COM>

Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 2:58 PM

To: Records, OCME (OCME) <ocme.records@dc.gov>; ATD OCME <ocme@dc.gov>

Subject: FOX INQUIRY: Jan 6 insurrection 4 individuals cause and manner of death release

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Good afternoon --

I am seeing some reporting of a release from OCME detailing the cause and manner of death of 4 of the 5 individuals who died during the Jan 6th Capitol insurrection. Are you able to send me that release?

Thank you,

Kelly Phares

Fox News Capitol Hill Producer

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To: Kelly.Phares@FOXNEWS.COM
Subject: FOLLOW UP: FOX INQUIRY: Jan 6 insurrection Officer Sicknick cause and manner of death
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 8:32:41 PM

Good evening Kelly,

The above-mentioned case is still pending.

Best regards,
Cheryle

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From: Phares, Kelly [mailto:Kelly.Phares@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 6:55 PM
To: Records, OCME (OCME); ATD OCME; Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: FOX INQUIRY: Jan 6 insurrection Officer Sicknick cause and manner of death

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Good evening—

I'm seeing reports that the medical examiners office has issued a release with the cause and manner of Officer Brian Sicknick's death. Can you provide me with that release?

Thank you,

Kelly Phares
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To: [Kearns, Cailin](#)
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: FOX NEWS INQUIRY
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 3:29:29 PM

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From: Kearns, Cailin [mailto:Cailin.Kearns@FOXNEWS.COM]

Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 3:15 PM

To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)

Subject: FOX NEWS INQUIRY

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To: Sally.Persons@foxnews.com
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: FOX News inquiry: Jan 6 attack
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 5:27:20 PM

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From: "Persons, Sally" <Sally.Persons@foxnews.com>

Date: April 7, 2021 at 3:29:17 PM EDT

To: ATD OCME <ocme@dc.gov>

Subject: FOX News inquiry: Jan 6 attack

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Best,

Sally Persons
White House Producer
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To: [Heath, Brad \(Reuters\)](#)
Cc: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Final Response 2021-FOIA-02874
Date: Thursday, February 11, 2021 10:07:15 AM

I will add your name to the list.

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On Feb 11, 2021, at 9:17 AM, Heath, Brad (Reuters) <Brad.Heath@thomsonreuters.com> wrote:

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Thanks, Rod. In that case, I doubt you'd have any records that would have satisfied my request anyway!

Cheryle, if you could add me to the list for anything that gets issued on the deaths at the Capitol I'd very much appreciate it.

Best,

Brad

From: Adams, Rodney (OCME) <rodney.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 9:12 AM
To: Heath, Brad (Reuters) <Brad.Heath@thomsonreuters.com>
Cc: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Subject: RE: Final Response 2021-FOIA-02874

Brad,

Thanks for your question. It's a hypothetical at this point as the determinations are in "pending" status while awaiting and evaluating toxicology, consultation reports, medical records, investigation reports, etc. that would normally go into completing a

medical examiner inquiry. Such an inquiry routinely takes up to 90 days. The Chief Medical Examiner may issue a statement when the determinations are finalized. Cheryle Adams, our press officer, has you on her list to receive anything that is issued.

All the best,

Rod Adams

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From: Heath, Brad (Reuters) <Brad.Heath@thomsonreuters.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 1:45 PM

To: Adams, Rodney (OCME) <rodney.adams@dc.gov>

Subject: RE: Final Response 2021-FOIA-02874

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Thanks, Rod. I appreciate the thoughtful reply. Does OCME have records that would be less potentially invasive than an autopsy report? (I can see how releasing all of that would raise issues for family members.) For example, is there some other record that would indicate whether Ofc. Sicknick's death was determined to be a homicide or give any indication of what the specific cause was without going into all the other detail?

Brad

From: Adams, Rodney (OCME) <rodney.adams@dc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 11:05 AM
To: Heath, Brad (Reuters) <Brad.Heath@thomsonreuters.com>
Subject: RE: Final Response 2021-FOIA-02874

Brad,

Thanks for your message. I appreciate your perspective and it's not without merit, but OCME has a very resolute position about not releasing an autopsy report unfettered into the public domain. We put ourselves in the shoes of a victim's family who might be confronted with details about their loved one on the front page of a newspaper (or website). The situation is very analogous to medical records.

However, by copy of this email, I am asking our Media Relations Specialist, Cheryle Adams, to add you to our email list of reporters who will receive any press releases that the Chief Medical Examiner may have on the deaths related to the Jan 6th riot.

[Cheryle, Brad Heath has identified himself as a reporter for Reuters]

All the best,

Rod Adams

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To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
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Hi Rod –

I appreciate the prompt reply. Would you have a moment to connect about this? I think there's a very strong public interest favoring disclosure at least when it comes to Ofc. Sicknick, such that the balancing test under (b)(6) would suggest that any invasion of his privacy would not be unwarranted given the rather extraordinary circumstances.

Thanks,

Brad

From: rodney.adams@dc.gov <rodney.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 10:15 AM
To: Heath, Brad (Reuters) <Brad.Heath@thomsonreuters.com>
Subject: Final Response 2021-FOIA-02874

Dear Brad Heath:

This is in response to your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for the following:

Please provide me with a complete copy of any records indicating the cause and manner of death for the following people, who died on or about Jan. 6, 2021: * Brian Sicknick * Ashli Babbitt * Kevin Greeson * Rosanne Boyland * Benjamin Philips (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/06/2021 To 02/03/2021)

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Under DC Code 2-537 and 1 DCMR 412, you have the right to appeal this letter

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All the best,

Rod Adams

Rodney K. Adams
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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Heath, Brad \(Reuters\)](#)
Cc: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Final Response 2021-FOIA-02874
Date: Thursday, February 11, 2021 10:07:15 AM

I will add your name to the list.

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On Feb 11, 2021, at 9:17 AM, Heath, Brad (Reuters) <Brad.Heath@thomsonreuters.com> wrote:

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Thanks, Rod. In that case, I doubt you'd have any records that would have satisfied my request anyway!

Cheryle, if you could add me to the list for anything that gets issued on the deaths at the Capitol I'd very much appreciate it.

Best,

Brad

From: Adams, Rodney (OCME) <rodney.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 9:12 AM
To: Heath, Brad (Reuters) <Brad.Heath@thomsonreuters.com>
Cc: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Subject: RE: Final Response 2021-FOIA-02874

Brad,

Thanks for your question. It's a hypothetical at this point as the determinations are in "pending" status while awaiting and evaluating toxicology, consultation reports, medical records, investigation reports, etc. that would normally go into completing a

medical examiner inquiry. Such an inquiry routinely takes up to 90 days. The Chief Medical Examiner may issue a statement when the determinations are finalized. Cheryle Adams, our press officer, has you on her list to receive anything that is issued.

All the best,

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From: Heath, Brad (Reuters) <Brad.Heath@thomsonreuters.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 1:45 PM

To: Adams, Rodney (OCME) <rodney.adams@dc.gov>

Subject: RE: Final Response 2021-FOIA-02874

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Thanks, Rod. I appreciate the thoughtful reply. Does OCME have records that would be less potentially invasive than an autopsy report? (I can see how releasing all of that would raise issues for family members.) For example, is there some other record that would indicate whether Ofc. Sicknick's death was determined to be a homicide or give any indication of what the specific cause was without going into all the other detail?

Brad

From: Adams, Rodney (OCME) <rodney.adams@dc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 11:05 AM
To: Heath, Brad (Reuters) <Brad.Heath@thomsonreuters.com>
Subject: RE: Final Response 2021-FOIA-02874

Brad,

Thanks for your message. I appreciate your perspective and it's not without merit, but OCME has a very resolute position about not releasing an autopsy report unfettered into the public domain. We put ourselves in the shoes of a victim's family who might be confronted with details about their loved one on the front page of a newspaper (or website). The situation is very analogous to medical records.

However, by copy of this email, I am asking our Media Relations Specialist, Cheryle Adams, to add you to our email list of reporters who will receive any press releases that the Chief Medical Examiner may have on the deaths related to the Jan 6th riot.

[Cheryle, Brad Heath has identified himself as a reporter for Reuters]

All the best,

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From: Heath, Brad (Reuters) [<mailto:Brad.Heath@thomsonreuters.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 09, 2021 10:48 AM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
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Hi Rod –

I appreciate the prompt reply. Would you have a moment to connect about this? I think there's a very strong public interest favoring disclosure at least when it comes to Ofc. Sicknick, such that the balancing test under (b)(6) would suggest that any invasion of his privacy would not be unwarranted given the rather extraordinary circumstances.

Thanks,

Brad

From: rodney.adams@dc.gov <rodney.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 10:15 AM
To: Heath, Brad (Reuters) <Brad.Heath@thomsonreuters.com>
Subject: Final Response 2021-FOIA-02874

Dear Brad Heath:

This is in response to your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for the following:

Please provide me with a complete copy of any records indicating the cause and manner of death for the following people, who died on or about Jan. 6, 2021: * Brian Sicknick * Ashli Babbitt * Kevin Greeson * Rosanne Boyland * Benjamin Philips (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/06/2021 To 02/03/2021)

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: danielle.wallace@FOXNEWS.COM
Cc: [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#); [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Fox News seeking confirmation -- Brian Sicknick cause of death
Date: Thursday, February 4, 2021 9:49:18 AM

Good morning Danielle,

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Best regards,
Cheryle

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From: "Wallace, Danielle" <danielle.wallace@FOXNEWS.COM>
Date: February 4, 2021 at 7:17:46 AM EST
To: ATD OCME <ocme@dc.gov>, "Records, OCME (OCME)" <ocme.records@dc.gov>
Cc: "Gaffney, Melissa" <Melissa.Leon@FOXNEWS.COM>, "Arroyo, Michael" <Michael.Arroyo@foxbusiness.com>, "Conner, Paul" <Paul.Conner@FOXNEWS.COM>, "Early, Jordan" <Jordan.Early@FOXNEWS.COM>
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Kindly,

Danielle Wallace

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Lindsay Watts](#)
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Fox5DC request-Brian Sicknick autopsy
Date: Sunday, January 10, 2021 11:50:05 AM

Good morning Lindsay,

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner will release the cause and manner of death when this information is available.

Best regards,
Cheryle

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-----Original Message-----

From: Lindsay Watts [<mailto:Lindsay.Watts@FOX5TV.COM>]
Sent: Sunday, January 10, 2021 10:42 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: Fox5DC request-Brian Sicknick autopsy

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Hi Cheryle,

Have You completed an autopsy on capitol police officer Brian Sicknick? If so, can you provide cause of death? If not, when do you anticipate that to be completed?

Thanks,

Lindsay Watts
Reporter
Fox5DC
202-823-2447

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Lindsay Watts](#)
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Fox5DC request-Brian Sicknick autopsy
Date: Monday, January 11, 2021 11:18:09 AM

Good morning Lindsay,

The information will be released from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner when it is available and I have added your contact information to list to receive it. Please let me know if you should have additional questions.

Thank you,
Cheryle

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-----Original Message-----

From: Lindsay Watts [<mailto:Lindsay.Watts@FOX5TV.COM>]
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 10:57 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM); Fields, Beverly (OCME)
Subject: Re: FOLLOW UP: Fox5DC request-Brian Sicknick autopsy

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Thank you, Cheryle. When this information is available, will it be released by your office? If so, can you add me to your media email list? Do you expect it today?

Thanks,

Lindsay

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jan 10, 2021, at 11:50 AM, Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov> wrote:
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> Best regards,

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Hobbs, Tawnell](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Hi -- from the WSJ
Date: Thursday, April 1, 2021 3:53:59 PM

Good afternoon Tawnell,

This case is still pending.

Best regards,
Cheryle

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From: Hobbs, Tawnell [mailto:tawnell.hobbs@wsj.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 12:42 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: Hi -- from the WSJ

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Hi! It's Tawnell at the WSJ. Just checking in to see if there's anything new on the Sicknick report.

Thank you!

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To: [Hobbs, Tawnell](#)
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Hi -- question from The Wall Street Journal
Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 5:02:50 PM

Good afternoon Tawnell,

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From: Hobbs, Tawnell [mailto:tawnell.hobbs@wsj.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 4:53 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
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Subject: Re: FOLLOW UP: Hi -- question from The Wall Street Journal

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Hi there! Circling back on this -- wondering if you all have an estimated timeframe when reports might be ready on Brian Sicknick and/or Howard Liebengood. Thank you.

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On Wed, Jan 20, 2021 at 7:57 AM Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

Good morning Tawnell,

I have added your contact information to our media contact list.

Best regards,
Cheryle

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From: Hobbs, Tawnell [mailto:tawnell.hobbs@wsj.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 4:32 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
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Subject: Re: FOLLOW UP: Hi -- question from The Wall Street Journal

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Thank you! Should I just keep checking back everyday, or do you have a media list?

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On Tue, Jan 19, 2021 at 3:31 PM Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Tawnell,

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Best regards,
Cheryle

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From: "Hobbs, Tawnell" <tawnell.hobbs@wsj.com>
Date: January 19, 2021 at 3:58:21 PM EST
To: ATD OCME <ocme@dc.gov>
Subject: Hi -- question from The Wall Street Journal

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From: Lydia O'Connor <lydia.oconnor@huffpost.com>
Date: April 19, 2021 at 4:15:04 PM EDT
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Subject: HuffPost media request (timely)

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Hello,
I'm a reporter with HuffPost seeking access to the medical examiner's report on U.S. Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick's death. Can you provide me with a copy? Thanks for your time.

Best,
Lydia

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Lydia O'Connor
Reporter | San Francisco



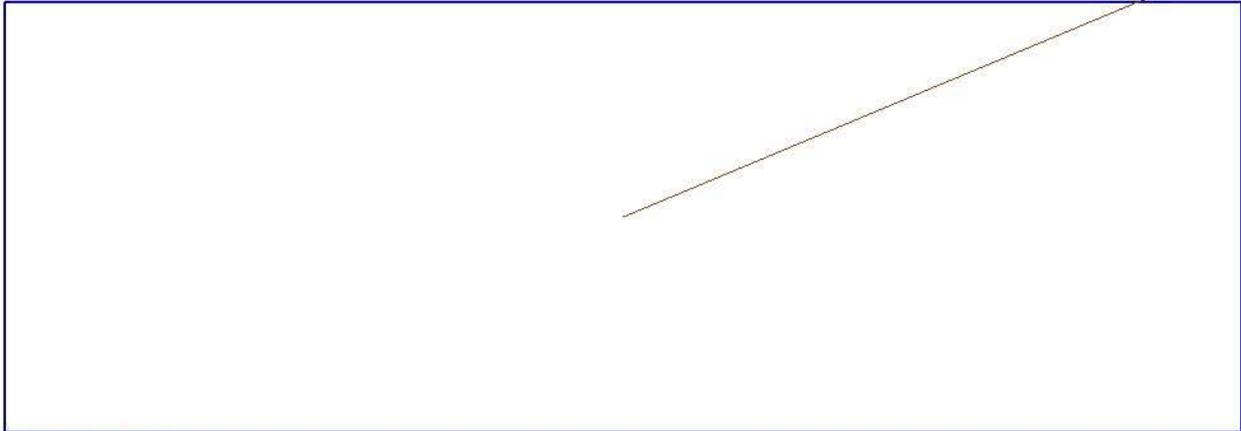
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To: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#)
Cc: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Information Requested on Cause and Manner of Deaths From January 6 Insurrection
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 1:38:23 PM
Attachments: [Media Requests - Media Outlet Contact Information - 4.7.2021.xlsx](#)

2-534(e)

Good afternoon Olivia,



Thank you,
Cheryle

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From: Dedner, Olivia (EOM)
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 1:08 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: Information Requested on Cause and Manner of Deaths From January 6 Insurrection
Importance: High

THIS WAS APPROVED TO GO OUT – USE AS PRESENTED BELOW:

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Ashli Babbitt, 35 years old:

- Cause of Death—Gunshot wound to the left anterior shoulder
- Manner of Death—Homicide

Kevin Greeson, 55 years old:

- Cause of Death—Hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
- Manner of Death—Natural

Benjamin Phillips, 50 years old:

- Cause of Death—Hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
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- Cause of Death—Acute Amphetamine Intoxication
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The cause and manner of death for Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick are pending.

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Watts, Lindsay](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Interview request Fox5DC
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:39:49 AM

Good afternoon Lindsay,

I am acknowledging receipt of your request and will follow up with a response soon.

Best regards,
Cheryle

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From: Watts, Lindsay [<mailto:Lindsay.Watts@FOX.COM>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:16 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: Interview request Fox5DC

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Hi Cheryle!

Per our conversation yesterday, I wanted to request an interview with Dr. Diaz about Officer Brian Sicknick.

Please let me know if that is possible. We could do it in person or via zoom.

Thank you,

Lindsay Watts
Reporter
Fox5DC
202-823-2447

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To: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#); [Francis, Anna \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Litigation Hold Letter - Case NO. 2021 CA 000875 B
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:39:10 AM
Attachments: [FYI Determinations of the Cause and Manner of Death - RE January 6 2021.msg.msg](#)

Good morning Rodney,

Please find attached the document that the DMPSJ Communications Director prepared and I sent to the reporters on Tuesday, April 7, 2021. Please let me know if you should have any questions.

Thank you,
Cheryle

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To: Francis, Anna (OCME)
Cc: Diaz, Francisco (OCME); Adams, Cheryle (OCME); Fields, Beverly (OCME)
Subject: RE: Litigation Hold Letter - Case NO. 2021 CA 000875 B

And the morning FOIAexpress check finds two requests from Judicial Watch / Mr. Marshall (1. All communications by Cheryl in preparing yesterday's press release; and 2. Case file of Ashli Babbit) and another reporter's request for Off. Sicknick case file. I will address accordingly.

Rod Adams

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Subject: FW: Litigation Hold Letter - Case NO. 2021 CA 000875 B
Importance: High

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FYI...Judicial Watch has filed suit to obtain the Off. Sicknick case file.

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Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 9:51 AM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Cc: Spencer, Cara (OAG)
Subject: Litigation Hold Letter - Case NO. 2021 CA 000875 B
Importance: High

Mr. Adams,

Attached please find a litigation hold letter and a copy of the complaint for the above referenced matter. Cara Spencer will be representing the District. Please feel free to contact either of us should you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,
Lori

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Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Media Inquiry
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 6:51:38 PM

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Best,

Kristopher Rivera
Sputnik Newswire, DC Bureau
Correspondent
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To: EFlack@wusa9.com
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Media Inquiry re: Officer Brian Sicknick
Date: Monday, February 1, 2021 4:21:41 PM

Good afternoon Eric,

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Best regards,
Cheryle

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From: "Flack, Eric" <EFlack@wusa9.com>
Date: February 1, 2021 at 2:50:36 PM EST
To: ATD OCME <ocme@dc.gov>
Subject: Media Inquiry re: Officer Brian Sicknick

Good afternoon - I work with WUSA9 and am preparing for our coverage of Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick's funeral.

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Eric Flack
WUSA9

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Thanks Cheryl - So to be crystal clear in my reporting, the cause of death has not officially been determined? Or has been determined but has been publicly released?

I want to be as specific as possible in my reporting to avoid incorrect information.

Thanks,
Eric

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Subject: FOLLOW UP: Media request -- The Washington Times
Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 11:39:22 AM

Good morning Jeff,

OCME medical examiners comply with the National Association of Medical Examiners' (NAME) standard to determine the cause and manner of death within 90 days; however, for cases that are more complex it could be longer. Therefore, when this information is available and the decedent's next of kin has been notified, I will provide you with the cause and manner of death. Additionally, I have added your name to the list to receive the information when it is available.

Best regards,
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Sent: Wednesday, March 03, 2021 10:40 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: Media request -- The Washington Times

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Hi Cheryle,

I am working on a story about the death of officer Brian Sicknick.

Can the Medical Examiner give any updates on a possible timeline on when we may hear anything or when it could possibly announce a cause of death?

Is there anything the Medical Examiner can say about a timeline for an announcement?

Thanks
Jeff

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Media request
Date: Friday, February 26, 2021 11:08:53 AM

Good morning Rodney,

This reporter is already on the list to receive the information when it is available.

Best regards,
Cheryle

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From: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 11:07 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: Media request

Cheryle,

Here is another reporter for your list making a FOIA request re: death of Off. Slicknick. I will be denying her FOIA request.

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Subject: Request Assignment

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Dear Rodney Adams ,

Request # 2021-FOIA-03278 has been assigned to you for processing. Here's a brief summary of the request:

Request ID: 2021-FOIA-03278
Request Type: FOIA
Requested By: Cartmill, Elise
Requested Date: February 23, 2021
Primary User: Rodney Adams
Target Date: March 16, 2021

Request Description:

WJLA would like to request cause of death and autopsy report for Officer Brian

David Sicknick. He collapsed at Capitol PD Headquarters on Jan. 6th 2021 and passed away later at the hospital. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/06/2021 To 01/08/2021)

Assignment Note:

From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: hunter.woodall@startribune.com
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Media request from the Star Tribune
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:20:26 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Good morning,

My name is Hunter Woodall and I'm a Washington reporter for The Minneapolis Star Tribune. I was just hoping to be sent any details or information the office provided to media this week regarding the death of U.S. Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick. Thanks for your help!

All the best,

Hunter Woodall

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Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: NBC News: clarification on Capitol death
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 4:22:25 PM

Good afternoon Gabriel,

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Subject: NBC News: clarification on Capitol death

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Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: NEWSWEEK: Requesting Info About Officer Sicknick
Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 12:32:59 PM

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Best,
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To: SBelmont@newsnationnow.com
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Network News Inquiry
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 6:29:11 PM

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I'm reaching out on behalf of News Nation. We're wondering if you can pass along any information regarding the coroner's conclusion of US Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick's death. Is there a report or release you can share with us? Any details are appreciated.

Thank you,

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To: JAnquiano@newsnationnow.com
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Network News Request
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 5:31:57 PM

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From: Juan Anguiano <JAnguiano@newsnationnow.com>
Date: April 7, 2021 at 4:10:45 PM EDT
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Subject: Network News Request

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Hello,

I am reaching out to you on behalf of News Nation. We are see some news outlets release information by the ME's office on the manner of death of four people who died during the January 6 incident in DC. Can you can you send along the manner of death for the four? Thank you for your time. We look forward to you response.

Thanks!

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To: [Haley Gillman](#)
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Newsmax Request
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 7:43:09 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Good morning Haley,

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Best regards,
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Date: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 1:12:53 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

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To: [DeLon Thornton](#)
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: OCME Capitol Riot Findings
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 5:02:25 PM

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From: DeLon Thornton [mailto:ThorntonDA@cbsnews.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 4:52 PM

To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)

Subject: OCME Capitol Riot Findings

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Hello Cheryle,

My apologies for some reason this didn't send. CBS News is requesting the findings from OCME regarding the deaths of the 4 people involved in the January 6th Capitol Riots.

Thank you,

DeLon Thornton

Broadcast Associate – Assignment Desk

CBS News, Washington

O:(202) 457-4444

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Vincent Gallo](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Officer Brian Sicknick
Date: Thursday, February 4, 2021 2:18:21 PM

Good afternoon Mr. Gallo,

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Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2021 12:51 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: Re: Officer Brian Sicknick

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On Thursday, February 4, 2021, 09:55:04 AM CST, Vincent Gallo <gallo_cmc@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Ms. Adams,

I am requesting a copy of the autopsy report for Officer Brian Sicknick. I am in the process of writing an article about the nature and consequences of the events of January 6, 2021 and Officer Sicknick's death is a major component of the results of the riot that occurred in the capital. As a concerned citizen, it is also my intention to contact my congressional representatives about what led up to this event, and the potential for further civil unrest. It is imperative that only facts are utilized in discussing these issues, that is why I am asking for your assistance. There are conflicting media reports as to the nature of the cause and manner of his death and they need to be cleared up.

This is a clear case of "serving the public interest" regarding the release of this information, and I am respectfully requesting that you make it available.

Thank you,

Vincent Gallo

From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: peter.hermann@washpost.com
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Officer Sicknick
Date: Monday, January 11, 2021 8:04:01 AM

Good morning Peter,

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From: Hermann, Peter [mailto:Peter.Hermann@washpost.com]
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 7:58 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM)
Subject: Officer Sicknick

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Good morning, this is Peter Hermann from the Washington Post

Seeking, when availalbe,

Cause and manner for:

1. Capitol Police Officer Brian D.Sicknick
2. Ashli Babbit

Both were killed Jan. 2, 2021.

Thank you

Peter Hermann
Washington Post
410-371-5439

From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: Michael.Kosnar@nbcuni.com
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Officer Sicknick report
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 6:12:30 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

On Wednesday, January 6, 2021, an unprecedented incident of civil insurrection at the United States Capitol resulted in the deaths of five individuals. The District of Columbia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. Francisco J. Diaz, MD, FACP, issued determinations on April 7 as to the cause and manner of death for four of those individuals and today issues the cause and manner of death of the remaining individual.

- **Brian Sicknick, 42 years old:**
 - Cause of Death—Acute brainstem and cerebellar infarcts due to acute basilar artery thrombosis
 - Manner of Death—Natural

Publicly disclosed timeline of events:

- Wednesday, January 6, 2021:
 - Approximately 2:20 PM: Officer Brian Sicknick is sprayed with a chemical substance outside the U.S. Capitol.
 - Approximately 10:00 PM: Officer Sicknick collapses at the U.S. Capitol and is transported by D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services to a local hospital.
- Thursday, January 7, 2021:
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From: "Kosnar, Michael (NBCUniversal)" <Michael.Kosnar@nbcuni.com>

Date: April 19, 2021 at 4:12:15 PM EDT

To: ATD OCME <ocme@dc.gov>

Subject: Officer Sicknick report

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Hi

Is the actual report on Officer Sicknick finished? Is that available to the media?

Thanks

Mike

Michael Kosnar
Justice Department Producer
NBC News
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Email: michael.kosnar@nbcuni.com



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Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#); [Foster, LaToya \(EOM\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Officer Sicknick ruling
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:51:45 PM
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Good afternoon Susana,

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Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:49 PM
To: Nicholas Wu
Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM); Foster, LaToya (EOM); Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: RE: Officer Sicknick ruling

Hi Nicholas,
I'm adding Olivia and Cheryle. They will follow up with you shortly.
Thanks,
Susana

Susana Castillo
Press Secretary
Office of Communications
Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser
Main Office: 202-727-5011

Cell: 202-309-2640
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<http://mayor.dc.gov/>

From: Nicholas Wu <nwu@politico.com>

Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:43 PM

To: Foster, LaToya (EOM) <latoya.foster@dc.gov>; Castillo, Susana (EOM) <susana.castillo@dc.gov>

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Hi LaToya and Susana,

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To: [naugenstein](#)
Cc: [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#); [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Officer Sicknick
Date: Friday, February 5, 2021 9:29:03 AM

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Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:45:41 PM

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Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:44 PM

To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)

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Please reply ASAP as I am on deadline.

Thank you,
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Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Press inquiry regarding Brian Sicknick's cause of death
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 5:32:01 PM

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Date: April 19, 2021 at 4:36:24 PM EDT
To: ATD OCME <ocme@dc.gov>
Subject: Press inquiry regarding Brian Sicknick's cause of death

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Hello,
I'm reaching out in hopes of getting information reported by The Washington Post regarding Officer Sicknick's cause of death.

Thank you for any help,
Chuck Ross
The Daily Caller
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Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Press request cause and manner
Date: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 9:17:41 AM

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Date: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 9:17:41 AM

Good morning Mark,

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To: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Public Safety and Justice Cluster Meeting - OCME Proposed Talking Points
Date: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 2:23:05 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[OCME-PSJ Cluster Meeting Talking Points - 3.25.2021.docx](#)

Good afternoon Dr. Diaz,

Please see the attached document.

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To: Fields, Beverly (OCME)
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Subject: RE: Public Safety and Justice Cluster Meeting - OCME Proposed Talking Points

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Subject: Re: Public Safety and Justice Cluster Meeting - OCME Proposed Talking Points

Thank you!!!

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Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 1:44:09 PM
To: Diaz, Francisco (OCME) <francisco.diaz@dc.gov>; Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov>
Subject: Public Safety and Justice Cluster Meeting - OCME Proposed Talking Points

Good afternoon Dr. Diaz and Beverly,

Please find attached the proposed talking points for the Public Safety and Justice Cluster meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 25, 2021. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Cheryle

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Date: Friday, February 5, 2021 1:55:33 PM

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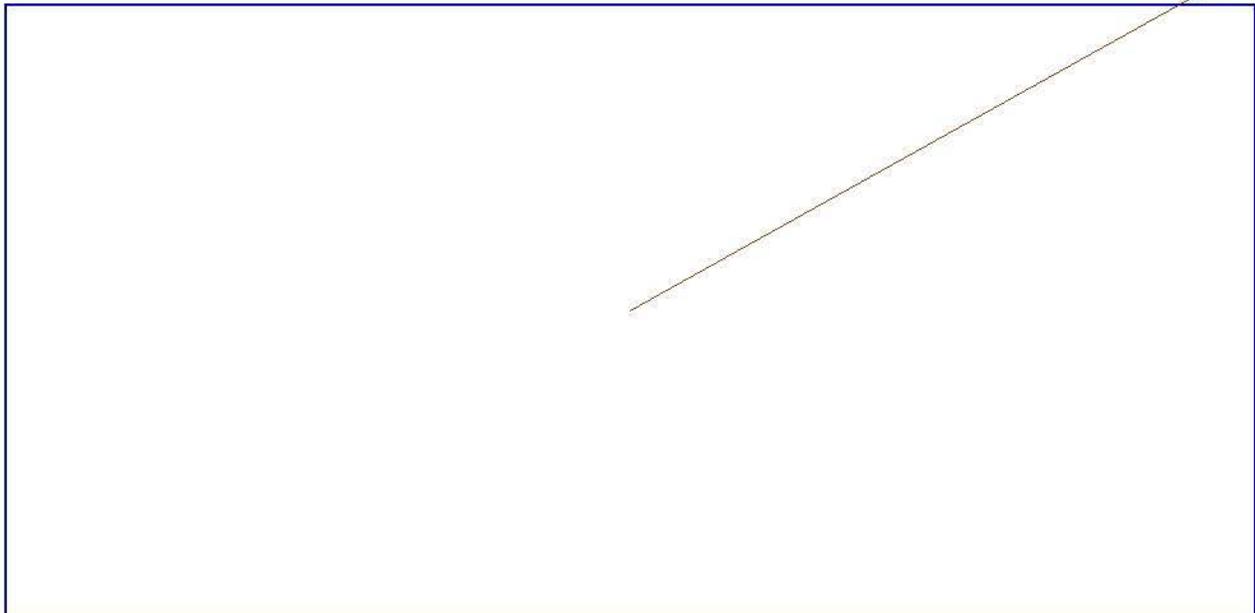
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Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 10:20:37 AM

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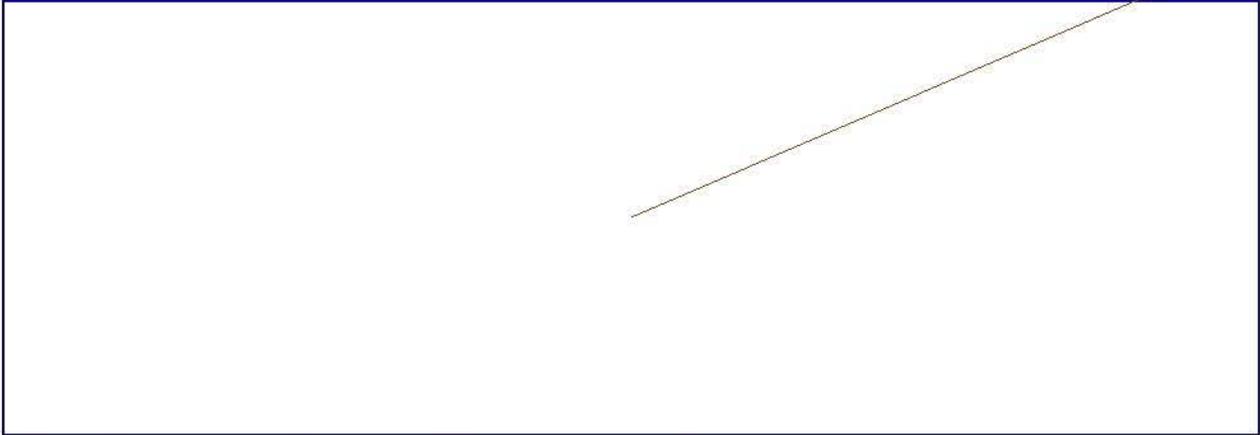
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Subject: FOLLOW UP: Question Regarding Judicial Watch Lawsuit
Date: Monday, April 5, 2021 2:49:38 PM

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Beverly and Olivia,



Please let me know if you should have any questions.

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News to me. I am not aware of Judicial Watch filing a lawsuit against the District. It is appealing the denial of its FOIA request to the Mayor's Office.

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From: Ashley Kim [<mailto:akim@mrc.org>]
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2021 1:36 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: Question Regarding Judicial Watch Lawsuit

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Thank you very much,
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To: [Ashley Kim](#)
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Question Regarding Judicial Watch Lawsuit
Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 12:04:46 PM

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Thank you for your response. I have a follow-up question:

Does your office know the cause of the death of Mr. Sicknick, yes or no?

Regards,
Ashley Kim

On Tue, Apr 6, 2021 at 10:20 AM Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

Good morning Ashley,

OCME medical examiners comply with the National Association of Medical Examiners' (NAME) standard to determine the cause and manner of death within 90 days; however, for cases that are more complex it could be longer. Therefore, when this information is available and the decedent's next of kin has been notified, I will provide you with the cause and manner of death. Additionally, I have added your name to the list to receive the information when it is available.

Best regards,
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From: [Adams, Cheryl \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Emma Green](#)
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Question from the Atlantic
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 4:21:43 PM

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From: Emma Green [mailto:emma@theatlantic.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 12:57 PM

To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)

Subject: Question from the Atlantic

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Cheryle, hi --

I hope this note finds you well. I'm a reporter at the Atlantic magazine. I'm writing to request a copy of your office's statement on the death of Officer Brian Sicknick, along with a copy of the medical examiner's autopsy report.

You can reach me at 615.477.0982.

Thank you,
Emma

Emma Green
The Atlantic

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Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 6:20:54 PM

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To: csommerfeldt@nydailynews.com
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Regarding cause of death for Office Brian Sicknick
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 6:49:57 PM

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From: "Sommerfeldt, Chris" <csommerfeldt@nydailynews.com>
Date: April 19, 2021 at 5:36:03 PM EDT
To: ATD OCME <ocme@dc.gov>
Subject: Regarding cause of death for Office Brian Sicknick

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Hello OCME staff,

My name is Chris Sommerfeldt. I'm a reporter with the New York Daily News.

I'm seeing reports that the OCME has made a determination about the cause of death for U.S. Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick.

Could you send me the statement from the OCME? Thank you.

All best,
Chris
(914) 559-8016

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Request Assignment
Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 11:32:55 AM

Good afternoon Rodney,

This reporter is already on the list.

Best regards,
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From: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2021 11:06 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: FW: Request Assignment

Cheryle,

Here's an NPR reporter to add to your list.

E-mail: cgrisales@npr.org

Rod Adams

Rodney K. Adams

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From: rodney.adams@dc.gov [<mailto:rodney.adams@dc.gov>]

Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2021 11:01 AM

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Dear Rodney Adams ,

Request # 2021-FOIA-03472 has been assigned to you for processing. Here's a brief summary of the request:

Request ID: 2021-FOIA-03472

Request Type: FOIA

Requested By: Grisales, Claudia

Requested Date: March 3, 2021

Primary User: Rodney Adams

Target Date: March 24, 2021

Request Description:

Requesting the autopsy report and death certificate for late U.S. Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick who died from injuries suffered in the Jan. 6 insurrection. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/06/2021 To 12/31/2021)

Assignment Note:

From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: zack.stieber@epochtimes.nyc
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Request for Comment
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 2:11:52 PM

Good afternoon Zack,

It is OCME's policy not to comment on stories.

Best regards,
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From: Zack Stieber <zack.stieber@epochtimes.nyc>
Date: April 8, 2021 at 1:27:16 PM EDT
To: ATD OCME <ocme@dc.gov>
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Hello,

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Do you all have a comment on this? <https://www.judicialwatch.org/press-releases/brian-sicknick/>

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Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 2:11:52 PM

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To: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#); [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Response to Sen. Johnson
Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 9:32:05 AM
Attachments: [Johnson re Sicknick investigation 2021 03 09.docx](#)

Good morning Rodney and Dr. Diaz,

I have reviewed the letter and made a few small edits for your consideration. Please let me know if you should have any questions.

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Dr. Diaz,

Attached is the draft response to Sen. Johnson's letter that we discussed this morning in case you would like to make revisions. I also welcome Cheryle's perspective as well.

When you are comfortable with it, I will be happy to convey it back to the Senate staffer.

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Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 6:48:02 PM

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Subject: FOLLOW UP: Sicknick repot
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:57:49 PM

We will add you to the list.

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Hi Cheryle,

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To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)

Subject: Sicknick repot

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Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:57:49 PM

We will add you to the list.

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Thank you so much! Would love to be on your press list if that's not too difficult

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To: [Mychael Schnell](#)
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Subject: FOLLOW UP: The Hill media inquiry
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:40:54 PM

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Hi Cheryle,

I'm Mychael Schnell, a reporter with The Hill newspaper. I hope you're doing well! I saw The Washington Post [report](#) that the DC Medical Examiner's office found that Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick, who died shortly after the Jan. 6 attack at the Capitol, suffered two strokes and died of natural causes. Can you confirm this information? And if possible, can you please pass along the autopsy report? Any information you could provide would be helpful. Thank you!

Best,
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To: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Transitioning
Date: Thursday, April 1, 2021 2:06:19 PM

Good afternoon Rodney,

I would be more than thrilled to hand over the binoculars and camouflage jacket☺ It will be a smooth transition as I have been keeping a spreadsheet with the reporters telephone numbers and email addresses to be used when the information is available. I will provide you with the most current list before I depart OCME. Finally, thank you and it was a pleasure to meet you virtually. I might see you before I leave as I need to pack up my office☺

Have a great day!

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From: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 9:30 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: Transitioning

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Thanks for your help,

Rod Adams

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Subject: FOLLOW UP: USA Today: Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick's death investigated as homicide, any charges will be federal
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 3:23:26 PM

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USA Today

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Date: Friday, January 8, 2021 1:30:38 PM

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Sent: Friday, January 08, 2021 1:23 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: USA Today: Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick's death investigated as homicide, any charges will be federal

FYI if you have not already seen.

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USA Today

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2021/01/08/capitol-riots-brian-sicknicks-death-being-investigated-homicide/6593630002/>

Sincerely,

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To: julie.kelly45@att.net
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Update on Officer Sicknick
Date: Monday, February 8, 2021 1:23:19 PM

Good afternoon Julie,

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From: Julie Kelly <julie.kelly45@att.net>
Date: February 8, 2021 at 12:56:56 PM EST
To: ATD OCME <ocme@dc.gov>
Subject: Update on Officer Sicknick

Hello - I'm a reporter for American Greatness and covering Officer Sicknick's death. Did you conduct an autopsy or review of his death? If so, will it be released publicly at any time?

Thank you in advance, my deadline is 6pm today.

Julie Kelly

From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Julie Kelly](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Update on Sicknick autopsy
Date: Monday, April 5, 2021 8:54:18 AM

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Sent: Saturday, April 03, 2021 6:42 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: Update on Sicknick autopsy

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Hi Cheryle, I'm a reporter with American Greatness and emailed you several weeks ago about when Officer Sicknick's autopsy, toxicology report will be released. Do you know when it will be released and why, almost 3 months later, the results haven't been made public?

Thank you in advance for any response.

Julie Kelly

Sent from my iPhone

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To: [Castillo, Susana \(EOM\)](#); [Foster, LaToya \(EOM\)](#)
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Urgent CNN NEW DAY interview request
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 5:15:29 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

I will update the spreadsheet with the media requests that I have received today and will provide that document soon.

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Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM); Fields, Beverly (OCME)
Subject: RE: FYI Urgent CNN NEW DAY interview request

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From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 5:02 PM
To: Castillo, Susana (EOM) <susana.castillo@dc.gov>; Foster, LaToya (EOM) <latoya.foster@dc.gov>
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Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:54 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: FW: Urgent CNN NEW DAY interview request

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To: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#); [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Urgent CNN NEW DAY interview request
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 5:25:36 PM

I have received these emails and have responded.

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To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME); Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
Subject: Fwd: Urgent CNN NEW DAY interview request

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Cc: [Spaht, Erin](#); [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Use of Bear Spray on Officer Brian Sicknick
Date: Thursday, February 11, 2021 11:59:38 AM
Attachments: [image005.png](#)
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Thank you,
Eric Flack

Eric Flack | Chief Investigative Reporter

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Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: WJLA/ABC 7 News on Officer Brian Sicknick Follow-Up
Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 9:35:15 AM
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Subject: FOLLOW UP: Wall Street Journal Request
Date: Friday, January 8, 2021 2:14:42 PM

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Andy Duehren
The Wall Street Journal
(o): 202-862-9241
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Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Webform.ocme.atd
Date: Thursday, February 18, 2021 1:37:51 PM

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: bmccarthy@poynter.org
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Webform.ocme.atd
Date: Thursday, February 18, 2021 1:37:51 PM

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Best regards,
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Message

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To: thompsonna5771@aol.com
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Webform.ocme.atd
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 12:55:27 PM

Good afternoon Ms. Patterson,

According to our [RELEASE OF INFORMATION](#): (Standard Operation Procedures – General Public: 4.2), we are unable to fulfill your request because autopsy reports and associated information (i.e., cause and manner of death) are not provided to the general public.

The case files of OCME are confidential under DC Code 5-1412.

Best regards,
Cheryle

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: cdickson@yahoo.com
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Yahoo News request - On Deadline
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 9:56:23 AM

Good morning Caitlin,

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From: Caitlin Dickson [<mailto:cdickson@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 9:34 AM

To: ATD OCME

Subject: Yahoo News request - On Deadline

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Hi there,

I'm currently working on a story about a number of questions and conspiratorial claims that have been raised recently about Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick's death, and I'm hoping you can provide some information that could help clear things up. My deadline is 4pm EST today, Feb. 17.

First, can you confirm a cause of death for Officer Sicknick, or share any information about the findings of his autopsy?

One particular post by the website [Revolver News](#) — which has been cited and further promoted by prominent cable news hosts, magazine columnists, and members of Congress — alleges, among other things, that federal authorities are “hiding the medical report” with Officer Sicknick’s cause of death.

The same post also suggests that Officer Sicknick’s body may have been cremated without his family’s authorization, speculating about “Why, one must wonder, would a family still searching for answers, who has no autopsy results, no death certificate, and no medical report, authorize a cremation? *Did they?*”

Can you confirm whether or not Officer Sicknick’s family authorized his cremation, and whether they receive a death certificate and/or autopsy results? Had all necessary tests been conducted to determine Officer Sicknick’s cause of death before his body was cremated?

Finally, can you perhaps explain why the autopsy findings / official cause of death in this case have not yet been made public? It seems as though the lack of official details is really fueling speculation here, so any information you can provide to help set the record straight would be greatly appreciated.

Best,
Caitlin

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Caitlin Dickson
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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: [EXTERNAL] RE: FOIA request
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:26:07 AM

Good morning to all,

Thank you for this update. Should we forward this email to the Deputy Mayor's office for awareness? Please let me know.

Thank you,
Cheryle

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From: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 10:36 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME); Fields, Beverly (OCME); Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: FOIA request

As you'll note from the back and forth below, reporter Mark Seagraves has his knickers in a bind. I will need to run ESRs through OCTO to assure we are responsive.

Rod

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From: Segraves, Mark (NBCUniversal) [<mailto:Mark.Segraves@nbcuni.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 10:30 AM
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I really don't mean to be problematic about this but you don't need my address the foia law does not require that, it does not require you to use the portal.

That said I already have an account on the portal and have submitted it through the portal.

Thank you fir your attention to this request.

Mark Segraves
NBC Washington News
202-997-1576
@SegravesNBC4

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> On Apr 20, 2021, at 10:21 AM, Adams, Rodney (OCME) <rodney.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

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> OK, then I need your mailing address so I can set it up for you.

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> Rod

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> DC law does not require me to go through the portal. dc FOIA law is very clear about that. I do wish to pursue this request. Thank you
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>> All the best,
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>> I am making this request under the freedom of information act.

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To: maureen.mcmanus@charter.com
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: media inquiry
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:27:49 AM

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Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 4:48 PM

To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)

Subject: Fwd: media inquiry

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To: [Jack Healy](#)
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: nytimes inquiry about DC riot deaths
Date: Monday, January 11, 2021 4:00:01 PM

I will only be able to provide the cause and manner of death when the information is available.

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Thanks Cheryle. I chatted briefly w/ Beverly and got confused about the numbers. She said you guys were handling four of the deaths, but my count was five (this is not including the 2nd officer). Any way you can confirm a number?

On Mon, Jan 11, 2021 at 3:48 PM Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Jack,

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner will release the cause and manner of death when this information is available.

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Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 3:43 PM

To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)

Subject: nytimes inquiry about DC riot deaths

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Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: nytimes inquiry about DC riot deaths
Date: Monday, January 11, 2021 3:47:53 PM

Good afternoon Jack,

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Best regards,
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Subject: FOLLOW UP: nytimes inquiry about DC riot deaths
Date: Monday, January 11, 2021 4:00:01 PM

I will only be able to provide the cause and manner of death when the information is available.

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Thanks Cheryle. I chatted briefly w/ Beverly and got confused about the numbers. She said you guys were handling four of the deaths, but my count was five (this is not including the 2nd officer). Any way you can confirm a number?

On Mon, Jan 11, 2021 at 3:48 PM Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

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To: [Jansen, Bart](#)
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: press query
Date: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 11:35:25 AM

Good morning Bart,

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From: Jansen, Bart [mailto:bjansen@usatoday.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 11:23 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: press query

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Hello from Bart Jansen, a reporter at USA TODAY. My number is 703-854-8905, if you ever need it. I'm working on a story about Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick's death and I wanted to check if autopsy results were available yet? Thanks for any assistance.

Bart Jansen
Congressional correspondent



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Subject: FOLLOW UP/FINAL: Chief Medical Examiner Releases Cause and Manner of Deaths From January 6 Insurrection (NOT APPROVED)
Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 8:08:48 PM
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Olivia,

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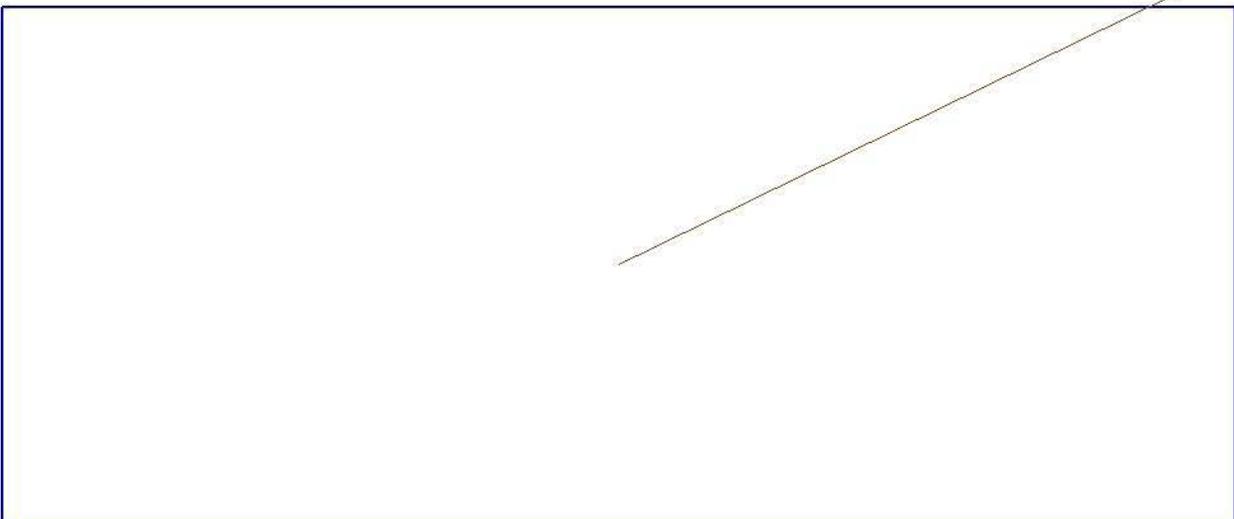
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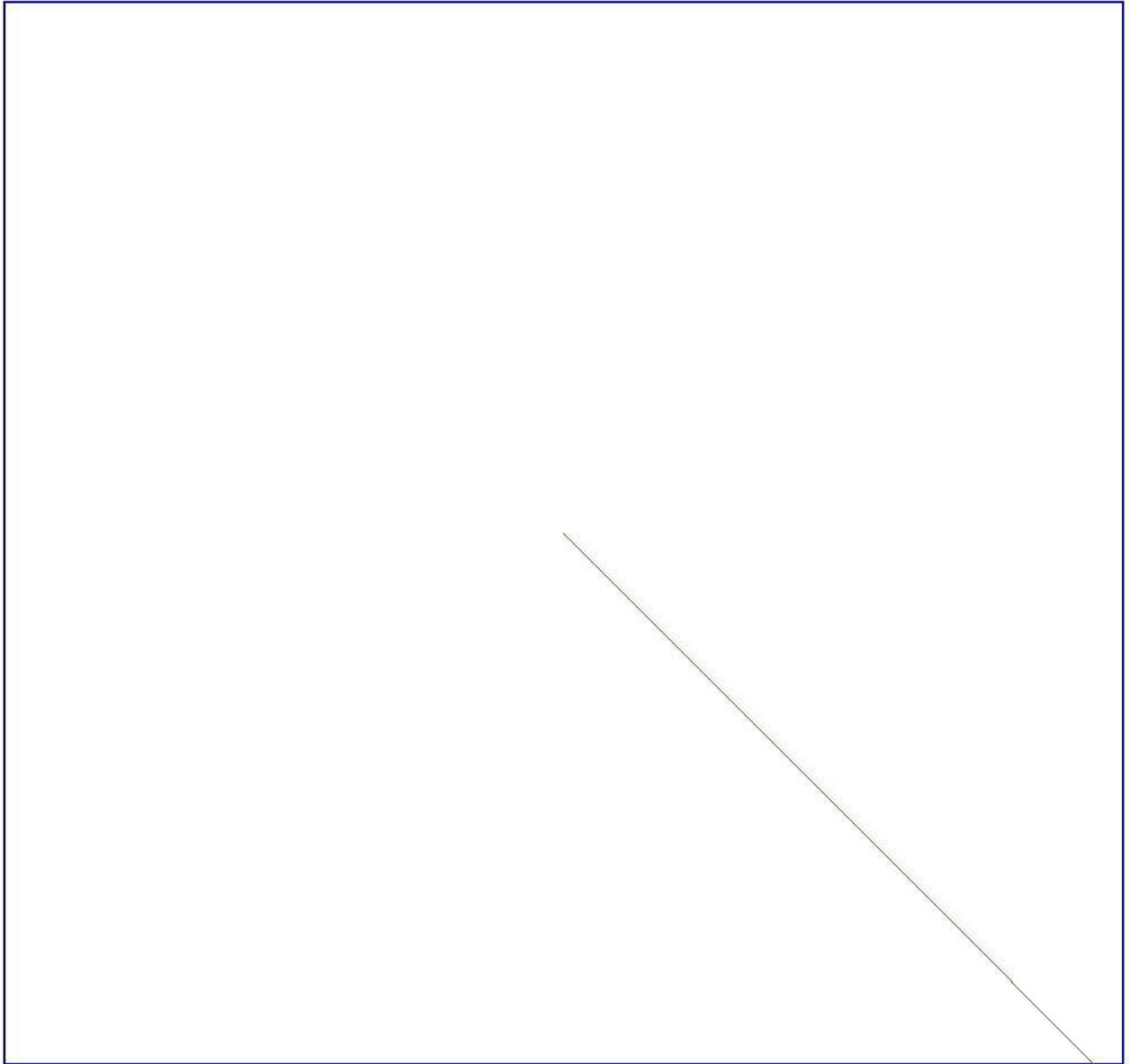


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From: Dedner, Olivia (EOM)
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2021 6:53 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: FINAL: Chief Medical Examiner Releases Cause and Manner of Deaths From January 6 Insurrection (NOT APPROVED)

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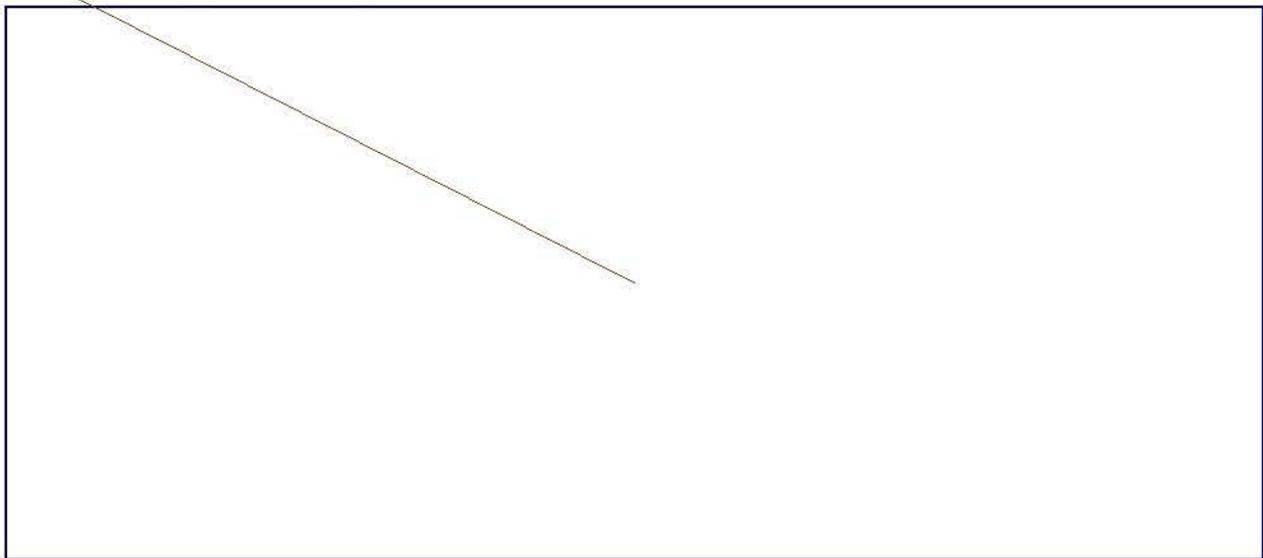
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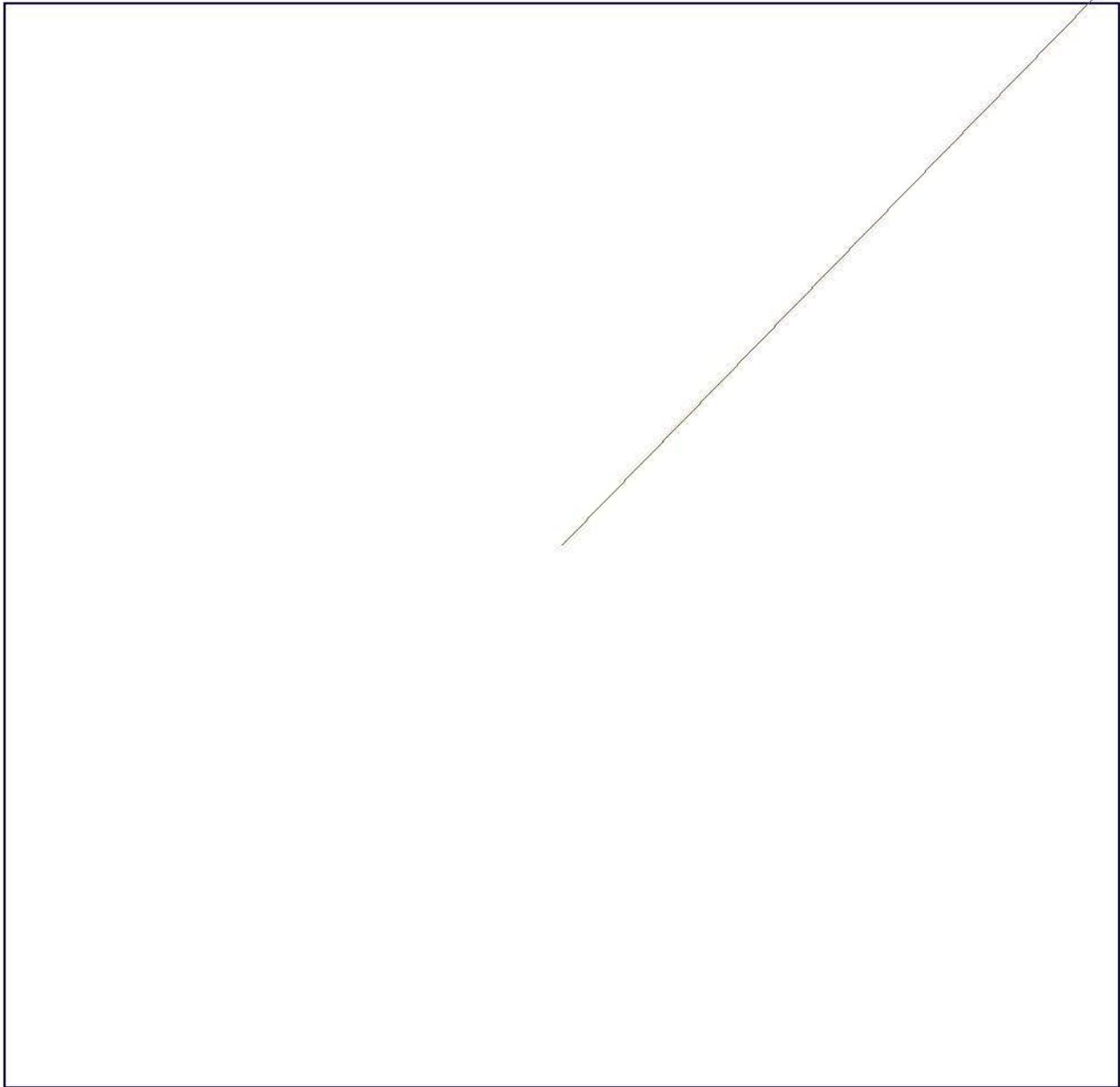


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Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 7:54:44 AM
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Good morning Dr. Diaz,

Thank you,
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Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2021 8:53 PM
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Cc: Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
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Cc: Diaz, Francisco (OCME) <francisco.diaz@dc.gov>; Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov>

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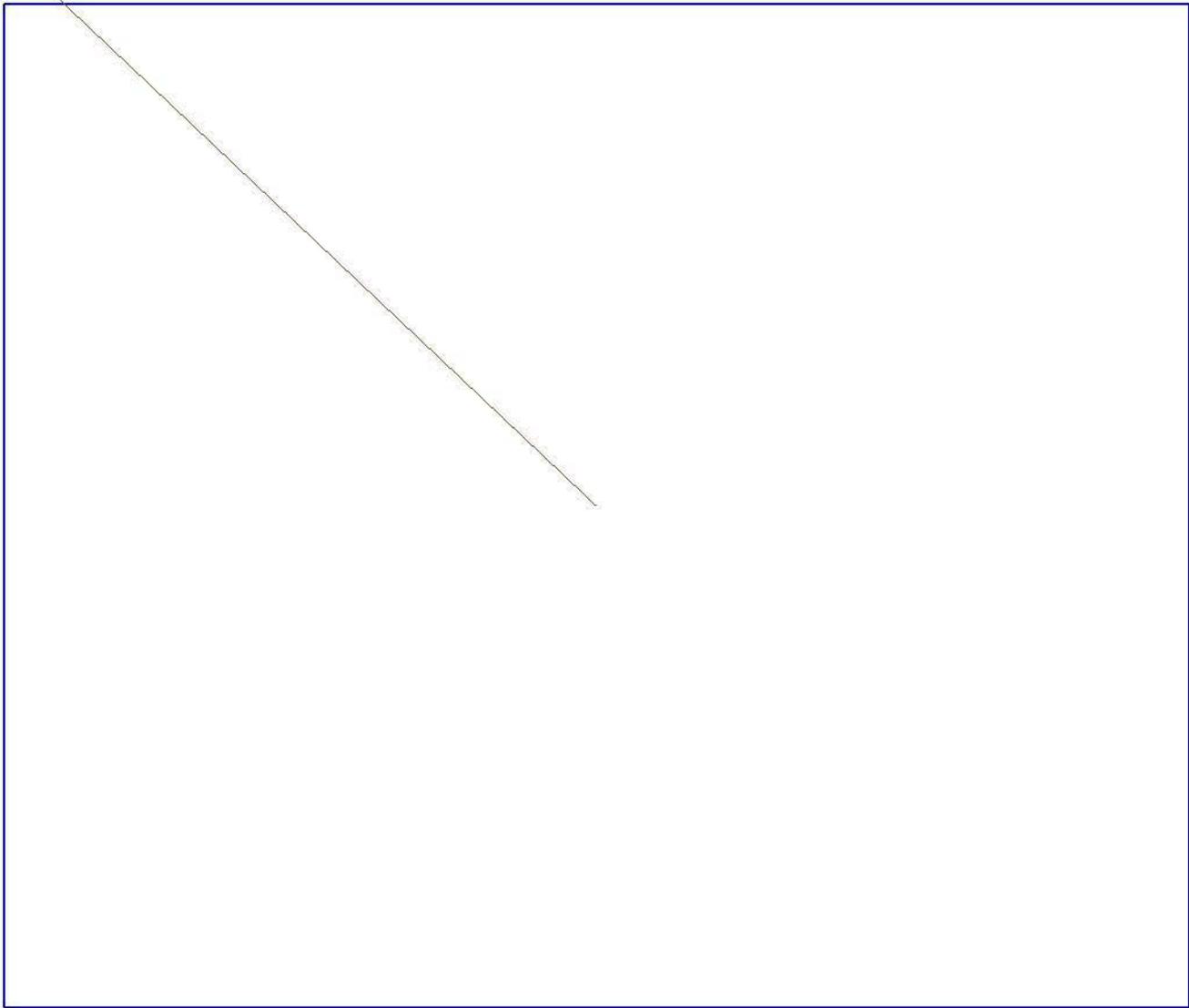
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From: [Papson, Allison](#)
To: cheryle.adams@dc.gov
Cc: [Gaffney, Matt](#)
Subject: FOX 5 REQUEST: BRIAN SICKNICK
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:04:44 PM

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Hi Cheryle,

Is the following information confirmed?

Capitol Police officer Brian D. Sicknick suffered 2 strokes and died of ****natural causes**** a day after he confronted rioters at the Jan. 6 insurrection, the District's chief medical examiner has ruled.

Thank you.

Allison Papson
Senior Assignment Editor

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To: cheryle.adams@dc.gov
Cc: [WTTG Assignment Desk](#); [WTTG WEB](#)
Subject: FOX 5 REQUEST: Brian Sicknick, Ashli Babbitt, Kevin Greeson, Rosanne Boyland & Benjamin Philips
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 8:09:03 PM

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From: [Phares, Kelly](#)
To: ocme.records@dc.gov; ocme@dc.gov; [Adams, Chervle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FOX INQUIRY: Jan 6 insurrection Officer Sicknick cause and manner of death
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 6:54:58 PM

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Good evening—

I'm seeing reports that the medical examiners office has issued a release with the cause and manner of Officer Brian Sicknick's death. Can you provide me with that release?

Thank you,

Kelly Phares
Capitol Hill Producer
Fox News
C: 202-655-1522
C2: 815-931-8977

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From: [Lyles, Denise \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Records, OCME \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#); [Fields Broadbent, Leigh \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FW: 21-00132
Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 11:39:22 AM

Good morning Records

Do you have the medical records hard copy for Case #21-00132 ? Leigh told me she sent it upstairs

Denise Lyles, PA, D-ABMDI

Supervisory Medicolegal Investigations

Sexual Harrassment Officer

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From: Breland, Sasha (OCME)
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 7:35 AM
To: Lyles, Denise (OCME)
Subject: RE: 21-00132

I do not see anything in any of my mailboxes.

Sasha Breland, M.D.

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From: Lyles, Denise (OCME)
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 9:26 AM
To: Breland, Sasha (OCME)
Cc: Wood, Rebecca (OCME); Petrasek, MaryBeth (OCME)
Subject: 21-00132

Dr. Breland

Did you receive the hard copy of medical records for this case ?

Denise Lyles, PA, D-ABMDI

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From: [Wolf, Julie \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FW: A fax has arrived from remote ID "InovaEpic 7038892000".
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 11:18:37 AM
Attachments: [001EDEEE.PDF](#)

Hi Dr. Breland,

Attached are records for your case 21-00132.

Thanks,

Julie

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To: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Adams, Chervyle \(OCME\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FW: A letter from U.S. Senator Ron Johnson
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 11:30:20 AM
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Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 11:28 AM
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Hello,

Please find attached a letter from Senator Johnson to Dr. Diaz. Please confirm receipt of the attached letter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brian M. Downey
Senior Investigator
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations
U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
202-224-5571

From: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
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Subject: FW: A letter from U.S. Senator Ron Johnson
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Dr. Diaz,

I would be grateful for some of your time on Tuesday morning to brainstorm about how to respond to Senator Johnson's letter. I'll be in the office.

Rod Adams

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Subject: FYI: A letter from U.S. Senator Ron Johnson
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Good morning Rodney,

Please find attached the letter from the senator.

Thank you,
Cheryle

Cheryle E. Adams

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To: [Adams, Cheryl \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FW: ABC News autopsy request
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 12:18:53 PM

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Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 12:09 PM
To: ATD OCME
Subject: ABC News autopsy request

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Hello,

My name is Mike Levine, and I'm a reporter with ABC News. The acting chief of the Metropolitan Police Department, Robert Contee, has stated that your office completed its autopsy of Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick, who tragically died last week. I'm emailing to request a copy of the autopsy report (via email).

Thank you,
Mike Levine
ABC News
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202 604 3922

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From: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#)
To: [Adams, Chervle \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Yun, Ramona \(EOM\)](#)
Subject: FW: AFP query on Brian Sicknick autopsy
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:21:16 AM

Request for Cause and Manner statement below.

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From: Yun, Ramona (EOM) <ramona.yun1@dc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:19 AM
To: Dedner, Olivia (EOM) <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>
Subject: FW: AFP query on Brian Sicknick autopsy

FYA,

From: Paul HANDLEY <Paul.HANDLEY@afp.com>
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:13 PM
To: Press (EOM) <Press@dc.gov>
Subject: AFP query on Brian Sicknick autopsy

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I li. Would you be able to help us to obtain a copy of the autopsy for Officer Brian Sicknick. The Post has reported on it , citing acting deputy mayor Geldart.

Thanks for any help on this.

Respectfully,

Paul HANDLEY

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From: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
To: Curt.Devine@cnn.com
Cc: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FW: CNN inquiry about records request
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 12:46:17 PM

Curt,

Thank you for your FOIA request. I will be processing it through the District's FOIAExpress portal, and you will receive subsequent emails generated from there. In answer to your question, yes, OCME does not release autopsy / toxicology reports to the public.

All the best,

Rod Adams

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Hi OCME Records team,

My name is Curt Devine and I'm with the news network CNN here in Washington. I'm writing because we would like to submit a records request (Pursuant to the DC Freedom of Information Act) for the autopsy/toxicology report documents and any associated records related to Capitol Police Officer Brian D. Sicknick.

Is it accurate that OCME has been denying public records requests for these documents?

Thank you for any information. Best,

Curt Devine
CNN, Washington
Curt.Devine@cnn.com
678-576-6976

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Dear Madame or Sir:

My name is Jen Christensen. I've been asked to write a story about the death of Officer Sicknick, particularly how someone could die of natural causes after a traumatic event. I apologize if you have released this already, I'm covering this from the medical perspective and just coming onto the story today. Is this something we could get a copy of or is there someone at the office we can speak with about the report. This will be a story for CNN.com that will give perspective on what a "natural causes" determination is etc. There was a lot of confusion from readers and we just want to educate them about the matter. Any insight on this important story would be very much appreciated. It is for a story that will run this afternoon on CNN.com as soon as we can put it together.

All the best,
Jen

[Jen Christensen](#) | she/her/hers |  Health & Climate Unit & cnn.com 1 CNN Center, Atlanta, GA 30303 | Vice President,  the Association of LGBTQ Journalists | Jen.Christensen@cnn.com | [@jechristensen](https://twitter.com/jechristensen) | c.404-353-9383 |

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To: [Lyles, Denise \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FW: Capitol Police Officer Interviews
Date: Monday, March 22, 2021 3:34:41 PM
Attachments: [Case Notes - INTERVIEW WITH OFFICERS REYES AND CASTRO - Jan 14 2021 06 31.pdf](#)

Good afternoon Denise,
Can you upload this to the e-file of 21-00132?

Thanks!

Sasha Breland, M.D.

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From: Branson, Joshua (MPD)
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 10:10 AM
To: Breland, Sasha (OCME)
Subject: Capitol Police Officer Interviews

Dr. Breland, attached is my report of my interview with two Capitol Police Officers who were with Sicknick when he collapsed.

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Metropolitan Police Department
Homicide Branch
Major Case/Cold Case
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From: [Ruderman, Jared](#)
To: cheryle.adams@dc.gov
Subject: FW: Determinations of the Cause and Manner of Death - RE: January 6, 2021
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Cheryle,

I was wondering if you could add further explanation to what *Hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease* and *Acute Amphetamine Intoxication* are?

Hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease: Is it accurate to say heart attack?
Acute Amphetamine Intoxication: is it accurate to amphetamine overdose?

Thank you very much.

Jared Ruderman
News Director, WTOP
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On Wednesday, January 6, 2021 an unprecedented incident of civil insurrection at the United States Capitol resulted in the deaths of five individuals. The

District of Columbia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. Francisco J. Diaz, MD, FACP, has issued the following determinations as to the cause and manner of death for four of those individuals.

Ashli Babbitt, 35 years old:

- Cause of Death – Gunshot wound to the left anterior shoulder
- Manner of Death – Homicide

Kevin Greeson, 55 years old:

- Cause of Death – Hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
- Manner of Death – Natural

Benjamin Phillips, 50 years old:

- Cause of Death – Hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
- Manner of Death – Natural

Roseanne Boyland, 34 years old:

- Cause of Death – Acute Amphetamine Intoxication
- Manner of Death – Accident

The cause and manner of death for Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick are pending.

Background explanation of medical terminology on the cause and manner of death:

As determined by the Chief Medical Examiner, the “cause of death” is the medical disease, injury, alcohol, drug or toxic substance that caused a person’s death. The “manner of death” describes the circumstances surrounding a person’s death and falls within one of the following categories:

- Accident: Used when there is no evidence of intent; an unintentional, sudden, and unexpected death.
- Homicide: Death results from the intentional harm of one person by another, including actions of grossly reckless behavior.
- Natural: Used when a disease alone causes death. If death is hastened by an injury, the manner of death is not considered natural.
- Suicide: Death results from the purposeful attempt to end one’s life.
- Undetermined: Used when there is insufficient information to assign another manner.

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Hi Cheryle – Resending this in case you missed it since I had not heard back.

If an interview is not possible can you please answer/address the following questions?

1. Why did release of Officer Sicknick’s autopsy results and manner of death take longer than the others who deaths were connected to the siege on the Capitol January 6th?
2. Why did Officer Sicknick’s autopsy results and manner of death take longer than NAME’s 90 day standard for results to be returned and complete?
3. In a release from your office January 6th Dr. Diaz stated: **On Wednesday, January 6, 2021 an unprecedented incident of civil insurrection at the United States Capitol resulted in the deaths of five individuals.** Officer Sicknick was included in that count. How can his manner of death be stroke/natural causes while at the same time be attributed to the insurrection?

This is for a report that will air on tonight’s evening news.

Thanks,
Eric Flack

From: Flack, Eric
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 10:08 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Subject: Dr. Diaz Interview Request

Good morning Cheryl – I see Dr. Diaz gave a brief interview to the Washington Post regarding Officer Sicknick’s autopsy results. Would he do the same for us?

Thanks,
Eric Flack

Eric Flack | Chief Investigative Reporter

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Subject: FW: Draft Timeline of camera footage
Date: Friday, March 12, 2021 10:08:07 AM

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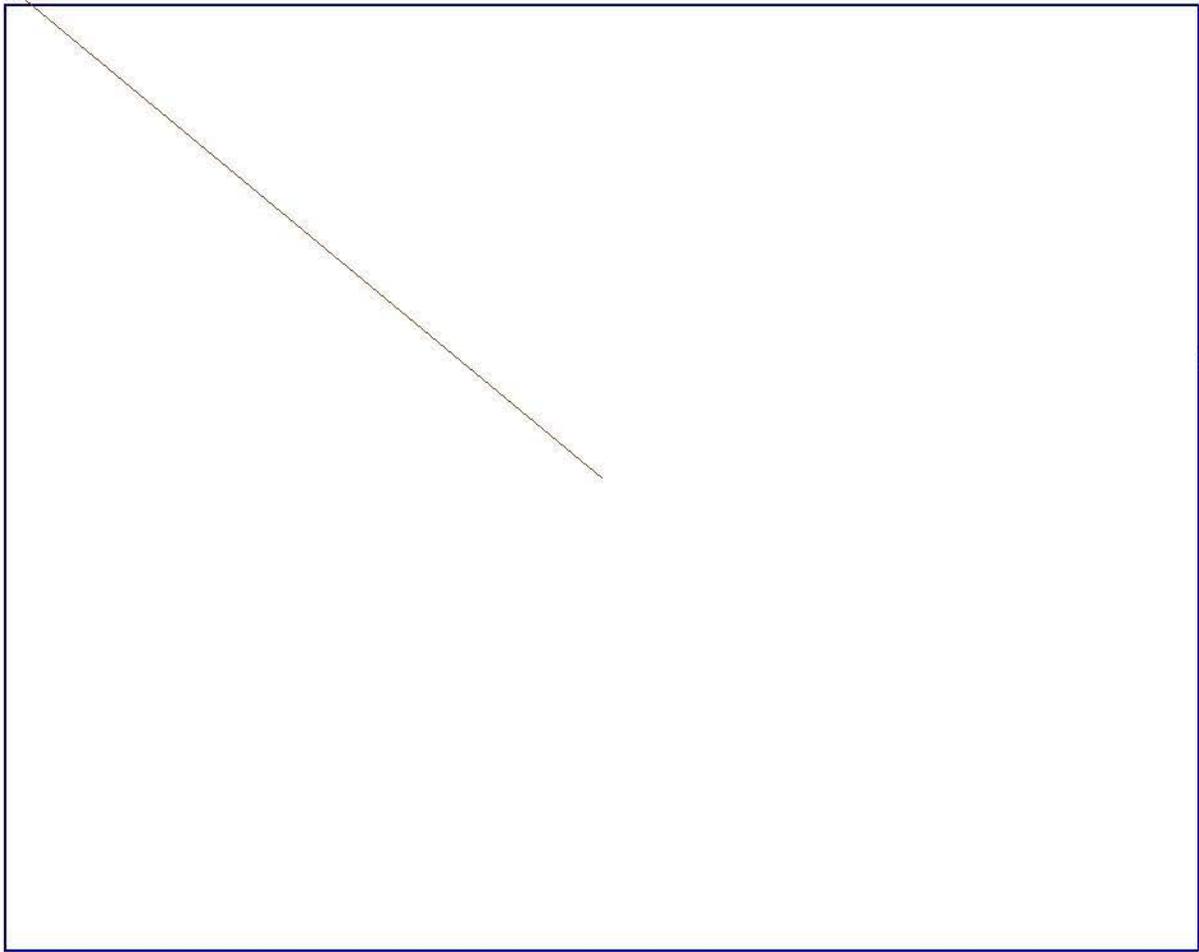
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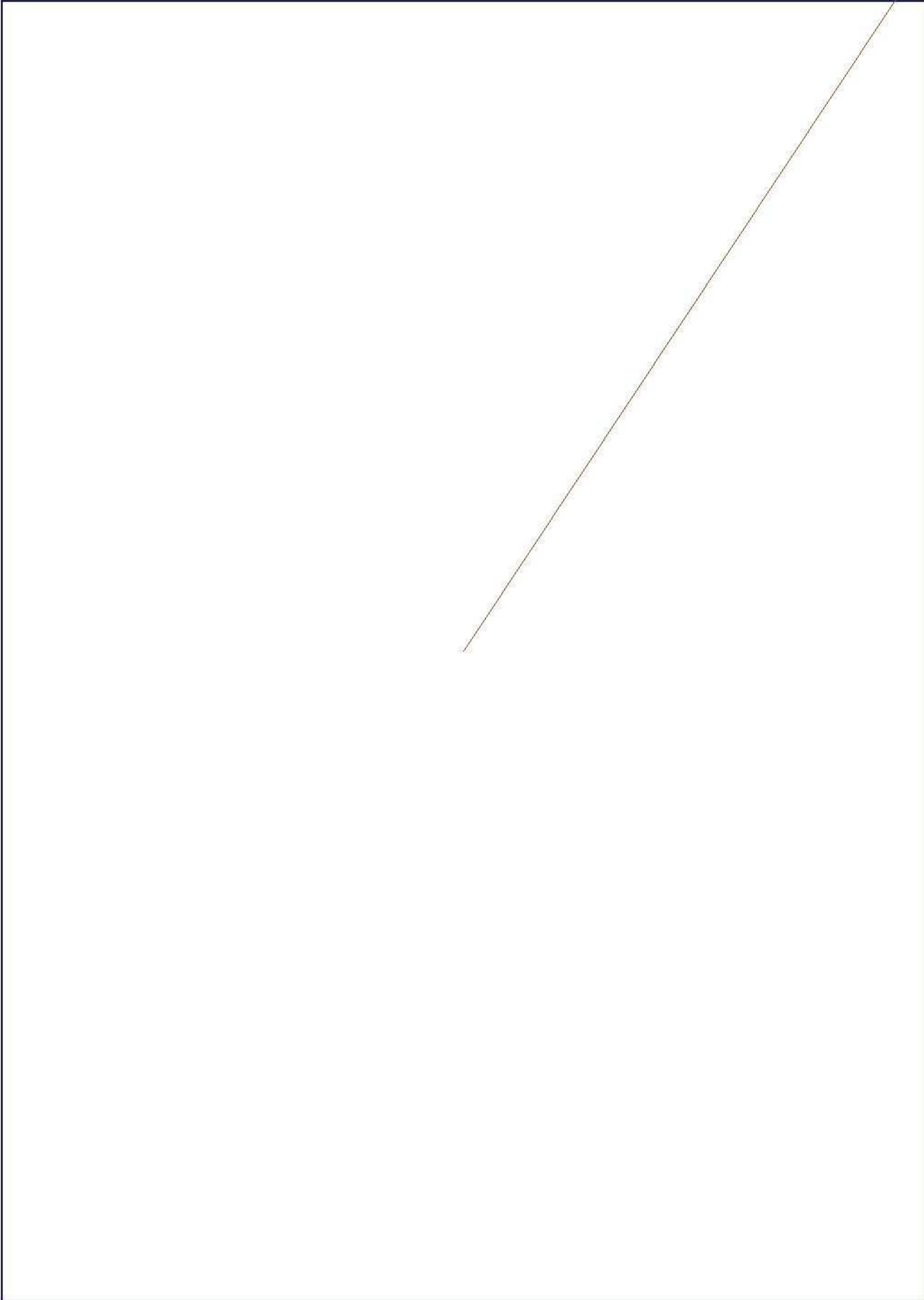
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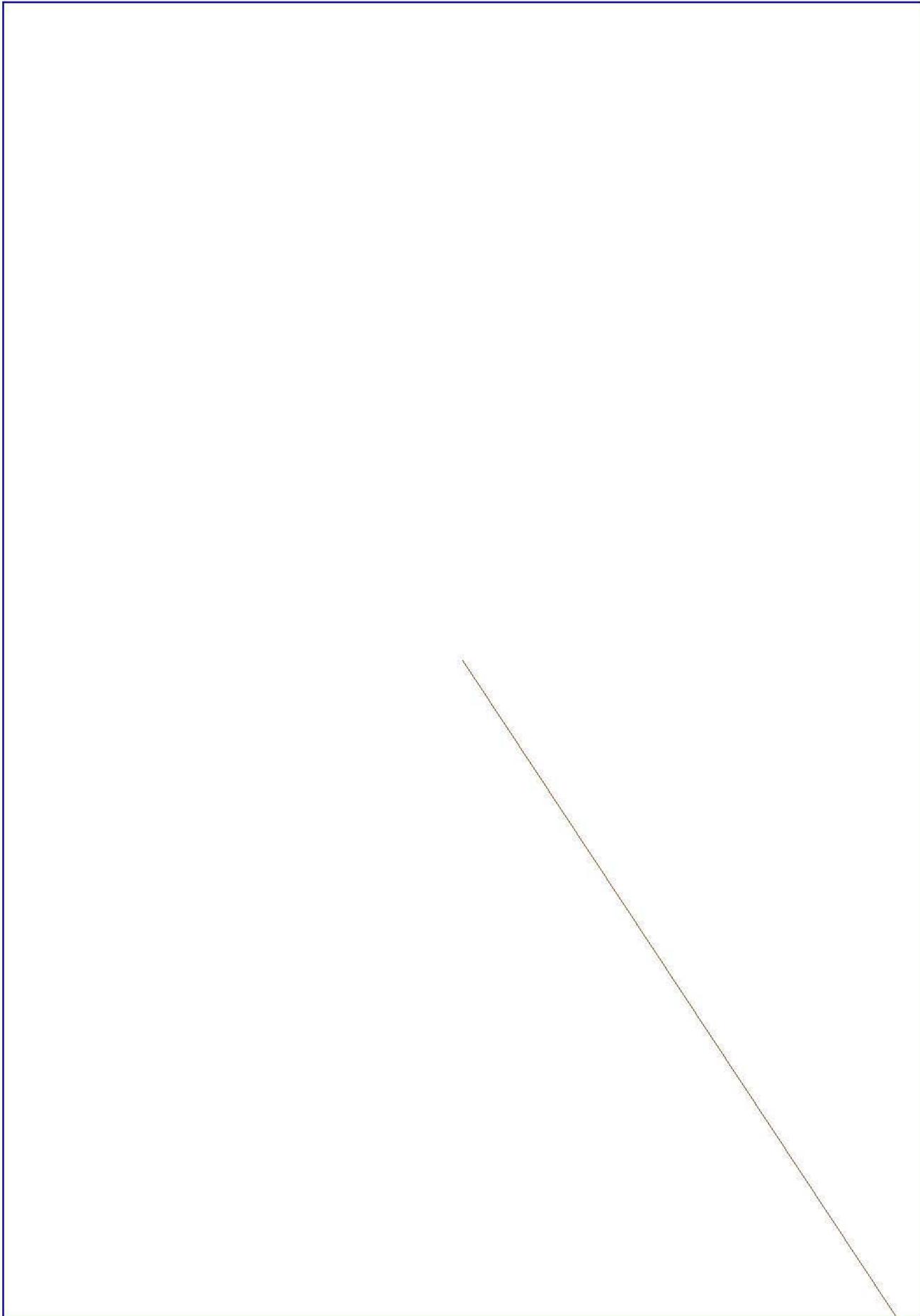
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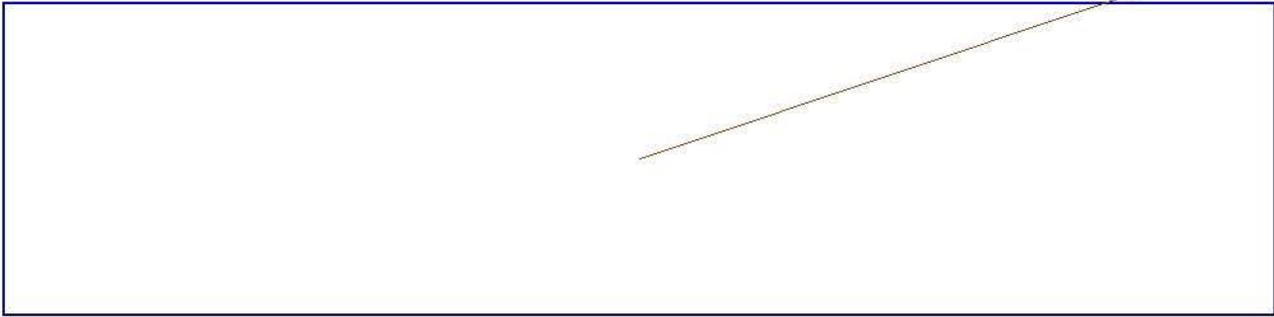
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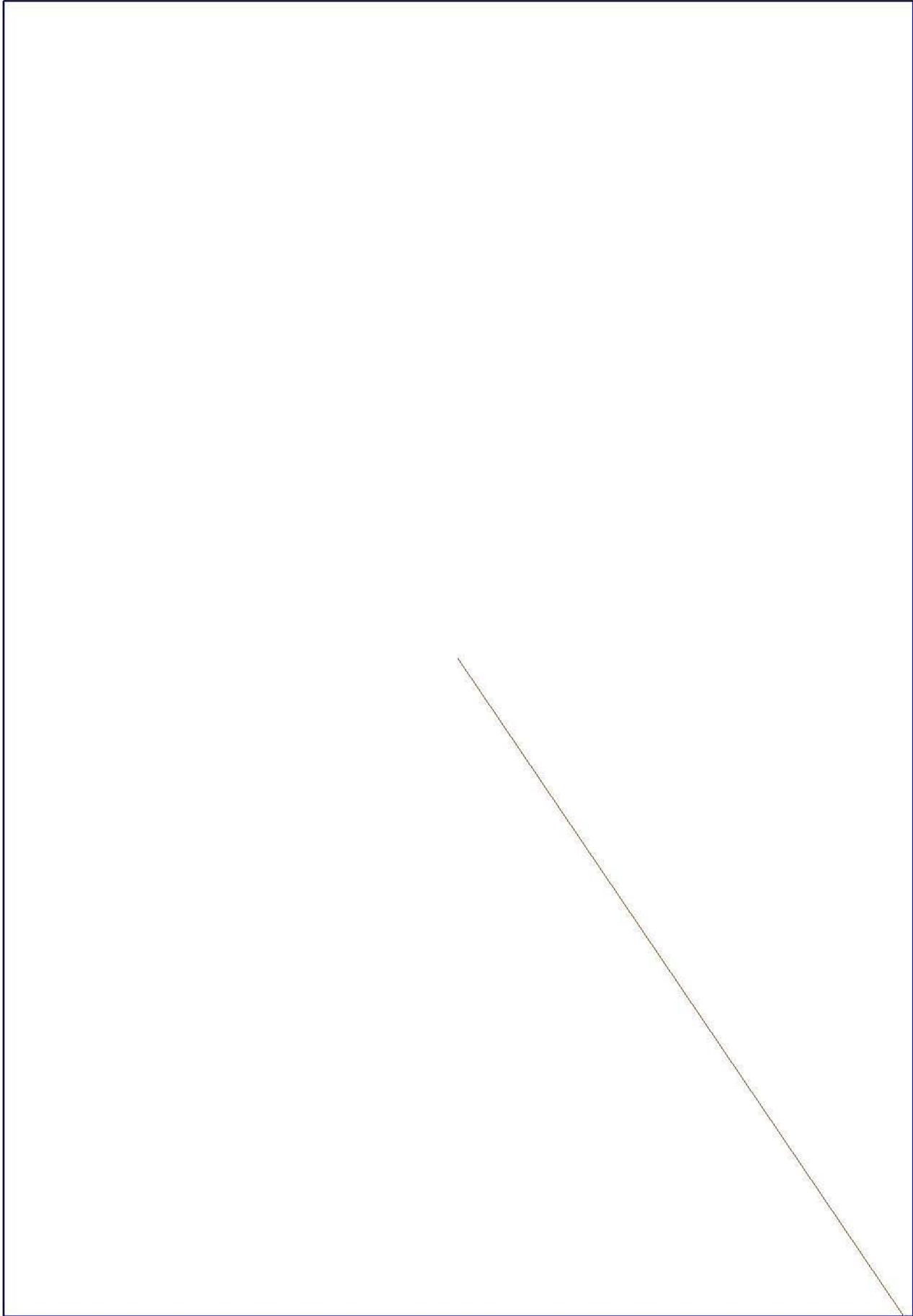
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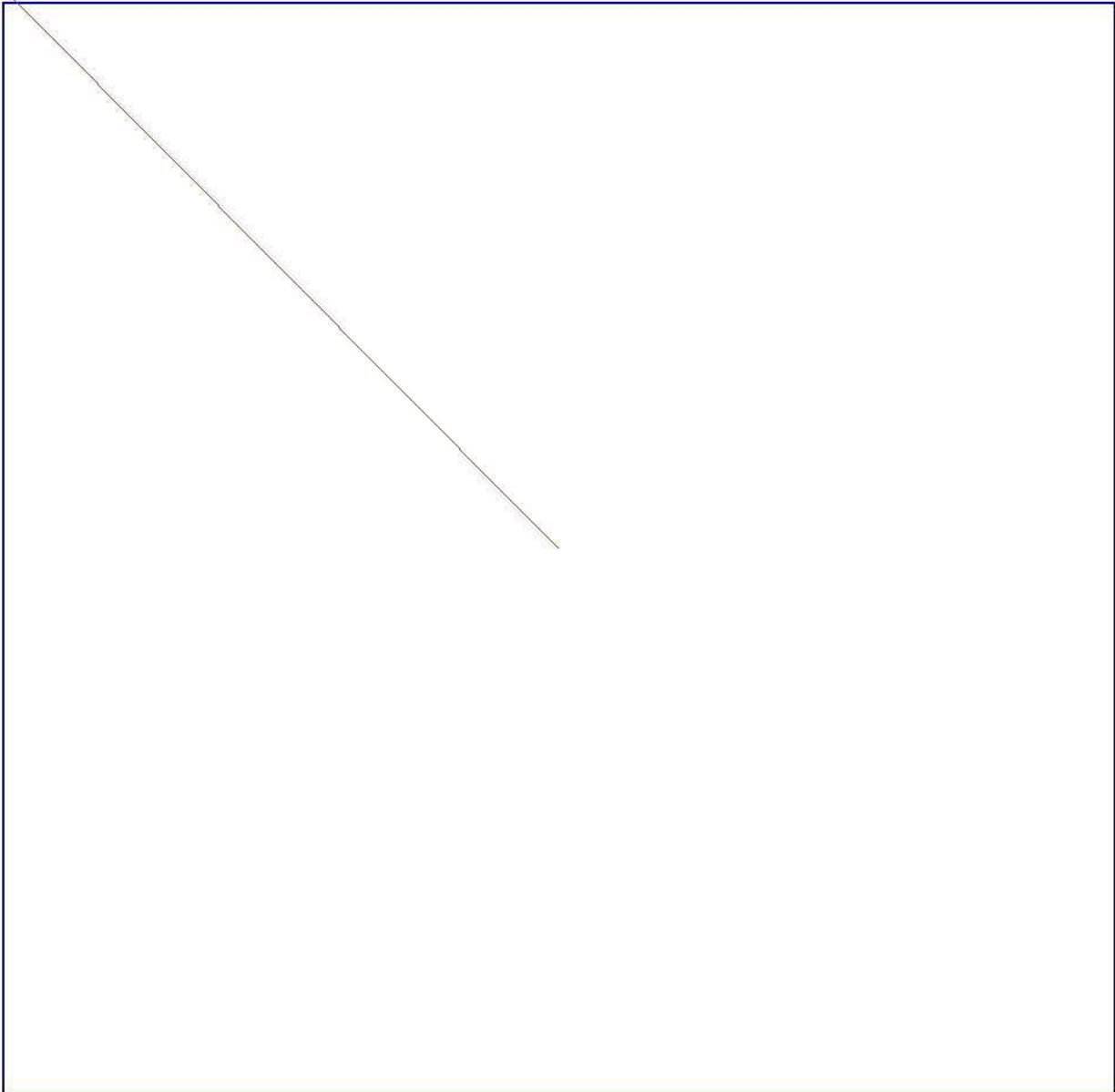
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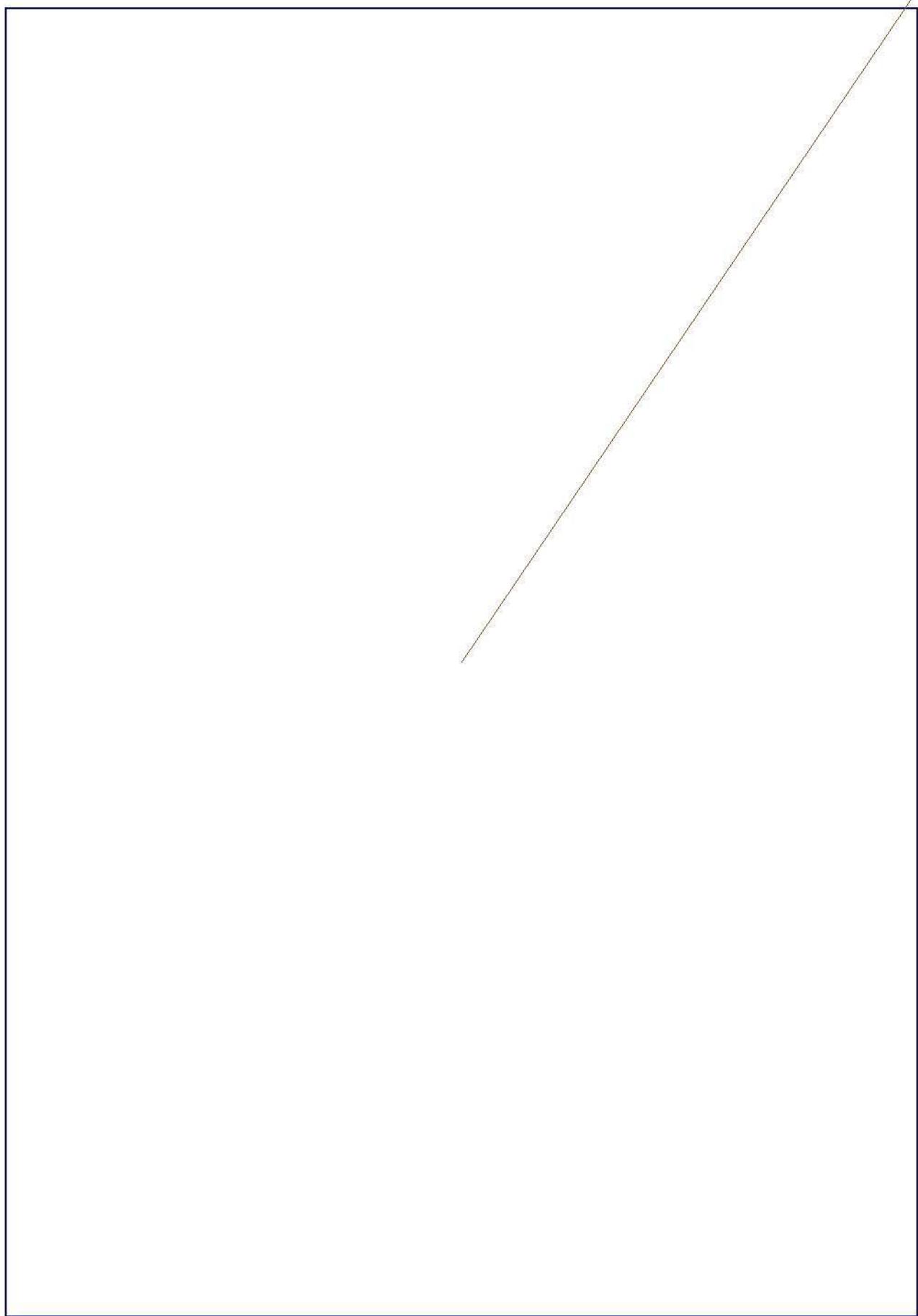


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From: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Adams, Chervle \(OCME\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FW: FOIA Appeal 2021-096
Date: Thursday, February 18, 2021 2:55:50 PM
Attachments: [Marshall_OCME_PAL_Appeal_Form.pdf](#)
[Marshall_OCME_PAL_Request_Form.pdf](#)

And the celebration was short lived...

A Judicial Watch reporter has immediately appealed my denial of his request for the case file of Off. Brian Sicknick who died during the Jan 6th riot at the Capitol. We have several other reporters requesting it as well.

Rod Adams

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From: Appeals, Foia (EOM)
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 2:42 PM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Cc: bmarshall@judicialwatch.org
Subject: FOIA Appeal 2021-096

Hello,

This Office adjudicates administrative FOIA appeals on behalf of the Mayor. We received the attached appeal based upon a FOIA decision (or lack of decision) issued by your agency. We received the attached appeal based upon a FOIA decision (or lack of decision) issued by your

agency. Please provide us with your response to the appeal within five (5) business days of this communication. Please include the following in your response:

- (a) The justification for your decision not to grant review of records as requested;
- (b) A *Vaughn* index of documents withheld, and an affidavit or declaration of a knowledgeable official or employee testifying to the decision to withhold documents; and
- (c) A copy of the public record or records in dispute on the appeal; provided, that if the public record contains personal, sensitive, or confidential information, you may redact such information.

If no response is received, a final decision will be made on the record before us.

Please be advised that your agency's response may be shared with the requester when the final decision is issued. Therefore, please clearly mark any confidential information contained in your response.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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(202) 727-8812

From: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Chervle \(OCME\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FW: FOIA request
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:38:36 PM

Interesting. I'll sit on it until after we do release the info.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Segraves, Mark (NBCUniversal) [<mailto:Mark.Segraves@nbcuni.com>]
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:33 PM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Subject: FOIA request

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I would like all emails between Peter Herman of the Washington post and Chervle Adams or Beverly Fields or anyone at OCME regarding cause and manner for Officer BRIAN Sicknick.

I am making this request under the freedom of information act.

Mark Segraves
NBC Washington News
202-997-1576
@SegravesNBC4

Sent from my iPhone, but never while driving. I would never do that. Although it would explain the typos.

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From: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FW: FOIA request from media
Date: Monday, February 8, 2021 11:41:52 AM

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From: Susan Katz Keating [<mailto:skeating@justthenews.com>]
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 11:40 AM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME); ATD OCME
Subject: FOIA request from media

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Hello,

This is Susan Katz Keating, a journalist with Just the News. Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting the following:

The autopsy report for Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick.

I am requesting an expeditious response.

Sincerely,

~Susan Katz Keating
Just the News
1850 K St., NW, Ste 1000
Washington, D.C. 20006

Cell: 703-401-2547

From: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FW: FOLLOW UP: A letter from U.S. Senator Ron Johnson
Date: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 4:27:02 PM
Attachments: [Johnson re Sicknick investigation 2021_03_31.pdf](#)

FYI...

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From: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 4:04 PM
To: Brian_Downey@hsgac.senate.gov
Subject: RE: FOLLOW UP: A letter from U.S. Senator Ron Johnson

Brian,

Further to your message below, please find Dr. Diaz's letter to Sen. Johnson attached.

All the best,

Rod Adams

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From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Sent: Monday, March 08, 2021 12:04 PM
To: Brian_Downey@hsgac.senate.gov
Cc: Fields, Beverly (OCME); Dedner, Olivia (EOM); Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: A letter from U.S. Senator Ron Johnson

Good morning Mr. Downey,

OCME is in receipt of Senator Ron Johnson's letter regarding Officer Brian Sicknick and the letter has been referred to OCME's general counsel who has been included on this email.

Best regards,
Cheryle

Cheryle E. Adams

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From: Downey, Brian (HSGAC) [mailto:Brian_Downey@hsgac.senate.gov]

Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 11:28 AM

To: Fields, Beverly (OCME); Breland, Sasha (OCME); ATD OCME

Cc: Wittmann, Scott (HSGAC)

Subject: A letter from U.S. Senator Ron Johnson

Importance: High

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Hello,

Please find attached a letter from Senator Johnson to Dr. Diaz. Please confirm receipt of the attached letter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brian M. Downey

Senior Investigator

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

202-224-5571

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From: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FW: FOLLOW UP/FINAL: Chief Medical Examiner Releases Cause and Manner of Deaths From January 6 Insurrection (NOT APPROVED)
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 3:49:48 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

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Chief Medical Examiner
Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
Washington, DC.
Francisco.diaz@dc.gov



From: Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 8:03 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: RE: FOLLOW UP/FINAL: Chief Medical Examiner Releases Cause and Manner of Deaths From January 6 Insurrection (NOT APPROVED)

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From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 7:55 AM
To: Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
Subject: FOLLOW UP/FINAL: Chief Medical Examiner Releases Cause and Manner of Deaths From January 6 Insurrection (NOT APPROVED)

2-534(e)

Good morning Dr. Diaz,



Thank you,
Cheryle

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From: Fields, Beverly (OCME)
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2021 8:53 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME); Dedner, Olivia (EOM)
Cc: Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
Subject: Re: FOLLOW UP/FINAL: Chief Medical Examiner Releases Cause and Manner of Deaths From January 6 Insurrection (NOT APPROVED)

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From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 7:08:48 PM
To: Dedner, Olivia (EOM) <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>
Cc: Diaz, Francisco (OCME) <francisco.diaz@dc.gov>; Fields, Beverly (OCME)

<beverly.fields@dc.gov>

Subject: FOLLOW UP/FINAL: Chief Medical Examiner Releases Cause and Manner of Deaths From January 6 Insurrection (NOT APPROVED)

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Cheryle E. Adams

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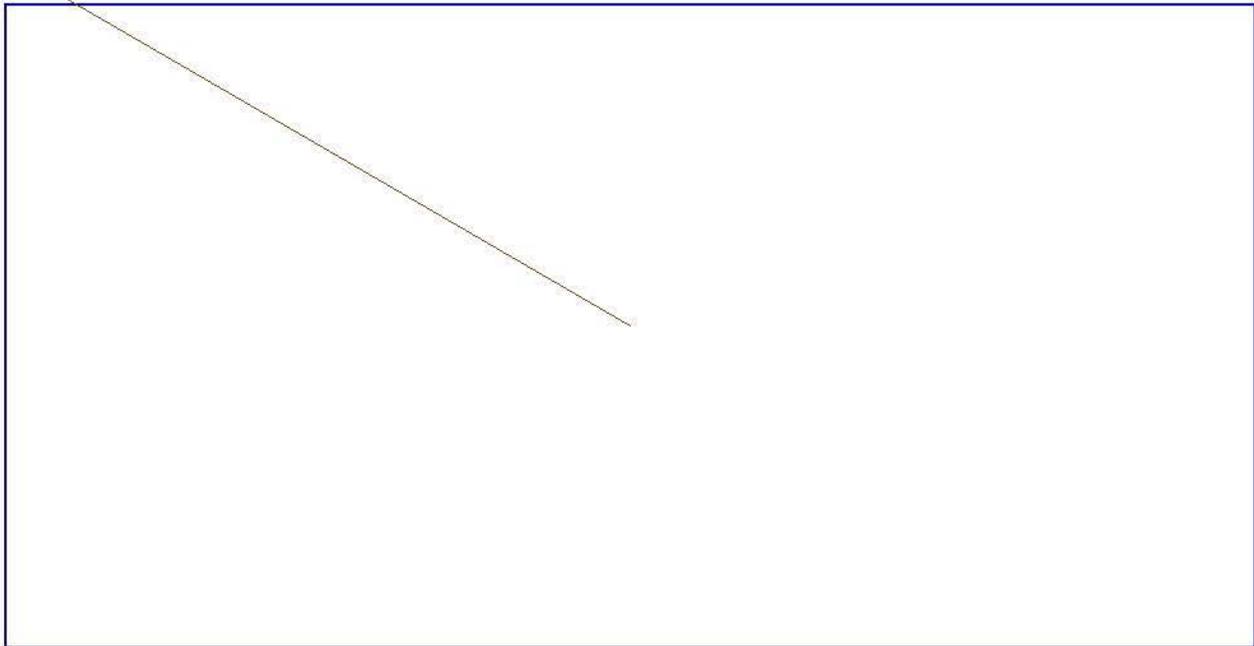
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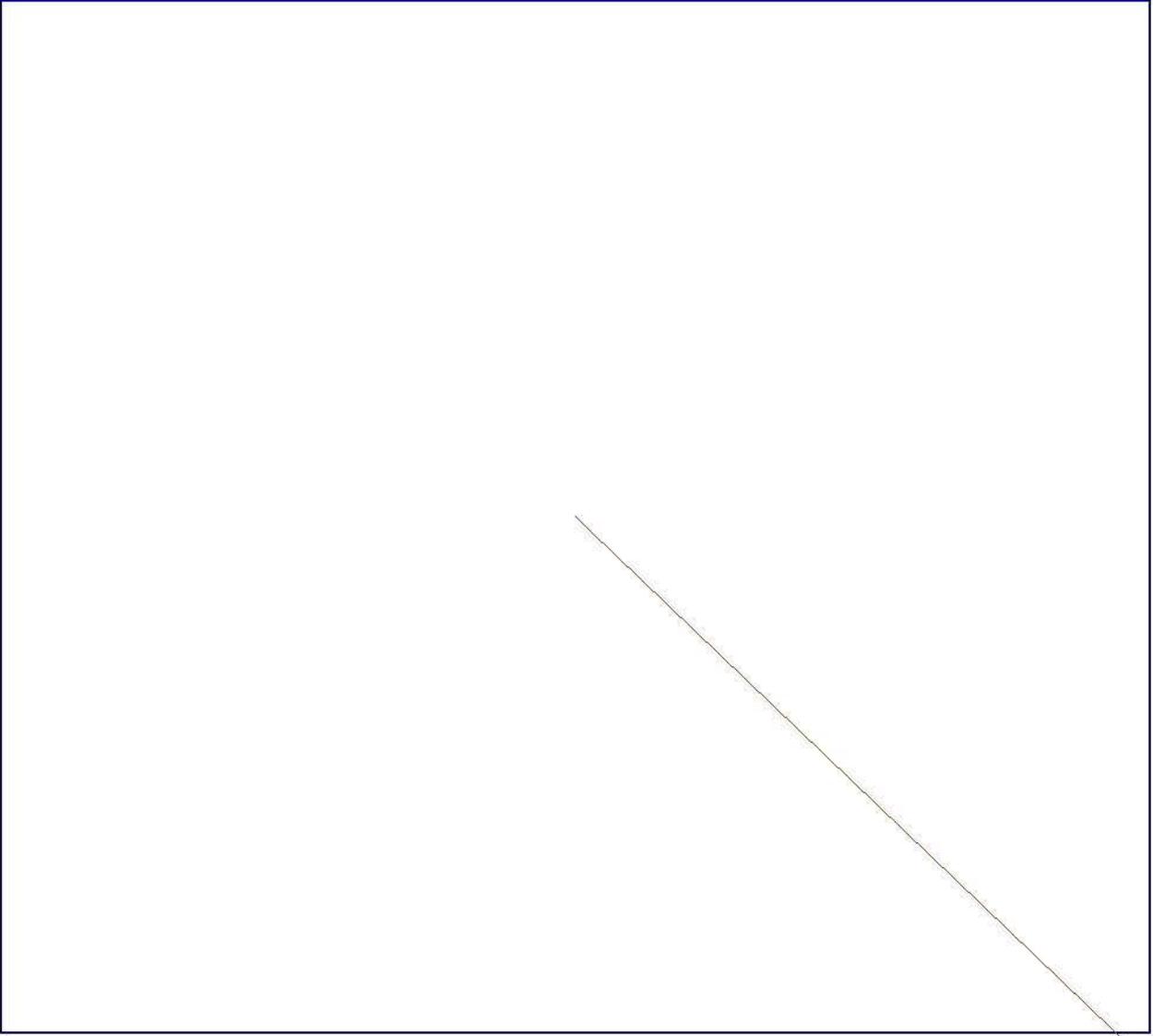


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From: Dedner, Olivia (EOM)
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2021 6:53 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: FINAL: Chief Medical Examiner Releases Cause and Manner of Deaths From January 6 Insurrection (NOT APPROVED)

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From: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#)
To: [Adams, Chervle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FW: FOR REVIEW
Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 12:55:46 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
Importance: High

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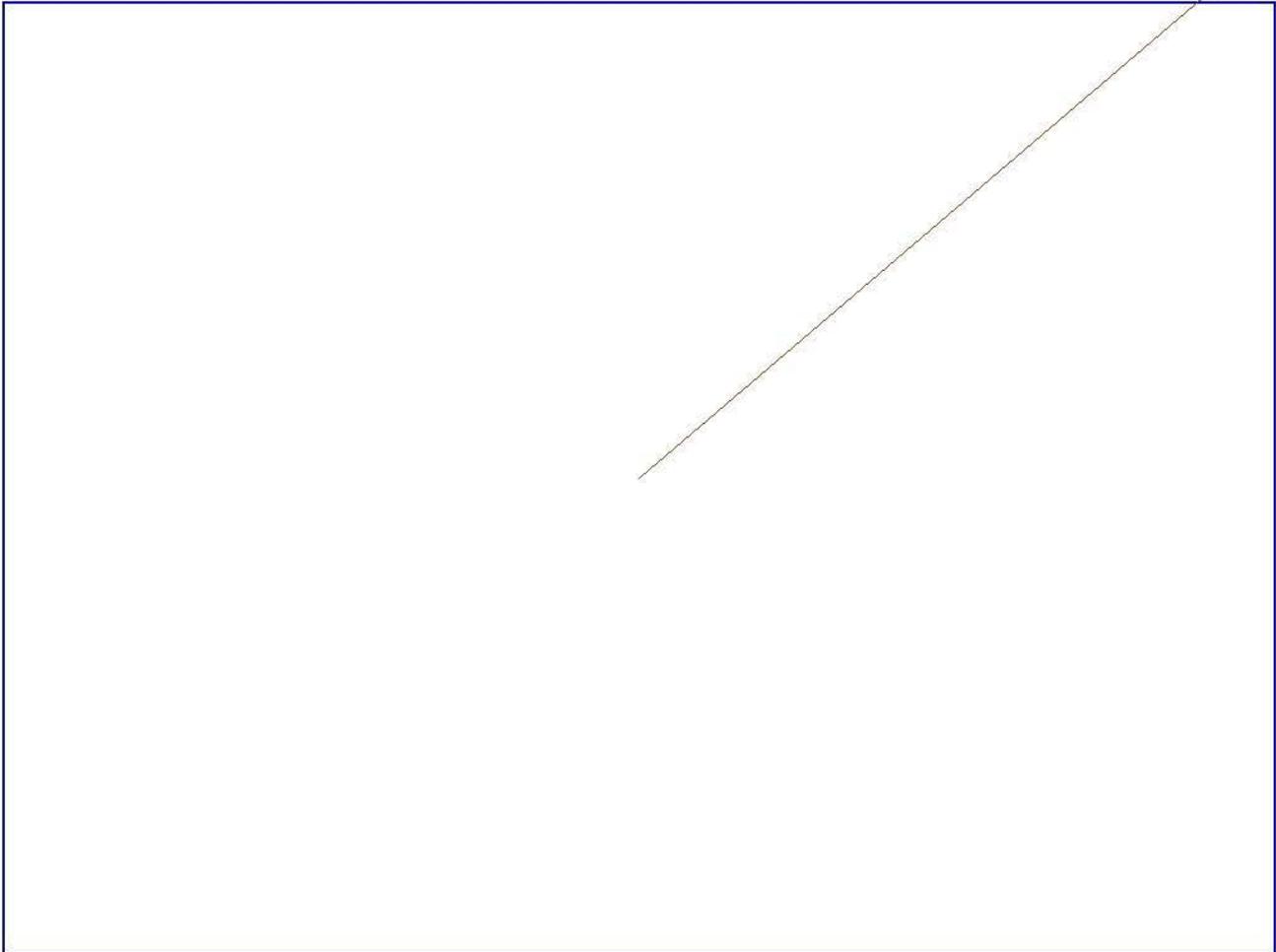
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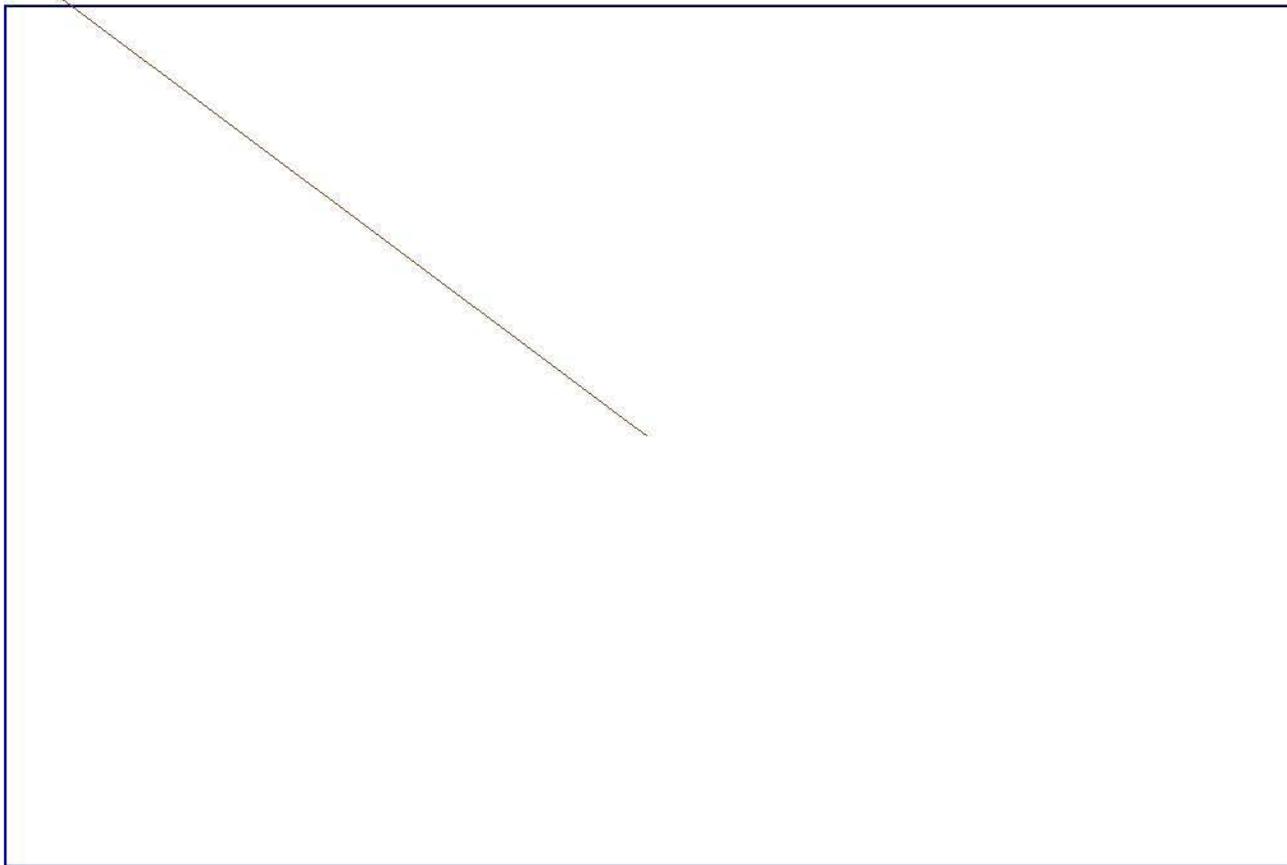
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From: Dedner, Olivia (EOM)
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 12:45 PM
To: Gil, Helder (EOM) <helder.gil@dc.gov>
Subject: FOR REVIEW
Importance: High

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From: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Francis, Anna \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#); [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FW: Litigation Hold Letter - Case NO. 2021 CA 000875 B
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:16:28 AM
Attachments: [Litigation Hold Letter.OCME.pdf](#)
[Judicial Watch Inc \(569657\) 2021-0875.doc.pdf](#)
Importance: High

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FYI... Judicial Watch has filed suit to obtain the Off. Sicknick case file.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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From: Jackson, Lori (OAG)
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 9:51 AM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Cc: Spencer, Cara (OAG)
Subject: Litigation Hold Letter - Case NO. 2021 CA 000875 B
Importance: High

Mr. Adams,

Attached please find a litigation hold letter and a copy of the complaint for the above referenced matter. Cara Spencer will be representing the District. Please feel free to contact either of us should you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,
Lori

Lori Jackson
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OAG has moved. Effective August 24, 2020, OAG's physical and mailing address will be 400 6th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20001.

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From: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Chervle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FW: Media Request: Officer Sicknick's manner of death
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 1:03:11 PM

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From: Lex Juarez [<mailto:Ljuarez@localdvm.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 12:44 PM
To: ATD OCME
Subject: Media Request: Officer Sicknick's manner of death

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Hello,

My name is Lex Juarez and I'm a reporter with WDVM/WDCW reaching out regarding the autopsy for USCP Officer Brian Sicknick.

Could you please pass along the findings of the autopsy and any press release that was sent out regarding this?

I would also appreciate being added to your media distribution list.

Thanks in advance,
Lex

Lex Juarez
Multi Media Journalist
WDVM/WDCW
706-831-5438

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From: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Chervle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FW: NY Post Press Inquiry
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 1:09:15 PM

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From: Benjamin Feuerherd [<mailto:bfeuerherd@nypost.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 1:03 PM
To: ATD OCME
Subject: NY Post Press Inquiry

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Hi,

Ben Feuerherd from the New York Post here.

We're working on a follow up story regarding the death of Officer Brian Sicknick, and I was wondering if you could clarify a few things:

- Do you know when Officer Sicknick's cause of death was determined?
- Do you know when law enforcement officials and officials in the Medical Examiner's Office were made aware of the cause of death?
- Do you know why this information was just made public yesterday?

Thanks very much.

Ben Feuerherd
240-463-1007

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Ben Feuerherd
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From: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FW: OCME Monthly Report
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 1:12:05 PM
Attachments: [OCME - MOLC Monthly Report 2021 04 05.docx](#)

FYI – No action needed.

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From: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 9:47 AM
To: Moskowitz, Benjamin (EOM) <benjamin.moskowitz@dc.gov>
Subject: OCME Monthly Report

Ben,

I hope you are thriving. Attached is my monthly report.

Rod Adams

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From: [Francis, Anna \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FW: Path Quarterly Data
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 11:10:05 AM
Attachments: [FY 21Path-Jan-Mar Rpt-.xlsx](#)

Hey Dr. Diaz,

I sent this to Terencia yesterday, and meant to cc you, but forgot. Please see attached and let me know if you have any questions.

Anna Francis, MS-MIS
Supervisory Quality Control & Records Manager

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Fax: 202-698-9106

From: Francis, Anna (OCME)
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 4:52 PM
To: Davenport, Terencia (OCME)
Subject: RE: Path Quarterly Data

Sorry about that. See attached.

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From: Francis, Anna (OCME)
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 4:49 PM
To: Davenport, Terencia (OCME)
Subject: Path Quarterly Data

See attached. There are 2 Cremation cases that have erroneous data entries for January – I have reached out to Dr. Love about them. They are:

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C21

I will follow-up with you as soon as she responds.

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From: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Chervle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FW: Public records request dated 02/05/2021
Date: Friday, February 5, 2021 9:49:20 AM

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From: Tom Rask [mailto:tom@rask.com]
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This is a public records request.

My request is for a copy of your agency's examination of the body of Capitol Hill Police Officer Brian Sicknick.

Regards,

Tom Rask

From: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FW: Request Assignment
Date: Thursday, February 18, 2021 2:07:47 PM

Cheryle,

Here is another reporter to add to your Jan 6th list:

William Marshall
bmarshall@judicialwatch.org

Rod Adams

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From: rodney.adams@dc.gov [mailto:rodney.adams@dc.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 9:01 AM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Subject: Request Assignment

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Dear Rodney Adams ,

Request # 2021-FOIA-03130 has been assigned to you for processing. Here's a brief summary of the request:

Request ID: 2021-FOIA-03130

Request Type: FOIA

Requested By: Marshall, William

Requested Date: February 16, 2021

Primary User: Rodney Adams

Target Date: March 9, 2021

Request Description:

All records, including but not limited to autopsy reports, toxicology reports, notes, photographs, and OCME officials' electronic communications, related to the death on Jan. 6, 2021 of Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick and its related investigation. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/06/2021 To 02/16/2021)

Assignment Note:

From: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FW: Request Assignment
Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 11:06:22 AM
Attachments: [Detail Report 2021-FOIA-03472.pdf](#)

Cheryle,

Here's an NPR reporter to add to your list.

E-mail: cgrisales@npr.org

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Request # 2021-FOIA-03472 has been assigned to you for processing. Here's a brief

summary of the request:

Request ID: 2021-FOIA-03472

Request Type: FOIA

Requested By: Grisales, Claudia

Requested Date: March 3, 2021

Primary User: Rodney Adams

Target Date: March 24, 2021

Request Description:

Requesting the autopsy report and death certificate for late U.S. Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick who died from injuries suffered in the Jan. 6 insurrection. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/06/2021 To 12/31/2021)

Assignment Note:

From: [Wood, Rebecca \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FW: US Capitol Police -Officer Brian Sicknick -Worker's Comp Claim
Date: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 8:35:30 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Good Morning Dr. Breland,
After speaking with Anna she said that you should fill out 7-10 on page 2 and write "N/A" in the fields that don't apply (questions 1-6). Please let me know if you have any questions!

Rebecca
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To: Wood, Rebecca (OCME)
Subject: RE: US Capitol Police -Officer Brian Sicknick -Worker's Comp Claim

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appreciate your assistance in this matter.

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Sent: Friday, January 29, 2021 8:45 AM
To: 'Wood, Rebecca (OCME)' <rebecca.wood@dc.gov>
Subject: RE: US Capitol Police -Officer Brian Sicknick -Worker's Comp Claim

I will consult with Department of Labor and get back to you on how we should proceed with the form. Thank you

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Sent: Friday, January 29, 2021 8:40 AM
To: Queen, Destinee T. <Destinee.Queen@uscp.gov>
Subject: RE: US Capitol Police -Officer Brian Sicknick -Worker's Comp Claim

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Sent: Friday, January 29, 2021 7:56 AM
To: Queen, Destinee T. <Destinee.Queen@uscg.gov>
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Ms. Queen,

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Hope this helps!
Rebecca

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Good Morning Ms. Wood,

Thank you for the update. I will reach out to Terencia Davenport. Thanks again for all of your assistance.

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From: Wood, Rebecca (OCME) <rebecca.wood@dc.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2021 7:09 AM
To: Queen, Destinee T. <Destinee.Queen@uscg.gov>
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Sorry!
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Ms. Queen,
I have passed the document along to the Pathologist handling the case, Dr. Sasha Breland.

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Subject: FW: US Capitol Police -Officer Brian Sicknick -Worker's Comp Claim
Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 2:35:06 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[ca-5b.pdf](#)

Dr. Breland,
Does this come to you or to Medical Records? 21-00132.

Thanks!

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From: [Davenport, Terencia \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FW: US Capitol Police -Officer Brian Sicknick -Worker"s Comp Claim
Date: Thursday, February 4, 2021 4:33:23 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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needed in this matter. Have a great day!

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Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 3:12 PM

To: Queen, Destinee T. <Destinee.Queen@uscp.gov>

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Yep, pass along to Terencia and I'll pass along to Records management just in case!

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Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 11:54 AM
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Subject: US Capitol Police -Officer Brian Sicknick -Worker's Comp Claim

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Hello Rebecca,

Thank you for returning my call today. Attached is the claim form mentioned that needs to be completed by the medical examiner for Brian Sicknick. I had to attach the entire claim form, however the medical office should only complete page 2 of the form. I truly appreciate your assistance in this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Destinee Queen
Worker's Compensation Specialist | **U.S. Capitol Police**
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📞: 202-963-8771
✉: Destinee.Queen@uscp.gov

From: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Chervle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FW: Urgent CNN NEW DAY interview request
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:53:45 PM

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From: Conte Widman, Carmen [<mailto:carmen.contewidman@warnermedia.com>]
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:51 PM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Subject: Urgent CNN NEW DAY interview request

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Carmen Widman

CNN's New Day

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From: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Chervle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FW: Urgent CNN NEW DAY interview request
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 5:17:38 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 5:03 PM
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From: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Chervle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FW: Yahoo News request - On Deadline
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 9:38:22 AM

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From: Caitlin Dickson [<mailto:cdickson@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 9:34 AM
To: ATD OCME
Subject: Yahoo News request - On Deadline

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Hi there,

I'm currently working on a story about a number of questions and conspiratorial claims that have been raised recently about Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick's death, and I'm hoping you can provide some information that could help clear things up. My deadline is 4pm EST today, Feb. 17.

First, can you confirm a cause of death for Officer Sicknick, or share any information about the findings of his autopsy?

One particular post by the website [Revolver News](#) — which has been cited and further promoted by prominent cable news hosts, magazine columnists, and members of Congress — alleges, among other things, that federal authorities are “hiding the medical report” with Officer Sicknick's cause of death.

The same post also suggests that Officer Sicknick's body may have been cremated without his family's authorization, speculating about “Why, one must wonder, would a family still searching for answers, who has no autopsy results, no death certificate, and no medical report, authorize a cremation? *Did they?*”

Can you confirm whether or not Officer Sicknick's family authorized his cremation, and

whether they receive a death certificate and/or autopsy results? Had all necessary tests been conducted to determine Officer Sicknick's cause of death before his body was cremated?

Finally, can you perhaps explain why the autopsy findings / official cause of death in this case have not yet been made public? It seems as though the lack of official details is really fueling speculation here, so any information you can provide to help set the record straight would be greatly appreciated.

Best,
Caitlin

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Caitlin Dickson
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From: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Lyles, Denise \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - RE: Additional Medical Records
Date: Friday, March 26, 2021 11:10:53 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[FFXHospSicknick_2021_03_02_15_32_13_102_1.pdf](#)

Please upload these to the e-case file.

Thanks!

Sasha Breland, M.D.

Deputy Medical Examiner

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From: Scarpelli, Anthony (USADC) [<mailto:Anthony.Scarpelli@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Friday, March 26, 2021 10:50 AM
To: Diaz, Francisco (OCME); Palmertree, Riley M. (WF) (FBI)
Cc: Breland, Sasha (OCME); Light, Gilead (USADC)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - RE: Additional Medical Records

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Hello Dr. Breland and Dr. Diaz,

We are just making sure you have these medical records.

Thank you.

From: Diaz, Francisco (OCME) <francisco.diaz@dc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 2:08 PM
To: Palmertree, Riley M. (WF) (FBI) <rmpalmertree@fbi.gov>
Cc: Breland, Sasha (OCME) <sasha.breland@dc.gov>; Scarpelli, Anthony (USADC) <AScarpelli@usa.doj.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - RE: Additional Medical Records

I can.

Dr. Breland is out for the day.

Let me know what number to call.

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From: Palmertree, Riley M. (WF) (FBI) [<mailto:rmpalmertree@fbi.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 1:52 PM
To: Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
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Dr. Diaz and Dr. Breland,

Do either/both of you have a moment for a quick call today?

Riley

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On Mar 23, 2021 9:37 AM, "Diaz, Francisco (OCME)" <francisco.diaz@dc.gov> wrote:
Thank you, received!

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From: Scarpelli, Anthony (USADC) [<mailto:Anthony.Scarpelli@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 9:26 AM
To: Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
Cc: Breland, Sasha (OCME); Light, Gilead (USADC); Palmertree, Riley M. (WF) (FBI)
Subject: Re: Additional Medical Records

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He is the call in for Friday, March 26, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.:

[844-867-6280](tel:844-867-6280)
[Access: 091141](tel:091141)

On Mar 23, 2021, at 8:58 AM, Diaz, Francisco (OCME) <francisco.diaz@dc.gov> wrote:

Agreed

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From: Breland, Sasha (OCME)
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 7:29 AM
To: Scarpelli, Anthony (USADC)
Cc: Light, Gilead (USADC); Diaz, Francisco (OCME); Palmertree, Riley M. (WF) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Additional Medical Records

9:00 am works best for me.

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From: Scarpelli, Anthony (USADC) [<mailto:Anthony.Scarpelli@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 6:01 PM
To: Breland, Sasha (OCME)
Cc: Light, Gilead (USADC); Diaz, Francisco (OCME); Palmertree, Riley M. (WF) (FBI)
Subject: Re: Additional Medical Records

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Good afternoon Dr. Breland and Dr. Diaz,

Do you have time for a quick call Friday? How about either 9:00 or 4:00?

Thank you.

On Mar 11, 2021, at 7:21 AM, Breland, Sasha (OCME) <sasha.breland@dc.gov> wrote:

Received...thank you

Sasha Breland, M.D.

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From: Light, Gilead (USADC) [<mailto:Gilead.Light@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2021 1:04 PM
To: Breland, Sasha (OCME)
Cc: Diaz, Francisco (OCME); Palmertree, Riley M. (WF) (FBI); Scarpelli, Anthony (USADC)
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From: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryl \(OCME\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#); [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: FOIA request
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 10:35:49 AM

As you'll note from the back and forth below, reporter Mark Seagraves has his knickers in a bind. I will need to run ESRs through OCTO to assure we are responsive.

Rod

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-----Original Message-----

From: Seagraves, Mark (NBCUniversal) [<mailto:Mark.Segraves@nbcuni.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 10:30 AM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: FOIA request

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I really don't mean to be problematic about this but you don't need my address the foia law does not require that, it does not require you to use the portal.

That said I already have an account on the portal and have submitted it through the portal.
Thank you fir your attention to this request.

Mark Seagraves
NBC Washington News
202-997-1576
@SegravesNBC4

Sent from my iPhone, but never while driving. I would never do that. Although it would explain the typos.

> On Apr 20, 2021, at 10:21 AM, Adams, Rodney (OCME) <rodney.adams@dc.gov> wrote:
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> OK, then I need your mailing address so I can set it up for you.
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> Rod
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> DC law does not require me to go through the portal. dc FOIA law is very clear about that. I do wish to pursue this request. Thank you

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>> Mr. Seagraves:

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>> Thank you for your message. If you wish to pursue this request, please register and complete the form on the District's FOIA portal ([https://urldefense.com/v3/https://foia-dc.gov/...!!PIZeeW5wscynRO!5cx7xdP3raGY8LsHjueC5SUflZVaKmpj_UKbOYBAxhX8vh2tbxZBFW0cnJFWEtlaCOM\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/https://foia-dc.gov/...!!PIZeeW5wscynRO!5cx7xdP3raGY8LsHjueC5SUflZVaKmpj_UKbOYBAxhX8vh2tbxZBFW0cnJFWEtlaCOM$)) so we can process it appropriately. If you do not, I will assume that you are withdrawing the request.

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>> All the best,

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>> Rod

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>> I would like all emails between Peter Herman of the Washington post and Cheryle Adams or Beverly Fields or anyone at OCME regarding cause and manner for Officer BRIAN Sicknick.

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>> I am making this request under the freedom of information act.

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>> Mark Segraves

>> NBC Washington News

>> 202-997-1576

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From: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FW: cause of death? RE: 2021-FOIA-03472 status...
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:06:14 PM

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From: Claudia Grisales [mailto:CGrisales@npr.org]
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:01 PM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Subject: cause of death? RE: 2021-FOIA-03472 status...

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Hello,

I am seeing a WaPo story on the late officer Sicknick's cause of death but not seeing a release for the ME's office? I haven't had luck reaching Cheryle. Can you help?

Best,

Claudia Grisales
Congressional Reporter
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[Washington, DC 20002](#)
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Twitter: [@cgrisales](#)

From: Adams, Rodney (OCME) <rodney.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 1:40 PM
To: Claudia Grisales <CGrisales@npr.org>
Subject: RE: 2021-FOIA-03472 status...

You are correct as to access to autopsy reports. The limitations on access to death certificates are contained in the statutes that I cited for you.

All the best,

Rod Adams

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From: Claudia Grisales [<mailto:CGrisales@npr.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2021 1:14 PM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Subject: RE: 2021-FOIA-03472 status...

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Thank you much. I did get that initial email and missed it, apologies. To double, triple check, believe this says that autopsy report is not public unless next of kin gives authorization or there's a subpoena or court order? Do I have that right? Also, I'm resubmitting the request for the death certificate via vital records, but is there guidance whether there are limits there as well?

Best,

Claudia Grisales
Congressional Reporter
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From: Adams, Rodney (OCME) <rodney.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 1:01 PM
To: Claudia Grisales <CGrisales@npr.org>
Subject: RE: 2021-FOIA-03472 status...

Ms. Grisales:

Thanks for your message. It suggests that the messaging system within the District's FOIA portal didn't function properly to deliver the email that I sent to you. For your convenience, I have inserted the text of my email below.

Dear Ms. Grisales:

This is in response to your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for the following:

Requesting the autopsy report and death certificate for late U.S. Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick who died from injuries suffered in the Jan. 6 insurrection. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/06/2021 To 12/31/2021)

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From: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FW: cause of death? RE: 2021-FOIA-03472 status...
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:23:18 PM

Her update...

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Got it, disregard, thanks!

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Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:01 PM
To: 'Adams, Rodney (OCME)' <rodney.adams@dc.gov>
Subject: cause of death? RE: 2021-FOIA-03472 status...

Hello,

I am seeing a WaPo story on the late officer Sicknick's cause of death but not seeing a release for the ME's office? I haven't had luck reaching Cheryle. Can you help?

Best,

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From: Adams, Rodney (OCME) <rodney.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 1:40 PM
To: Claudia Grisales <CGrisales@npr.org>
Subject: RE: 2021-FOIA-03472 status...

You are correct as to access to autopsy reports. The limitations on access to death certificates are contained in the statutes that I cited for you.

All the best,

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Thank you much. I did get that initial email and missed it, apologies. To double, triple check, believe this says that autopsy report is not public unless next of kin gives authorization or there's a subpoena or court order? Do I have that right? Also, I'm resubmitting the request for the death certificate via vital records, but is there guidance whether there are limits there as well?

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Ms. Grisales:

Thanks for your message. It suggests that the messaging system within the District's FOIA portal didn't function properly to deliver the email that I sent to you. For your convenience, I have inserted the text of my email below.

Dear Ms. Grisales:

This is in response to your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for the following:

Requesting the autopsy report and death certificate for late U.S. Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick who died from injuries suffered in the Jan. 6 insurrection. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/06/2021 To 12/31/2021)

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From: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Lyles, Denise \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FW: ePCR***CONFIDENTIAL/HIPAA protected info
Date: Friday, January 8, 2021 1:59:19 PM
Attachments: [1307_001.pdf](#)

Can you drop this in the file for 21-00132?

Thanks!

Sasha Breland, M.D.

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From: Mitchell, Roger (OCME)
Sent: Friday, January 08, 2021 1:57 PM
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From: Mauro, Amy (FEMS) <Amy.Mauro@dc.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 1:49 PM
To: Mitchell, Roger (OCME) <roger.mitchell@dc.gov>
Cc: Gil, Helder (EOM) <helder.gil@dc.gov>; Donnelly, John (FEMS) <john.donnelly@dc.gov>;
Douglas, Milton Jr. (FEMS) <milton.douglas@dc.gov>
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Here is the full electronic patient care report, being shared under the law enforcement/investigative exceptions under HIPAA.

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From: Holman, Robert (FEMS) <robert.holman@dc.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 1:38 PM
To: Mauro, Amy (FEMS) <Amy.Mauro@dc.gov>
Subject: FW: Attached Image

As requested.

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Castillo, Susana \(EOM\)](#); [Foster, LaToya \(EOM\)](#)
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FYI Urgent CNN NEW DAY interview request
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 5:02:06 PM

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Good Afternoon-

I'm reaching out on behalf of CNN NEW DAY. We would like to request a LIVE interview with Dr. Francisco Diaz regarding the autopsy of Officer Brian Sicknick.

New Day is LIVE between 6-9am ET. Can he join us anytime tomorrow morning? We can send a studio van to him or do this via CISCO or SKYPE.

Please confirm this has been received. Thank you. Carmen

Carmen Widman

CNN's New Day

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FYI: 3.22.21 AM Press Clips
Date: Monday, March 22, 2021 8:33:32 AM

Good morning Dr. Diaz,

Please see the press clips below for your review. Additionally, I will ask Angelica to add you to the list serv to receive these daily press clipping emails.

Thank you,
Cheryle

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To: Mattox, Angelica (EOM)
Subject: 3.22.21 AM Press Clips

MMB

[‘It’s not a local issue anymore’: D.C. statehood moves from political fringe to the center of the national Democratic agenda](#)

March 20, 2021

The Washington Post // Mike DeBonis and Meagan Flynn

“People think we’re wards of the Congress,” said Beverly Perry, the top adviser to Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) on statehood advocacy. “We spend a lot of time correcting people” — even in neighboring Maryland, where Perry testified last Monday in support of a pro-statehood resolution pending in the House of Delegates.

[D.C. public school students like our kids pay an immeasurable price without in-person classes](#)

March 19, 2021

The Washington Post // Joanne Levine and Caroline Mehta

There has been a lot of spin coming from D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) and Schools Chancellor Lewis D. Ferebee that DCPS has “reopened strong.” This is a farce at best, an insult at worse. From where we sit, it’s a baldfaced lie. Our eighth-grade daughters have zero opportunities for in-person instruction.

[No weddings, no galas: Event planners feel overlooked as covid restrictions are lifted for others](#)
March 20, 2021

The Washington Post // Emily Davies

The fate of Caroline Foster’s wedding day depended on a news conference Monday, when D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser was set to announce the first sweeping rollback of coronavirus restrictions.

[Some DC youth sports return to competition](#)

March 19, 2021

WTOP // Megan Cloherty

Moderate- and high-contact sports are still restricted from competition in the District, and Mayor Muriel Bowser has said she’ll reevaluate where the health metrics are in early April to decide whether that will change.

[DC 911 interim director details errors, pledges improvements](#)

March 19, 2021

The Washington Post // Neal Augenstein

Mayor Muriel Bowser is in the midst of a nationwide search for the director.

[DC loosening some coronavirus restrictions](#)

March 22, 2021

WTOP // Colleen Kelleher

D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser last week extended the city’s public health emergency through May 20.

[All DC restaurants can serve alcohol until midnight starting Monday](#)

March 20, 2021

WTOP // Valerie Bonk

Establishments that serve alcohol can resume serving beverages to customers daily from 6 a.m. to midnight, according to an order by Mayor Muriel Bowser and an emergency decision from the city’s Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

[Everything you need to know about the push for D.C. statehood, hours before hearing begins](#)

March 22, 2021

WJLA // John Gonzalez

Mayor Muriel Bowser says H.R. 51, the Washington, D.C. Admission Act, is a promising sign that our country is finally ready to right this historic wrong. However, GOP opponents of the bill call it unconstitutional.

['Now, we carry that momentum:' Mayor Bowser urges '#DCStatehood' stories ahead of hearing](#)

March 20, 2021

WJLA // Kristen Schneider

Mayor Muriel Bowser is encouraging DC residents to show their support on social media ahead of Monday's statehood hearing.

[Coronavirus in DC, Maryland, Virginia: What to Know on March 21](#)

March 21, 2021

NBC Washington // Staff

More people will be able to celebrate Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Easter and during Holy Week. D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser's office temporarily raised coronavirus-related capacity limits at the Basilica. The mayor's office granted the Archdiocese a waiver to allow between 750 and 1,500 people inside.

[DC Raises Capacity Limit at Basilica for Easter, Holy Week](#)

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NBC Washington // Staff

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[Biden Supports DC Statehood, With Congressional Hearing Scheduled Monday](#)

March 19, 2021

NBC Washington // Staff

Mayor Muriel Bowser seemed excited to get the support, tweeting, "Let's get it done Mr. President."

[Kiss Tavern In Shaw Loses Liquor License After Allegedly Violating COVID-19 Restrictions](#)

March 22, 2021

DCist // Colleen Grablick

Under D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser's current executive order, hookah lounges must remain closed unless they operate as a licensed food establishment with ABRA. At the time of the violations described, Bowser's order also required on-site alcohol sales to stop at 10 p.m.

[D.C. Hesitates To Expand Hotel Shelter Program For Medically Vulnerable Residents. As Waitlist Grows](#)

March 19, 2021

Colleen Grablick

In mid-February of this year, Ward 1 Councilmember and chair of the Committee on Human Services Brianne Nadeau called on Mayor Muriel Bowser to allocate a portion of the fiscal year 2022 budget to purchase the hotels for short-term PEP-V housing and longer term permanent supportive housing. In a similar letter to the mayor, Ward 5 Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie requested that the city invest \$140 million in the next budget to purchase and convert the Washington Marriott Wardman Park Hotel into an affordable and permanent supportive housing site.

[DC Adults of All Ages Can Pre-Register for COVID-19 Vaccination](#)

March 19, 2021

DC Post // Jane Smith

DC Mayor Muriel Bowser urged every adult resident in the District, currently eligible or not, to sign up for receiving the COVID-19 vaccine through the city's pre-registration portal.

[DDOT to Repave Many Streets, Sidewalks This Year; Are There Any Near You?](#)

March 21, 2021

DC Post // Jane Smith

As part of the program, Mayor Muriel Bowser's administration has committed to "eliminating all poor quality roads in the District by 2024," according to a release by DDOT.

[DC LGBTQ Budget Coalition's priorities must be addressed](#)

March 19, 2021

Washington Blade // Anthony Musa

Leadership from Mayor Muriel Bowser would be a proposed budget that leaves no federal dollar off the table to enhance and expand critical services. Any funding cuts will disproportionately impact LGBTQ+ people, especially our Black and Brown trans/non-binary community. The D.C.

government is in a unique position regarding the upcoming budget; in 2020 the government ran a surplus of \$526 million, resulting from the fiscal conservativeness of the previously approved budget. The government has opportunities to take advantage of new or underutilized revenue streams or review different areas of the budget that are over-utilized, such as the budget for the Metropolitan Police Department.

[Watchdog group sues DC for autopsy report of Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick](#)

March 19, 2021

Washington Examiner // Daniel Chaitin

D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser's office did not immediately return a request for comment.

Local

[Commission to reimagine police in District grapples with effort to defund](#)

March 21, 2021

The Washington Post // Peter Hermann

A commission created to help the District reinvent policing is preparing a final report that could propose sweeping changes, including taking officers out of schools, curtailing traffic enforcement and shrinking the department's size and budget.

[Police recover body from Anacostia River near Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling](#)

March 21, 2021

The Washington Post // Ann E. Marimow

D.C. police and emergency officials recovered a body Sunday from the Anacostia River near Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling.

[D.C. police investigate two fatal shootings](#)

March 21, 2021

The Washington Post // Ann E. Marimow

D.C. police are investigating two fatal shootings involving young men that occurred Saturday night just before 8.

[Arrest made in subway homicide, D.C. police say](#)

March 20, 2021

The Washington Post // Martin Weil

An arrest was made Friday in a fatal shooting on a Metro subway platform, the D.C. police said.

[Burtell M. Jefferson, Washington's first Black police chief, dies at 96](#)

March 19, 2021

The Washington Post // Peter Hermann

Burtell M. Jefferson, who joined the District's largely segregated police department in 1948 and launched a behind-the-scenes campaign to help Black officers advance through the ranks as he rose to become the city's first African American police chief, died March 19 at his home in Washington. He was 96.

['We're losing a piece of our history'](#)

March 19, 2021

The Washington Post // Paul Schwartzman

The clocks on the walls no longer work, the furnace is busted, and the only window is covered with a thick sheet of plywood.

National

[AstraZeneca's U.S. trial shows coronavirus vaccine is 79 percent effective](#)

March 22, 2021

The Washington Post // William Booth

Oxford University and AstraZeneca reported on Monday that their coronavirus "vaccine for the world" was safe and 79 percent effective overall, according to data from a long-awaited clinical trial in the United States, alongside other studies in Chile and Peru.

[The missing students of the pandemic](#)

March 21, 2021

The Washington Post // Eli Saslow

Rich Pimentel had already tried searching in a trailer park and a migrant camp when he started driving toward the third and final address listed in the student's school file. He followed his GPS to a neighborhood on the edge of the desert, an oasis of palm trees and swimming pools protected by a steel gate. "Wow," Pimentel said, as he rolled down his window and pulled up to a call box. "Finally a happy ending. Maybe this kid's actually okay."

[Mayorkas says 'the border is closed,' defends Biden's immigration strategy](#)

March 21, 2021

The Washington Post// Amy B Wang

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FYI: A letter from U.S. Senator Ron Johnson
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 11:54:27 AM
Attachments: [2021-03-08 RHJ to DC Medical Examiner - Final.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Good morning Rodney,

Please find attached the letter from the senator.

Thank you,
Cheryle

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From: Fripp, SaVern (OCME)
Sent: Monday, March 08, 2021 11:30 AM
To: Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
Cc: Adams, Cheryle (OCME); Fields, Beverly (OCME)
Subject: FW: A letter from U.S. Senator Ron Johnson
Importance: High

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Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 11:28 AM
To: Fields, Beverly (OCME); Breland, Sasha (OCME); ATD OCME
Cc: Wittmann, Scott (HSGAC)
Subject: A letter from U.S. Senator Ron Johnson
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Hello,

Please find attached a letter from Senator Johnson to Dr. Diaz. Please confirm receipt of the attached letter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brian M. Downey
Senior Investigator
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations
U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
202-224-5571

From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FYI: CNN inquiry about records request
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:02:13 AM

Good morning Rodney,

Please see the email below regarding the FOIA request for the autopsy report for Brian Sicknick.

Thank you,
Cheryle

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Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 8:59 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: Fw: CNN inquiry about records request

Good Morning Cheryle,

I'm forwarding this request from CNN. I also had a phone call a few minutes ago from someone who identified as media, and had provided your number. It may or may not have been the same individual, as I hadn't seen this email yet.

Thanks as always,
Andrew / Records

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Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 4:53 PM
To: Records, OCME (OCME) <ocme.records@dc.gov>
Subject: CNN inquiry about records request

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Hi OCME Records team,

My name is Curt Devine and I'm with the news network CNN here in Washington. I'm writing because we would like to submit a records request (Pursuant to the DC Freedom of Information Act) for the autopsy/toxicology report documents and any associated records related to Capitol Police Officer Brian D. Sicknick.

Is it accurate that OCME has been denying public records requests for these documents?

Thank you for any information. Best,

Curt Devine
CNN, Washington
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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#); [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FYI: Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick
Date: Friday, February 19, 2021 1:48:09 PM

Good afternoon Rodney,

I wanted to confer with you before replying to Bill Marshall as the response sent yesterday does not constitute a rejection to his appeal. Please let me know if I should answer or should you follow up?

Thank you,
Cheryle

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From: Bill Marshall [mailto:BMarshall@JUDICIALWATCH.ORG]
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 1:42 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM); Fields, Beverly (OCME); Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Subject: RE: Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick

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Dear Ms. Adams,

Thank you for your note.

Does your reply constitute a rejection of the appeal I submitted yesterday to the DC Government

following the earlier rejection of my Freedom of Information Act request seeking: "All records, including but not limited to autopsy reports, toxicology reports, notes, photographs, and OCME officials' electronic communications, related to the death on Jan. 6, 2021 of Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick and its related investigation."?

Respectfully,

William F. Marshall
Senior Investigator
Judicial Watch, Inc.
C: 202.641.4981

From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 3:20 PM
To: Bill Marshall <BMarshall@JUDICIALWATCH.ORG>
Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM) <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>; Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov>; Adams, Rodney (OCME) <rodney.adams@dc.gov>
Subject: Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick

Good afternoon Mr. Marshall,

OCME medical examiners comply with the National Association of Medical Examiners' (NAME) standard to determine the cause and manner of death within 90 days; however, for cases that are more complex it could be longer. Therefore, when this information is available and the decedent's next of kin has been notified, I will provide you with the cause and manner of death. Additionally, I have added your name to the list to receive the information when it is available.

Best regards,
Cheryle

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FYI: Cause and Manner of Death for USCP Officer Brian Sicknick
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:57:49 AM

On Wednesday, January 6, 2021, an unprecedented incident of civil insurrection at the United States Capitol resulted in the deaths of five individuals. The District of Columbia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. Francisco J. Diaz, MD, FACP, issued determinations on April 7 as to the cause and manner of death for four of those individuals and today issues the cause and manner of death of the remaining individual.

- **Brian Sicknick, 42 years old:**
 - Cause of Death—Acute brainstem and cerebellar infarcts due to acute basilar artery thrombosis
 - Manner of Death—Natural

Publicly disclosed timeline of events:

- Wednesday, January 6, 2021:
 - Approximately 2:20 PM: Officer Brian Sicknick is sprayed with a chemical substance outside the U.S. Capitol.
 - Approximately 10:00 PM: Officer Sicknick collapses at the U.S. Capitol and is transported by D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services to a local hospital.
- Thursday, January 7, 2021:
 - Approximately 9:30 PM: Officer Sicknick dies at a local hospital.

Background explanation of medical terminology on the cause and manner of death:

As determined by the Chief Medical Examiner, the “cause of death” is the medical disease, injury, alcohol, drug or toxic substance that caused a person’s death. The “manner of death” describes the circumstances surrounding a person’s death and falls within one of the following categories:

- Accident: Used when there is no evidence of intent; an unintentional, sudden, and unexpected death.
- Homicide: Death results from the intentional harm of one person by another, including actions of grossly reckless behavior.
- Natural: Used when a disease alone causes death. If death is hastened by an injury, the manner of death is not considered natural.
- Suicide: Death results from the purposeful attempt to end one’s life.
- Undetermined: Used when there is insufficient information to assign another manner.

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FYI: Determinations of the Cause and Manner of Death - RE: January 6, 2021
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 2:39:08 PM

Good afternoon Rodney,

I have just sent the email below to the reporters requesting information regarding the above-mentioned subject. Please let me know if you should have any questions.

Thank you,
Cheryle

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From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 2:33 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM); Fields, Beverly (OCME)
Subject: Determinations of the Cause and Manner of Death - RE: January 6, 2021

On Wednesday, January 6, 2021 an unprecedented incident of civil insurrection at the United States Capitol resulted in the deaths of five individuals. The District of Columbia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. Francisco J. Diaz, MD, FACP, has issued the following determinations as to the cause and manner of death for four of those individuals.

Ashli Babbitt, 35 years old:

- Cause of Death—Gunshot wound to the left anterior shoulder
- Manner of Death—Homicide

Kevin Greeson, 55 years old:

- Cause of Death—Hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease

- Manner of Death – Natural

Benjamin Phillips, 50 years old:

- Cause of Death – Hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
- Manner of Death – Natural

Roseanne Boyland, 34 years old:

- Cause of Death – Acute Amphetamine Intoxication
- Manner of Death – Accident

The cause and manner of death for Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick are pending.

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Castillo, Susana \(EOM\)](#); [Foster, LaToya \(EOM\)](#)
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FYI: Dr. Diaz Interview Request
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:21:40 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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[image003.png](#)

Good morning to all,

Please see the request below regarding an interview.

Best regards,
Cheryle

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From: Flack, Eric [mailto:EFlack@wusa9.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 10:08 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: Dr. Diaz Interview Request

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Good morning Cheryl – I see Dr. Diaz gave a brief interview to the Washington Post regarding Officer Sicknick's autopsy results. Would he do the same for us?

Thanks,
Eric Flack

Eric Flack | Chief Investigative Reporter

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To: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
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Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 3:23:28 PM
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From: Fields, Beverly (OCME)
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2021 8:53 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME); Dedner, Olivia (EOM)
Cc: Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
Subject: Re: FOLLOW UP/FINAL: Chief Medical Examiner Releases Cause and Manner of Deaths From January 6 Insurrection (NOT APPROVED)

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Subject: FOLLOW UP/FINAL: Chief Medical Examiner Releases Cause and Manner of Deaths From January 6 Insurrection (NOT APPROVED)



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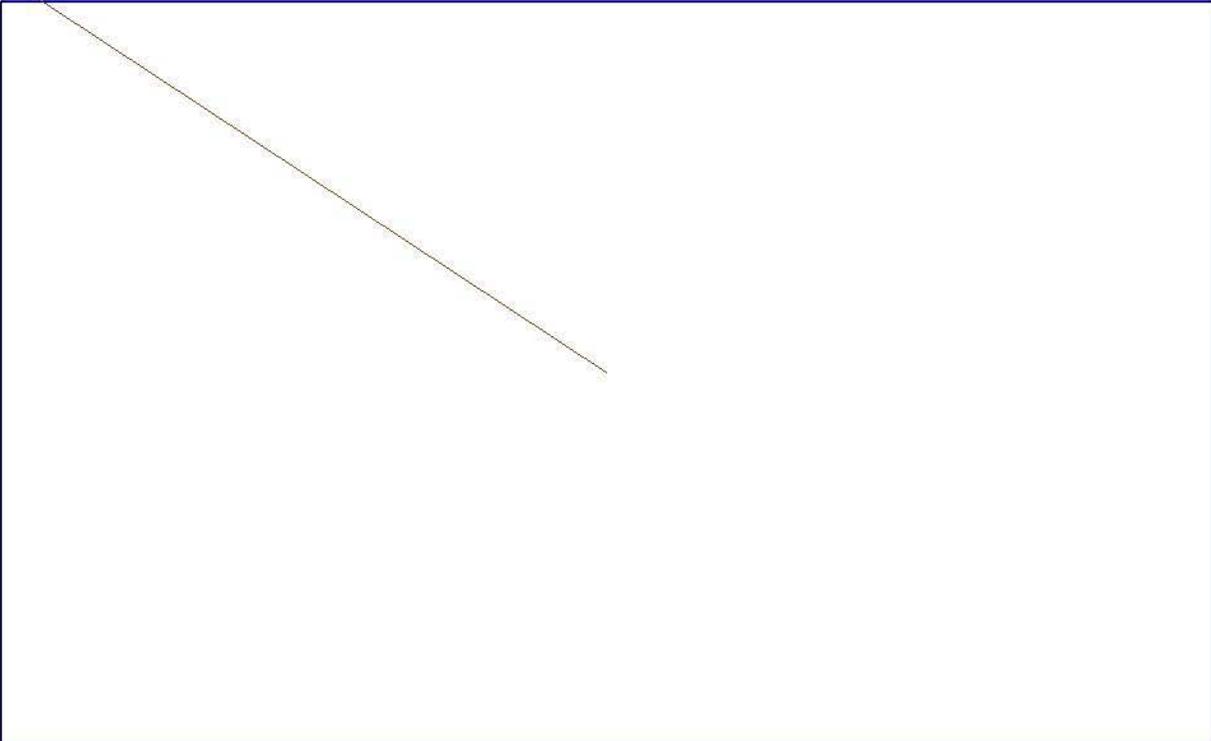
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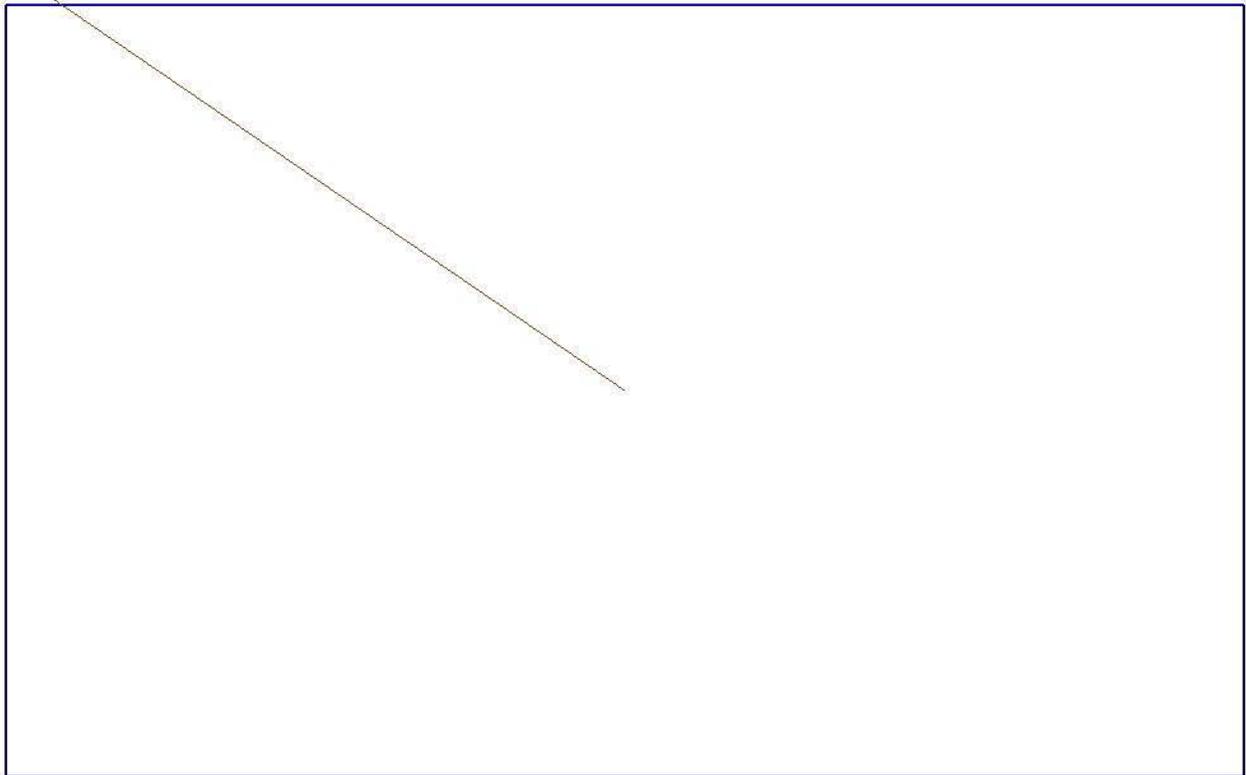
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2021 6:53 PM

To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)

Subject: FINAL: Chief Medical Examiner Releases Cause and Manner of Deaths From January 6 Insurrection (NOT APPROVED)

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To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: RE: FOLLOW UP/FINAL: Chief Medical Examiner Releases Cause and Manner of Deaths From January 6 Insurrection (NOT APPROVED)

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Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 7:55 AM
To: Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
Subject: FOLLOW UP/FINAL: Chief Medical Examiner Releases Cause and Manner of Deaths From January 6 Insurrection (NOT APPROVED)

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Good morning Dr. Diaz,

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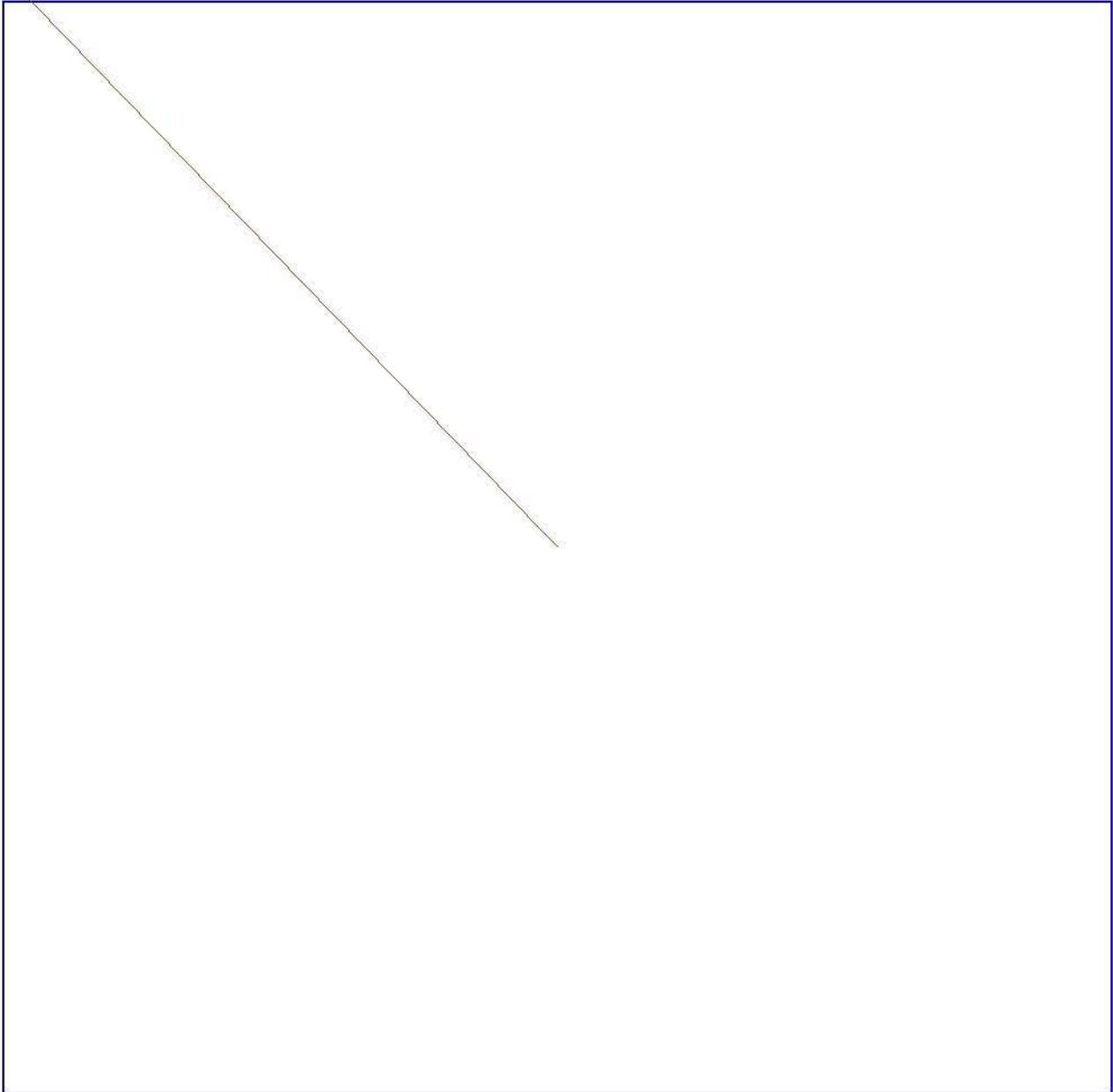
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To: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#)
Subject: FYI: FOX INQUIRY: Jan 6 insurrection 4 individuals cause and manner of death release
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 4:30:06 PM

Good afternoon Olivia,

This is the first request regarding a press briefing.

Best,
Cheryle

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Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 4:28 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM); Fields, Beverly (OCME)
Subject: Re: FOLLOW UP: FOX INQUIRY: Jan 6 insurrection 4 individuals cause and manner of death release

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Thank you for your quick response! For planning purposes, do you know if there are any plans to provide this information in an on camera statement or have any kind of a press briefing?

Thank you again,

Kelly Phares

Fox News Capitol Hill Producer

@kellyfphares

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From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 15:35

To: Phares, Kelly <Kelly.Phares@FOXNEWS.COM>

Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM) <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>; Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] FOLLOW UP: FOX INQUIRY: Jan 6 insurrection 4 individuals cause and manner of death release

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- Manner of Death – Natural

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- Suicide: Death results from the purposeful attempt to end one's life.
- Undetermined: Used when there is insufficient information to assign another manner.

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From: Phares, Kelly <Kelly.Phares@FOXNEWS.COM>

Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 2:58 PM

To: Records, OCME (OCME) <ocme.records@dc.gov>; ATD OCME <ocme@dc.gov>

Subject: FOX INQUIRY: Jan 6 insurrection 4 individuals cause and manner of death release

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Good afternoon --

I am seeing some reporting of a release from OCME detailing the cause and manner of death of 4 of the 5 individuals who died during the Jan 6th Capitol insurrection. Are you able to send me that release?

Thank you,

Kelly Phares

Fox News Capitol Hill Producer

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FYI: Information Requested on Cause and Manner of Deaths From January 6 Insurrection
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 1:36:04 PM
Importance: High

Here is the only other document that I have regarding this matter as all correspondence with this individual was via FOIA and the previous email that I sent.

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From: Dedner, Olivia (EOM)
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 1:08 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: Information Requested on Cause and Manner of Deaths From January 6 Insurrection
Importance: High

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To: [Castillo, Susana \(EOM\)](#); [Foster, LaToya \(EOM\)](#)
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FYI: Interview request - RE: The Cause and Manner of Death: Officer Brian Sicknick
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 8:15:43 AM

Good morning to all,

Please see the email below regarding another interview request.

Thank you,
Cheryle

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From: Hobbs, Tawnell [mailto:tawnell.hobbs@wsj.com]
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 7:05 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: Interview request

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Hi. It's Tawnell Hobbs, reporter at The Wall Street Journal. I'd like to request an interview with the medical examiner to discuss Officer Sicknick's death. If that's not possible, if the medical examiner could verify media reports that Sicknick had multiple strokes that would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks for your time. My cell is 475-323-8149.

Tawnell D. Hobbs
SENIOR SPECIAL WRITER



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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FYI: Public records request dated 02/05/2021
Date: Friday, February 5, 2021 2:39:32 PM

Rodney,

I forgot to include you on this email. Here is Mr. Rask's response. As you are aware, we have not released any information. Please let me know if you should have any questions.

Thank you,
Cheryle

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From: Thomas Rask [mailto:tom@rask.com]
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2021 2:12 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: Re: FOLLOW UP: Public records request dated 02/05/2021

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Ms. Adams,

Thanks for your prompt response. Your detailed answer closes my request.

However, I want to draw you attention to what CNN and others are reporting ([here](#)), namely that "according to one law enforcement official, medical examiners did not find signs that the officer sustained any blunt force trauma." Thus OCME records are apparently selectively being leaked for no apparent investigation-furthering purpose.

If that is true (and I want to emphasize "if" because not everything reported is true), then such behavior by law enforcement officials in the US Attorney's office does not increase the public's trust in government. I know they are an agency separate from yours, but I still wanted to make that point about trust to you.

One final question: once the investigation is over, is the US Attorney's office legally authorized and likely to release the autopsy report and other OCME records in this case? It is of great public interest whether this poor man died of causes related or unrelated to his work on January 6th.

Thanks in advance and have a great weekend.

Tom Rask

On Fri, Feb 5, 2021 at 1:55 PM Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Mr. Rask,

Thank you for your message. To make a formal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, please use the DC FOIA portal (<https://foia-dc.gov/>).

After the request churns its way through the FOIA process, you are likely to be disappointed in the response. Public access to medical examiner records varies considerably from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. In the District of Columbia, DC Code 5-1412 maintains the confidentiality of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) case files. The consistent interpretation of DC Code 5-1412 over the years, particularly in light of the US Supreme Court's decision in National Archives and Records Admin. v. Favis, 541 US 157 (2004), has been that an OCME case file is only released to the next of kin, to law enforcement, or to the Mayor unless a court orders otherwise. In FOIA terms, the confidentiality of personal information falls under exceptions 5 USC 552(a)(6) and DC Code 2-534(a)(2). This approach is consistent with OCME's mission to support the families of decedents.

We appreciate your interest in OCME's work, and we wish you all the best.

Best regards,
Cheryle

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From: Tom Rask [<mailto:tom@rask.com>]
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 9:41 AM
To: ATD OCME
Subject: Public records request dated 02/05/2021

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This is a public records request.

My request is for a copy of your agency's examination of the body of Capitol Hill Police Officer Brian Sicknick.

Regards,

Tom Rask

From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FYI: Question Regarding Judicial Watch Lawsuit
Date: Monday, April 5, 2021 1:38:13 PM

Good afternoon Rodney,

Please see the email below regarding the above-mentioned subject.

Thank you,
Cheryle

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From: Ashley Kim [mailto:akim@mrc.org]
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2021 1:36 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: Question Regarding Judicial Watch Lawsuit

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Hello,

My name is Ashley Kim, I am a reporter for CNS News, and I had a question regarding the Judicial Watch lawsuit against the Government of the District of Columbia.

My question is: For what reason is the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner withholding the autopsy report of Officer Brian Sicknick?

We will print your response in full.

Thank you very much,
Ashley Kim

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: FYI: THANK YOU: Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 1:27:13 PM

Rodney,

I have reviewed my Outlook and the only email or any additional correspondence pertaining to Mr. Marshall's request is the email thread regarding time frame. Please let me know if you should have any additional questions.

Thank you,
Cheryle

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From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 1:50 PM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Cc: Fields, Beverly (OCME); Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
Subject: THANK YOU: Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick

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From: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 1:49 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Cc: Fields, Beverly (OCME); Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
Subject: RE: Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick

I'll handle him. I'm not sure that he can tell us apart.

Rod Adams

Rodney K. Adams

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From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 1:48 PM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Cc: Fields, Beverly (OCME); Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
Subject: FYI: Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick

Good afternoon Rodney,

I wanted to confer with you before replying to Bill Marshall as the response sent yesterday does not constitute a rejection to his appeal. Please let me know if I should answer or should you follow up?

Thank you,
Cheryle

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From: Bill Marshall [<mailto:BMarshall@JUDICIALWATCH.ORG>]

Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 1:42 PM

To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)

Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM); Fields, Beverly (OCME); Adams, Rodney (OCME)

Subject: RE: Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick

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Dear Ms. Adams,

Thank you for your note.

Does your reply constitute a rejection of the appeal I submitted yesterday to the DC Government following the earlier rejection of my Freedom of Information Act request seeking: "All records, including but not limited to autopsy reports, toxicology reports, notes, photographs, and OCME officials' electronic communications, related to the death on Jan. 6, 2021 of Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick and its related investigation."?

Respectfully,

William F. Marshall

Senior Investigator

Judicial Watch, Inc.

C: 202.641.4981

From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>

Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 3:20 PM

To: Bill Marshall <BMarshall@JUDICIALWATCH.ORG>

Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM) <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>; Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov>; Adams, Rodney (OCME) <rodney.adams@dc.gov>

Subject: Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick

Good afternoon Mr. Marshall,

OCME medical examiners comply with the National Association of Medical Examiners' (NAME) standard to determine the cause and manner of death within 90 days; however, for cases that are more complex it could be longer. Therefore, when this information is available and the decedent's next of kin has been notified, I will provide you with the cause and manner of death. Additionally, I have added your name to the list to receive the information when it is available.

Best regards,
Cheryle

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To: [Castillo, Susana \(EOM\)](#); [Foster, LaToya \(EOM\)](#)
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#)
Subject: FYI: media request--National Review magazine--REQUEST FOR AN INTERVIEW WITH DR. DIAZ
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 5:06:15 PM

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Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 5:01 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: media request--National Review magazine

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Hello Ms. Adams,

I'm the Washington correspondent at *National Review* magazine, and I was wondering if Chief Medical Examiner Francisco Diaz would have a few minutes to talk about his report on the death of Officer Brian Sicknick.

Many people in the media are jumping to the conclusion the riot had nothing to do with Officer Sicknick's strokes, and I was hoping chatting with Mr. Diaz might help clarify what the report does and does not say.

Best,

John

202-368-4151

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From: [Sandler, Rachel](#)
To: cheryle.adams@dc.gov
Subject: Forbes: Brian Sicknick
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 5:53:47 PM

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Hi Cheryle,

Thank you so much for returning my call. Can you please send me any information you can about Brian Sicknick's autopsy results?

Thanks.

Rachel Sandler
Breaking News Reporter // Forbes
(571) 839-1870

From: [Lindsay Watts](#)
To: cheryle.adams@dc.gov
Subject: Fox5DC request-Brian Sicknick autopsy
Date: Sunday, January 10, 2021 10:44:02 AM

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Hi Cheryle,

Have You completed an autopsy on capitol police officer Brian Sicknick? If so, can you provide cause of death? If not, when do you anticipate that to be completed?

Thanks,

Lindsay Watts
Reporter
Fox5DC
202-823-2447

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Records, OCME \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Fw: Brian Sicknick
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 3:09:25 PM

Hi Cheryle,

Apologies in advance: here is one of several media inquiries I am forwarding that came in since yesterday.

Thanks for the assistance as always,
Andrew & Records

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Good evening,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Anthony Leake, and I am a credentialed member of the media and White House Correspondent. Can you please provide me with the autopsy results of Brian Sicknick? Also, if you can provide me with any and all other materials and statements pertaining to this matter. I would greatly appreciate it

Anthony Leake
Chronicle Fashion Guide
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From: [Records, OCME \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Chervle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Fw: CNBC Inquiry, Sicknick Ruling
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 3:11:59 PM

Another media request being forwarded.

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To: Records, OCME (OCME) <ocme.records@dc.gov>
Subject: FW: CNBC Inquiry, Sicknick Ruling

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Hello,

Please respond to the below request as soon as possible.

Thank you,
Kevin Breuninger
CNBC

From: Breuninger, Kevin (NBCUniversal)
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 3:58 PM
To: ocme@dc.gov
Subject: CNBC Inquiry, Sicknick Ruling

Hello,

I cover politics for CNBC. I'm reaching out to request a statement from the DC Medical Examiner's Office on the death of Officer Brian Sicknick. Washington Post reports the CME ruled Sicknick died from strokes one day after then Jan6 riot.

Please confirm as soon as possible. Email or call 203-448-0768.

Best,
Kevin Breuninger
CNBC

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From: [Records, OCME \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Fw: CNN inquiry about records request
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 8:59:16 AM

Good Morning Cheryle,
I'm forwarding this request from CNN. I also had a phone call a few minutes ago from someone who identified as media, and had provided your number. It may or may not have been the same individual, as I hadn't seen this email yet.

Thanks as always,
Andrew / Records

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From: Devine, Curt <Curt.Devine@cnn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 4:53 PM
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Subject: CNN inquiry about records request

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Hi OCME Records team,

My name is Curt Devine and I'm with the news network CNN here in Washington. I'm writing because we would like to submit a records request (Pursuant to the DC Freedom of Information Act) for the autopsy/toxicology report documents and any associated records related to Capitol Police Officer Brian D. Sicknick.

Is it accurate that OCME has been denying public records requests for these documents?

Thank you for any information. Best,

Curt Devine
CNN, Washington
Curt.Devine@cnn.com
678-576-6976

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To: [Adams, Chervle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Fw: CNN inquiry
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 3:12:43 PM

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Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 3:57 PM
To: ATD OCME <ocme@dc.gov>
Cc: Records, OCME (OCME) <ocme.records@dc.gov>
Subject: CNN inquiry

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Hello,

Reaching out from CNN. Can we get a copy of the Office of the Medical Examiner determination regarding Officer Brian Sicknick's death?

Will his autopsy/medical exam be released?

Thank you!

Best,

Whitney Wild
CNN
202-701-8532

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From: [Records, OCME \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Chervle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Fw: CNN request for today
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 3:10:24 PM
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From: Christensen, Jen <jen.christensen@warnermedia.com>
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Subject: CNN request for today

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Dear Madame or Sir:

My name is Jen Christensen. I've been asked to write a story about the death of Officer Sicknick, particularly how someone could die of natural causes after a traumatic event. I apologize if you have released this already, I'm covering this from the medical perspective and just coming onto the story today. Is this something we could get a copy of or is there someone at the office we can speak with about the report. This will be a story for CNN.com that will give perspective on what a "natural causes" determination is etc. There was a lot of confusion from readers and we just want to educate them about the matter. Any insight on this important story would be very much appreciated. It is for a story that will run this afternoon on CNN.com as soon as we can put it together.

All the best,
Jen

[Jen Christensen](#) | she/her/hers |  Health & Climate Unit & cnn.com 1 CNN Center, Atlanta, GA
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From: [Records, OCME \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Fw: CNN request: Brian Sicknick
Date: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 10:18:48 AM

Good Morning Cheryle,
We had this media request come in to the RMU email this morning. Is it possible for you to respond to their inquiry?

Thank you,
Andrew / Records

From: Wild, Whitney <Whitney.Wild@turner.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 8:18 AM
To: Records, OCME (OCME) <ocme.records@dc.gov>
Subject: CNN request: Brian Sicknick

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Good morning,

We are wondering if it's possible to receive a copy of Officer Brian Sicknick's medical exam or autopsy?

Will this be publicly released? Has it been completed?

Thank you.

Whitney Wild
CNN
202-701-8532

From: [Records, OCME \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Fw: FOX INQUIRY: Jan 6 insurrection Officer Sicknick cause and manner of death
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 3:12:56 PM

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Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 3:54 PM
To: Kelly.Phares@FOXNEWS.COM <Kelly.Phares@FOXNEWS.COM>; Records, OCME (OCME) <ocme.records@dc.gov>; ATD OCME <ocme@dc.gov>; Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Subject: Re: FOX INQUIRY: Jan 6 insurrection Officer Sicknick cause and manner of death

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Good afternoon,

Following up on this inquiry.

I see the Washington Post is now reporting the cause of USCP Officer Sicknick's death. Are you able to send me the details of that report from the Chief Medical Examiner?

Thank you

Kelly Phares
Capitol Hill Producer

Fox News
C: 202-655-1622
C2: 815-931-8977

From: Phares, Kelly (FoxNews) <kelly.phares@foxnews.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 6:54 PM
To: ocme.records@dc.gov <ocme.records@dc.gov>; ocme@dc.gov <ocme@dc.gov>; Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Subject: FOX INQUIRY: Jan 6 insurrection Officer Sicknick cause and manner of death

Good evening—

I'm seeing reports that the medical examiners office has issued a release with the cause and manner of Officer Brian Sicknick's death. Can you provide me with that release?

Thank you,

Kelly Phares
Capitol Hill Producer
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From: [Records, OCME \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Fw: Fox News seeking confirmation -- Brian Sicknick cause of death
Date: Thursday, February 4, 2021 8:51:21 AM

Cheryle,

As mentioned in my earlier email, here is the second media inquiry. Thanks again and please let us know if there's anything we can help you with.

-Andrew

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From: Wallace, Danielle <danielle.wallace@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 7:17 AM
To: ATD OCME <ocme@dc.gov>; Records, OCME (OCME) <ocme.records@dc.gov>
Cc: Gaffney, Melissa <Melissa.Leon@FOXNEWS.COM>; Arroyo, Michael <Michael.Arroyo@foxbusiness.com>; Conner, Paul <Paul.Conner@FOXNEWS.COM>; Early, Jordan <Jordan.Early@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Fox News seeking confirmation -- Brian Sicknick cause of death

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Good morning,

I'm reaching out from Fox News in New York. **When do you expect to release the official cause of death for fallen Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick?** Are you able to provide a copy of the autopsy report?

Can you confirm whether he suffered **blunt force trauma** during the riot at the Capitol on Jan. 6? Is it believed he was struck in the head by a **fire extinguisher**?

Can you confirm whether **exposure to chemical agents**, such as bear mace or pepper-spray, might have contributed to his death? Did he have any **pre-existing conditions** that also played a factor?

There are many conflicting reports as to what specifically caused Sicknick's demise. **Please let me know if we can get some clarification for our coverage on foxnews.com. Thank you.**

Kindly,

Danielle Wallace

Breaking/Trending Digital News Producer

FoxNews.com

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From: [Records, OCME \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Fw: NEWSWEEK: Requesting Info About Officer Sicknick
Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 3:31:13 PM

Cheryle,

We had received this media inquiry at the RMU email. Would you be able to respond to them?

Thanks!

Andrew / Records

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From: Julia Marnin <j.marnin@newsweek.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 11:24 AM
To: Records, OCME (OCME) <ocme.records@dc.gov>
Subject: NEWSWEEK: Requesting Info About Officer Sicknick

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Hello,

My name is Julia Marnin and I am a reporter for Newsweek. We are working on a story about the information surrounding Officer Brian Sicknick's death during the January 6 Capitol Hill riots. Can the DC Office of the Chief Medical Examiner answer a few questions below?

Is the medical examiner's report on Officer Sicknick complete? If not, when will it be released?

Is it possible to confirm or deny whether Sicknick was struck with a fire extinguisher on the head? Previously, multiple media outlets had reported that.

Any other information that is available surrounding his death that you are able to provide

would be greatly appreciated.

I look forward to hearing back from you. Our deadline is as soon as possible.

Best,
Julia Marnin

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Subject: Fw: Sicknick ruling
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 3:12:16 PM

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Subject: Sicknick ruling

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Hi there-

Do you have the OCME 'ruling' the Washington Post cites in this story today on Officer Sicknick's death?

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/public-safety/brian-sicknick-death-strokes/2021/04/19/36d2d310-617e-11eb-afbe-9a11a127d146_story.html

Steve

CBS News Washington

646-457-6971

dorseyS@cbsnews.com

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From: [Mitchell, Roger \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Fw: USCP Officer Brian Sicknick - Timeline
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 9:44:17 AM

FYI

Roger A. Mitchell Jr. MD
Interim Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice
Chief Medical Examiner
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From: Contee, Robert (MPD) <Robert.Contee@dc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 6:54 PM
To: Mitchell, Roger (OCME) <roger.mitchell@dc.gov>
Subject: FW: USCP Officer Brian Sicknick - Timeline

Dr. Mitchell,

For your review.

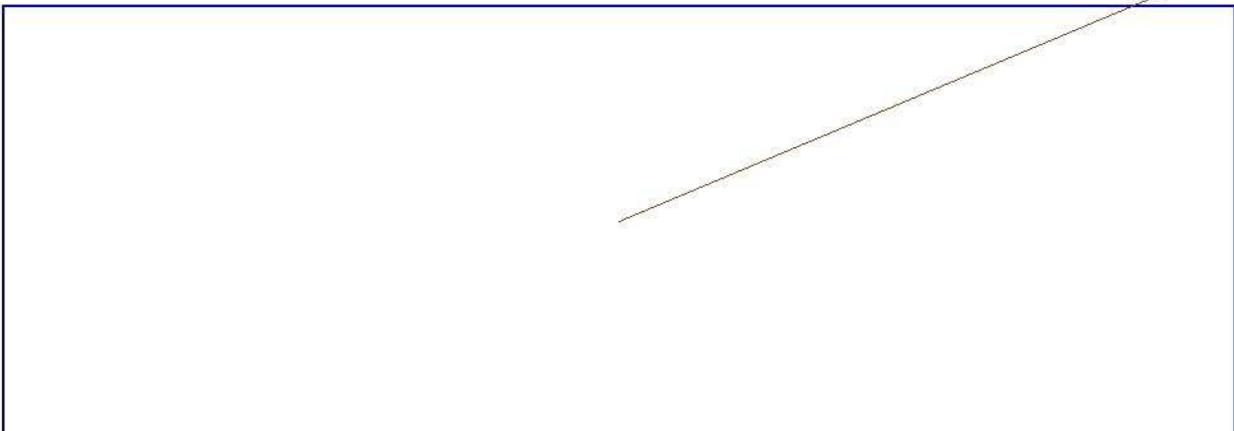
Robert J. Contee, III
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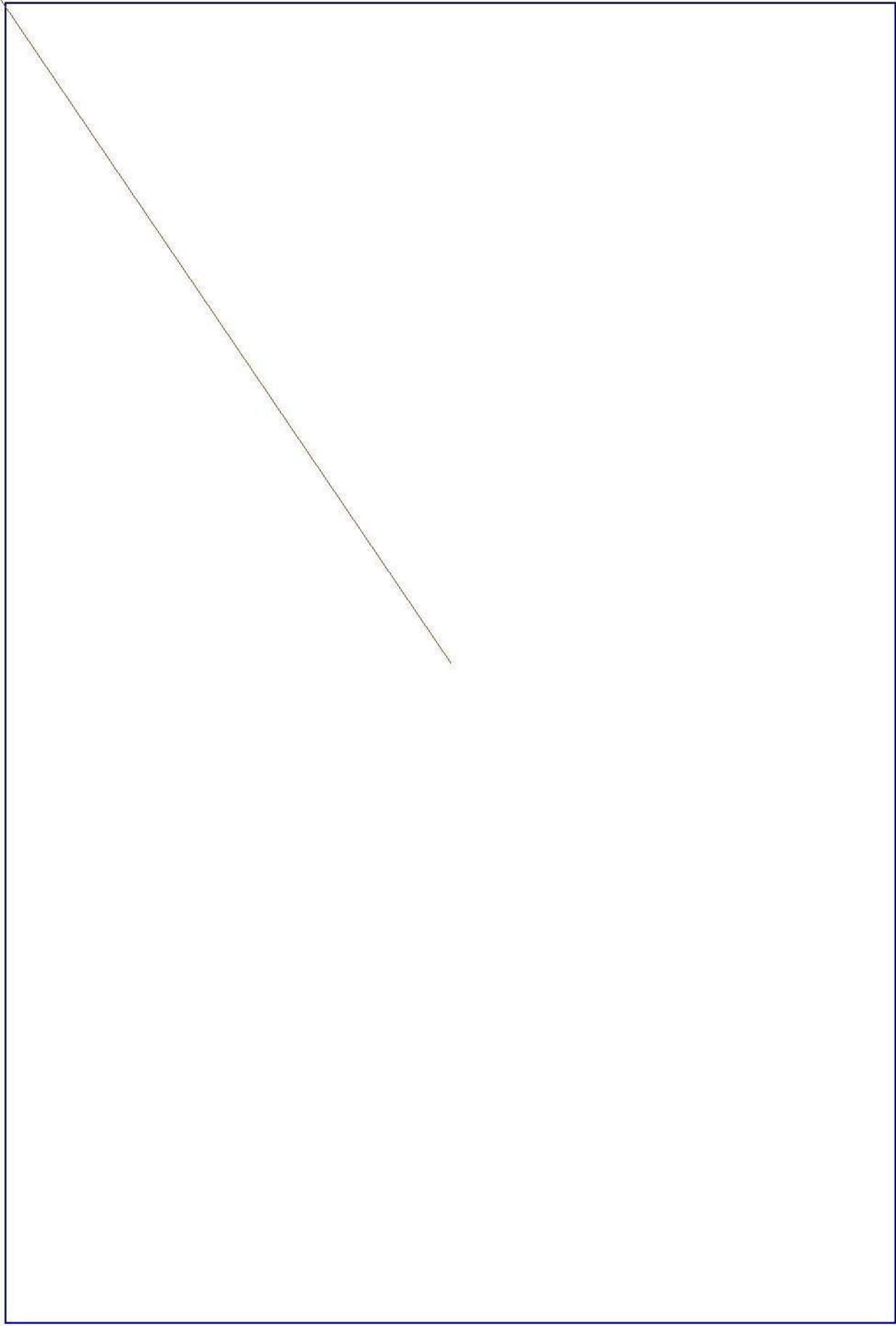
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Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 5:35 PM
To: Contee, Robert (MPD) <Robert.Contee@dc.gov>; Bromeland, Matthew (MPD) <matthew.bromeland@dc.gov>
Subject: USCP Officer Brian Sicknick - Timeline

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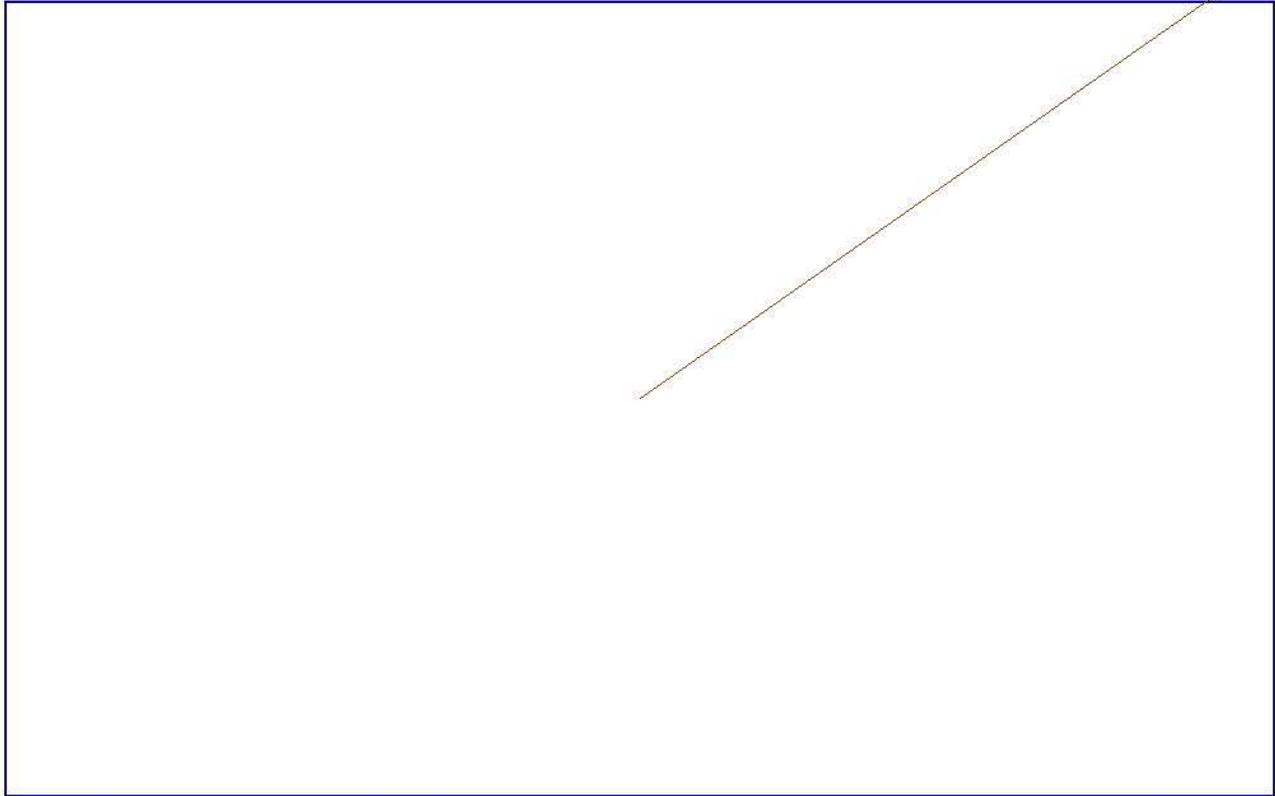


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Subject: Fw: WSJ reporter seeking records of Officer Sicknick's autopsy
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 3:11:39 PM

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Hi, there,

I'd like to request a copy of the autopsy report for Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick -- is there a certain way I should do this to expedite, and what is the easiest way to handle? Appreciate a steer when you have a moment.

Sadie Gurman
WASHINGTON BUREAU



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From: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: 3 months?
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 7:06:02 AM

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3 months and you can determine that 2 of the deaths were by natural causes, one by a drug overdose, one by a gunshot when the only ones carrying weapons were police. Yet after the lie of officer Sicknick's death being caused by a fire extinguisher, you have been "unable" to reach a conclusion about his death?

And we are to believe that?

George Weible

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From: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Chervle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: 60 MINUTES: Urgent Deadline
Date: Thursday, March 18, 2021 2:16:24 PM

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Hello,

I hope you and your family are safe and well. I work at 60 Minutes. I was hoping you could provide some guidance on the below:

Do you have an estimate as to when you plan to release the final medical report with Officer Brian Sicknick's cause of death?

This is a request on an urgent deadline – a response as soon as possible is greatly appreciated.

Best,

Ian Flickinger
60 Minutes
Cell: 330 506 2873
flickingeri@cbsnews.com

From: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Brian Sicknick death__Insider.com coverage
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 5:25:28 PM

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Thank you,
Kelly McLaughlin

Kelly McLaughlin

Senior reporter



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Subject: Fwd: Brick Sicknick
Date: Thursday, February 4, 2021 11:04:52 AM
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I am a news reporter for NJ.com – Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick’s home state.

Kindly add me to any lists of media/reporters who seek findings in his death investigation – if there is such a list.

Otherwise, is there any ETA on public comment on the autopsy / post-mortem examination?

Thank You,

Kevin Shea

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Good afternoon, I'm a reporter with BuzzFeed News. Are you releasing a copy of the medical examiner's report on the cause of death of Officer Brian Sicknick?

Thank you,
Zoe Tillman

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Zoe Tillman | **BuzzFeed News** | Senior Reporter
Mobile: 202-316-3406 | On Twitter: [@zoetillman](https://twitter.com/zoetillman)

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Subject: Fwd: CBS News inquiry
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 4:48:31 PM

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Hi there,

I'm a journalist with CBS News, reporting on those who died during the Capitol riots January 6. I'm wondering if you could notify me when you have results in the death of Officer Brian David Sicknick. In the meantime, would you also be able to provide a copy of the full autopsy report for Roseanne Boyland, 34, whose cause of death you just announced as acute amphetamine intoxication?

Many thanks,

Cassidy McDonald
Reporter, CBS News
M: 608-658-0223

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Subject: Fwd: CNBC Inquiry, Sicknick Ruling
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 5:28:01 PM

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Hello,

I cover politics for CNBC. I'm reaching out to request a statement from the DC Medical Examiner's Office on the death of Officer Brian Sicknick. Washington Post reports the CME ruled Sicknick died from strokes one day after then Jan6 riot.

Please confirm as soon as possible. Email or call 203-448-0768.

Best,
Kevin Breuninger
CNBC

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Subject: Fwd: CNN inquiry
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 5:28:43 PM

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Hello,

Reaching out from CNN. Can we get a copy of the Office of the Medical Examiner determination regarding Officer Brian Sicknick's death?

Will his autopsy/medical exam be released?

Thank you!

Best,

Whitney Wild
CNN
202-701-8532

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To: [Adams, Chervle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick
Date: Saturday, February 20, 2021 5:43:55 PM

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Please advise me of the status of the examination into the death of the officer referenced above.

Have any reports been issued by the ME, pathologist or coroner?

Presumably an autopsy was undertaken. Has this been completed? Has a report been issued? If not, when can we expect one?

How long was the body retained before being released for cremation?

Thanks so much for your assistance.

Yours faithfully,

Jan Stevenson

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Subject: Fwd: Causes of Death - January 6
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 4:48:01 PM

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Could I get a copy of the Medical Examiner's determinations of the causes of death for the January 6 riot at the Capitol?

Can the Medical Examiner say why the cause of death for Officer Sicknick is still pending, and whether this has pushed the determination beyond the 90 day period, and why?

Many thanks!

JD

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Jerry Dunleavy
Washington Examiner
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To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: FOX INQUIRY: Jan 6 insurrection Officer Sicknick cause and manner of death
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 7:44:33 PM

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Good evening—

I'm seeing reports that the medical examiners office has issued a release with the cause and manner of Officer Brian Sicknick's death. Can you provide me with that release?

Thank you,

Kelly Phares
Capitol Hill Producer
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Good afternoon,

Following up on this inquiry.

I see the Washington Post is now reporting the cause of USCP Officer Sicknick's death. Are you able to send me the details of that report from the Chief Medical Examiner?

Thank you

Kelly Phares
Capitol Hill Producer
Fox News
C: 202-655-1622
C2: 815-931-8977

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Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 6:54 PM

To: ocme.records@dc.gov <ocme.records@dc.gov>; ocme@dc.gov <ocme@dc.gov>; Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>

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Subject: Fwd: Fox News seeking confirmation -- Brian Sicknick cause of death
Date: Thursday, February 4, 2021 7:18:26 AM

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Cc: "Gaffney, Melissa" <Melissa.Leon@FOXNEWS.COM>, "Arroyo, Michael" <Michael.Arroyo@foxbusiness.com>, "Conner, Paul" <Paul.Conner@FOXNEWS.COM>, "Early, Jordan" <Jordan.Early@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Fox News seeking confirmation -- Brian Sicknick cause of death

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Good morning,

I'm reaching out from Fox News in New York. **When do you expect to release the official cause of death for fallen Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick?** Are you able to provide a copy of the autopsy report?

Can you confirm whether he suffered **blunt force trauma** during the riot at the Capitol on Jan. 6? Is it believed he was struck in the head by a **fire extinguisher**?

Can you confirm whether **exposure to chemical agents**, such as bear mace or pepper-spray, might have contributed to his death? Did he have any **pre-existing conditions** that also played a factor?

There are many conflicting reports as to what specifically caused Sicknick's demise. **Please let me know if we can get some clarification for our coverage on**

foxnews.com. Thank you.

Kindly,

Danielle Wallace

Breaking/Trending Digital News Producer

FoxNews.com

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Subject: Fwd: Hi -- question from The Wall Street Journal
Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 3:59:06 PM

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Hi. I'm Tawnell Hobbs, a reporter at The Wall Street Journal. How can I get about getting cause of death and/or autopsy information on the following individuals:

Brian Sicknick, 42
Howard Liebengood, 51

Thanks for any help you can provide. My cell is 475-323-8149.

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Subject: Fwd: Hi from The Daily Beast — looking for information on Brian Sicknick autopsy
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 5:25:00 PM
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Hello!

Looking for information on conclusion of the Brian Sicknick autopsy.

Thanks!

Pilar Melendez
National Reporter
P 305.469.6088 | E pilar.melendez@thedailybeast.com
DAILY BEAST

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To: [Adams, Chervle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: HuffPost media request (timely)
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 5:26:25 PM

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Hello,
I'm a reporter with HuffPost seeking access to the medical examiner's report on U.S. Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick's death. Can you provide me with a copy? Thanks for your time.
Best,
Lydia

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Lydia O'Connor
Reporter | San Francisco



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Subject: Fwd: Media Inquiry
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Hi,

This is Kristopher Rivera, correspondent with Sputnik News' bureau in Washington, DC. Do you have a copy of the cause of death of Capitol police officer Brian Sicknick?

Best,

Kristopher Rivera
Sputnik Newswire, DC Bureau
Correspondent
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From: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Media Inquiry re: Officer Brian Sicknick
Date: Monday, February 1, 2021 4:12:13 PM

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Subject: Media Inquiry re: Officer Brian Sicknick

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Good afternoon - I work with WUSA9 and am preparing for our coverage of Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick's funeral.

As part of our reporting, we would like to confirm with the DC Medical Examiners Office the cause of death ruled by the medical examiner.

Can you please provide an update, and whether Officer Sicknick's death has been ruled a Homocide, or, whether it could be in the future.

Thank you for your assistance,

Eric Flack
WUSA9

From: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Chervle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Media request from the Star Tribune
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 9:12:27 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Date: April 20, 2021 at 9:11:11 AM EDT
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Subject: **Media request from the Star Tribune**

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Good morning,

My name is Hunter Woodall and I'm a Washington reporter for The Minneapolis Star Tribune. I was just hoping to be sent any details or information the office provided to media this week regarding the death of U.S. Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick. Thanks for your help!

All the best,
Hunter Woodall
Washington reporter for The Minneapolis Star Tribune
Email: hunter.woodall@startribune.com
Phone: 703-963-2812
Twitter: @huntermw



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From: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryl \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: NEWSWEEK: Requesting Info About Officer Sicknick
Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 11:58:37 AM

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To: ATD OCME <ocme@dc.gov>
Subject: NEWSWEEK: Requesting Info About Officer Sicknick

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Hello,

My name is Julia Marnin and I am a reporter for Newsweek. We are working on a story about the information surrounding Officer Brian Sicknick's death following the January 6 Capitol Hill riots. Can the DC Office of the Chief Medical Examiner answer a few questions below?

Is the medical examiner's report on Officer Sicknick complete? If not, when will it be released?

Is it possible to confirm or deny whether Sicknick was struck with a fire extinguisher on the head? Previously, multiple media outlets had reported that.

Any other information that is available surrounding his death that you are able to provide would be greatly appreciated.

I look forward to hearing back from you. Our deadline today/as soon as possible.

Best,
Julia Marnin

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From: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Network News Inquiry
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 5:27:18 PM

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Cc: WGNA NewsNation - Assignment Desk <nndesk@newsnationnow.com>
Subject: Network News Inquiry

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Good afternoon,

I'm reaching out on behalf of News Nation. We're wondering if you can pass along any information regarding the coroner's conclusion of US Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick's death. Is there a report or release you can share with us? Any details are appreciated.

Thank you,

Sara Belmont
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From: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
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Subject: Fwd: Officer Sicknick report
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 5:26:50 PM
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Subject: **Officer Sicknick report**

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Hi

Is the actual report on Officer Sicknick finished? Is that available to the media?

Thanks
Mike

Michael Kosnar
Justice Department Producer
NBC News
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To: [Adams, Chervle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Officer Sicknick ruling
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 5:29:52 PM

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Hi,

Reaching out from Politico – could I get a copy of the medical examiner’s ruling on USCP Officer Sicknick’s death? Thank you.

Nicholas Wu
Congressional reporter, Politico
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From: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Chervle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Press Inquiry: Officer Brian Sicknick's death
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 5:27:32 PM

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Can you please send me any information available—including a copy of the report or any public statements—about the medical examiner's determination that Officer Brian Sicknick died of natural causes after suffering two strokes the day after the U.S. Capitol riots?

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/public-safety/brian-sicknick-death-strokes/2021/04/19/36d2d310-617e-11eb-afbe-9a11a127d146_story.html

Please reply ASAP as I am on deadline.

Thank you,
Adam

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From: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Chervle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Press inquiry regarding Brian Sicknick's cause of death
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 5:25:15 PM

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Hello,
I'm reaching out in hopes of getting information reported by The Washington Post regarding Officer Sicknick's cause of death.

Thank you for any help,
Chuck Ross
The Daily Caller
316-616-7326

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From: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Chervle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Press question
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 5:29:15 PM

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How did Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick die?

Best,
Chris

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Chris Marquette

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From: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Chervle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Regarding cause of death for Office Brian Sicknick
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 5:37:03 PM

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Date: April 19, 2021 at 5:36:03 PM EDT
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Hello OCME staff,

My name is Chris Sommerfeldt. I'm a reporter with the New York Daily News.

I'm seeing reports that the OCME has made a determination about the cause of death for U.S. Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick.

Could you send me the statement from the OCME? Thank you.

All best,
Chris
(914) 559-8016

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From: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#); [Adams, Cheryl \(OCME\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Request for Comment
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 1:29:02 PM

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Hello,

Good day hope you are doing well.

Do you all have a comment on this? <https://www.judicialwatch.org/press-releases/brian-sicknick/>

Thanks,
Zack Stieber
The Epoch Times
917-509-1875

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From: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Chervle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Request for Information - Sicknick Death
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 3:07:39 PM

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Hello,

Good day, hope you are doing well.

Please confirm that Brian Sicknick died after suffering two strokes.

Please send over any information on the case, including the timeline put together by your office leading up to Sicknick's death.

Thanks,
Zack Stieber
The Epoch Times
917-509-1875

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From: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#)
To: [Adams, Chervle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Sicknick OCME Report
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 5:28:35 PM

Please see below. Can you make sure this person at the Examiner received the statement. I do know they were on the list. I cannot recall that the requesting journalist.

-OWDedner
O: 202-724-5543
C: 202-340-7692

All thumbs on an iPhone. Judge gently.

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From: "Metzger, Kristen (MPD)" <Kristen.Metzger@dc.gov>
Date: April 19, 2021 at 5:26:17 PM EDT
To: "Dedner, Olivia (EOM)" <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>
Cc: "Sternbeck, Dustin (MPD)" <dustin.sternbeck@dc.gov>, "Windham, Daisha (EOM)" <daisha.windham@dc.gov>, "Adminbox, PIO (MPD)" <pio.adminbox@dc.gov>
Subject: Sicknick OCME Report

Hi Olivia,

We have received the following media inquiries from the following asking MPD to comment on OCME's report of Officer Brian Sicknick:

Sadie Gurman (WSJ)
Jerry Dunleavy (Washington Examiner)

I anticipate a few more will come in. We are not commenting but wanted to check with you to see if you want us to direct them elsewhere.

Thanks,
Kristen

Kristen Metzger
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From: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Chervle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Sicknick autopsy
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 5:29:27 PM

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Hello-

I am trying to confirm the Washington Post story about Officer Sicknick's cause of death. Is there any way to get a copy of the autopsy report or confirm the cause of death.

Thank you!

Luke

Luke Barr
ABC News Justice and Homeland Security
C: 202-510-6402
C: 401-533-2552
W: 202-222-6499
@LukeLBarr

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Subject: Fwd: The Hill media inquiry
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 5:26:38 PM

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Hi there,

I'm Mychael Schnell, a reporter with The Hill newspaper. I hope you're doing well! I saw The Washington Post [report](#) that the DC Medical Examiner's office found that Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick, who died shortly after the Jan. 6 attack at the Capitol, suffered two strokes and died of natural causes. Can you confirm this information? Any information you could provide would be helpful. Thank you!

Best,
Mychael Schnell

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Breaking News Reporter, The Hill
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From: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Chervle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Update on Officer Sicknick
Date: Monday, February 8, 2021 1:12:25 PM

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Subject: Update on Officer Sicknick

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Hello - I'm a reporter for American Greatness and covering Officer Sicknick's death. Did you conduct an autopsy or review of his death? If so, will it be released publicly at any time?

Thank you in advance, my deadline is 6pm today.

Julie Kelly

From: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Chervle \(OCME\)](#); [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Urgent CNN NEW DAY interview request
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 5:24:42 PM

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Good Afternoon-
I'm reaching out on behalf of CNN NEW DAY. We would like to request a LIVE interview with Dr. Francisco Diaz regarding the autopsy of Officer Brian Sicknick.
New Day is LIVE between 6-9am ET. Can he join us anytime tomorrow morning? We can send a studio van to him or do this via CISCO or SKYPE.
Please confirm this has been received. Thank you. Carmen

Carmen Widman
CNN's New Day
Carmen.contewidman@turner.com
Cell [646-467-1742](tel:646-467-1742)

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From: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryl \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Wall Street Journal Request
Date: Friday, January 8, 2021 11:09:34 AM

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Hello, I'm a reporter with the Wall Street Journal, and I'm reaching out about the death of US Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick. Has the cause of death been determined?

Andy Duehren
The Wall Street Journal
(o): 202-862-9241
(c): 781-789-0760

For the latest information on the District Government's response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus), please visit coronavirus.dc.gov.

From: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
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I have not seen any information or autopsy results from the medical examiner's

office. Would the medical examiner's office like to comment or provide any new information? Anything you could get me by the end of the day would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

All the best -- Bill

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From: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
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Subject: Fwd: help... FW: ME ruling for Sicknick?
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 5:27:48 PM

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Can you provide assistance with this request? I haven't been able to reach Cheryle.
Best, Claudia

From: Claudia Grisales
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 3:52 PM
To: 'cheryle.adams@dc.gov' <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Subject: ME ruling for Sicknick?

Hello,

Apologies I maybe missing the email, is there a ruling out for officer Sicknick?

Best,

Claudia Grisales
Congressional Reporter
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[Washington, DC 20002](#)

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From: [Hobbs, Tawnell](#)
To: [Adams, Chervle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: HI -- it's Tawnell at the WSJ
Date: Friday, March 12, 2021 5:02:53 PM

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Hi there! I'm going to be on vacation next week so wanted to add a few of our reporters to your media list for notification of the Sicknick and/or Liebengood reports. I'll still be checking emails, but wanted to do this as a backup. Thank you so much for all your help -- and taking ALL of my calls.

Here are the reporter's emails that I'd like to add to your list:

aruna.viswanatha@wsj.com
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erin.ailworth@wsj.com
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Thanks again!

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From: [Hobbs, Tawnell](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryl \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Hi -- from the WSJ
Date: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 12:42:45 PM

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Hi! It's Tawnell at the WSJ. Just checking in to see if there's anything new on the Sicknick report.

Thank you!

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From: [Gelman, Scott](#)
To: cheryle.adams@dc.gov
Cc: [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#); [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#)
Subject: Hi from WTOP News
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 3:54:20 PM

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Hi Cheryle,

Scott Gelman from WTOP here. We wanted to confirm Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick suffered two strokes and died from natural causes. Is there any more information you're able to provide?

Thanks for your help,
Scott Gelman
202-895-5327

From: [NCR Watch Desk](#)
To: denise.lvles@dc.gov
Subject: Homeland Security News & Literature Digest w/ Cyber Threat Digest - 1/8/2020
Date: Friday, January 8, 2021 6:33:15 PM
Attachments: [Homeland+Security+News+&+Literature+Digest+w+Cyber+Digest+-+2020-01-08.pdf](#)

Today's edition of the **Homeland Security News & Literature Digest** leads with a two sections looking at Wednesday's events when rioters breached the US Capitol. The first section examines some of the specifics of what happened on Wednesday. The second section examines issues related to Wednesday's events, as well as implications for the near future.

This edition also contains a review of COVID-19-related national news and issues from the second half of the week.

Note: Entries discussing the possible impacts of Wednesday's demonstrations on the pandemic are in the "COVID-19 Issues" section.

The **Weekly Cyber Threat Digest** (PDF only) looks at "foot in the door" techniques used to elicit personal data, the recent breach of T-Mobile accounts, mortgage wire fraud, and a PayPal text-message phishing campaign.

Links are best viewed with Chrome or Firefox. A PDF version is attached.

NCR Watch Desk

RIOTERS BREACH U.S. CAPITOL BUILDING – EXAMINING WHAT HAPPENED:

4 Dead, Congress Evacuated, National Guard Activated After Pro-Trump Rioters Storm Capitol - The U.S. Capitol descended into chaos and violence Wednesday as pro-Trump rioters swarmed the building and at least one person was shot, forcing the Senate to evacuate and Vice President Mike Pence to be ushered to safety. The frenzied scene after rioters broke through barricades forced Congress to evacuate parts of the building and abruptly pause a ceremonial event affirming that President-elect Joe Biden won the November election. ([NBC News](#))

How Pro-Trump Insurrectionists Broke into The U.S. Capitol - Hundreds of rioters stormed the U.S. Capitol building Wednesday as Congress met to certify electoral college

votes for President-elect Joe Biden. The *Washington Post* analyzed videos, photos, and witness accounts, and mapped the progression of the siege to reconstruct how the event unfolded. ([Washington Post](#))

'The Protesters Are in the Building.' **Inside the Capitol Stormed by a Pro-Trump Mob** - Lawmakers and aides described how a typically uneventful proceeding descended into violent tumult. ([Wall Street Journal](#))

Videos: Trump Supporters Breach Capitol and Clash with Police After 'Stop the Steal' Rally - *Complex* has collected photos and videos from people on the ground showing MAGA loyalists charging the steps and clashing with police while attempting to climb barricades around the building which houses both congressional chambers. ([Complex](#))

Inside the Assault on The Capitol: Evacuating the Senate - It was 2:15PM Wednesday and the U.S. Capitol was under assault, the most brazen attack on Congress since terrorists hijacked an airplane and attempted to slam it into the building more than 19 years ago. A *Washington Post* journalist, who was in the Senate press gallery when the protesters crashed into the building, describes the type of evacuation that congressional security officials have been planning since 9/11 but had never had to execute. ([Washington Post](#))

2 Pipe Bombs And Cooler Of Molotov Cocktails Found Near Capitol Building Amid Capitol Riot, DC Police Chief Says - MPD Police Chief Robert Contee said [two pipe bombs](#) and a cooler of Molotov cocktails were found near the U.S. Capitol Building while Trump supporters began to riot in the area. The pipe bombs were found outside of the local DNC and RNC offices and are said to [have contained timing devices](#). The cooler of Molotov cocktails was found inside a car, where a long gun was also discovered. The U.S. Capitol Police, in [a statement](#), have already confirmed that the two bombs were active devices that could have caused great harm. ([WUSA 9](#))

Dozens Charged So Far in DC Unrest; Fence Erected Around Capitol - Acting U.S. Attorney for D.C. Michael Sherwin said his office so far has charged dozens of people in relation to unrest in the District. The U.S. Attorney has filed at least 40 cases in D.C. Superior Court, and at least 15 cases in federal court so far. In addition, [a 7-foot-tall "non-scalable" fence](#) has been erected around the Capitol building. The fencing is expected to stay up for the next 30 days, which includes the Jan. 20 inauguration. ([WTOP](#))

Capitol Police Officer Dies from Injuries After Clashing with Pro-Trump Mob - A U.S. Capitol Police officer has died a day after clashing with a pro-Trump mob at the Capitol. Officer Brian D. Sicknick was injured while engaging with protesters Wednesday and returned to his division office, where he collapsed. He was taken to a local hospital where he died about 9:30PM Thursday evening. Sicknick, who joined the Capitol Police

department in 2008, is the 5th person to die from Wednesday's violent clashes. ([NBC News](#))

Capitol Police Didn't Open Gates for Rioters, Says Man Behind Viral Video - A viral video does not show police allowing crowds to breach barricades during riots at the U.S. Capitol — as many have claimed on social media — the person who shot the clip told *Newsweek*. Footage captured by Marcus DiPaola, a freelance journalist working at TikTok, has been viewed more than 30 million times on Twitter and more than 1.7 million times on TikTok. Many who have shared the clip have suggested it shows police letting people get close to the building. ([Newsweek](#))

Facebook Bans President Trump from Posting for The Rest of His Presidency - Facebook said Thursday it is banning President Trump until the end of his presidency and possibly longer. It is the most forceful action a social network has taken against Trump, who has spent months using social to media to amplify disinformation. On Wednesday, Twitter [temporarily suspended](#) Trump's accounts for 12 hours and warned that if Trump does not stop breaking the platform's rules, he will be permanently banned. "as a result of the unprecedented and ongoing violent situation in Washington, D.C." ([NPR](#))

Capitol Police Rejected Offers of Federal Help to Quell Mob - Three days before supporters of President Donald Trump rioted at the Capitol, the Pentagon asked the U.S. Capitol Police if it needed National Guard manpower. And as the mob descended on the building Wednesday, Justice Department leaders reached out to offer up FBI agents. The Capitol Police turned them down both times, according to senior defense officials and two people familiar with the matter. ([AP](#))

Top Capitol Security Officials Sacked After Deadly Riot - Three top security officials in Congress lost their jobs Thursday over the embarrassing and deadly security breach of the Capitol. Capitol Police Chief Steven Sund will resign effective Jan. 16. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell asked for and received the resignation of Senate Sergeant-at-Arms Michael Stenger effective Thursday. Speaker Nancy Pelosi said that House Sergeant-at-Arms Paul Irving will be resigning. ([Politico](#))

RIOTERS BREACH U.S. CAPITOL BUILDING – ISSUES & IMPLICATIONS:

On Far-Right Websites, Plans to Storm Capitol Were Made in Plain Sight - The mob violence that descended on the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday was the culmination of weeks of incendiary rhetoric and increasingly feverish planning - much of which took place openly on websites popular with far-right conspiracy theorists. More than 80% of the top posts on TheDonald on Wednesday about the Electoral College certification featured calls for violence in the top five responses, according to research from Advance Democracy, an

independent, nonpartisan organization. ([NPR](#))

'Nothing Can Stop What's Coming': Far-Right Forums That Fomented Capitol Riots

Voice Glee in Aftermath - There was a potent, interactive role between the online and offline worlds in Wednesday's takeover of the Capitol. Violent talk on far-right forums fomented violent real-world action, which was then captured by smartphones, uploaded, and celebrated on the same forums. The boundaries between the digital and analog all but disappeared as rage, provocation, and gloating bounced back and forth, again and again. ([Washington Post](#))

QAnon And the Storm of The U.S. Capitol - The Offline Effect of Online Conspiracy

Theory - QAnon is a decentralized, ideologically motivated, and violent extremist movement rooted in an unfounded conspiracy theory that a global "Deep State" cabal of satanic pedophile elites is responsible for all the evil in the world. While conspiracy theorists are often dismissed as "crazy people on social media," QAnon adherents were among the individuals at the front line of the storming of Capitol Hill. ([The Conversation](#))

Trump Insurrectionists Lodge at DC Airbnbs — Much to Washingtonians' Distress

- D.C. officials urged residents to avoid counter-protests and the Metropolitan Police Department blocked off downtown streets to prevent interaction between far-right insurrectionists and liberal DC's residents. But their focus was on downtown protest sites, not local neighborhoods, where insurrectionists have already been staying in Airbnbs and are very visible because of their red, white, and blue garb and Trump paraphernalia. ([DCist](#))

Inauguration Day 2021: What Now? Capitol Riots, Trump Supporter Threats Prompt Safety Concerns

- As the mob was finally cleared from the Capitol building late Wednesday, the specter of a new security challenge loomed large. ADL (formerly known as the Anti-Defamation League) said Thursday that extremists have already begun plotting their next coup attempt targeting Inauguration Day. The inauguration of a new president, set for January 20, typically poses one of the most enormous security challenges for the federal government and local police. ([USA Today](#))

Inauguration Planners Reassessing Security After Capitol Siege

- Wednesday's violent melee at the U.S. Capitol is prompting a reassessment of plans for Joe Biden's inauguration on Jan. 20. Biden's inauguration team held a leadership call Thursday to discuss safety issues. A spokeswoman for the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies said they are organizing with institutional partners on a "thorough assessment of the inaugural platform," and the other Capitol spaces and grounds traditionally used for inaugural ceremonies. ([Politico](#))

DC Mayor Extends Public Emergency to Inauguration - Mayor Muriel Bowser, in consultation with Chris Rodriguez, the Director of the DC Homeland Security & Emergency Management Agency, extended Wednesday's Public Emergency for 15 days as police

worked to ensure security near the Capitol. The Mayor explained that “persons are dissatisfied with judicial rulings and the findings of State Boards of Elections, and some persons can be expected to continue their violent protests through the inauguration.” The State of Emergency will be in effect until 3PM on Thursday, January 21. ([DC Mayor's Office](#))

Capitol Breach Prompts Urgent Questions About Security Failures - The storming of the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday was a disastrous failure of security: In a city on high alert, in a building with its own 2,000-officer police department, people forced their way into the sanctums of American democracy with nothing more than flagpoles, riot shields, and shoves. Former law enforcement officials said it appeared the U.S. Capitol Police and other agencies had failed to anticipate the size and intentions of the crowd. At the Capitol itself, police had set out low barriers and officers were largely in street uniforms, not riot gear. ([Washington Post](#))

Capitol Riots Raise Urgent Concerns About Congress's Information Security - Digital security experts are raising the alarm over Wednesday's breach of the U.S. Capitol, which not only threatened lawmakers' physical safety but also created potential national security and intelligence risks, they say. As rioters stormed the Capitol building, they broke into congressional offices, ransacked papers, and in at least one case, stole a laptop. The thefts raise questions about Congress's cybersecurity posture and whether U.S. officials have done enough to secure their computing devices and networks from direct, physical access. ([CNN](#))

The Physical Breach of The Capitol Building Opens A Cybersecurity Pandora's Box - The insurrection at the U.S. Capitol Wednesday, which saw rioters storm the building and reportedly steal devices belonging to government officials, opened what one cybersecurity expert has called a Pandora's box of national security and data privacy issues. Multiple sources pointed to the need to treat the incident as a breach of IT assets, regardless of whether evidence shows any malicious activity: devices will need to be swept, and technical surveillance countermeasures will have to be put in place. ([SC Media](#))

'Double Standard': Biden, Black Lawmakers and Activists Decry Police Response to Attack on U.S. Capitol - President-elect Joe Biden, civil rights leaders, and activists blasted law enforcement agencies for their slow response to rioters at the U.S. Capitol, noting the massive show of police force in place for Black Lives Matter demonstrations last year. As thousands of people of color and allies took to the streets last year to protest police brutality — most of them peacefully — law enforcement often clashed with demonstrators, deploying tear gas and rubber bullets, and bruising faces and bodies. ([USA Today](#))

DC, Maryland, Virginia National Guard Troops to Remain After Mob Stormed U.S. Capitol - After supporters of President Donald Trump stormed the U.S. Capitol, all 1,100

National Guard troops from the District of Columbia were activated. Virginia Governor Northam sent members of the Virginia National Guard to assist, along with 200 Virginia state troopers. Maryland Governor Hogan sent state police troopers and a National Guard rapid response force. The DC Guard [has been placed on a 30-day mobilization](#), the Maryland Guard will remain until January 31, and the Virginia Guard will remain until at least January 20. ([Newsweek](#))

Law Enforcement and Social Media Identifying U.S. Capitol Mob Members - The FBI and MPD are asking the public for help identifying some of the people involved in assaults, break-ins, and vandalism at the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday. The FBI is asking anyone with information to submit it [here](#), along with any photos or videos. The Metropolitan Police Department [has posted dozens of photos](#) of some of the individuals who were part of the invasion of the Capitol. ([NPR](#))

COVID-19 NATIONAL NEWS:

U.S. Sets COVID-19 Records as Researchers Point to Asymptomatic Cases as A Major Source of Infections - As disease specialists had forecast for months, the coronavirus is spreading with speed and ferocity in the new year, with Thursday's single-day record for deaths underscoring the threat. In the past seven days, U.S. infections, hospitalizations, and deaths have hit record highs. Cases reached a record 277,135 on Saturday. And by Thursday, more than 132,000 people were hospitalized with COVID-19. Experts worry that the new, more contagious strain of the virus that has already been detected in eight states could make matters worse. ([Washington Post](#))

U.S. Registering Highest Deaths Yet from The Coronavirus - The U.S. registered more COVID-19 deaths in a single day than ever before — nearly 3,900 — on the very day the mob attack on the Capitol laid bare some of the same, deep political divisions that have hampered the battle against the pandemic. The virus is surging in several states, with California hit particularly hard, reporting on Thursday a record two-day total of 1,042 coronavirus deaths. Skyrocketing caseloads there are threatening to force hospitals to ration care and essentially decide who lives and who dies. ([AP](#))

FDA: Coronavirus Variants May Cause False-Negative Tests - The new SARS-CoV-2 genetic variant originally detected in the U.K. may cause some false negatives on certain molecular tests, the FDA said in [an alert to healthcare providers and laboratories](#) today. Variant B.1.1.7 and other genetic variants may impact the performance of certain diagnostic tests, and the agency said false-negative results can occur if a mutation occurs in a part of the virus's genome being assessed by the test. Tests that rely on multiple regions of the genome may be less impacted than those that only rely on a single region. ([MedPage Today](#))

Biden Will Release Nearly All Available Vaccine Doses - President-elect Joe Biden will aim to release nearly every available dose of the coronavirus vaccine when he takes office, a break with the Trump administration's strategy of holding back half of U.S. vaccine production to ensure second doses are available. Releasing nearly all vaccine doses on hand could quickly ratchet up the availability of coronavirus vaccines by allowing more people access to a first dose. It could also be a risky strategy as both Pfizer's and Moderna's vaccines require two doses, administered at specific intervals. ([CNN](#))

HHS: States Can Vaccinate Lower-Priority Groups If Doses Would Otherwise Sit in Freezers - Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex Azar said Wednesday that he is advising states to begin vaccinating lower-priority groups against COVID-19 if the doses they have on hand would otherwise be sitting in freezers. The comments indicate that states will have the Trump administration's blessing to diverge from national guidance about vaccination priorities, and that they shouldn't worry too much if hospitals or health care providers use doses out of order. ([NBC News](#))

Vaccination Crisis: The National Guard Is Being Mobilized to Come to The Rescue - In a bid to speed up the vaccine roll-out, states are enlisting their National Guards. More than 20,000 members of the National Guard are engaged in the vaccination mission, with at least nine states using the Guard to put needles into residents' arms. At least 22 other states have activated units to help with logistics and administrative tasks connected with vaccinations. ([CNBC](#))

NCR School Districts Struggle with Reopening Decisions Heading into Second Semester - School districts in the DC area are struggling with decisions on reopening as they look toward the academic year's second semester, with the coronavirus pandemic raging and the timeline for vaccinations still unclear. DC officials say they are confident they can bring some students back to classrooms on February 1, while in Fairfax County, the school board rejected the superintendent's plan to start in-person classes for some students starting Tuesday. Elsewhere in the region, school districts are moving forward cautiously. ([Washington Post](#))

U.S. To Send COVID-19 Vaccine to Pharmacies in Hopes of Speeding Shots - The U.S. plans to start distributing COVID-19 vaccines through 19 pharmacy chains around the country this week. The partnership will eventually let the Operation Warp Speed vaccination program deliver to as many as 40,000 locations. Pharmacies could provide a more efficient platform for distributing the vaccines than hospitals, top health officials said. ([Reuters](#))

COVID-19 ISSUES, CONCERNS, AND POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS:

Was the Capitol Siege A COVID Super-Spreader Event? Here's What Experts Say - Infectious disease experts on Thursday identified more potential fallout from the Capitol breach: it may have been a COVID-19 super-spreader event that could result in thousands

of new cases and deaths. The elements of a super-spreader event were all there: hundreds of people congregated together, mostly maskless, yelling and screaming for prolonged periods of time. The rioters were also from all over the country and will be traveling back to their communities. ([San Francisco Chronicle](#))

A Riot Amid A Pandemic: Did the Virus, Too, Storm the Capitol? - To scientists who watched dismayed as the scenes unfolded on television, the throngs of unmasked intruders who wandered through hallways and into private offices may also have transformed the riot into a super-spreader event. The coronavirus thrives indoors, particularly in crowded spaces, lingering in the air in tiny particles called aerosols. If even a few extremists were infected, then the virus would have had the ideal opportunity to find new victims, experts said. ([New York Times](#))

Why Some Experts Want to Relax Vaccine Prioritization - Some political leaders and public health experts are rethinking strict prioritization for coronavirus vaccines, suggesting that it might make more sense to simply try to administer as many doses as possible as quickly as possible. Especially while supplies are still limited, there's an inherent tension between trying to focus first on the people most at risk from the virus — including those most likely to spread it — and getting shots into arms at maximum speed. ([Axios](#))

Why West Virginia's Winning the Race to Get COVID-19 Vaccine into Arms - So far, West Virginia is outpacing the rest of the country, having delivered vaccine to health workers and completed a first round of shots at all its long-term care facilities, the state is now administering second doses and moving on to other populations, including people age 80 and over, and teachers who are 50 and older. Health officials say there is likely several reasons behind their early success. ([NPR](#))

CDC Foresees Spread in U.S. Of Highly Contagious Coronavirus Variant - Although the variant has so far been detected in a very small fraction of infections, it shows signs of spreading and may become significantly more common in coming weeks, according to the CDC and infectious-disease experts. A more transmissible virus could drive more patients into hospitals and boost the COVID-19 death toll and prolong the march toward herd immunity. ([Washington Post](#))

Delay In COVID-19 Vaccinations Could Extend the Pandemic in America - If the pace of COVID-19 vaccine delivery into people's arms stays the way it has been for the past few weeks, it could take years rather than months to vaccinate Americans, and the outbreak will continue to dominate lives. Although vaccination is off to a rough start, it's not too late to turn the situation around, according to experts. To do so will require a host of improvements, including more money, additional staffing, and greater experience with vaccines that have been shown to be safe and effective but not so easy to use. ([USA Today](#))

COVID-19 Vaccine May Not Get to Long-Term Care Facilities Quickly Enough - Even as the first doses of vaccine arrive in nursing homes and assisted living communities, the COVID-19 death toll among residents and staff of these facilities continues climbing to staggering heights, with the final month of 2020 proving to be the deadliest of the pandemic for long-term care. There were more than 5,600 deaths linked to long-term care in the last week of December alone. ([NPR](#))

Scientists Are Monitoring A Coronavirus Mutation That Could Affect the Strength of Vaccines - As scientists try to track the spread of a new, more infectious coronavirus variant around the world, they are also keeping an eye on a different mutation with potentially greater implications for how well COVID-19 vaccines work. The mutation, identified in a variant first seen in South Africa, changes a part of the virus that your immune system's antibodies get trained to recognize after you've been infected or vaccinated. Leading researchers who are studying the variant say that it is [unlikely to be totally resistant](#) to current vaccines, but it may make existing COVID-19 vaccines less effective. ([STAT](#))

COVID-19 STUDIES:

Pfizer/BioNTech Vaccine Appears Effective Against Mutation in New Coronavirus Variants - Pfizer and BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine appears able to protect against a key mutation in the highly transmissible new variants of the coronavirus discovered in the UK and South Africa, according to [a laboratory study](#). The study by Pfizer scientists and scientists from the University of Texas Medical Branch, which has not yet been peer-reviewed, indicated the vaccine was effective in neutralizing variants with the so-called N501Y mutation, situated on a portion of the virus that it uses to enter and infect cells. The findings, however, are limited because the study did not look at the full set of mutations found in either of the new variants of the rapidly spreading virus. ([Reuters](#))

Post-Infection Coronavirus Immunity Usually Robust After 8 Months - The human body typically retains a robust immune response to the coronavirus for at least eight months after an infection, and potentially much longer, researchers said in a [study published in the journal Science](#). About 90 percent of the patients studied showed lingering, stable immunity. The review of blood samples from 200 patients also found that multiple elements of the immune system, not just antibodies, continued to be effective at recognizing and responding to the virus. The human body appears to retain a memory of the invader and is poised to generate a coordinated counterattack of antibodies and killer T cells quickly if exposed again. ([Washington Post](#))

Severe Allergic Reactions to Pfizer's COVID-19 Vaccine Are 'Rare' - Severe allergic reactions to the COVID-19 vaccine made by Pfizer and BioNTech were "rare" in the first 10 days of its rollout across the country, according to a new CDC report. A total of 21 cases of

anaphylaxis — none of them fatal — have been confirmed among nearly 1.9 million doses administered, CDC researchers [wrote in the *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*](#). That works out to 11.1 cases per 1 million doses. ([Los Angeles Times](#))

Two Arthritis Drugs Reduce Deaths in Very Ill COVID Patients - The British government on Friday [issued new guidance](#) encouraging health care providers to use two arthritis drugs to treat severely sick COVID-19 patients, following the release of promising data from a clinical trial that has not yet undergone formal scientific review. The findings in [a new paper](#) show that treatment regimens involving the drugs tocilizumab or sarilumab reduced the death rate among COVID patients in intensive care to about 27 percent, compared with 36 percent among patients who did not receive the drugs. Based on these results, about one death would be prevented for every 12 ICU patients treated early with these drugs. ([New York Times](#))

Loss of Smell and Taste Tied to Mild COVID-19 Cases - A study [published in the *Journal of Internal Medicine*](#) found that 86 percent of patients with mild forms of COVID-19 developed loss of sense of taste and smell, compared with only 4 to 7 percent of those with moderate to severe cases. The research included more than 2,500 patients in France, Belgium, and Italy. The majority of people who lost sense of smell or taste regained their senses within about two months. Why loss of smell and taste are more common among people with milder forms of COVID-19 remains unclear. The study's authors theorized that such patients have higher levels of certain antibodies that might limit the spread of the coronavirus to the nose. ([NBC News](#))

CHARTS, MODELS, AND GRAPHICS:

People Without Symptoms Spread Virus in More Than Half of Cases, CDC Model Finds - People with no symptoms transmit more than half of all cases of the novel coronavirus, according to a model developed by researchers at the CDC. Fifty-nine percent of all transmission came from people without symptoms, under the model's baseline scenario. That includes 35 percent of new cases from people who infect others before they show symptoms and 24 percent that come from people who never develop symptoms at all. ([Washington Post](#))

Metrics from The COVID Tracking Project - Below are four charts from the [COVID-Tracking Project](#). These show U.S. nationwide trends since April 1 in four key metrics - new tests, new confirmed cases, hospitalizations, and new deaths. Note that the number of daily tests impacts the number of daily cases that are confirmed.



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Date: Thursday, April 1, 2021 12:38:29 PM
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From: Fields, Beverly (OCME)
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 9:59 PM
To: Jose Pagliery
Cc: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: Re: Journalist checking in

Hi,

All media that have inquired will be provided with the information or it will be made public.

Beverly

On Mar 30, 2021, at 9:51 PM, Jose Pagliery <Jose.Pagliery@thedailybeast.com> wrote:

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Thank you for responding. Do you know if the results will be made public when they're ready?

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From: "Fields, Beverly (OCME)" <beverly.fields@dc.gov>
Date: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 9:50 PM
To: Jose Pagliery <Jose.Pagliery@thedailybeast.com>
Subject: Re: Journalist checking in

Greetings,
yes, the cause and manner of death are pending at this time. We don't provide or opine on timing of results. But we do follow National Association of Medical Examiner's guidelines to complete autopsy reporting in 90% of cases within 60-90 days. As you note, the guidelines provide for 10% of cases to fall outside of the 60-90 day time period.

Sincerely,
/s/

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Ms. Fields,

I emailed Ms. Adams, but she's out until later this week and asked time-sensitive requests sent your way.

My name is Jose Pagliery. I am a journalist at The Daily Beast. I'm going to mention the OCME and Officer Brian Sicknick case. Are the autopsy results still pending? Is there any estimate on when they might be ready? And will they be made public?

Forgive me, I'm sure you're getting a ton of requests on this.

Cheers,

Jose Pagliery

political investigations reporter

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The logo for The Daily Beast, featuring the words "DAILY BEAST" in a bold, red, sans-serif font with a white outline and a slight drop shadow.

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: I HAVE HER ON THE LIST TO RECEIVE THE COD/MOD WHEN IT GOES OUT: cause of death? RE: 2021-FOIA-03472 status...
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:07:52 PM

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From: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:06 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: FW: cause of death? RE: 2021-FOIA-03472 status...

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From: Claudia Grisales [<mailto:CGrisales@npr.org>]
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:01 PM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Subject: cause of death? RE: 2021-FOIA-03472 status...

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Hello,

I am seeing a WaPo story on the late officer Sicknick's cause of death but not seeing a release for the ME's office? I haven't had luck reaching Cheryle. Can you help?

Best,

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From: Adams, Rodney (OCME) <rodney.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 1:40 PM

To: Claudia Grisales <CGrisales@npr.org>

Subject: RE: 2021-FOIA-03472 status...

You are correct as to access to autopsy reports. The limitations on access to death certificates are contained in the statutes that I cited for you.

All the best,

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To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)

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Thank you much. I did get that initial email and missed it, apologies. To double, triple check, believe this says that autopsy report is not public unless next of kin gives authorization or there's a subpoena or court order? Do I have that right? Also, I'm resubmitting the request for the death certificate via vital records, but is there guidance whether there are limits there as well?

Best,

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To: Claudia Grisales <CGrisales@npr.org>
Subject: RE: 2021-FOIA-03472 status...

Ms. Grisales:

Thanks for your message. It suggests that the messaging system within the District's FOIA portal didn't function properly to deliver the email that I sent to you. For your convenience, I have inserted the text of my email below.

Dear Ms. Grisales:

This is in response to your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for the following:

Requesting the autopsy report and death certificate for late U.S. Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick who died from injuries suffered in the Jan. 6 insurrection. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/06/2021 To 12/31/2021)

Access to medical examiner records varies widely between jurisdictions. The public policy of the District of Columbia is that all persons are entitled to full and complete information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those who represent them as public officials and employees. However, this is tempered by the protection of privacy for individual citizens and their survivors. A mission of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) is to support the families who have suffered a loss. See National Archives and Records Admin. V. Favish, 541 US 157 (2004). Disclosure of personal information, especially medical records, is not permitted under FOIA. DC Code 2-534(a)(2) and 5 USC 552(b)(6). More specifically, see DC Code 5-1412 under DC Code 2-534(a)(6). Accordingly, OCME does not release autopsy reports in response to FOIA requests. A direct request to OCME for an autopsy report would need to be accompanied by 1) an authorization of the next of kin for release of information, 2) a subpoena, or 3) a court order. DC Code 5-1412 and 28 DCMR 5000. In cases where an investigation has not been completed, as here, additional FOIA exceptions such as DC Code 2-534(a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(4), and (e) are applicable. Therefore, I must advise you that your request for the autopsy report of Officer Sicknick is declined.

Death certificates are not maintained by OCME. These records are kept by Vital Records within the DC Department of Health. Therefore, a request for a death certificate should

be directed to Vital Records. Access to death certificates is limited to those individuals listed in DC Code 7-231.24 and 7-231.25.

Under DC Code 2-537 and 1 DCMR 412, you have the right to appeal this letter to the Mayor or to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. If you elect to appeal to the Mayor, your appeal must be in writing and contain "Freedom of Information Act Appeal" or "FOIA Appeal" in the subject line of the letter as well on the outside of the envelope. The appeal must include (1) a copy of the original request; (2) a copy of any written denial; (3) a statement of the circumstances, reasons, and/or arguments advanced in support of disclosure; and (4) a daytime telephone number, and e-mail and/or U.S. Mail address at which you can be reached. The appeal may be submitted [online](#) via the DC government Public FOIA Portal. Written appeals may also be mailed to: The Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel, FOIA Appeal; 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 407, Washington, D.C. 20004. Electronic versions of the same information can instead be e-mailed to The Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel at foia.appeals@dc.gov. Further, a copy of all appeal materials must be forwarded to the OCME FOIA Officer. Failure to follow these administrative steps will result in delay in the processing and commencement of a response to your appeal to the Mayor.

If you have any additional questions regarding this request, you may contact me at this email address.

All the best,

Rod Adams

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I hope this is helpful to you.

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: I RECEIVED THIS REQUEST AS WELL AND I AM SENDING THESE REQUEST TO EOM COMMS: Urgent CNN NEW DAY interview request
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From: Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 5:18 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: FW: Urgent CNN NEW DAY interview request

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From: Conte Widman, Carmen [<mailto:carmen.contewidman@warnermedia.com>]
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 5:03 PM
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Subject: Urgent CNN NEW DAY interview request

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Good Afternoon-

I'm reaching out on behalf of CNN NEW DAY. We would like to request a LIVE interview with Dr. Francisco Diaz regarding the autopsy of Officer Brian Sicknick.

New Day is LIVE between 6-9am ET. Can he join us anytime tomorrow morning? We can send a studio van to him or do this via CISCO or SKYPE.

Please confirm this has been received. Thank you. Carmen

Carmen Widman

CNN's New Day

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: I REPLIED TO THIS REPORTER: CBS News inquiry
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:22:47 AM

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To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
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Operations Center (SOC).

Hi there,

I'm a journalist with CBS News, reporting on those who died during the Capitol riots January 6. I'm wondering if you could notify me when you have results in the death of Officer Brian David Sicknick. In the meantime, would you also be able to provide a copy of the full autopsy report for Roseanne Boyland, 34, whose cause of death you just announced as acute amphetamine intoxication?

Many thanks,

Cassidy McDonald
Reporter, CBS News
M: 608-658-0223

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
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Subject: I WILL ADD THE REPORTER TO THE LIST: Request Assignment
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From: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2021 11:06 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: FW: Request Assignment

Cheryle,

Here's an NPR reporter to add to your list.

E-mail: cgrisales@npr.org

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Dear Rodney Adams ,

Request # 2021-FOIA-03472 has been assigned to you for processing. Here's a brief summary of the request:

Request ID: 2021-FOIA-03472
Request Type: FOIA
Requested By: Grisales, Claudia
Requested Date: March 3, 2021
Primary User: Rodney Adams
Target Date: March 24, 2021

Request Description:

Requesting the autopsy report and death certificate for late U.S. Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick who died from injuries suffered in the Jan. 6 insurrection. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/06/2021 To 12/31/2021)

Assignment Note:

From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: I WILL FOLLOW UP: Hi -- question from The Wall Street Journal
Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 4:18:13 PM

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From: Fripp, SaVern (OCME)
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 3:59 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: Fwd: Hi -- question from The Wall Street Journal

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From: "Hobbs, Tawnell" <tawnell.hobbs@wsj.com>
Date: January 19, 2021 at 3:58:21 PM EST
To: ATD OCME <ocme@dc.gov>
Subject: Hi -- question from The Wall Street Journal

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Hi. I'm Tawnell Hobbs, a reporter at The Wall Street Journal. How can I get about getting cause of death and/or autopsy information on the following individuals:

Brian Sicknick, 42
Howard Liebengood, 51

Thanks for any help you can provide. My cell is 475-323-8149.

Tawnell D. Hobbs
SENIOR SPECIAL WRITER



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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: I WILL FOLLOW UP: Wall Street Journal Request
Date: Friday, January 8, 2021 11:11:31 AM

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Sent: Friday, January 08, 2021 11:10 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Cc: Fields, Beverly (OCME)
Subject: Fwd: Wall Street Journal Request

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Date: January 8, 2021 at 11:08:03 AM EST
To: ATD OCME <ocme@dc.gov>
Subject: Wall Street Journal Request

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Hello, I'm a reporter with the Wall Street Journal, and I'm reaching out about the death of US Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick. Has the cause of death been determined?

Andy Duehren
The Wall Street Journal
(o): 202-862-9241
(c): 781-789-0760

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: I WILL REPLY: Webform.ocme.atd
Date: Thursday, February 18, 2021 1:27:16 PM

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Message

Greetings,

My name is Bill McCarthy, and I'm a reporter with PolitiFact, a nonpartisan fact-checking service. I'm writing a story about claims that say Officer Brian Sicknick's death was exaggerated by the media and was not connected to actions by the group that stormed the Capitol.

In the absence of public information, TV pundits and social media users are drawing conclusions about the cause of Officer Sicknick's death. News outlets have also conflicting information linking the incident to a fire extinguisher and also to a chemical irritant.

I have not seen any information or autopsy results from the medical examiner's office. Would the medical examiner's office like to comment or provide any new information? Anything you could get me by the end of the day would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

All the best -- Bill

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All the best -- Bill</MSG>
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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: I WILL REPLY: Media Inquiry re: Officer Brian Sicknick
Date: Monday, February 1, 2021 4:14:02 PM

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From: Fripp, SaVern (OCME)
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2021 4:12 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
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Date: February 1, 2021 at 2:50:36 PM EST
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Good afternoon - I work with WUSA9 and am preparing for our coverage of Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick's funeral.

As part of our reporting, we would like to confirm with the DC Medical Examiners Office the cause of death ruled by the medical examiner.

Can you please provide an update, and whether Officer Sicknick's death has been ruled a Homicide, or, whether it could be in the future.

Thank you for your assistance,

Eric Flack
WUSA9

From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: I WILL REPLY: NEWSWEEK: Requesting Info About Officer Sicknick
Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 12:28:29 PM

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From: Fripp, SaVern (OCME)
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 11:59 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: Fwd: NEWSWEEK: Requesting Info About Officer Sicknick

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From: Julia Marnin <j.marnin@newsweek.com>
Date: February 24, 2021 at 11:27:55 AM EST
To: ATD OCME <ocme@dc.gov>
Subject: NEWSWEEK: Requesting Info About Officer Sicknick

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Hello,

My name is Julia Marnin and I am a reporter for Newsweek. We are working on a story about the information surrounding Officer Brian Sicknick's death following the January 6 Capitol Hill riots. Can the DC Office of the Chief Medical Examiner answer a few questions below?

Is the medical examiner's report on Officer Sicknick complete? If not, when will it be released?

Is it possible to confirm or deny whether Sicknick was struck with a fire extinguisher on the head? Previously, multiple media outlets had reported that.

Any other information that is available surrounding his death that you are able to provide would be greatly appreciated.

I look forward to hearing back from you. Our deadline today/as soon as possible.

Best,
Julia Marnin

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: I WILL RESPOND AND THANK YOU: Fox News seeking confirmation -- Brian Sicknick cause of death
Date: Thursday, February 4, 2021 8:00:37 AM

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From: Fripp, SaVern (OCME)
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2021 7:18 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: Fwd: Fox News seeking confirmation -- Brian Sicknick cause of death

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Date: February 4, 2021 at 7:17:46 AM EST
To: ATD OCME <ocme@dc.gov>, "Records, OCME (OCME)" <ocme.records@dc.gov>
Cc: "Gaffney, Melissa" <Melissa.Leon@FOXNEWS.COM>, "Arroyo, Michael" <Michael.Arroyo@foxbusiness.com>, "Conner, Paul" <Paul.Conner@FOXNEWS.COM>, "Early, Jordan" <Jordan.Early@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Fox News seeking confirmation -- Brian Sicknick cause of death

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Good morning,

I'm reaching out from Fox News in New York. **When do you expect to release the official cause of death for fallen Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick?** Are you able to provide a copy of the autopsy report?

Can you confirm whether he suffered **blunt force trauma** during the riot at the Capitol on Jan. 6? Is it believed he was struck in the head by a **fire extinguisher**?

Can you confirm whether **exposure to chemical agents**, such as bear mace or pepper-spray, might have contributed to his death? Did he have any **pre-existing conditions** that also played a factor?

There are many conflicting reports as to what specifically caused Sicknick's demise. **Please let me know if we can get some clarification for our coverage on foxnews.com. Thank you.**

Kindly,

Danielle Wallace

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FoxNews.com

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: I WILL RESPOND AND THANK YOU: Public records request dated 02/05/2021
Date: Friday, February 5, 2021 9:50:24 AM

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From: Fripp, SaVern (OCME)
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2021 9:49 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: FW: Public records request dated 02/05/2021

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From: Tom Rask [<mailto:tom@rask.com>]
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 9:41 AM
To: ATD OCME
Subject: Public records request dated 02/05/2021

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This is a public records request.

My request is for a copy of your agency's examination of the body of Capitol Hill Police Officer Brian Sicknick.

Regards,

Tom Rask

From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: I WILL RESPOND: 60 MINUTES: Urgent Deadline
Date: Thursday, March 18, 2021 2:19:05 PM

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To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
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Date: March 18, 2021 at 12:58:10 PM EDT
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Cc: "Weisz, Aaron" <WeiszA@cbsnews.com>
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Hello,

I hope you and your family are safe and well. I work at 60 Minutes. I was hoping you could provide some guidance on the below:

Do you have an estimate as to when you plan to release the final medical report with Officer Brian Sicknick's cause of death?

This is a request on an urgent deadline – a response as soon as possible is greatly appreciated.

Best,

Ian Flickinger

60 Minutes

Cell: 330 506 2873

flickingeri@cbsnews.com

From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Records, OCME \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: I WILL RESPOND: CNN request: Brian Sicknick
Date: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 10:19:33 AM

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From: Records, OCME (OCME)
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2021 10:19 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: Fw: CNN request: Brian Sicknick

Good Morning Cheryle,

We had this media request come in to the RMU email this morning. Is it possible for you to respond to their inquiry?

Thank you,
Andrew / Records

From: Wild, Whitney <Whitney.Wild@turner.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 8:18 AM
To: Records, OCME (OCME) <ocme.records@dc.gov>
Subject: CNN request: Brian Sicknick

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Good morning,

We are wondering if it's possible to receive a copy of Officer Brian Sicknick's medical exam or autopsy?

Will this be publicly released? Has it been completed?

Thank you.

Whitney Wild
CNN
202-701-8532

From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: I WILL RESPOND: Media request from the Star Tribune
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 9:14:04 AM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

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From: Fripp, SaVern (OCME)
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 9:12 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: Fwd: Media request from the Star Tribune

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From: "Woodall, Hunter" <hunter.woodall@startribune.com>
Date: April 20, 2021 at 9:11:11 AM EDT
To: ATD OCME <ocme@dc.gov>
Subject: Media request from the Star Tribune

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Good morning,

My name is Hunter Woodall and I'm a Washington reporter for The Minneapolis Star Tribune. I was just hoping to be sent any details or information the office provided to media this week regarding the death of U.S. Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick. Thanks for your help!

All the best,
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Washington reporter for The Minneapolis Star Tribune
Email: hunter.woodall@startribune.com
Phone: 703-963-2812
Twitter: @huntermw



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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: I WILL RESPOND: Yahoo News request - On Deadline
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 9:48:19 AM

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From: Fripp, SaVern (OCME)
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 9:38 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: FW: Yahoo News request - On Deadline

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From: Caitlin Dickson [<mailto:cdickson@yahoonews.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 9:34 AM
To: ATD OCME
Subject: Yahoo News request - On Deadline

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Hi there,

I'm currently working on a story about a number of questions and conspiratorial claims that have been raised recently about Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick's death, and I'm hoping you can provide some information that could help clear things up. My deadline is 4pm EST today, Feb. 17.

First, can you confirm a cause of death for Officer Sicknick, or share any information about the findings of his autopsy?

One particular post by the website [Revolver News](#) — which has been cited and further promoted by prominent cable news hosts, magazine columnists, and members of Congress — alleges, among other things, that federal authorities are “hiding the medical report” with Officer Sicknick's cause of death.

The same post also suggests that Officer Sicknick's body may have been cremated without his family's authorization, speculating about “Why, one must wonder, would a family still searching for answers, who has no autopsy results, no death certificate, and no medical report, authorize a cremation? *Did they?*”

Can you confirm whether or not Officer Sicknick's family authorized his cremation, and whether they receive a death certificate and/or autopsy results? Had all necessary tests been conducted to determine Officer Sicknick's cause of death before his body was cremated?

Finally, can you perhaps explain why the autopsy findings / official cause of death in this case have not yet been made public? It seems as though the lack of official details is really fueling speculation here, so any information you can provide to help set the record straight would be greatly appreciated.

Best,

Caitlin

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Caitlin Dickson
Senior Reporter, Yahoo News
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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: I will reply and thank you: Brick Sicknick
Date: Thursday, February 4, 2021 11:14:39 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Subject: Brick Sicknick

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I am a news reporter for NJ.com – Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick’s home state.

Kindly add me to any lists of media/reporters who seek findings in his death investigation – if there is such a list.

Otherwise, is there any ETA on public comment on the autopsy / post-mortem examination?

Thank You,

Kevin Shea

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From: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryl \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Information Requested on Cause and Manner of Deaths From January 6 Insurrection
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 1:07:41 PM
Importance: High

THIS WAS APPROVED TO GO OUT – USE AS PRESENTED BELOW:

On Wednesday, January 6, 2021 an unprecedented incident of civil insurrection at the United States Capitol resulted in the deaths of five individuals. The District of Columbia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. Francisco J. Diaz, MD, FACP, has issued the following determinations as to the cause and manner of death for four of those individuals.

Ashli Babbitt, 35 years old:

- Cause of Death—Gunshot wound to the left anterior shoulder
- Manner of Death—Homicide

Kevin Greeson, 55 years old:

- Cause of Death—Hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
- Manner of Death—Natural

Benjamin Phillips, 50 years old:

- Cause of Death—Hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
- Manner of Death—Natural

Roseanne Boyland, 34 years old:

- Cause of Death—Acute Amphetamine Intoxication
- Manner of Death—Accident

The cause and manner of death for Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick are pending.

Background explanation of medical terminology on the cause and manner of death:

As determined by the Chief Medical Examiner, the “cause of death” is the medical disease, injury, alcohol, drug or toxic substance that caused a person’s death. The “manner of death” describes the circumstances surrounding a person’s death and falls within one of the following categories:

- Accident: Used when there is no evidence of intent; an unintentional, sudden, and unexpected death.
- Homicide: Death results from the intentional harm of one person by another, including actions of grossly reckless behavior.
- Natural: Used when a disease alone causes death. If death is hastened by an injury, the manner of death is not considered natural.
- Suicide: Death results from the purposeful attempt to end one’s life.
- Undetermined: Used when there is insufficient information to assign another manner.

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From: [Watts, Lindsay](#)
To: [Chervle Adams](#)
Subject: Interview request Fox5DC
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:16:27 AM

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Hi Cheryle!

Per our conversation yesterday, I wanted to request an interview with Dr. Diaz about Officer Brian Sicknick.

Please let me know if that is possible. We could do it in person or via zoom.

Thank you,

Lindsay Watts
Reporter
Fox5DC
202-823-2447

Sent from my iPhone

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To: [Adams, Chervle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Interview request
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 7:05:52 PM

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Hi. It's Tawnell Hobbs, reporter at The Wall Street Journal. I'd like to request an interview with the medical examiner to discuss Officer Sicknick's death. If that's not possible, if the medical examiner could verify media reports that Sicknick had multiple strokes that would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks for your time. My cell is 475-323-8149.

Tawnell D. Hobbs
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From: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
To: gilead.light@usdoj.gov
Cc: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Jan 6th riot deaths
Date: Friday, February 19, 2021 3:33:27 PM

Gilead,

I am receiving numerous FOIA requests for OCME case files of those who died at the Capitol on Jan 6th, esp. Off. Sicknick. I have denied those requests primarily on the basis of personal privacy. A secondary basis is that 1) OCME has not issued a final report; and 2) law enforcement agencies are conducting investigations. To assure that I am on the same page with the law enforcement investigations, I'd be grateful if you'd let me know a time that is convenient for me to give you a call to discuss.

Thanks for your help,

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Ms. Adams,

My name is Jose Pagliery. I am a journalist at The Daily Beast. I'm going to mention the OCME and Officer Brian Sicknick case. Are the autopsy results still pending? Is there any estimate on when they might be ready? And will they be made public?

Forgive me, I'm sure you're getting a ton of requests on this.

Cheers,

Jose Pagliery

political investigations reporter

m: 305-814-3006 (secure WhatsApp/Signal # provided upon request)

e: jose.pagliery@thedailybeast.com

t: [@jose_pagliery](#)

DAILY BEAST

From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: LOL: Public records request dated 02/05/2021
Date: Friday, February 5, 2021 1:15:22 PM



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From: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2021 1:13 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: RE: FOLLOW UP: Public records request dated 02/05/2021

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Sent: Friday, February 05, 2021 12:55 PM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
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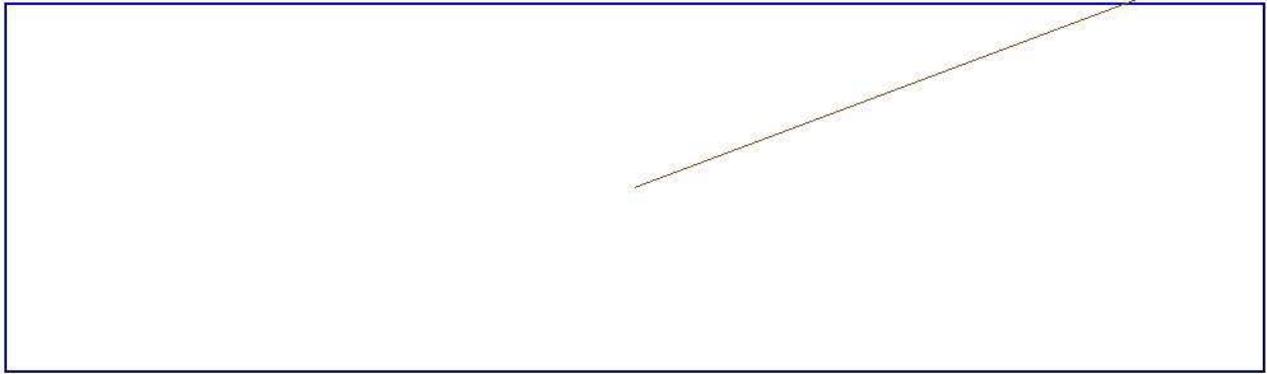
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From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
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To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
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From: Tom Rask [<mailto:tom@rask.com>]

Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 9:41 AM

To: ATD OCME

Subject: Public records request dated 02/05/2021

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This is a public records request.

My request is for a copy of your agency's examination of the body of Capitol Hill Police Officer Brian Sicknick.

Regards,

Tom Rask

From: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Letter
Date: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 3:21:05 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Johnson re Sicknick investigation 2021_03_09 osa.docx](#)

Rod,
Can you please convert to PDF and send it back to me.
Thank you,

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Subject: Letter
Date: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 3:23:41 PM
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From: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Geldart, Chris \(DPW\)](#); [Gil, Helder \(EOM\)](#)
Subject: Letters
Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 4:59:59 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Johnson re Sicknick investigation 2021_03_09.docx](#)
[2021-03-08 RHJ to DC Medical Examiner - Final.pdf](#)

Please find enclosed the request letter from the office of Senator Johnson and the draft response.

Best regards,

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From: [Claudia Grisales](#)
To: cheryle.adams@dc.gov
Subject: ME ruling for Sicknick?
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 3:52:23 PM

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Hello,

Apologies I maybe missing the email, is there a ruling out for officer Sicknick?

Best,

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available Mon - Fri 0830- 1700 hrs

Contact person Patrice 202-715-5324

FI/MLI: Lyles

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To: [Hiers, Viola \(OCME\)](#); [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#); [Adams, Chervle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: MMB ATTEND: Congressional Tribute in honor of Officer Brian D. Sicknick (MMB Time: 10:15am - 11:15am)

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To: [Hiers, Viola \(OCME\)](#); [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#); [Adams, Chervle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: MMB ATTEND: Congressional Service in Honor of Officer Brian Sicknick

POC:

Dept Responsible: OFRA/PSJ
Role: Attend
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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#)
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 10:19:33 AM
Attachments: [Media Requests - Media Outlet Contact Information - UPDATED - 4.19.2021.xlsx](#)

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Castillo, Susana \(EOM\)](#); [Foster, LaToya \(EOM\)](#)
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Bcc: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Media Outlet Spreadsheet - RE: The Media/Interview requests
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 5:20:36 PM
Attachments: [Media Requests - Media Outlet Contact Information - UPDATED - 4.20.2021.xlsx](#)
Importance: High

Good afternoon to all,

Please find attached the updated spreadsheet that provides the media outlets that have requested an interview with Dr. Diaz (Check the "Comment" column and the section entitled "Interview Requests." Additionally, I have formatted the spreadsheet based on the date I received the requests and included the telephone number when it was provided. Please let me know if you should have any additional questions.

Thank you,
Cheryle

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To: [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#); [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#)
Bcc: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Media Requests - January 6, 2021 Insurrection
Date: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 3:16:19 PM
Attachments: [Media Requests - Media Outlets Contacts As of 3.24.2021.xlsx](#)

Good afternoon Beverly and Olivia,

I wanted to provide the most current spreadsheet with the contact information for the media outlets requesting the cause and manner of death for the five people who died on January 6, 2021.

Best regards,
Cheryle

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From: [Jeff Mordock](#)
To: cheryle.adams@dc.gov
Subject: Media request -- The Washington Times
Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 10:41:06 AM

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Hi Cheryle,

I am working on a story about the death of officer Brian Sicknick.

Can the Medical Examiner give any updates on a possible timeline on when we may hear anything or when it could possibly announce a cause of death?

Is there anything the Medical Examiner can say about a timeline for an announcement?

Thanks
Jeff

Cell is 267-566-7767

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From: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Media request
Date: Friday, February 26, 2021 11:07:11 AM
Attachments: [Detail Report 2021-FOIA-03278.pdf](#)

Cheryle,

Here is another reporter for your list making a FOIA request re: death of Off. Slicknick. I will be denying her FOIA request.

Elise Cartmill
WJLA
ecartmill@sbgvtv.com

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To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Subject: Request Assignment

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Dear Rodney Adams ,

Request # 2021-FOIA-03278 has been assigned to you for processing. Here's a brief summary of the request:

Request ID: 2021-FOIA-03278

Request Type: FOIA

Requested By: Cartmill, Elise

Requested Date: February 23, 2021

Primary User: Rodney Adams

Target Date: March 16, 2021

Request Description:

WJLA would like to request cause of death and autopsy report for Officer Brian David Sicknick. He collapsed at Capitol PD Headquarters on Jan. 6th 2021 and passed away later at the hospital. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/06/2021 To 01/08/2021)

Assignment Note:

From: [Littler1, Caryn \(NBCUniversal\)](#)
To: [Adams, Chervle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: NBC News Inquiry re: Officer Brian Sicknick
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 3:55:27 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Hello,

My name is Caryn Littler and I'm an Assignment Editor with NBC National News based in Washington, D.C.

I am wondering if a cause and manner of death has been determined for Officer Brian D. Sicknick, who died on Jan. 7th, 2021?

Thank you,

Caryn Littler
Nightside Assignment Editor, NBC News Washington
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C: (202) 819-0930
T: @carynlittler
Caryn.Littler@nbcuni.com

From: [Julia Marnin](#)
To: cheryle.adams@dc.gov
Subject: NEWSWEEK: Requesting Info About Officer Sicknick
Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 12:25:32 PM

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Hi Cheryle,

I just spoke with you on the phone regarding a story for Newsweek I am working on about the known information surrounding Officer Brian Sicknick's death following the January 6 Capitol Hill riots.

Can you issue comments to answer/confirm information for these few questions below?

Is the medical examiner's report on Officer Sicknick complete? If not, when will it be released? If there's no exact date, is there any idea as to when the report might be made public?

Is it possible to confirm or deny whether Sicknick was struck with a fire extinguisher on the head? Previously, multiple media outlets had reported that and there have been conflicting reports following.

Any other information that the DC Office of the Chief Medical Examiner is able to provide surrounding his death and the medical examiner's report is greatly appreciated.

Our story deadline is today. Thank you for your time.

Best,
Julia Marnin

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#)
Cc: [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Names of the January 6, 2021 Decedents
Date: Thursday, February 4, 2021 9:29:01 AM

Good morning Olivia,

Per your request, here are the names of the five decedents from January 6, 2021:

1. Brian Sicknick
2. Kevin Greeson
3. Rose Boyland
4. Benjamin Phillips
5. Ashli Babbitt

These cases are pending and the cause and manner of death will be released when the information is available. Please let me know if you should have any additional questions.

Thank you,
Cheryle

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From: [DeLon Thornton](#)
To: cheryle.adams@dc.gov
Subject: News Alert: Capitol Police officer Brian D. Sicknick, who engaged rioters, suffered two strokes and died of natural causes, officials say
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 3:57:44 PM

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Hello Cheryle,

Are you able to send us the report of Officer Brian Sicknick's autopsy?

Thank you,
DeLon

DeLon Thornton
Broadcast Associate – Assignment Desk
CBS News, Washington
O:[\(202\) 457-4444](tel:(202)457-4444)

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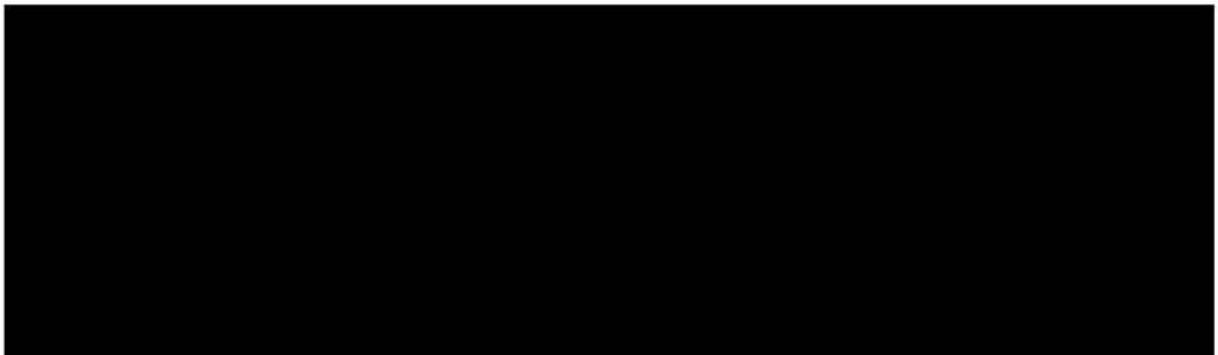
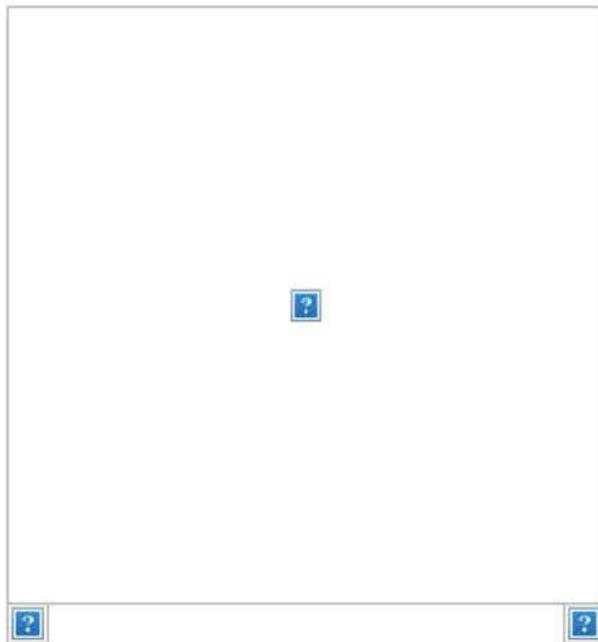
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Capitol Police officer Brian D. Sicknick, who engaged rioters, suffered two strokes and died of natural causes, officials say

Sicknick, 42, collapsed after confronting rioters at the Capitol on Jan. 6 and died the next day. D.C. Chief Medical Examiner Francisco J. Diaz concluded Sicknick suffered two strokes and died of natural causes.

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From: [Haley Gillman](#)
To: cheryle.adams@dc.gov
Subject: Newsmax Request
Date: Thursday, February 4, 2021 11:30:28 AM
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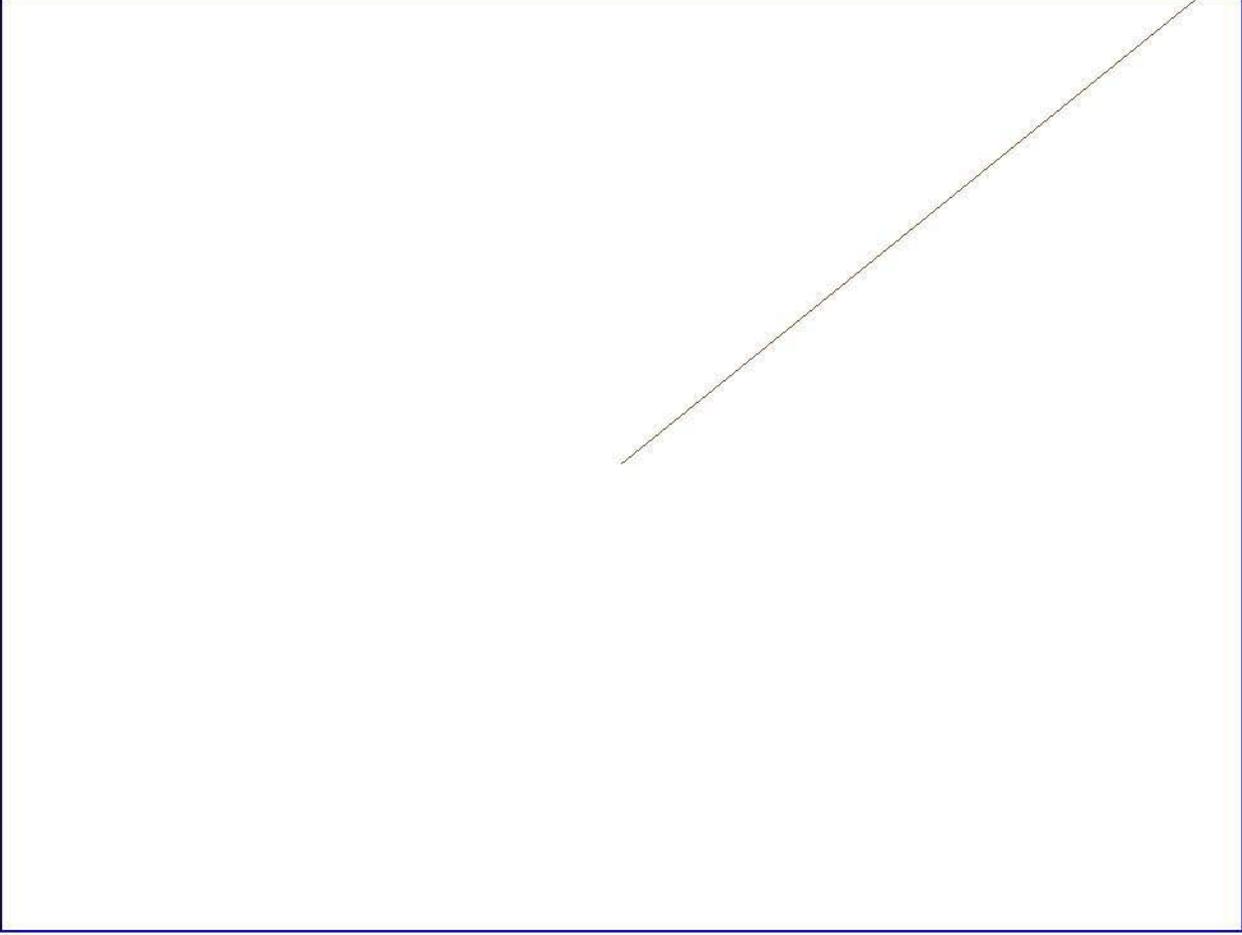
I appreciate you getting back to me. We are covering Officer Sicknick's passing at great length and wanted to see if the autopsy is being released. Please let me know if this is possible.

Thank you!
Haley

Haley Gillman,
Booker, "Greg Kelly Reports"
516-509-6709 | 805 3rd Ave. 22nd Floor | NY, NY 10022

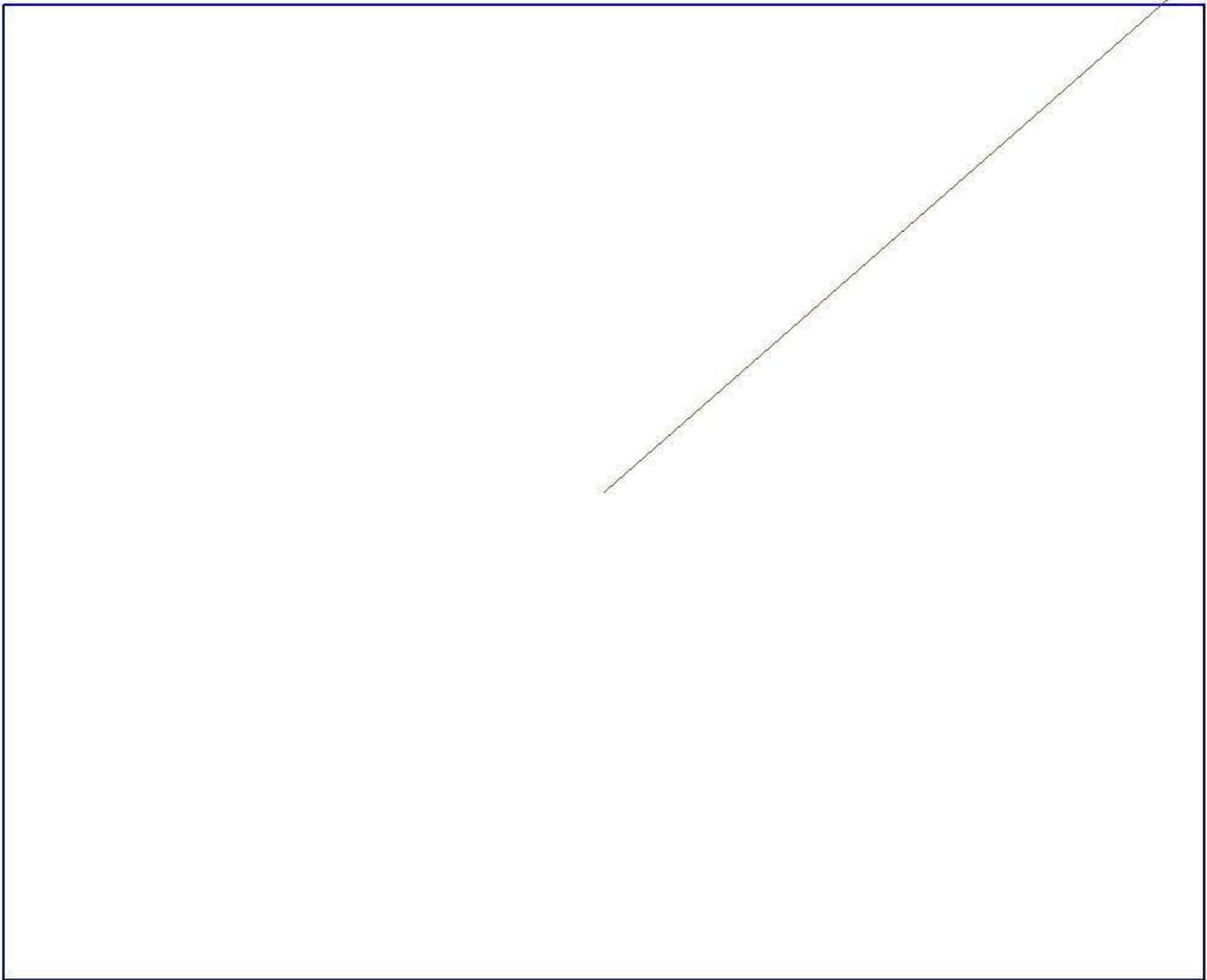
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From: [Wild, Whitney](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Ofc. Sicknick medical ruling
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:21:24 PM

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Hello Cheryle,

Hope you're doing well! I'm wondering if we can get a copy of the ME ruling in the Brian Sicknick case? Is it possible to get the autopsy report?

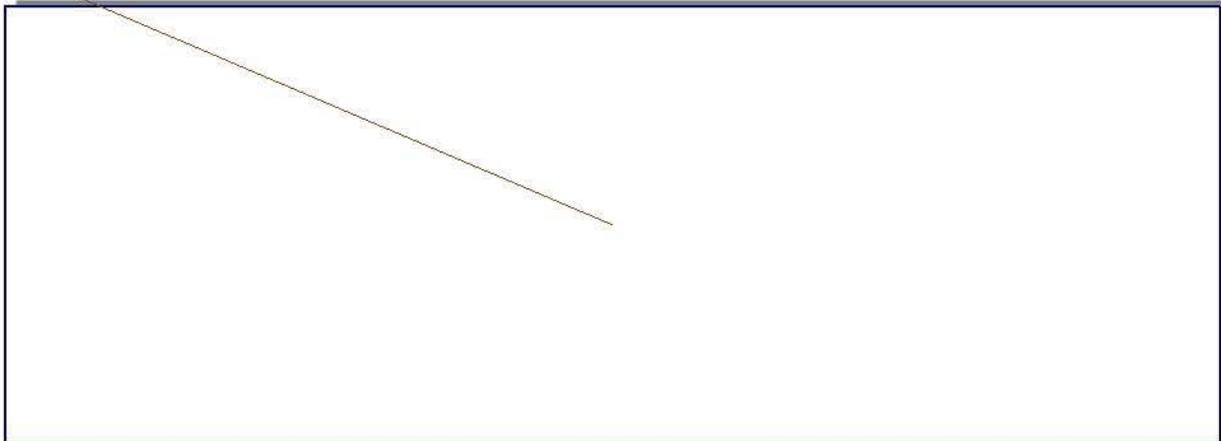
Thank you.

Best,
Whitney Wild
CNN
202-701-8532

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From: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Off. Sicknick
Date: Friday, February 19, 2021 3:03:14 PM



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To: cheryle.adams@dc.gov
Subject: Officer Brian Sicknick
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:00:05 PM

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Dear Cheryle,

This is Jerry Dunleavy with the Washington Examiner.

Could I get the most up to date findings from the medical examiner related to the death of Officer Brian Sicknick, including a statement on the conclusions, the investigative report, and the autopsy report?

And would I be able to get a statement from chief medical examiner Francisco Diaz as well?

Many thanks!

JD

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Jerry Dunleavy
Washington Examiner
JDunleavy@WashingtonExaminer.com

From: [Hermann, Peter](#)
To: [Adams, Chervle \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Olivia Dedner](#)
Subject: Officer Sicknick
Date: Monday, January 11, 2021 7:58:19 AM

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Good morning, this is Peter Hermann from the Washington Post

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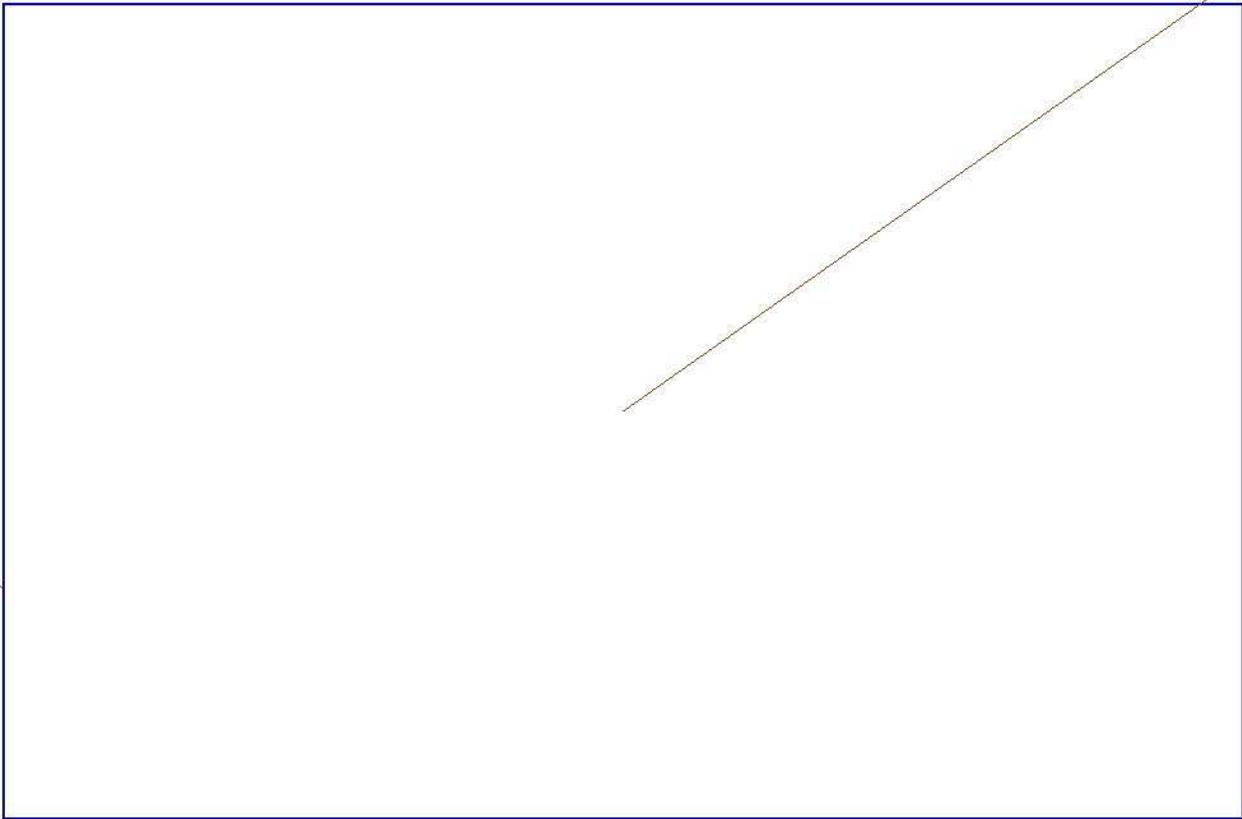
Cause and manner for:

1. Capitol Police Officer Brian D.Sicknick
2. Ashli Babbit

Both were killed Jan. 2, 2021

Thank you

Peter Hermann
Washington Post
410-371-5439



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From: [Adam Klasfeld](#)
To: cheryle.adams@dc.gov
Subject: Press Inquiry: Officer Brian Sicknick
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:43:47 PM

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Dear Cheryle:

Can you please send me any information available—including a copy of the report or any public statements—about the medical examiner's determination that Officer Brian Sicknick died of natural causes after suffering two strokes the day after the U.S. Capitol riots?

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/public-safety/brian-sicknick-death-strokes/2021/04/19/36d2d310-617e-11eb-afbe-9a11a127d146_story.html

Please reply ASAP as I am on deadline.

Thank you,
Adam

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From: [Chris Marquette](#)
To: cheryle.adams@dc.gov
Subject: Press question
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:05:12 PM

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Hi Cheryle,

How did Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick die? Can you please send any relevant information on this, including the autopsy report?

Best,
Chris

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From: [Segraves, Mark \(NBCUniversal\)](#)
To: [Chervle Adams \(OCME\)](#); [Lashon Beaman](#); [Beverly Fields](#)
Subject: Press request cause and manner
Date: Monday, January 11, 2021 2:09:47 PM

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Good afternoon could you please provide cause and manner for Brian Sicknick ?
Thank you

Mark Segraves
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Sent from my iPhone, but never while driving. I would never do that. Although it would explain the typos.

From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Public Safety and Justice Cluster Meeting - OCME Proposed Talking Points
Date: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 1:44:10 PM
Attachments: [OCME-PSJ Cluster Meeting Talking Points - 3.25.2021.docx](#)

Good afternoon Dr. Diaz and Beverly,

Please find attached the proposed talking points for the Public Safety and Justice Cluster meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 25, 2021. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Cheryle

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From: [Ashley Kim](#)
To: cheryle.adams@dc.gov
Subject: Question Regarding Judicial Watch Lawsuit
Date: Monday, April 5, 2021 1:36:34 PM

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Hello,

My name is Ashley Kim, I am a reporter for CNS News, and I had a question regarding the Judicial Watch lawsuit against the Government of the District of Columbia.

My question is: For what reason is the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner withholding the autopsy report of Officer Brian Sicknick?

We will print your response in full.

Thank you very much,
Ashley Kim

From: [Emma Green](#)
To: cheryle.adams@dc.gov
Subject: Question from the Atlantic
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 12:57:09 PM

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Cheryle, hi --

I hope this note finds you well. I'm a reporter at the Atlantic magazine. I'm writing to request a copy of your office's statement on the death of Officer Brian Sicknick, along with a copy of the medical examiner's autopsy report.

You can reach me at 615.477.0982.

Thank you,
Emma

Emma Green
The Atlantic

From: [Josh Kaplan](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#); [Joaquin Sapien](#); [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#)
Subject: Question on fire extinguisher and Officer Sicknick's death
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:32:50 PM

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Hi Cheryle,

Thanks for sending over the press release regarding Officer Sicknick's death. As you know, initial reports stated that Officer Sicknick was struck with a fire extinguisher prior to his death. Did the medical examiner conclude whether or not that happened? Was there any evidence one way or the other?

Best,
Josh

From: [Josh Kaplan](#)
To: cheryle.adams@dc.gov
Cc: [Joaquin Sapien](#)
Subject: Question regarding Brian Sicknick's death
Date: Friday, February 12, 2021 8:43:26 PM

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Hi Cheryle,

Hope all is well. My colleague Joaquin Sapien and I have been reporting on the assault on the Capitol on Jan 6, and we wanted to reach out for clarification on one of the great tragedies of that day. It has been widely said by law enforcement that USCP Officer Brian Sicknick died after he was hit by a fire extinguisher. However, some anonymous reports have emerged saying he was not hit by a fire extinguisher and died from other causes. I know this is a very sensitive matter, but can you provide clarity on this? Thank you so much.

Best,
Josh
734-834-9383

From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: REPLIED TO THIS REPORTER: Causes of Death - January 6
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 5:18:34 PM

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From: Fripp, SaVern (OCME)
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 4:48 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: Fwd: Causes of Death - January 6

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Date: April 7, 2021 at 3:52:01 PM EDT
To: ATD OCME <ocme@dc.gov>
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Operations Center (SOC).

Could I get a copy of the Medical Examiner's determinations of the causes of death for the January 6 riot at the Capitol?

Can the Medical Examiner say why the cause of death for Officer Sicknick is still pending, and whether this has pushed the determination beyond the 90 day period, and why?

Many thanks!

JD

--

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From: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: 2021-FOIA-04288
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 3:43:19 PM
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Francisco J. Diaz, MD FCAP FASCP
Chief Medical Examiner
Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
Washington, DC.
Francisco.diaz@dc.gov



From: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 3:42 PM
To: Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
Subject: 2021-FOIA-04288

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Dr. Diaz,



All records of communications among OCME officials, and between OCME officials and other municipal, state, and federal government employees, including emails and text messages, regarding the preparation and drafting of an email sent by OCME official Cheryle Adams on April 7, 2021 with the subject line "Determination of the Cause and Manner of Death – RE: January 6, 2021", involving the death of Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick. (A copy of Ms. Adams' email is attached for your reference.) (Date Range for Record Search: From 03/01/2021 To 04/08/2021)

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Thanks for your help,

Rod Adams

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From: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Raso, Stephen \(OCME\)](#); [Tolliver, Samantha \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: 21-00132 (TX21-0046)
Date: Friday, February 12, 2021 12:07:58 PM

Good afternoon,
What is the status of this case?

Sasha Breland, M.D.

Deputy Medical Examiner

Office of The Chief Medical Examiner
Government of the District of Columbia
401 E Street SW
Washington DC 20024
Phone: 202-698-9082
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sasha.breland@dc.gov

From: Raso, Stephen (OCME)
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 2:48 PM
To: Breland, Sasha (OCME); Tolliver, Samantha (OCME)
Cc: Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
Subject: RE: 21-00132 (TX21-0046)

Hi Dr. Breland,

I've assigned the case samples for quantitation.

Stephen

From: Breland, Sasha (OCME)
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 11:39 AM
To: Tolliver, Samantha (OCME)
Cc: Diaz, Francisco (OCME); Raso, Stephen (OCME)
Subject: Re: 21-00132 (TX21-0046)

Please quantitate the substances found.

Thank you,
Dr. Breland

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On Jan 15, 2021, at 9:14 AM, Tolliver, Samantha (OCME) <samantha.tolliver@dc.gov> wrote:

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Good morning Dr. Breland,



From: Breland, Sasha (OCME)

Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 9:49 PM
To: Tolliver, Samantha (OCME)
Cc: Diaz, Francisco (OCME); Raso, Stephen (OCME)
Subject: Re: 21-00132 (TX21-0046)

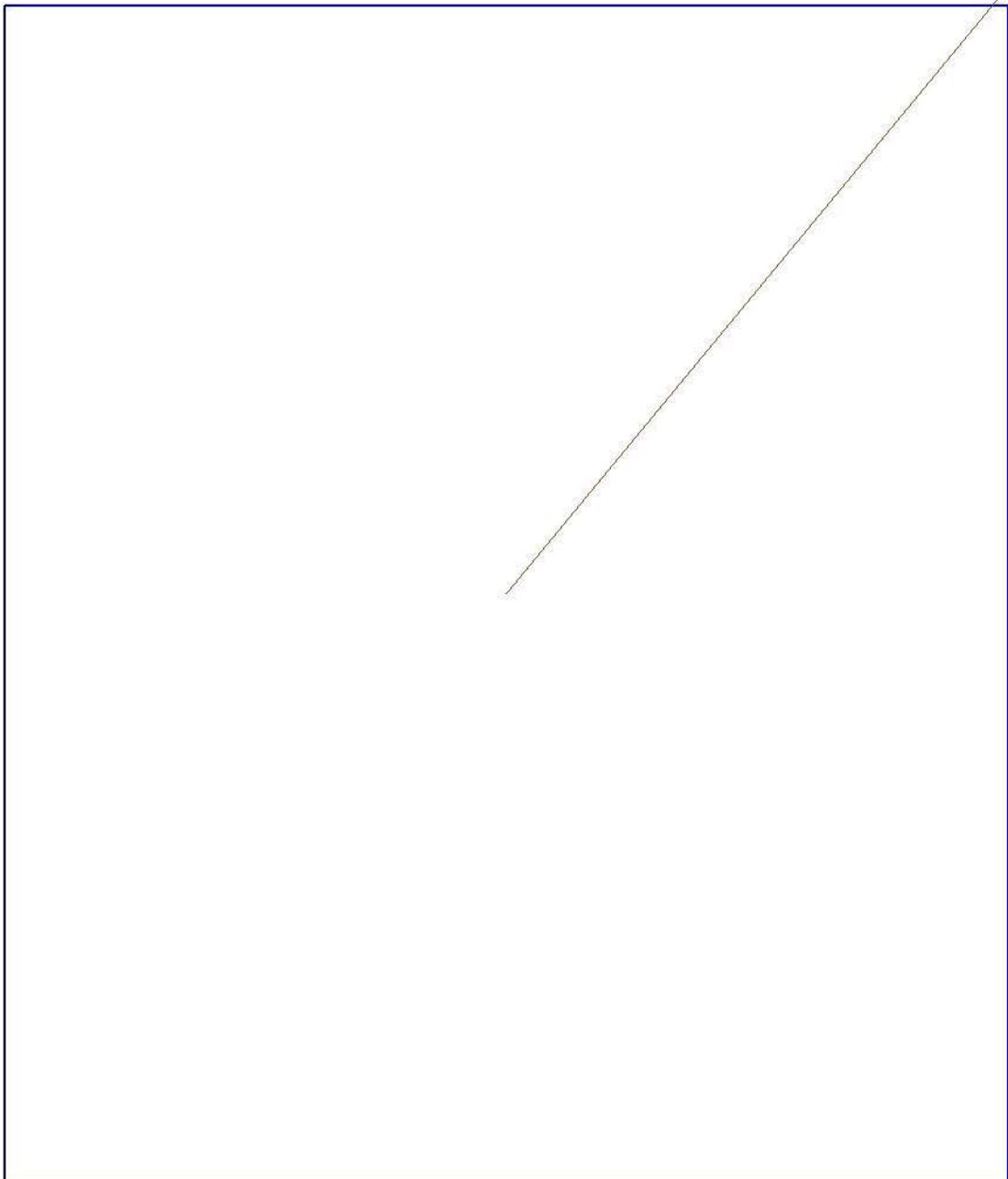
Thank you and I will need everything quantitated as well...

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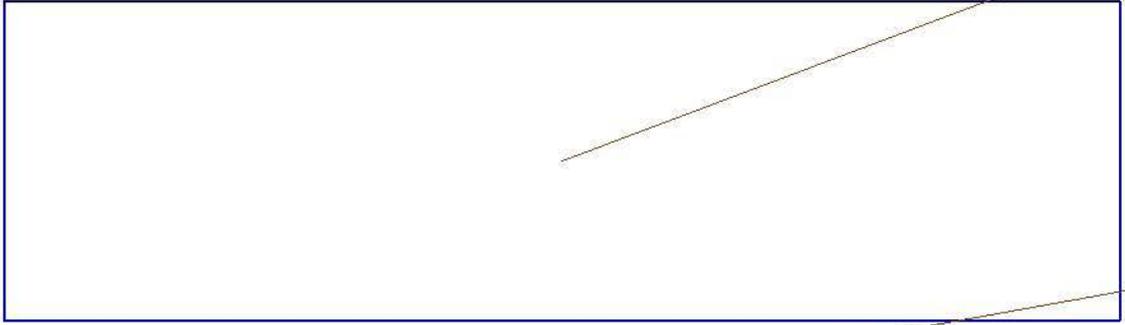
Hi Dr. Breland,

The preliminary results for the above referenced case are as follows:



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To: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#); [Tolliver, Samantha \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: 21-00132 (TX21-0046)
Date: Friday, January 22, 2021 2:47:33 PM

Hi Dr. Breland,

I've assigned the case samples for quantitation.

Stephen

From: Breland, Sasha (OCME)
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 11:39 AM
To: Tolliver, Samantha (OCME)
Cc: Diaz, Francisco (OCME); Raso, Stephen (OCME)
Subject: Re: 21-00132 (TX21-0046)

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Thank you,
Dr. Breland

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Good morning Dr. Breland,

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To: Tolliver, Samantha (OCME)
Cc: Diaz, Francisco (OCME); Raso, Stephen (OCME)
Subject: Re: 21-00132 (TX21-0046)

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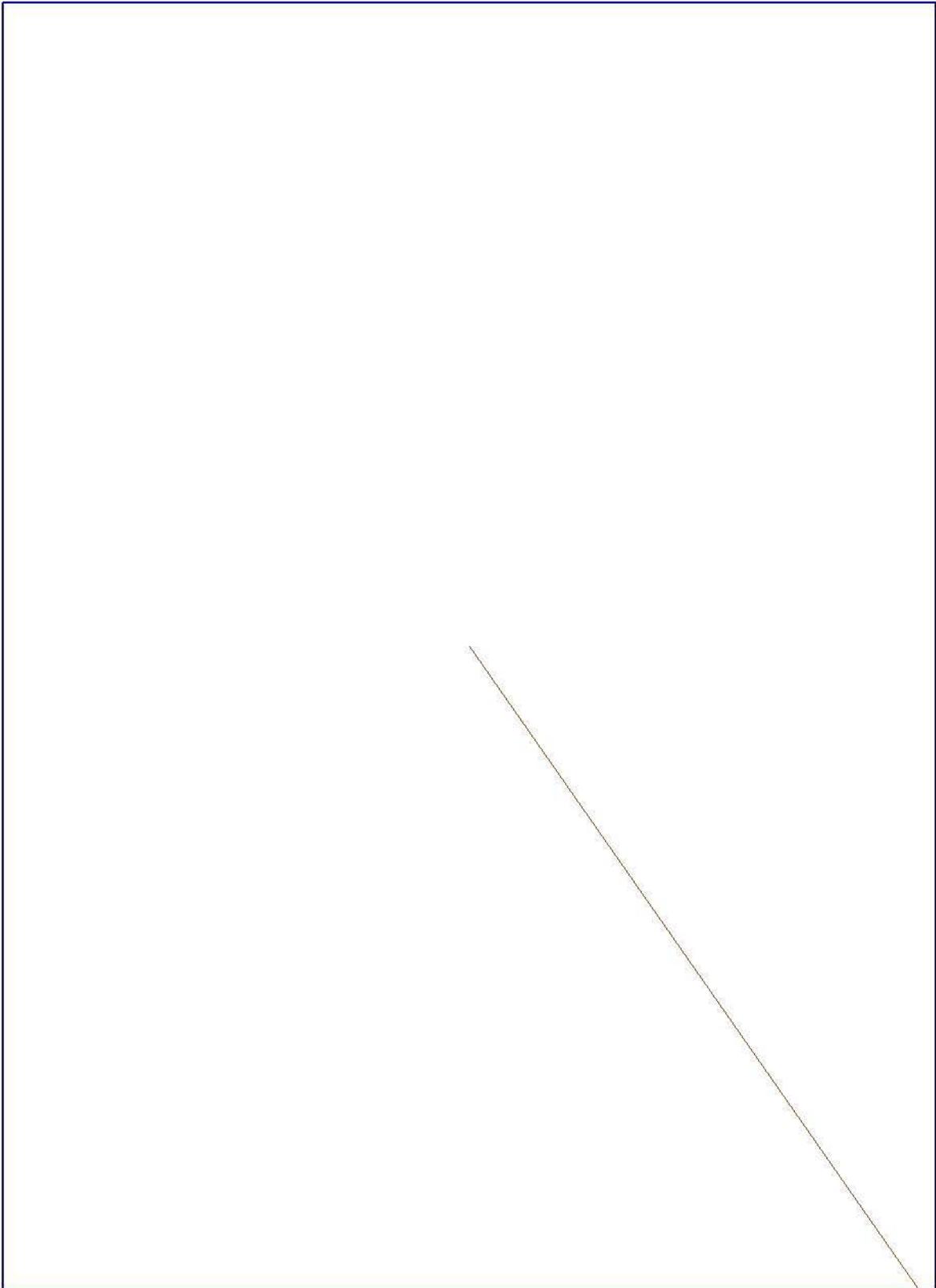
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Cc: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#); [Raso, Stephen \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: 21-00132 (TX21-0046)
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 9:14:57 AM

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Good morning Dr. Breland,



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From: Breland, Sasha (OCME)
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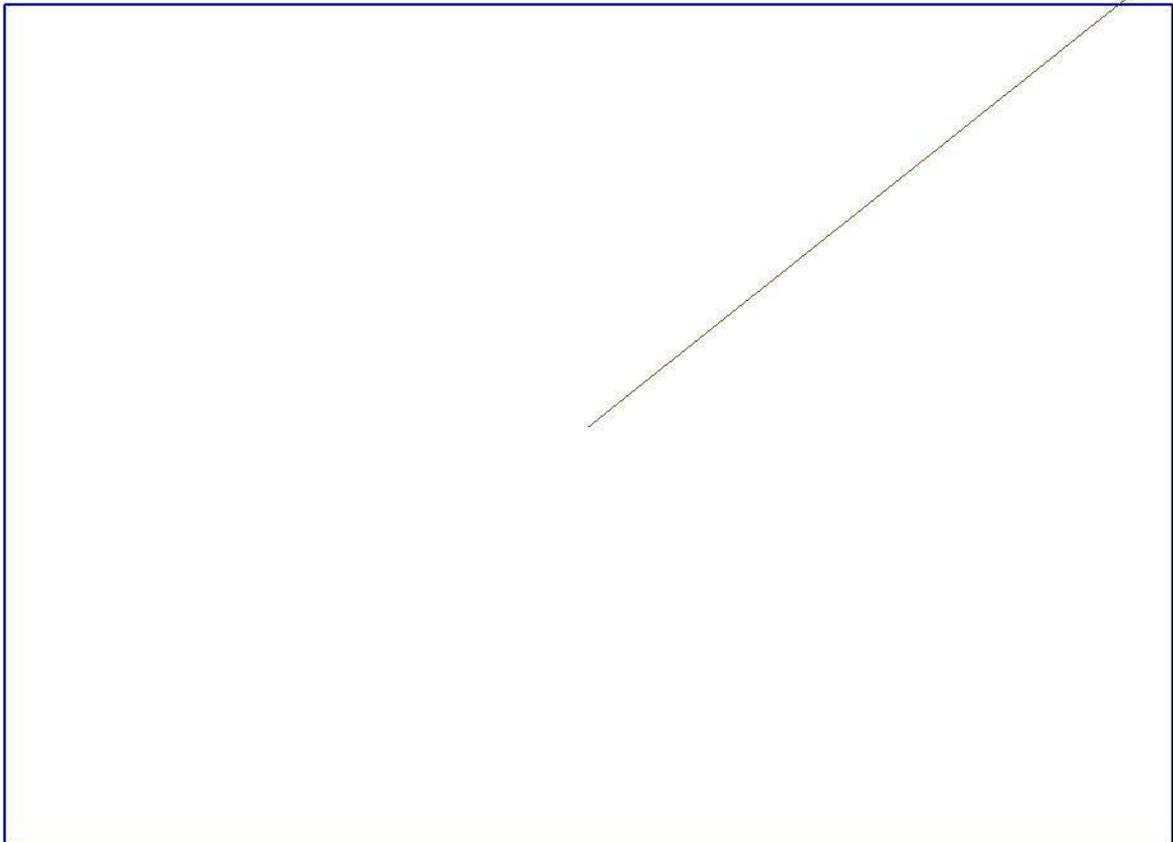
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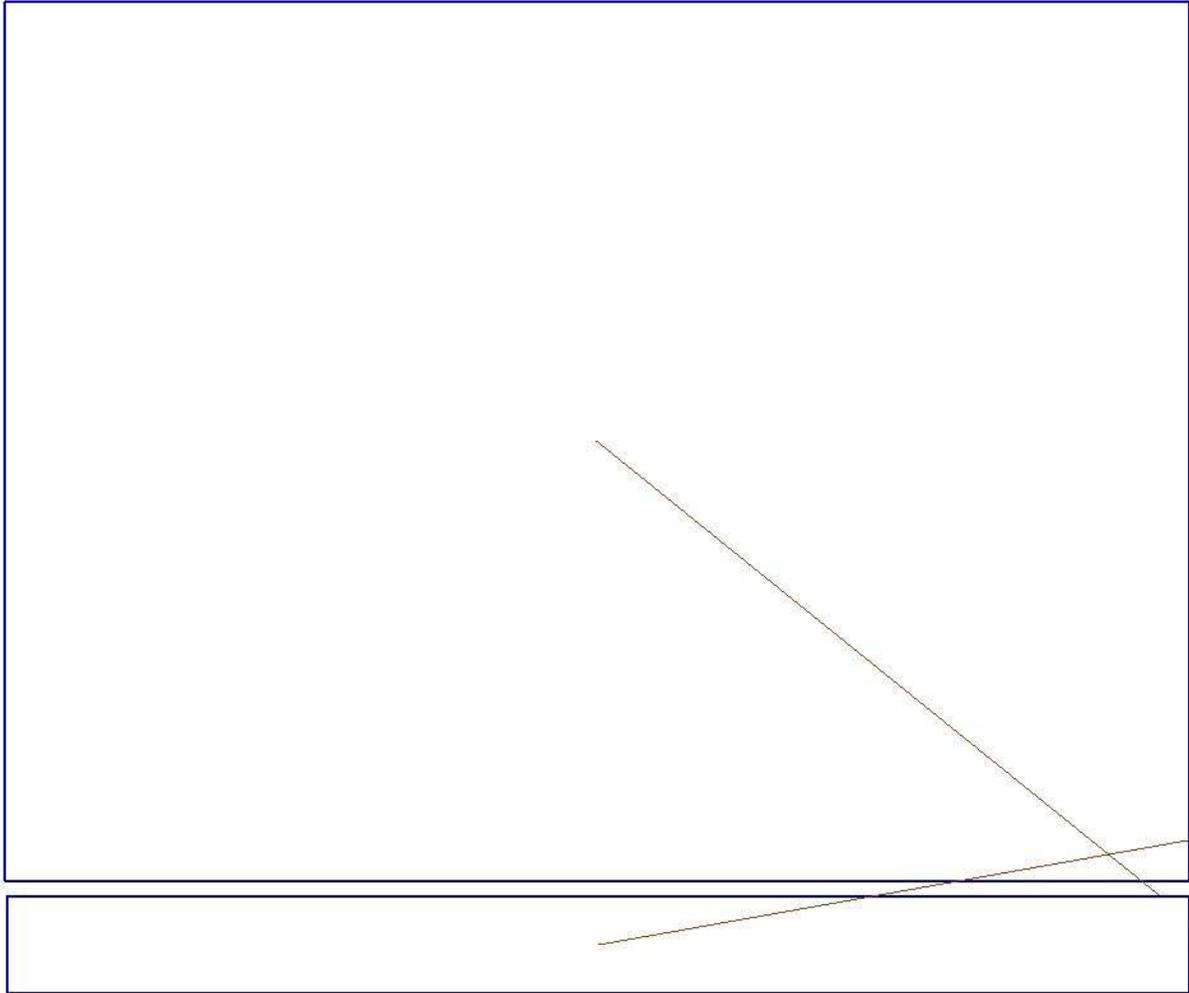
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To: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#); [Raso, Stephen \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: 21-00132 (TX21-0046)
Date: Monday, January 11, 2021 9:57:46 AM

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2-534(a)(6);
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Good morning Dr. Breland,

I apologize for the delay. The above referenced case is being expedited.

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Subject: 21-00132
Importance: High

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Good afternoon,

[Redacted]

Thanks,
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From: [Raso, Stephen \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#); [Tolliver, Samantha \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: 21-00132 (TX21-0046)
Date: Friday, February 12, 2021 1:11:24 PM

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From: Breland, Sasha (OCME)
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 12:08 PM
To: Raso, Stephen (OCME); Tolliver, Samantha (OCME)
Subject: RE: 21-00132 (TX21-0046)

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From: Raso, Stephen (OCME)
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 2:48 PM
To: Breland, Sasha (OCME); Tolliver, Samantha (OCME)
Cc: Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
Subject: RE: 21-00132 (TX21-0046)

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From: Breland, Sasha (OCME)
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 11:39 AM
To: Tolliver, Samantha (OCME)
Cc: Diaz, Francisco (OCME); Raso, Stephen (OCME)
Subject: Re: 21-00132 (TX21-0046)

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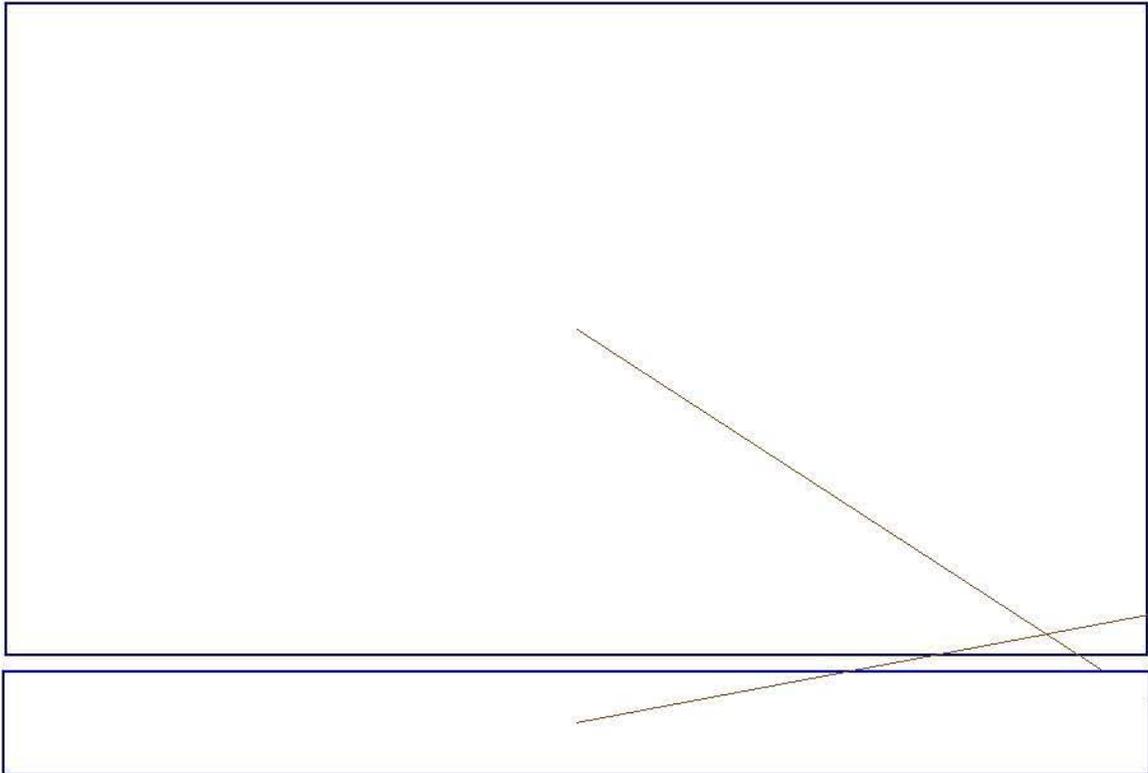
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From: [Lyles, Denise \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: 21-00132 Medical records
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 9:50:08 AM

Done

Denise

From: Breland, Sasha (OCME)
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 7:25 AM
To: Lyles, Denise (OCME)
Subject: 21-00132 Medical records

Good morning Denise,
Can you please upload these medical records to the e-file for 21-00132?

Thanks,
Dr. Breland

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From: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Lyles, Denise \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: 21-00132
Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 7:34:44 AM

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From: [Wood, Rebecca \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Lyles, Denise \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: 21-00132
Date: Saturday, January 9, 2021 5:06:08 PM

Called ofc colliler as well as dgs and let them know. They will set up on the school st. side

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From: Lyles, Denise (OCME)
Sent: Saturday, January 09, 2021 4:28 PM
To: Wood, Rebecca (OCME)
Cc: Lassiter, Kimberly (OCME)
Subject: Re: 21-00132

Thanks, I would like to keep Kim in the loop and Officer Collier. You can give them my cell so if there is a glist since neither you or I am in tomorrow

Sent from my iPhone

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On Jan 9, 2021, at 16:24, Wood, Rebecca (OCME) <rebecca.wood@dc.gov> wrote:

Scott Williams, Demaine FH, 703-941-9428 said they plan on coming tomorrow but want to speak with the other parties involved before giving us a time. I told him to call me back before I leave and we'll give him whatever appointment he wants. I'll let you know when I hear back from him

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From: Lyles, Denise (OCME)
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To: Wood, Rebecca (OCME)
Subject: Re: 21-00132

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Release has been approve with Demaine FH in Virginia

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To: Wood, Rebecca (OCME)
Subject: 21-00132
Importance: High

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From: [Wood, Rebecca \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Lyles, Denise \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Lassiter, Kimberly \(OCME\)](#); [Belle, Jeanette \(OCME\)](#); [Love, Jennifer \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: 21-00132
Date: Saturday, January 9, 2021 4:59:10 PM

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From: [Wood, Rebecca \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Lyles, Denise \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: 21-00132
Date: Saturday, January 9, 2021 4:24:48 PM

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From: [Wood, Rebecca \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Lyles, Denise \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: 21-00132
Date: Saturday, January 9, 2021 3:32:18 PM

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From: [Lyles, Denise \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Smith, Melinda \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: 21-00132
Date: Friday, January 8, 2021 3:04:32 PM

Thank you

Denise

From: Smith, Melinda (OCME)
Sent: Friday, January 08, 2021 2:58 PM
To: Wood, Rebecca (OCME); Lyles, Denise (OCME)
Cc: Breland, Sasha (OCME)
Subject: 21-00132

Hello All,

The above case has been positively Identified as
CMS has been updated

Sicknick, Brian David

DOB:

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From: [Lyles, Denise \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Records, OCME \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#); [Fields Broadbent, Leigh \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: 21-00132
Date: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 12:06:50 PM

Thanks

From: Records, OCME (OCME)
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2021 12:06 PM
To: Lyles, Denise (OCME)
Cc: Breland, Sasha (OCME); Fields Broadbent, Leigh (OCME)
Subject: Re: 21-00132

Denise,
Apologies for the delay on the response; the Records were scanned but have just now been placed in the e-case folder for 21-00132.

-Andrew / Records

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To: Records, OCME (OCME) <ocme.records@dc.gov>
Cc: Breland, Sasha (OCME) <sasha.breland@dc.gov>; Fields Broadbent, Leigh (OCME) <leigh.fieldsbroadbent@dc.gov>
Subject: FW: 21-00132

Good morning Records

Do you have the medical records hard copy for Case #21-00132 ? Leigh told me she sent it upstairs

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To: Lyles, Denise (OCME)
Subject: RE: 21-00132

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To: [Ware-Murrell, Tiffany \(OCME\)](#); [Branson, Joshua \(MPD\)](#)
Subject: RE: Brian Sicknick
Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 7:40:17 AM

Good morning,

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Thanks!

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From: Ware-Murrell, Tiffany (OCME)
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 3:56 PM
To: Branson, Joshua (MPD)
Cc: Breland, Sasha (OCME)
Subject: RE: Brian Sicknick

Got it. Thanks Branson! I'll make sure Dr. Breland sees this.

From: Branson, Joshua (MPD)
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 12:33 PM
To: Ware-Murrell, Tiffany (OCME)
Subject: Brian Sicknick

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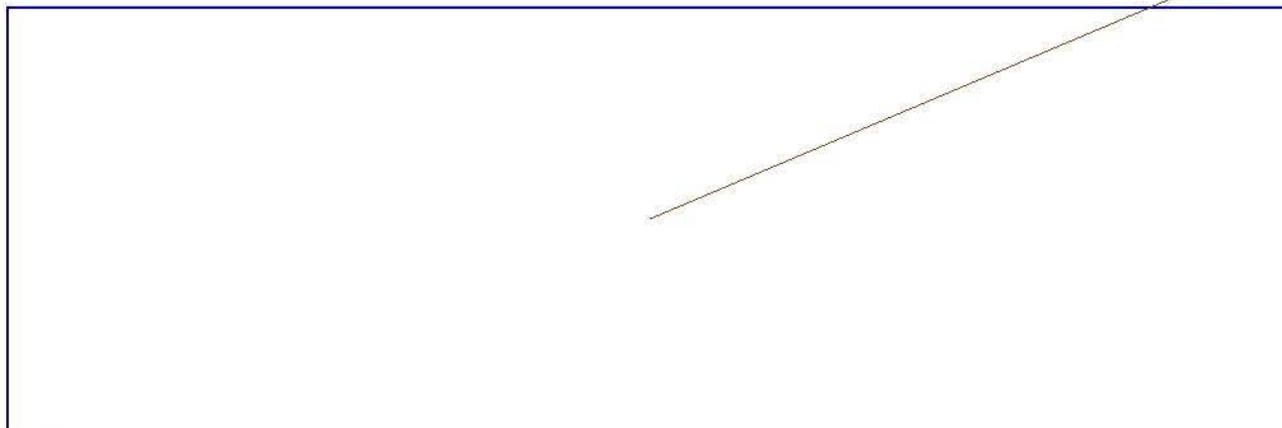
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From: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Branson, Joshua \(MPD\)](#)
Subject: RE: Brian Sicknick
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 3:30:51 PM

Good afternoon Det. Branson,

The cause and death for Mr. Sicknick (OCME case 21-00132) were certified as the following this afternoon:

- COD: Acute brainstem and cerebellar infarcts due to acute basilar artery thrombosis
- MOD: Natural

This information was conveyed to the decedent's mother and girlfriend earlier this afternoon.

~ Dr. Breland

Sasha Breland, M.D.
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-----Original Message-----

From: Branson, Joshua (MPD)
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 2:28 PM
To: Breland, Sasha (OCME)
Subject: Brian Sicknick

Good afternoon Dr. Breland, have y'all ruled on the Sicknick case yet? The FBI just called me saying the family received a call from the OCME stating that his death was ruled a natural.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [McArdle, Andrew \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: CNN inquiry about records request
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:04:34 AM

Thanks for forwarding. I will set it up in FOIExpress.

Rod Adams

Rodney K. Adams
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From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:02 AM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME) <rodney.adams@dc.gov>
Subject: FYI: CNN inquiry about records request

Good morning Rodney,

Please see the email below regarding the FOIA request for the autopsy report for Brian Sicknick.

Thank you,
Cheryle

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From: Records, OCME (OCME)
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 8:59 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: Fw: CNN inquiry about records request

Good Morning Cheryle,
I'm forwarding this request from CNN. I also had a phone call a few minutes ago from someone who identified as media, and had provided your number. It may or may not have been the same individual, as I hadn't seen this email yet.

Thanks as always,
Andrew / Records

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From: Devine, Curt <Curt.Devine@cnn.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 4:53 PM
To: Records, OCME (OCME) <ocme.records@dc.gov>
Subject: CNN inquiry about records request

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Hi OCME Records team,

My name is Curt Devine and I'm with the news network CNN here in Washington. I'm writing because we would like to submit a records request (Pursuant to the DC Freedom of Information Act) for the autopsy/toxicology report documents and any associated records related to Capitol Police Officer Brian D. Sicknick.

Is it accurate that OCME has been denying public records requests for these documents?

Thank you for any information. Best,

Curt Devine
CNN, Washington
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678-576-6976

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From: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#)
To: [Watts, Lindsay](#); [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#); [Lambert, Evan](#)
Cc: [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: Can you confirm?
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:57:45 PM

Hi Lindsay --- Here's the statement shared by the OCME.

On Wednesday, January 6, 2021, an unprecedented incident of civil insurrection at the United States Capitol resulted in the deaths of five individuals. The District of Columbia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. Francisco J. Diaz, MD, FACP, issued determinations on April 7 as to the cause and manner of death for four of those individuals and today issues the cause and manner of death of the remaining individual.

- **Brian Sicknick, 42 years old:**
 - Cause of Death – Acute brainstem and cerebellar infarcts due to acute basilar artery thrombosis
 - Manner of Death – Natural

Publicly disclosed timeline of events:

- Wednesday, January 6, 2021:
 - Approximately 2:20 PM: Officer Brian Sicknick is sprayed with a chemical substance outside the U.S. Capitol.
 - Approximately 10:00 PM: Officer Sicknick collapses at the U.S. Capitol and is transported by D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services to a local hospital.
- Thursday, January 7, 2021:
 - Approximately 9:30 PM: Officer Sicknick dies at a local hospital.

Background explanation of medical terminology on the cause and manner of death:

As determined by the Chief Medical Examiner, the “cause of death” is the medical disease, injury, alcohol, drug or toxic substance that caused a person’s death. The “manner of death” describes the circumstances surrounding a person’s death and falls within one of the following categories:

- Accident: Used when there is no evidence of intent; an unintentional, sudden, and unexpected death.
- Homicide: Death results from the intentional harm of one person by another, including actions of grossly reckless behavior.
- Natural: Used when a disease alone causes death. If death is hastened by an injury, the manner of death is not considered natural.
- Suicide: Death results from the purposeful attempt to end one’s life.
- Undetermined: Used when there is insufficient information to assign another manner.

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Olivia Walton Dedner

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From: Watts, Lindsay <Lindsay.Watts@FOX.COM>
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:55 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM) <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>; Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov>
Subject: Re: Can you confirm?

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Hi if you replied to this I did not get it!

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On Apr 19, 2021, at 3:53 PM, Watts, Lindsay <Lindsay.Watts@fox.com> wrote:

Capitol Police officer Brian D. Sicknick suffered two strokes and died of natural causes a day after he confronted rioters at the Jan. 6 insurrection, the District's chief medical examiner has ruled.

Thanks,

Lindsay Watts
Fox5DC

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 7, 2021, at 3:06 PM, Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Lindsay,

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complex it could be longer. Therefore, when this information is available and the decedent's next of kin has been notified, I will provide you with the cause and manner of death.

Best regards,
Cheryle

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From: Watts, Lindsay [<mailto:Lindsay.Watts@FOX.COM>]

Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 2:54 PM

To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)

Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM); Fields, Beverly (OCME)

Subject: Re: Determinations of the Cause and Manner of Death - RE: January 6, 2021

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Hi Cheryle,

Can you provide information about the delay in cause of death for Officer Sicknick? Can you tell me again what the NAME guidelines are (I believe you said 90 days)? When do you expect to have cause of death?

Thanks!

Lindsay Watts

Reporter

Fox5DC

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On Apr 7, 2021, at 2:33 PM, Adams, Cheryle (OCME)

<cheryle.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

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Ashli Babbitt, 35 years old:

- Cause of Death – Gunshot wound to the left anterior shoulder
- Manner of Death – Homicide

Kevin Greeson, 55 years old:

- Cause of Death – Hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
- Manner of Death – Natural

Benjamin Phillips, 50 years old:

- Cause of Death – Hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
- Manner of Death – Natural

Roseanne Boyland, 34 years old:

- Cause of Death – Acute Amphetamine Intoxication
- Manner of Death – Accident

The cause and manner of death for Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick are pending.

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From: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Lyles, Denise \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Mitchell, Roger \(OCME\)](#); [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#); [Love, Jennifer \(OCME\)](#); [Wood, Rebecca \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: Capitol Incident Cases
Date: Friday, January 8, 2021 3:48:47 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

I would add that for the Capitol Police his NOK is his Mom.

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From: Lyles, Denise (OCME)
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 3:46 PM
To: Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
Cc: Mitchell, Roger (OCME); Adams, Rodney (OCME); Fields, Beverly (OCME); Love, Jennifer (OCME); Wood, Rebecca (OCME)
Subject: Capitol Incident Cases
Importance: High

Good morning

FYI, all the cases from the Capitol Incident all Identifications have been confirmed

- 21 [Redacted] Benjamin James Phillips –*father notified*
- 21 [Redacted] Kevin D Greeson –*wife notified*
- 21 [Redacted] Ashli Elizabeth Pamatian aka A. Babbitt – *partner/husband*
- no [Redacted]
- 21 [Redacted] Roseanne Marie Boyland- *parents notified*
- 21 [Redacted] Brian David Sicknick- Capitol Police –*pending family notification*

Denise Lyles, PA, D-ABMDI
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From: [Bill Marshall](#)
To: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#); [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick
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Mr. Adams,

Actually, I see we are still waiting on the mayor's office formal response to my appeal, since what you have provided to me is the medical examiner's response to the mayor's office.

So we will await the Mayor's office reply to my appeal.

Thank you.

William F. Marshall
Senior Investigator
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From: Adams, Rodney (OCME) <rodney.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 3:24 PM
To: Bill Marshall <BMarshall@JUDICIALWATCH.ORG>; Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM) <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>; Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov>
Subject: RE: Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick

Mr. Marshall,

Attached is OCME response to your FOIA denial appeal. It was filed this morning.

All the best,

Rod Adams

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Mr. Adams,

Thank you for your response.

We will await the formal response to my appeal.

Respectfully,

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Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM) <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>; Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov>

Subject: RE: Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick

Mr. Marshall:

I apologize for what may be confusing. Cheryle Adams is OCME's public affairs officer and I am the FOIA officer. I advise Cheryle of FOIA requests by a reporter so that she can add the reporter to her list to receive any relevant announcements that the Chief Medical Examiner may make.

In response to your question, OCME is maintaining its denial of your FOIA request for the reasons stated. I would add that since OCME has not issued a final report, the denial also falls under DC Code 2-534(a)(4) and 2-534(e). It may fall under DC Code 2-534(a)(3) and 2-534(a)(10) as well because law enforcement agencies are conducting their own investigations. OCME will file a response to the appeal as requested by the Mayor's Office. You may withdraw your appeal at any time.

All the best,

Rod Adams

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From: Bill Marshall [<mailto:BMarshall@JUDICIALWATCH.ORG>]

Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 1:42 PM

To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)

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Subject: RE: Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick

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Dear Ms. Adams,

Thank you for your note.

Does your reply constitute a rejection of the appeal I submitted yesterday to the DC Government following the earlier rejection of my Freedom of Information Act request seeking: "All records, including but not limited to autopsy reports, toxicology reports, notes, photographs, and OCME officials' electronic communications, related to the death on Jan. 6, 2021 of Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick and its related investigation."?

Respectfully,

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Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 3:20 PM
To: Bill Marshall <BMarshall@JUDICIALWATCH.ORG>
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Best regards,
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Subject: RE: Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick
Date: Friday, February 19, 2021 1:49:02 PM

I'll handle him. I'm not sure that he can tell us apart.

Rod Adams

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Subject: FYI: Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick

Good afternoon Rodney,

I wanted to confer with you before replying to Bill Marshall as the response sent yesterday does not constitute a rejection to his appeal. Please let me know if I should answer or should you follow up?

Thank you,
Cheryle

Cheryle E. Adams

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Subject: RE: Capitol Police Officer Interviews
Date: Monday, March 22, 2021 4:33:59 PM

Will do

Denise

From: Breland, Sasha (OCME)
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Subject: RE: Case 21-00132
Date: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 2:40:21 PM
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From: Francis, Anna (OCME)
Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 2:39 PM
To: Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
Subject: RE: Case 21-00132

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Subject: Cause and Manner of Death for USCP Officer Brian Sicknick

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- **Brian Sicknick, 42 years old:**
 - Cause of Death—Acute brainstem and cerebellar infarcts due to acute basilar artery thrombosis
 - Manner of Death—Natural

Publicly disclosed timeline of events:

- Wednesday, January 6, 2021:
 - Approximately 2:20 PM: Officer Brian Sicknick is sprayed with a chemical substance outside the U.S. Capitol.
 - Approximately 10:00 PM: Officer Sicknick collapses at the U.S. Capitol and is transported by D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services to a local hospital.
- Thursday, January 7, 2021:
 - Approximately 9:30 PM: Officer Sicknick dies at a local hospital.

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Subject: RE: Cause and manner request
Date: Friday, February 12, 2021 10:28:16 AM

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From: [Wild, Whitney](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
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Hello!

Thanks so much. What is "Hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease" in layman's terms? Is that a stroke or a heart attack?

Thank you!

Best,
Whitney

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Thanks, Cheryle.

Are you able to elaborate at all on why the cause and manner of death for Ofc. Sicknick remain undetermined? Is it unusual for a case to remain pending for this long?

Thanks,

Brad

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Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: Dr. Diaz Interview Request
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:29:29 AM
Attachments: [image005.png](#)
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[image008.png](#)
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Hi Cheryle,
Any way you can create a log and send only document?
Thanks,
Susana

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Subject: FYI: Dr. Diaz Interview Request

Good morning to all,

Please see the request below regarding an interview.

Best regards,
Cheryle

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Good morning Cheryl – I see Dr. Diaz gave a brief interview to the Washington Post regarding Officer Sicknick's autopsy results. Would he do the same for us?

Thanks,
Eric Flack

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From: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: Draft letter to Sen. Johnson
Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 2:36:17 PM
Attachments: [Johnson re Sicknick investigation 2021 03 09.docx](#)

Anna would scold me for using the old logo on the letterhead. Please find the updated one on the attached version.

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Cc: Lyles, Denise (OCME)
Subject: RE: Endorsements
Date: Friday, January 8, 2021 8:09:34 AM

Please see below...

From: Fields Broadbent, Leigh (OCME)
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Morning!

2-534(a)(3)(F)

Accepted:

2-534(a)(2);
2-534(a)(6)

21-00132 → Please contact Special Agent Riley, FBI, [redacted] regarding the start time of the autopsy. He will be waiting in his car outside the building by 0730-0800 hrs regardless **DONE- he and the US Attorney will be coming btwn 0900-0930hrs. MPD will present btwn 0800-0830hrs.**

2-534(a)(2);
2-534(a)(6)

21-00 [redacted] → FYI, donor

Pending:

21-00 [redacted] → Pending contact with NOK to confirm circumstances and medical history

Thank you very much,

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21-00132 I will reach out to NOK

Denise

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Subject: RE: Endorsements

Please see below...

From: Fields Broadbent, Leigh (OCME)
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 1:13 AM
To: Katherine Kim (OCME); Ware-Murrell, Tiffany (OCME); Wood, Rebecca (OCME); Petrasek, MaryBeth (OCME)
Cc: Lyles, Denise (OCME)
Subject: Endorsements

Morning!

2-534(a)(3)(F)

Accepted:

21-00132 → Please contact Special Agent Riley, FBI, [redacted] regarding the start time of the autopsy. He will be waiting in his car outside the building by 0730-0800 hrs regardless **DONE- he and the US Attorney will be coming btwn 0900-0930hrs. MPD will present btwn 0800-0830hrs.**

2-534(a)(2);
2-534(a)(6)

21-00 [redacted] → FYI, donor

2-534(a)(2);
2-534(a)(6)

Pending:

21-00 [redacted] → Pending contact with NOK to confirm circumstances and medical history

Thank you very much,

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From: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: FOIA request from media
Date: Monday, February 8, 2021 11:55:26 AM

Thanks, SaVern. She sent the same request to me directly as well.

Rod Adams

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From: Fripp, SaVern (OCME)
Sent: Monday, February 08, 2021 11:42 AM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Cc: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: FW: FOIA request from media

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From: Susan Katz Keating [<mailto:skeating@justthenews.com>]
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To: Adams, Rodney (OCME); ATD OCME

Subject: FOIA request from media

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Hello,

This is Susan Katz Keating, a journalist with Just the News. Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting the following:

The autopsy report for Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick.

I am requesting an expeditious response.

Sincerely,

~Susan Katz Keating
Just the News
1850 K St., NW, Ste 1000
Washington, D.C. 20006

Cell: 703-401-2547

From: [Mattox, Angelica \(EOM\)](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: FOLLOW UP: 3.22.21 AM Press Clips
Date: Monday, March 22, 2021 8:51:12 AM

Good Morning Cheryle,

I added Dr. Diaz to the list serv and beginning tomorrow morning she will receive the daily press clips.

Have a great day,

Angelica

From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 8:36 AM
To: Mattox, Angelica (EOM) <angelica.mattox@dc.gov>
Subject: FOLLOW UP: 3.22.21 AM Press Clips
Importance: High

Good morning Angelica,

Please add Dr. Diaz, the current Chief Medical Examiner to the list serv to receive the daily press clips, or let me know if you are the right person to fulfill this request. Dr. Diaz email address is: francisco.diaz@dc.gov

Thank you,
Cheryle

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From: Mattox, Angelica (EOM)

Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 7:29 AM
To: Mattox, Angelica (EOM)
Subject: 3.22.21 AM Press Clips

MMB

['It's not a local issue anymore': D.C. statehood moves from political fringe to the center of the national Democratic agenda](#)

March 20, 2021

The Washington Post // Mike DeBonis and Meagan Flynn

“People think we’re wards of the Congress,” said Beverly Perry, the top adviser to Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) on statehood advocacy. “We spend a lot of time correcting people” — even in neighboring Maryland, where Perry testified last Monday in support of a pro-statehood resolution pending in the House of Delegates.

[D.C. public school students like our kids pay an immeasurable price without in-person classes](#)

March 19, 2021

The Washington Post // Joanne Levine and Caroline Mehta

There has been a lot of spin coming from D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) and Schools Chancellor Lewis D. Ferebee that DCPS has “reopened strong.” This is a farce at best, an insult at worse. From where we sit, it’s a baldfaced lie. Our eighth-grade daughters have zero opportunities for in-person instruction.

[No weddings, no galas: Event planners feel overlooked as covid restrictions are lifted for others](#)

March 20, 2021

The Washington Post // Emily Davies

The fate of Caroline Foster’s wedding day depended on a news conference Monday, when D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser was set to announce the first sweeping rollback of coronavirus restrictions.

[Some DC youth sports return to competition](#)

March 19, 2021

WTOP // Megan Cloherty

Moderate- and high-contact sports are still restricted from competition in the District, and Mayor Muriel Bowser has said she’ll reevaluate where the health metrics are in early April to decide whether that will change.

[DC 911 interim director details errors, pledges improvements](#)

March 19, 2021

The Washington Post // Neal Augenstein

Mayor Muriel Bowser is in the midst of a nationwide search for the director.

[DC loosening some coronavirus restrictions](#)

March 22, 2021

WTOP // Colleen Kelleher

D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser last week extended the city’s public health emergency through May 20.

[All DC restaurants can serve alcohol until midnight starting Monday](#)

March 20, 2021

WTOP // Valerie Bonk

Establishments that serve alcohol can resume serving beverages to customers daily from 6 a.m. to midnight, according to an order by Mayor Muriel Bowser and an emergency decision from the city’s Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

[Everything you need to know about the push for D.C. statehood, hours before hearing begins](#)

March 22, 2021
WJLA // John Gonzalez

Mayor Muriel Bowser says H.R. 51, the Washington, D.C. Admission Act, is a promising sign that our country is finally ready to right this historic wrong. However, GOP opponents of the bill call it unconstitutional.

['Now, we carry that momentum:' Mayor Bowser urges '#DCStatehood' stories ahead of hearing](#)

March 20, 2021
WJLA // Kristen Schneider

Mayor Muriel Bowser is encouraging DC residents to show their support on social media ahead of Monday's statehood hearing.

[Coronavirus in DC, Maryland, Virginia: What to Know on March 21](#)

March 21, 2021
NBC Washington // Staff

More people will be able to celebrate Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Easter and during Holy Week. D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser's office temporarily raised coronavirus-related capacity limits at the Basilica. The mayor's office granted the Archdiocese a waiver to allow between 750 and 1,500 people inside.

[DC Raises Capacity Limit at Basilica for Easter, Holy Week](#)

March 19, 2021
NBC Washington // Staff

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[Biden Supports DC Statehood, With Congressional Hearing Scheduled Monday](#)

March 19, 2021
NBC Washington // Staff

Mayor Muriel Bowser seemed excited to get the support, tweeting, "Let's get it done Mr. President."

[Kiss Tavern In Shaw Loses Liquor License After Allegedly Violating COVID-19 Restrictions](#)

March 22, 2021
DCist // Colleen Grablick

Under D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser's current executive order, hookah lounges must remain closed unless they operate as a licensed food establishment with ABRA. At the time of the violations described, Bowser's order also required on-site alcohol sales to stop at 10 p.m.

[D.C. Hesitates To Expand Hotel Shelter Program For Medically Vulnerable Residents, As Waitlist Grows](#)

March 19, 2021
Colleen Grablick

In mid-February of this year, Ward 1 Councilmember and chair of the Committee on Human Services Brianne Nadeau called on Mayor Muriel Bowser to allocate a portion of the fiscal year 2022 budget to purchase the hotels for short-term PEP-V housing and longer term permanent supportive housing. In a similar letter to the mayor, Ward 5 Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie requested that the city invest \$140 million in the next budget to purchase and convert the Washington Marriott Wardman Park Hotel into an affordable and permanent supportive housing site.

[DC Adults of All Ages Can Pre-Register for COVID-19 Vaccination](#)

March 19, 2021
DC Post // Jane Smith

DC Mayor Muriel Bowser urged every adult resident in the District, currently eligible or not, to sign up for receiving the COVID-19 vaccine through the city's pre-registration portal.

[DDOT to Repave Many Streets, Sidewalks This Year; Are There Any Near You?](#)

March 21, 2021

DC Post // Jane Smith

As part of the program, Mayor Muriel Bowser's administration has committed to "eliminating all poor quality roads in the District by 2024," according to a release by DDOT.

[DC LGBTQ Budget Coalition's priorities must be addressed](#)

March 19, 2021

Washington Blade // Anthony Musa

Leadership from Mayor Muriel Bowser would be a proposed budget that leaves no federal dollar off the table to enhance and expand critical services. Any funding cuts will disproportionately impact LGBTQ+ people, especially our Black and Brown trans/non-binary community. The D.C. government is in a unique position regarding the upcoming budget; in 2020 the government ran a surplus of \$526 million, resulting from the fiscal conservativeness of the previously approved budget. The government has opportunities to take advantage of new or underutilized revenue streams or review different areas of the budget that are over-utilized, such as the budget for the Metropolitan Police Department.

[Watchdog group sues DC for autopsy report of Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick](#)

March 19, 2021

Washington Examiner // Daniel Chaitin

D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser's office did not immediately return a request for comment.

Local

[Commission to reimagine police in District grapples with effort to defund](#)

March 21, 2021

The Washington Post // Peter Hermann

A commission created to help the District reinvent policing is preparing a final report that could propose sweeping changes, including taking officers out of schools, curtailing traffic enforcement and shrinking the department's size and budget.

[Police recover body from Anacostia River near Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling](#)

March 21, 2021

The Washington Post // Ann E. Marimow

D.C. police and emergency officials recovered a body Sunday from the Anacostia River near Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling.

[D.C. police investigate two fatal shootings](#)

March 21, 2021

The Washington Post // Ann E. Marimow

D.C. police are investigating two fatal shootings involving young men that occurred Saturday night just before 8.

[Arrest made in subway homicide, D.C. police say](#)

March 20, 2021

The Washington Post // Martin Weil

An arrest was made Friday in a fatal shooting on a Metro subway platform, the D.C. police said.

[Burtell M. Jefferson, Washington's first Black police chief, dies at 96](#)

March 19, 2021

The Washington Post // Peter Hermann

Burtell M. Jefferson, who joined the District's largely segregated police department in 1948 and launched a behind-the-scenes campaign to help Black officers advance through the ranks as he rose to become the city's first African American police chief, died March 19 at his home in Washington. He was 96.

['We're losing a piece of our history'](#)

March 19, 2021

The Washington Post // Paul Schwartzman

The clocks on the walls no longer work, the furnace is busted, and the only window is covered with a thick sheet of plywood.

National

[AstraZeneca's U.S. trial shows coronavirus vaccine is 79 percent effective](#)

March 22, 2021

The Washington Post // William Booth

Oxford University and AstraZeneca reported on Monday that their coronavirus "vaccine for the world" was safe and 79 percent effective overall, according to data from a long-awaited clinical trial in the United States, alongside other studies in Chile and Peru.

[The missing students of the pandemic](#)

March 21, 2021

The Washington Post // Eli Saslow

Rich Pimentel had already tried searching in a trailer park and a migrant camp when he started driving toward the third and final address listed in the student's school file. He followed his GPS to a neighborhood on the edge of the desert, an oasis of palm trees and swimming pools protected by a steel gate. "Wow," Pimentel said, as he rolled down his window and pulled up to a call box. "Finally a happy ending. Maybe this kid's actually okay."

[Mayorkas says 'the border is closed,' defends Biden's immigration strategy](#)

March 21, 2021

The Washington Post// Amy B Wang

Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas defended President Biden's immigration strategy and emphasized in multiple interviews Sunday that the southern border of the United States "is closed," as the Biden administration faces criticism over a record number of migrants seeking entry into the country from Mexico and Central America.

[As vaccinations increase, you may want to dine indoors again. Here's what to consider.](#)

March 19, 2021

The Washington Post // Emily Heil and Tim Carman

From: [Wilson, Stephanie](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Wilson, Stephanie](#)
Subject: RE: FOLLOW UP: AUTOPSY RESULTS FOR US CAPITOL POLICE OFFICER BRIAN SICKNICK
Date: Monday, March 15, 2021 12:30:12 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Good afternoon Cheryle,

Thank you for your response to the update, greatly appreciated.
I'd like to ask if you would add my name and email to the list to receive the information when it is available, again, thank you,

Stephanie Wilson | SENIOR MULTIMEDIA JOURNALIST

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From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 11:46 AM
To: Wilson, Stephanie <SWILSON3@wusa9.com>
Cc: Flack, Eric <EFlack@wusa9.com>; Spaht, Erin <evanderbel@wusa9.com>; Dedner, Olivia (EOM) <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>; Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov>
Subject: FOLLOW UP: AUTOPSY RESULTS FOR US CAPITOL POLICE OFFICER BRIAN SICKNICK

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Good morning Stephanie,

This case is pending and Eric Flack, one of your colleagues and copied here is on the list to receive this information when it is available.

Best regards,
Cheryle

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From: Wilson, Stephanie [<mailto:SWILSON3@wusa9.com>]
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To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Cc: EFlack@wusa9.com; Wilson, Stephanie; Spaht, Erin
Subject: UPDATE REQUEST: AUTOPSY RESULTS FOR US CAPITOL POLICE OFFICER BRIAN SICKNICK
Importance: High

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Good morning Cheryle,

I'm working with Chief Investigative Correspondent Eric Flake on the Capitol Riots court cases.

The Washington Post is reporting that US authorities have arrested and charged two men in the assault of U.S. Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick.

I'm reaching out to ask if the DC Medical Examiner's Office has any updated information on the cause of U.S. Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick's death or the release of autopsy results for Officer Sicknick.

We are working on a 3:00pm deadline, please feel free to email or call my mobile, 202-487-5711.

I look forward to hearing from you, appreciate your help, thank you,

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From: [Bragale, Charlie \(NBCUniversal\)](#)
To: [Adams, Chervle \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: FOLLOW UP: AUTOPSY / Ofc Brian Sicknick
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 3:56:16 PM

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Ms. Adams,

Can you assist with any autopsy / cause of death information for US Capitol Officer Brian Sicknick – Ofc Sicknick passed away last January .

Thanks

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To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: FOLLOW UP: Asli Babbitt autopsy results
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 5:10:46 PM

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Thank you.
Andy

From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 5:10 PM
To: Triay, Andres <TriayA@cbsnews.com>
Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM) <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>; Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov>
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Asli Babbitt autopsy results

External Email

On Wednesday, January 6, 2021 an unprecedented incident of civil insurrection at the United States Capitol resulted in the deaths of five individuals. The District of Columbia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. Francisco J. Diaz, MD, FACP, has issued the following determinations as to the cause and manner of death for four of those individuals.

Ashli Babbitt, 35 years old:

- Cause of Death – Gunshot wound to the left anterior shoulder
- Manner of Death – Homicide

Kevin Greeson, 55 years old:

- Cause of Death – Hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
- Manner of Death – Natural

Benjamin Phillips, 50 years old:

- Cause of Death – Hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
- Manner of Death – Natural

Roseanne Boyland, 34 years old:

- Cause of Death – Acute Amphetamine Intoxication
- Manner of Death – Accident

The cause and manner of death for Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick are pending.

[Background explanation of medical terminology on the cause and manner of death:](#)

As determined by the Chief Medical Examiner, the “cause of death” is the medical disease,

injury, alcohol, drug or toxic substance that caused a person's death. The "manner of death" describes the circumstances surrounding a person's death and falls within one of the following categories:

- Accident: Used when there is no evidence of intent; an unintentional, sudden, and unexpected death.
- Homicide: Death results from the intentional harm of one person by another, including actions of grossly reckless behavior.
- Natural: Used when a disease alone causes death. If death is hastened by an injury, the manner of death is not considered natural.
- Suicide: Death results from the purposeful attempt to end one's life.
- Undetermined: Used when there is insufficient information to assign another manner.

To learn more about the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner or cause and manner investigations in the District, visit ocme.dc.gov.

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From: "Triay, Andres" <TriayA@cbsnews.com>

Date: April 7, 2021 at 2:58:03 PM EDT

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Subject: Asli Babbitt autopsy results

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Good afternoon,

I'm a producer with CBS News. I understand you have an update on the investigation of deaths that occurred at or related to the January 6th incident at the US Capitol.

Can you please pass along?

Thanks,

Andy

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To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: FOLLOW UP: Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick
Date: Friday, February 19, 2021 2:18:26 PM

One I may get your title correct!

Rod Adams

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From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 2:13 PM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick

Thank you for this response.

Cheryle E. Adams

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From: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 2:11 PM
To: Bill Marshall; Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM); Fields, Beverly (OCME)
Subject: RE: Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick

Mr. Marshall:

I apologize for what may be confusing. Cheryle Adams is OCME's public affairs officer and I am the FOIA officer. I advise Cheryle of FOIA requests by a reporter so that she can add the reporter to her list to receive any relevant announcements that the Chief Medical Examiner may make.

In response to your question, OCME is maintaining its denial of your FOIA request for the reasons stated. I would add that since OCME has not issued a final report, the denial also falls under DC Code 2-534(a)(4) and 2-534(e). It may fall under DC Code 2-534(a)(3) and 2-534(a)(10) as well because law enforcement agencies are conducting their own investigations. OCME will file a response to the appeal as requested by the Mayor's Office. You may withdraw your appeal at any time.

All the best,

Rod Adams

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Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 1:42 PM
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Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM); Fields, Beverly (OCME); Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Subject: RE: Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick

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Dear Ms. Adams,

Thank you for your note.

Does your reply constitute a rejection of the appeal I submitted yesterday to the DC Government following the earlier rejection of my Freedom of Information Act request seeking: "All records, including but not limited to autopsy reports, toxicology reports, notes, photographs, and OCME officials' electronic communications, related to the death on Jan. 6, 2021 of Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick and its related investigation."?

Respectfully,

William F. Marshall
Senior Investigator
Judicial Watch, Inc.
C: 202.641.4981

From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 3:20 PM
To: Bill Marshall <BMarshall@JUDICIALWATCH.ORG>
Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM) <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>; Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov>; Adams, Rodney (OCME) <rodney.adams@dc.gov>
Subject: Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick

Good afternoon Mr. Marshall,

OCME medical examiners comply with the National Association of Medical Examiners'

(NAME) standard to determine the cause and manner of death within 90 days; however, for cases that are more complex it could be longer. Therefore, when this information is available and the decedent's next of kin has been notified, I will provide you with the cause and manner of death. Additionally, I have added your name to the list to receive the information when it is available.

Best regards,
Cheryle

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Wonderful, thank you!!! Best, Claudia

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To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: FOLLOW UP: Determinations of the Cause and Manner of Death - RE: January 6, 2021
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I appreciate that – this is very far outside my area of expertise. Our readers (and editors) are obviously very interested in this one, so it'd be helpful if we could tell them anything at all about what might make the case complex (outside review? tests that just take a while to finish?). But I realize there are constraints on your ability to provide specifics.

Brad

From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 3:03 PM
To: Heath, Brad (Reuters) <Brad.Heath@thomsonreuters.com>
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Determinations of the Cause and Manner of Death - RE: January 6, 2021

Good afternoon Brad,

OCME medical examiners comply with the National Association of Medical Examiners' (NAME) standard to determine the cause and manner of death within 90 days; however, for cases that are more complex it could be longer.

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Thanks, Cheryle.

Are you able to elaborate at all on why the cause and manner of death for Ofc. Sicknick remain undetermined? Is it unusual for a case to remain pending for this long?

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Ashli Babbitt, 35 years old:

- Cause of Death – Gunshot wound to the left anterior shoulder
- Manner of Death – Homicide

Kevin Greeson, 55 years old:

- Cause of Death – Hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
- Manner of Death – Natural

Benjamin Phillips, 50 years old:

- Cause of Death – Hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
- Manner of Death – Natural

Roseanne Boyland, 34 years old:

- Cause of Death – Acute Amphetamine Intoxication
- Manner of Death – Accident

The cause and manner of death for Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick are pending.

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To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
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Thank you Cheryle.

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Hi Cheryle – Resending this in case you missed it since I had not heard back.

If an interview is not possible can you please answer/address the following questions?

1. Why did release of Officer Sicknick’s autopsy results and manner of death take longer than the others who deaths were connected to the siege on the Capitol January 6th?
2. Why did Officer Sicknick’s autopsy results and manner of death take longer than NAME’s 90 day standard for results to be returned and complete?
3. In a release from your office January 6th Dr. Diaz stated: **On Wednesday, January 6, 2021 an unprecedented incident of civil insurrection at the United States Capitol resulted in the deaths of five individuals.** Officer Sicknick was included in that count. How can his manner of death be stroke/natural causes while at the same time be attributed to the insurrection?

This is for a report that will air on tonight’s evening news.

Thanks,
Eric Flack

From: Flack, Eric
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 10:08 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Subject: Dr. Diaz Interview Request

Good morning Cheryl – I see Dr. Diaz gave a brief interview to the Washington Post regarding Officer Sicknick’s autopsy results. Would he do the same for us?

Thanks,
Eric Flack

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To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: FOLLOW UP: FOIA Appeal 2021-096
Date: Thursday, February 18, 2021 3:09:51 PM

He is the fellow that I just emailed to you: William Marshall

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Good afternoon Rodney,

This case is still pending and I do not see "Judicial Watch" on my list of media requests.

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And the celebration was short lived...

A Judicial Watch reporter has immediately appealed my denial of his request for the case file of Off. Brian Sicknick who died during the Jan 6th riot at the Capitol. We have several other reporters requesting it as well.

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I suppose it would be the honorable course for you to follow up despite the wounding to my fragile ego.

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From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 3:03 PM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME); Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
Cc: Fields, Beverly (OCME)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: FOIA Appeal 2021-096

Good afternoon Rodney,

This case is still pending and I do not see "Judicial Watch" on my list of media requests.

Best regards,
Cheryle

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From: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 2:56 PM
To: Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
Cc: Adams, Cheryle (OCME); Fields, Beverly (OCME)
Subject: FW: FOIA Appeal 2021-096

And the celebration was short lived...

A Judicial Watch reporter has immediately appealed my denial of his request for the case file of Off. Brian Sicknick who died during the Jan 6th riot at the Capitol. We have several other reporters requesting it as well.

Rod Adams

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From: Appeals, Foia (EOM)
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 2:42 PM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Cc: bmarshall@judicialwatch.org
Subject: FOIA Appeal 2021-096

Hello,

This Office adjudicates administrative FOIA appeals on behalf of the Mayor. We received the attached appeal based upon a FOIA decision (or lack of decision) issued by your agency. We received the attached appeal based upon a FOIA decision (or lack of decision) issued by your agency. Please provide us with your response to the appeal within five (5) business days of this communication. Please include the following in your response:

- (a) The justification for your decision not to grant review of records as requested;
- (b) A *Vaughn* index of documents withheld, and an affidavit or declaration of a knowledgeable official or employee testifying to the decision to withhold documents; and
- (c) A copy of the public record or records in dispute on the appeal; provided, that if the public record contains personal, sensitive, or confidential information, you may redact such information.

If no response is received, a final decision will be made on the record before us.

Please be advised that your agency's response may be shared with the requester when the final decision is issued. Therefore, please clearly mark any confidential information contained in your response.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel (MOLC)
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Suite 407
Washington, D.C. 20004
(202) 727-8812

From: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#); [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: FOLLOW UP: FOIA request from media
Date: Monday, February 8, 2021 12:07:51 PM

Sure! We will probably be well served to treat all the reporters the same.

Rod Adams

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From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Sent: Monday, February 08, 2021 11:57 AM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME); Fripp, SaVern (OCME)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: FOIA request from media

Rodney,

Would you like for me to follow up with this individual? Please let me know.

Thank you,
Cheryle

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From: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Sent: Monday, February 08, 2021 11:55 AM
To: Fripp, SaVern (OCME)
Cc: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: RE: FOIA request from media

Thanks, SaVern. She sent the same request to me directly as well.

Rod Adams

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To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)

Cc: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: FW: FOIA request from media

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From: Susan Katz Keating [<mailto:skeating@justthenews.com>]
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 11:40 AM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME); ATD OCME
Subject: FOIA request from media

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Hello,

This is Susan Katz Keating, a journalist with Just the News. Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting the following:

The autopsy report for Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick.

I am requesting an expeditious response.

Sincerely,

~Susan Katz Keating
Just the News
1850 K St., NW, Ste 1000
Washington, D.C. 2006

Cell: 703-401-2547

From: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: FOLLOW UP: FOIA request
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 9:22:35 AM

I will ask him to formally submit a FOIA request through the portal if he wishes to pursue the request. Nothing for you to do at this point.

Rod

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From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 8:13 AM
To: Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov>
Cc: Adams, Rodney (OCME) <rodney.adams@dc.gov>
Subject: FOLLOW UP: FOIA request

Good morning Beverly,

Thank you for this email. Is there anything more that I need to do regarding this request? Please let me know.

Best regards,
Cheryle

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From: Fields, Beverly (OCME)
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 8:14 PM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Cc: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: Re: FOIA request

Hi,

Mr. Seagraves called me this afternoon prior to his email and asked why information was provided to Mr. Herman at the Washington Post solely. He was quite upset. I referred him to the Mayor's Communications Team for response.

Beverly Ann Fields, Esq.
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beverly.fields@dc.gov

> On Apr 19, 2021, at 4:38 PM, Adams, Rodney (OCME) <rodney.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

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> Interesting. I'll sit on it until after we do release the info.

>

> Rod Adams

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Seagraves, Mark (NBCUniversal) [<mailto:Mark.Segraves@nbcuni.com>]

> Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:33 PM

- > To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
- > Subject: FOIA request
- >
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- > I would like all emails between Peter Herman of the Washington post and Cheryle Adams or Beverly Fields or anyone at OCME regarding cause and manner for Officer BRIAN Sicknick.
- >
- > I am making this request under the freedom of information act.
- >
- > Mark Segraves
- > NBC Washington News
- > 202-997-1576
- > @SegravesNBC4
- >
- > Sent from my iPhone, but never while driving. I would never do that. Although it would explain the typos.
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To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [WTTG Assignment Desk](#); [Williams, April](#); [Williams, Marcie](#); [Voitko, Michael](#)
Subject: RE: FOLLOW UP: FOX 5 REQUEST: Brian Sicknick, Ashli Babbitt, Kevin Greeson, Rosanne Boyland & Benjamin Philips
Date: Friday, February 26, 2021 9:29:40 PM

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Hi Cheryle,

Have you released any of the causes or manners of death for Brian Sicknick, Ashli Babbitt, Kevin Greeson, Rosanne Boyland & Benjamin Philips?

Thank you.

Allison Papson
Senior Assignment Editor

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From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 2:54 PM
To: Papson, Allison <Allison.Papson@FOX.COM>
Subject: FOLLOW UP: FOX 5 REQUEST: Brian Sicknick, Ashli Babbitt, Kevin Greeson, Rosanne Boyland & Benjamin Philips

Good afternoon Allison,

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Best regards,
Cheryle

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From: Papson, Allison [<mailto:Allison.Papson@FOX.COM>]

Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2021 2:35 PM

To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)

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Do you have an ETA on when you think these will be released?

Thank you.

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From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>

Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 3:23 PM

To: Allison Papson <Allison.Papson@FOXTV.COM>

Subject: FOLLOW UP: FOX 5 REQUEST: Brian Sicknick, Ashli Babbitt, Kevin Greeson, Rosanne Boyland & Benjamin Philips

Good afternoon Allison,

These cases are still pending and I have added your name to the list to receive the cause and manner of death when this information is available.

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From: Allison Papson [<mailto:Allison.Papson@FOXTV.COM>]

Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 12:54 PM

To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)

Subject: Re: FOLLOW UP: FOX 5 REQUEST: Brian Sicknick, Ashli Babbitt, Kevin Greeson, Rosanne Boyland & Benjamin Philips

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Hi Cheryle,

Any updates on these cases?

Thank you.

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Sent: Monday, January 18, 2021 6:48 PM

To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)

Cc: WTTG Assignment Desk; WTTG WEB; Fields, Beverly (OCME); Dedner, Olivia (EOM)

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Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 8:55 AM
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Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov>; Dedner, Olivia (EOM) <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>
Subject: FOLLOW UP: FOX 5 REQUEST: Brian Sicknick, Ashli Babbitt, Kevin Greeson, Rosanne Boyland &
Benjamin Philips

Good morning Allison,

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner will release the cause and manner of death when this information is available.

Best regards,
Cheryle

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Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 8:09 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Cc: WTTG Assignment Desk; WTTG WEB
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Rosanne Boyland & Benjamin Philips?

Thank you.

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To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: FOLLOW UP: Final Response 2021-FOIA-02874
Date: Thursday, February 11, 2021 10:17:32 AM

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Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 10:07 AM
To: Heath, Brad (Reuters) <Brad.Heath@thomsonreuters.com>
Cc: Adams, Rodney (OCME) <rodney.adams@dc.gov>
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Final Response 2021-FOIA-02874

I will add your name to the list.

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On Feb 11, 2021, at 9:17 AM, Heath, Brad (Reuters) <Brad.Heath@thomsonreuters.com> wrote:

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Thanks, Rod. In that case, I doubt you'd have any records that would have satisfied my request anyway!

Cheryle, if you could add me to the list for anything that gets issued on the deaths at the Capitol I'd very much appreciate it.

Best,

Brad

From: Adams, Rodney (OCME) <rodney.adams@dc.gov>

Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 9:12 AM
To: Heath, Brad (Reuters) <Brad.Heath@thomsonreuters.com>
Cc: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
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Brad,

Thanks for your question. It's a hypothetical at this point as the determinations are in "pending" status while awaiting and evaluating toxicology, consultation reports, medical records, investigation reports, etc. that would normally go into completing a medical examiner inquiry. Such an inquiry routinely takes up to 90 days. The Chief Medical Examiner may issue a statement when the determinations are finalized. Cheryle Adams, our press officer, has you on her list to receive anything that is issued.

All the best,

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From: Heath, Brad (Reuters) <Brad.Heath@thomsonreuters.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 1:45 PM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME) <rodney.adams@dc.gov>
Subject: RE: Final Response 2021-FOIA-02874

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Thanks, Rod. I appreciate the thoughtful reply. Does OCME have records that would be less potentially invasive than an autopsy report? (I can see how releasing all of that would raise issues for family members.) For example, is there some other record that would indicate whether Ofc. Sicknick's death was determined to be a homicide or give any indication of what the specific cause was without going into all the other detail?

Brad

From: Adams, Rodney (OCME) <rodney.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 11:05 AM
To: Heath, Brad (Reuters) <Brad.Heath@thomsonreuters.com>
Subject: RE: Final Response 2021-FOIA-02874

Brad,

Thanks for your message. I appreciate your perspective and it's not without merit, but OCME has a very resolute position about not releasing an autopsy report unfettered into the public domain. We put ourselves in the shoes of a victim's family who might be confronted with details about their loved one on the front page of a newspaper (or website). The situation is very analogous to medical records.

However, by copy of this email, I am asking our Media Relations Specialist, Cheryle Adams, to add you to our email list of reporters who will receive any press releases that the Chief Medical Examiner may have on the deaths related to the Jan 6th riot.

[Cheryle, Brad Heath has identified himself as a reporter for Reuters]

All the best,

Rod Adams

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Hi Rod –

I appreciate the prompt reply. Would you have a moment to connect about this? I think there's a very strong public interest favoring disclosure at least when it comes to Ofc. Sicknick, such that the balancing test under (b)(6) would suggest that any invasion of his privacy would not be unwarranted given the rather extraordinary circumstances.

Thanks,

Brad

From: rodney.adams@dc.gov <rodney.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 10:15 AM
To: Heath, Brad (Reuters) <Brad.Heath@thomsonreuters.com>
Subject: Final Response 2021-FOIA-02874

Dear Brad Heath:

This is in response to your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for the following:

Please provide me with a complete copy of any records indicating the cause and manner of death for the following people, who died on or about Jan. 6, 2021: * Brian Sicknick * Ashli Babbitt * Kevin Greeson * Rosanne Boyland * Benjamin Philips (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/06/2021 To 02/03/2021)

Access to medical examiner records varies widely between jurisdictions. The public policy of the District of Columbia is that all persons are entitled to full and complete information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those who represent them as public officials and employees. However, this is tempered by the protection of privacy for individual citizens and their survivors. A mission of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) is to

support the families who have suffered a loss. See National Archives and Records Admin. V. Favish, 541 US 157 (2004). Disclosure of personal information, especially medical records, is not permitted under FOIA. DC Code 2-534(a)(2) and 5 USC 552(b)(6). Accordingly, OCME does not release its case files in response to FOIA requests. A direct request to OCME for a case file would need to be accompanied by 1) an authorization of the next of kin for release of information, 2) a subpoena, or 3) a court order. DC Code 5-1412 and 28 DCMR 5000. Therefore, I must advise you that your request is declined.

Under DC Code 2-537 and 1 DCMR 412, you have the right to appeal this letter to the Mayor or to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. If you elect to appeal to the Mayor, your appeal must be in writing and contain "Freedom of Information Act Appeal" or "FOIA Appeal" in the subject line of the letter as well on the outside of the envelope. The appeal must include (1) a copy of the original request; (2) a copy of any written denial; (3) a statement of the circumstances, reasons, and/or arguments advanced in support of disclosure; and (4) a daytime telephone number, and e-mail and/or U.S. Mail address at which you can be reached. The appeal may be submitted [online](#) via the DC government Public FOIA Portal. Written appeals may also be mailed to: The Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel, FOIA Appeal; 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 407, Washington, D.C. 20004. Electronic versions of the same information can instead be e-mailed to The Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel at foia.appeals@dc.gov. Further, a copy of all appeal materials must be forwarded to the OCME FOIA Officer. Failure to follow these administrative steps will result in delay in the processing and commencement of a response to your appeal to the Mayor.

If you have any additional questions regarding this request, you may contact me at this email address.

All the best,

Rod Adams

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From: [Wallace, Danielle](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: FOLLOW UP: Fox News seeking confirmation -- Brian Sicknick cause of death
Date: Thursday, February 4, 2021 2:43:03 PM

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Thank you very much for getting back to me and for adding me to the list of people to receive this information once it becomes available. Have a nice day.

From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 9:49 AM
To: Wallace, Danielle <danielle.wallace@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov>; Dedner, Olivia (EOM) <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FOLLOW UP: Fox News seeking confirmation -- Brian Sicknick cause of death

Good morning Danielle,

OCME medical examiners comply with the National Association of Medical Examiners' (NAME) standard to determine the cause and manner of death within 90 days; however, for cases that are more complex it could be longer. Therefore, when this information is available and the decedent's next of kin has been notified, I will only provide you with the cause and manner of death. Additionally, I have added your name to the list to receive this information when it is available.

Best regards,
Cheryle

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From: "Wallace, Danielle" <danielle.wallace@FOXNEWS.COM>

Date: February 4, 2021 at 7:17:46 AM EST

To: ATD OCME <ocme@dc.gov>, "Records, OCME (OCME)" <ocme.records@dc.gov>

Cc: "Gaffney, Melissa" <Melissa.Leon@FOXNEWS.COM>, "Arroyo, Michael" <Michael.Arroyo@foxbusiness.com>, "Conner, Paul" <Paul.Conner@FOXNEWS.COM>, "Early, Jordan" <Jordan.Early@FOXNEWS.COM>

Subject: Fox News seeking confirmation -- Brian Sicknick cause of death

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Good morning,

I'm reaching out from Fox News in New York. **When do you expect to release the official cause of death for fallen Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick?** Are you able to provide a copy of the autopsy report?

Can you confirm whether he suffered **blunt force trauma** during the riot at the Capitol on Jan. 6? Is it believed he was struck in the head by a **fire extinguisher**?

Can you confirm whether **exposure to chemical agents**, such as bear mace or pepper-spray, might have contributed to his death? Did he have any **pre-existing conditions** that also played a factor?

There are many conflicting reports as to what specifically caused Sicknick's demise.

Please let me know if we can get some clarification for our coverage on foxnews.com. Thank you.

Kindly,

Danielle Wallace

Breaking/Trending Digital News Producer

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To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: FOLLOW UP: Information Requested on Cause and Manner of Deaths From January 6 Insurrection
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 1:41:54 PM

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Cheryle –



Kindly,

-OWDedner

Olivia Walton Dedner

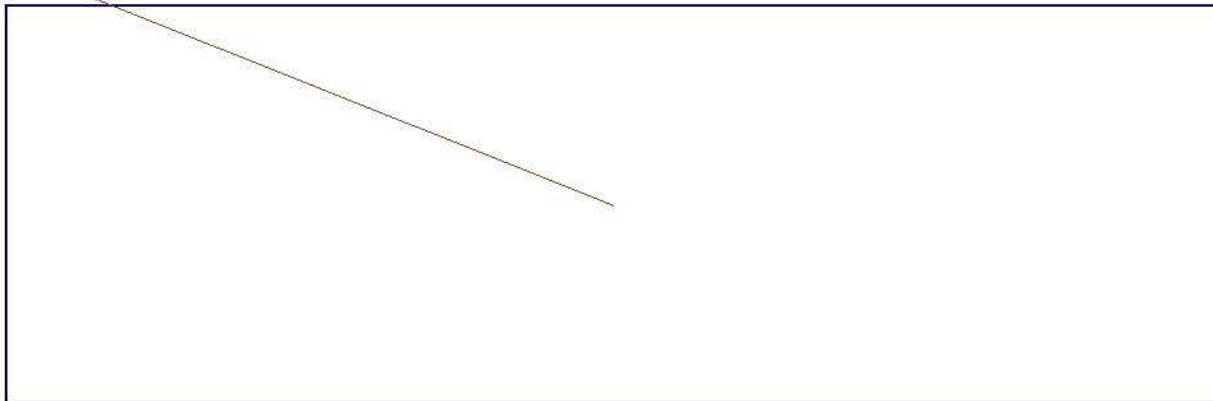
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From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 1:38 PM
To: Dedner, Olivia (EOM) <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>
Cc: Diaz, Francisco (OCME) <francisco.diaz@dc.gov>; Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov>
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Good afternoon Olivia,



Thank you,
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To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
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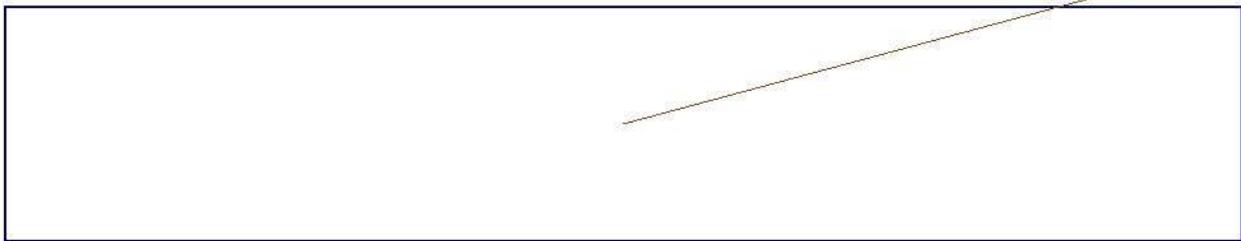
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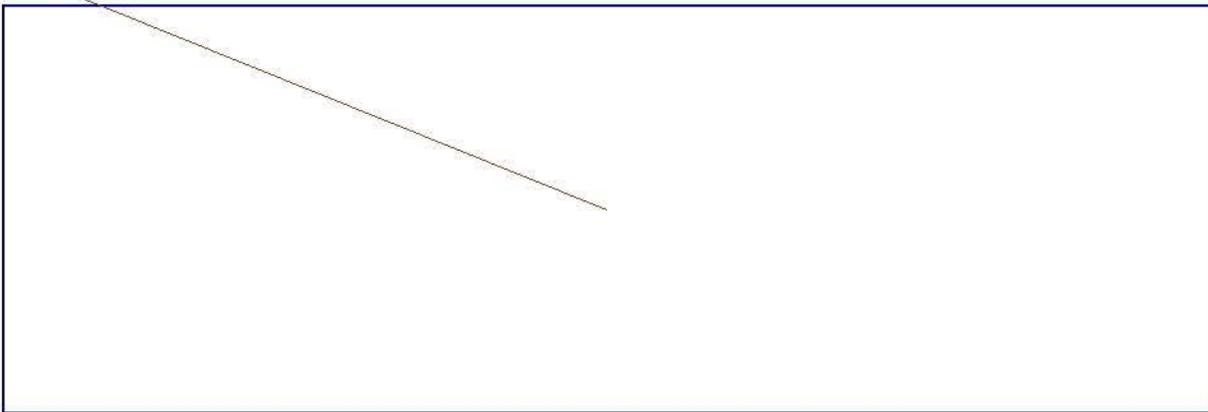
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From: [Francis, Anna \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#); [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: FOLLOW UP: Litigation Hold Letter - Case NO. 2021 CA 000875 B
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:44:20 AM

Saving to the e-case file.

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From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:39 AM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Cc: Diaz, Francisco (OCME); Fields, Beverly (OCME); Francis, Anna (OCME)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Litigation Hold Letter - Case NO. 2021 CA 000875 B

Good morning Rodney,

Please find attached the document that the DMPSJ Communications Director prepared and I sent to the reporters on Tuesday, April 7, 2021. Please let me know if you should have any questions.

Thank you,
Cheryle

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From: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 10:26 AM
To: Francis, Anna (OCME)
Cc: Diaz, Francisco (OCME); Adams, Cheryle (OCME); Fields, Beverly (OCME)
Subject: RE: Litigation Hold Letter - Case NO. 2021 CA 000875 B

And the morning FOIAexpress check finds two requests from Judicial Watch / Mr. Marshall (1. All communications by Cheryl in preparing yesterday's press release; and 2. Case file of Ashli Babbit) and another reporter's request for Off. Sicknick case file. I will address accordingly.

Rod Adams

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Importance: High

FYI...Judicial Watch has filed suit to obtain the Off. Sicknick case file. Since MOLC has not ruled on Judicial Watch's FOIA appeal, the lawsuit is likely premature.

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From: Jackson, Lori (OAG)
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 9:51 AM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Cc: Spencer, Cara (OAG)
Subject: Litigation Hold Letter - Case NO. 2021 CA 000875 B
Importance: High

Mr. Adams,

Attached please find a litigation hold letter and a copy of the complaint for the above referenced matter. Cara Spencer will be representing the District. Please feel free to contact either of us should you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,
Lori

Lori Jackson
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OAG has moved. Effective August 24, 2020, OAG's physical and mailing address will be 400 6th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20001.

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To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#); [Jill Bastian](#); [Haley Townsend](#)
Subject: RE: FOLLOW UP: Network News Request
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 5:32:39 PM

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Juan Anguiano
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From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 4:32 PM
To: Juan Anguiano <JAnguiano@newsnationnow.com>
Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM) <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>; Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov>
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Network News Request

On Wednesday, January 6, 2021 an unprecedented incident of civil insurrection at the United States Capitol resulted in the deaths of five individuals. The District of Columbia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. Francisco J. Diaz, MD, FACP, has issued the following determinations as to the cause and manner of death for four of those individuals.

Ashli Babbitt, 35 years old:

- Cause of Death – Gunshot wound to the left anterior shoulder
- Manner of Death – Homicide

Kevin Greeson, 55 years old:

- Cause of Death – Hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
- Manner of Death – Natural

Benjamin Phillips, 50 years old:

- Cause of Death – Hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
- Manner of Death – Natural

Roseanne Boyland, 34 years old:

- Cause of Death – Acute Amphetamine Intoxication
- Manner of Death – Accident

The cause and manner of death for Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick are pending.

Background explanation of medical terminology on the cause and manner of death:

As determined by the Chief Medical Examiner, the “cause of death” is the medical disease, injury, alcohol, drug or toxic substance that caused a person’s death. The “manner of death” describes the circumstances surrounding a person’s death and falls within one of the following categories:

- Accident: Used when there is no evidence of intent; an unintentional, sudden, and unexpected death.
- Homicide: Death results from the intentional harm of one person by another, including actions of grossly reckless behavior.
- Natural: Used when a disease alone causes death. If death is hastened by an injury, the manner of death is not considered natural.
- Suicide: Death results from the purposeful attempt to end one’s life.
- Undetermined: Used when there is insufficient information to assign another manner.

To learn more about the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner or cause and manner investigations in the District, visit ocme.dc.gov.

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From: Juan Anguiano <JAnguiano@newsnationnow.com>

Date: April 7, 2021 at 4:10:45 PM EDT

To: ATD OCME <ocme@dc.gov>

Cc: WGNA NewsNation - Assignment Desk <nndesk@newsnationnow.com>

Subject: Network News Request

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Hello,

I am reaching out to you on behalf of News Nation. We are see some news outlets release information by the ME's office on the manner of death of four people who died during the January 6 incident in DC. Can you can you send along the manner of death for the four? Thank you for your time. We look forward to you response.

Thanks!

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Hi Cheryle – any update on this? Has this been released?

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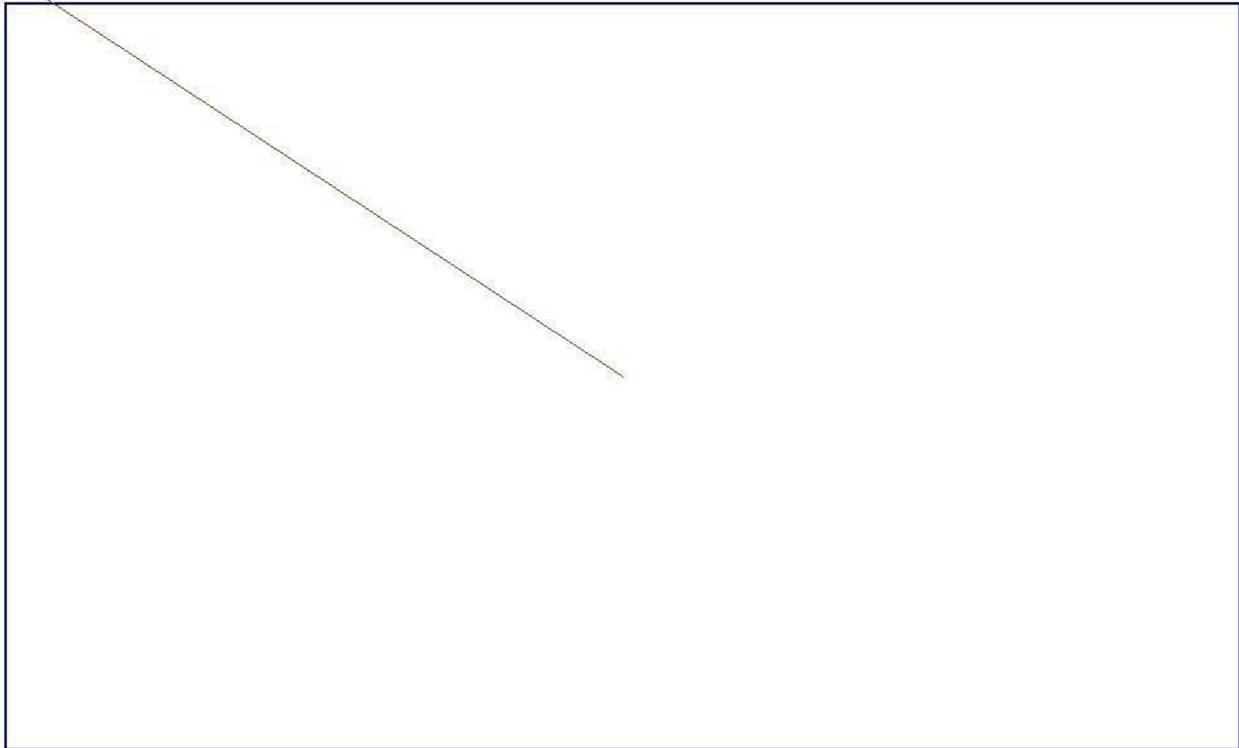
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To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: FOLLOW UP: Public records request dated 02/05/2021
Date: Friday, February 5, 2021 12:27:11 PM

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From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2021 12:07 PM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Public records request dated 02/05/2021

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Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 9:41 AM
To: ATD OCME
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You would flatter me.

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Subject: FOLLOW UP: Public records request dated 02/05/2021

Thank you for this language. Would you mind if I add it to my responses that I use when answering certain requests? Please let me know.

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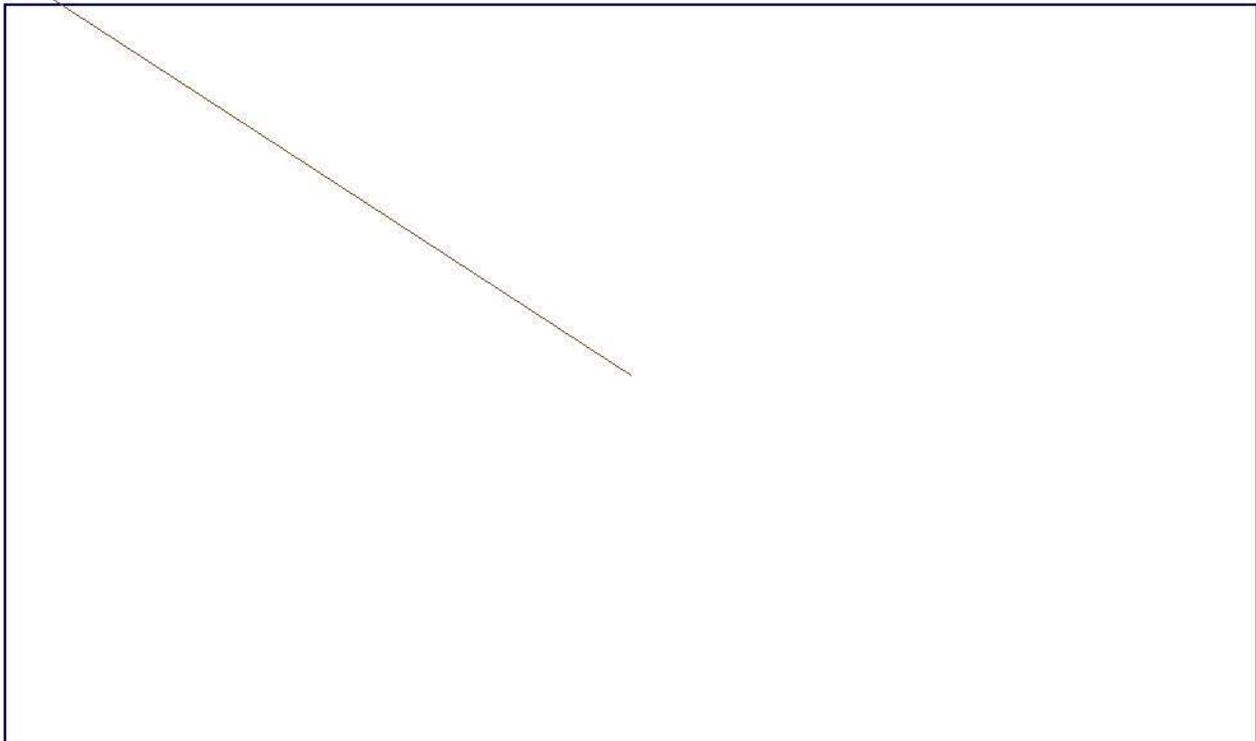
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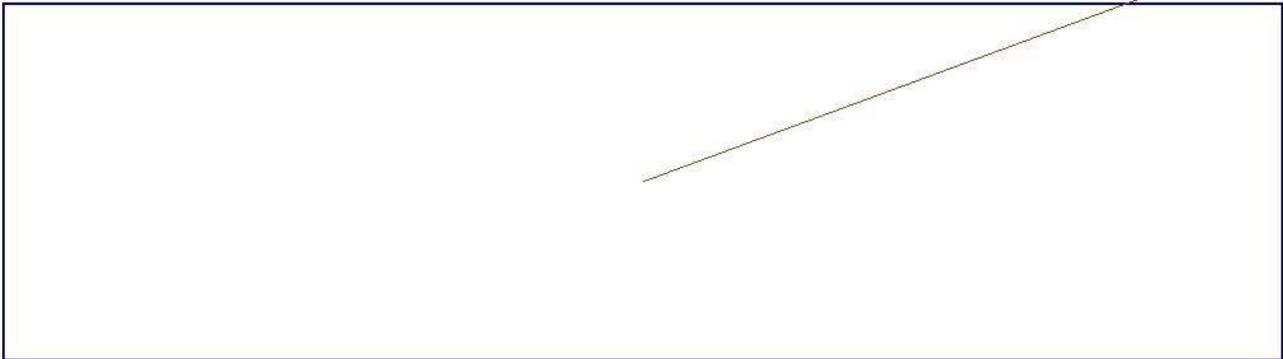


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Subject: RE: FOLLOW UP: Request Assignment
Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 11:33:33 AM

Apparently she is persistent

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From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2021 11:33 AM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Request Assignment

Good afternoon Rodney,

This reporter is already on the list.

Best regards,
Cheryle

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From: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2021 11:06 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: FW: Request Assignment

Cheryle,

Here's an NPR reporter to add to your list.

E-mail: cgrisales@npr.org

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Request # 2021-FOIA-03472 has been assigned to you for processing. Here's a brief summary of the request:

Request ID: 2021-FOIA-03472
Request Type: FOIA
Requested By: Grisales, Claudia
Requested Date: March 3, 2021
Primary User: Rodney Adams
Target Date: March 24, 2021

Request Description:

Requesting the autopsy report and death certificate for late U.S. Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick who died from injuries suffered in the Jan. 6 insurrection. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/06/2021 To 12/31/2021)

Assignment Note:

From: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
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Cc: [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
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Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 1:29 PM
To: Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
Cc: Adams, Rodney (OCME); Adams, Cheryle (OCME); Fields, Beverly (OCME)
Subject: Fwd: Request for Comment

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Hello,

Good day hope you are doing well.

Do you all have a comment on this? <https://www.judicialwatch.org/press-releases/brian-sicknick/>

Thanks,
Zack Stieber
The Epoch Times
917-509-1875

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To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: FOLLOW UP: USA Today: Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick's death investigated as homicide, any charges will be federal
Date: Friday, January 8, 2021 1:31:24 PM

Yes, all good.

Sincerely,
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DC Fire and EMS
2000 14th Street NW
Washington, DC 20009
Mobile: (202) 657-2557
daryl.levine2@dc.gov
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Good afternoon Daryl,

I see that I missed your call – was it pertain to the information below in your email? Have a great day!

Best regards,
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Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 3:24:32 PM

Hi!

Always awesome to see your name.

Yes, after inauguration, lunch in the SW neighborhood

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Hello my friend,

I just wanted to say hello and I hope you are doing well during this time. Maybe after the inauguration we could get together and catch up! Take care and be well!

Best,
Cheryle

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To: Flack, Eric <EFlack@wusa9.com>
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Cc: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: FOLLOW UP: [EXTERNAL] RE: FOIA request
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:33:52 AM

Thank you.

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That said I already have an account on the portal and have submitted it through the portal.

Thank you fir your attention to this request.

Mark Segraves
NBC Washington News
202-997-1576
@SegravesNBC4

Sent from my iPhone, but never while driving. I would never do that. Although it would explain the typos.

> On Apr 20, 2021, at 10:21 AM, Adams, Rodney (OCME) <rodney.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

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> OK, then I need your mailing address so I can set it up for you.

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> Rod

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> DC law does not require me to go through the portal. dc FOIA law is

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>> All the best,
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Subject: RE: FOLLOW UP: [EXTERNAL] RE: FOIA request
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:36:31 AM

Good afternoon Olivia,

Please see the email thread below regarding the above-mentioned subject.

Thank you,
Cheryle

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Date: Friday, April 9, 2021 11:53:23 AM
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From: Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
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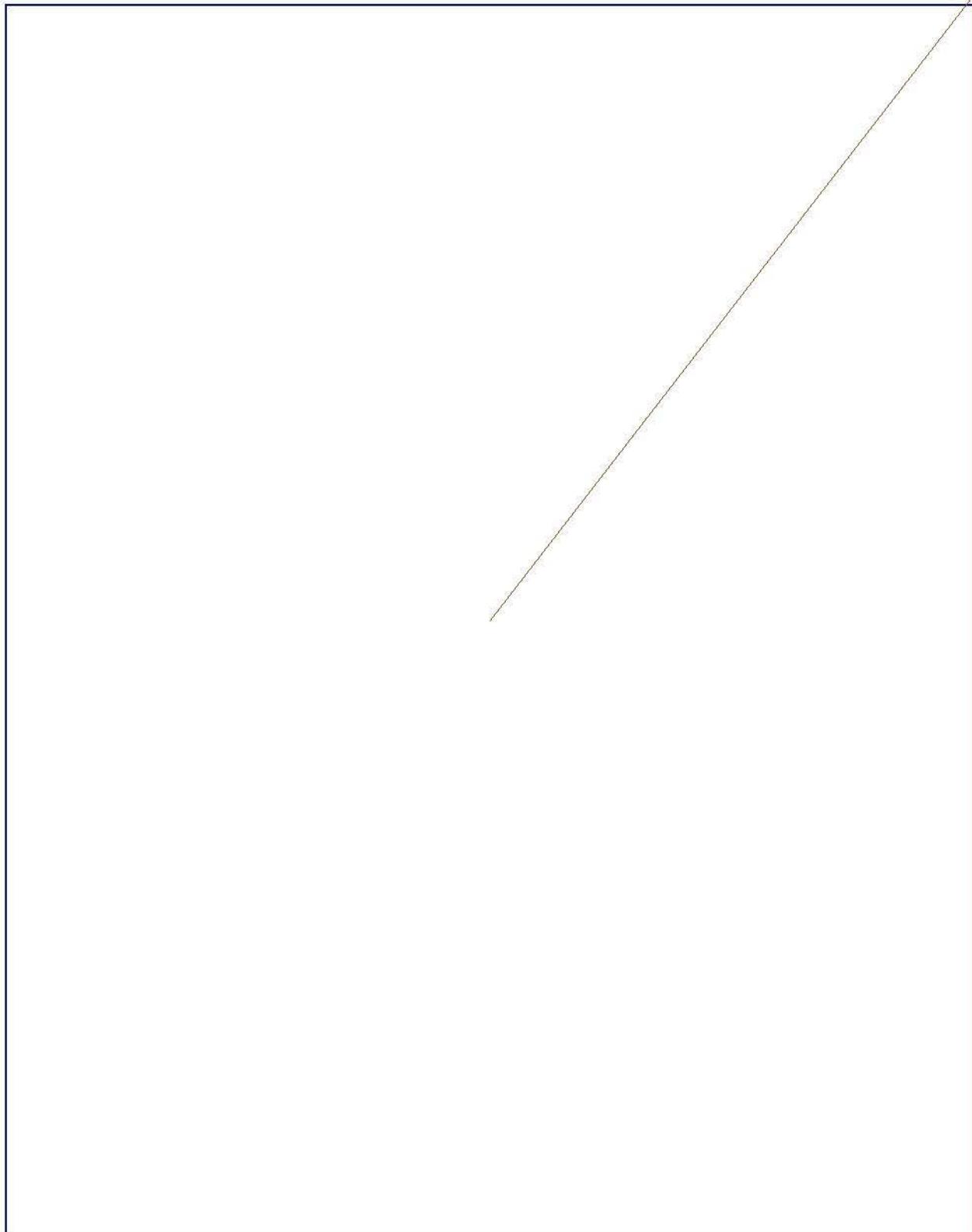


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Cc: Diaz, Francisco (OCME)

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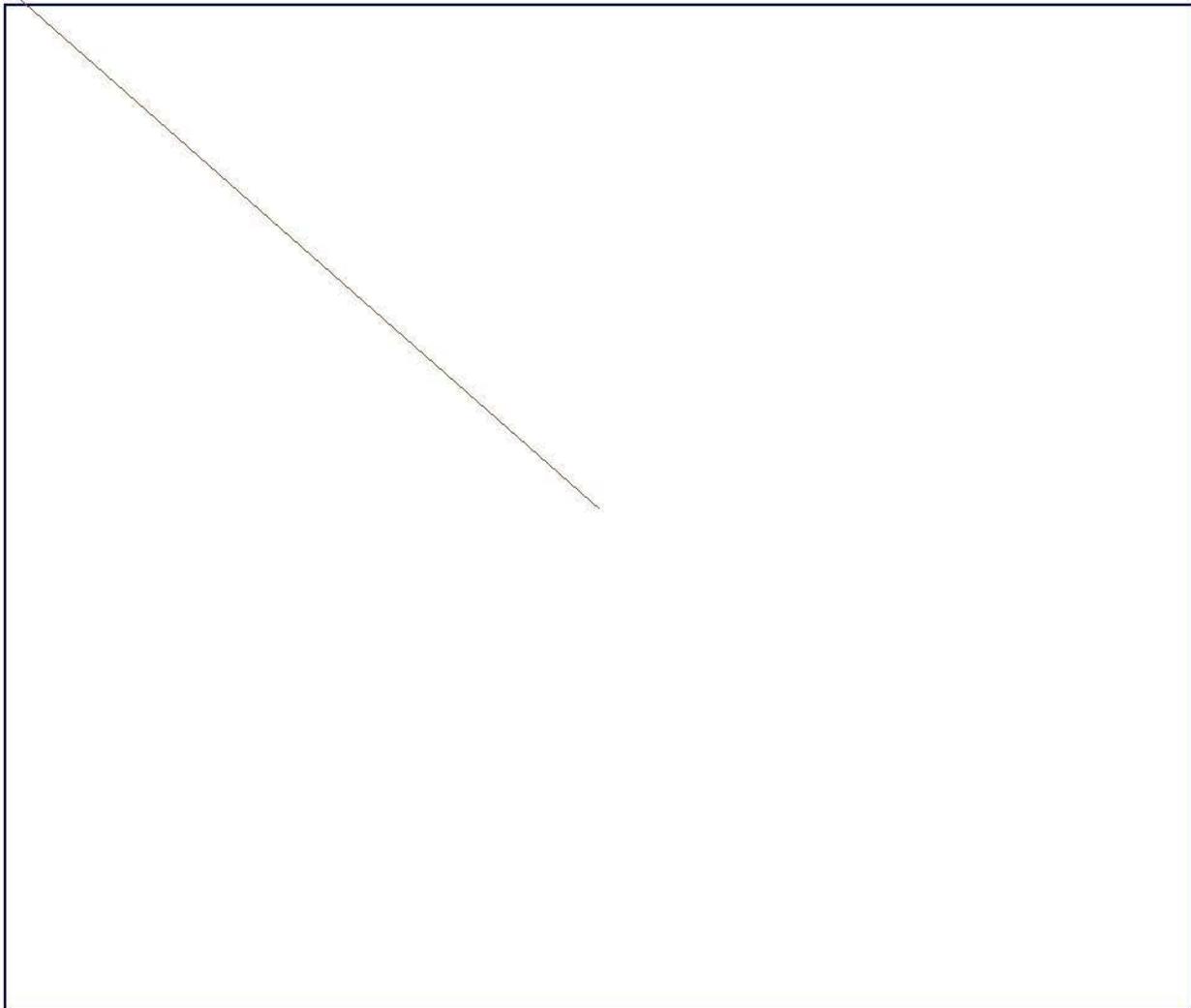
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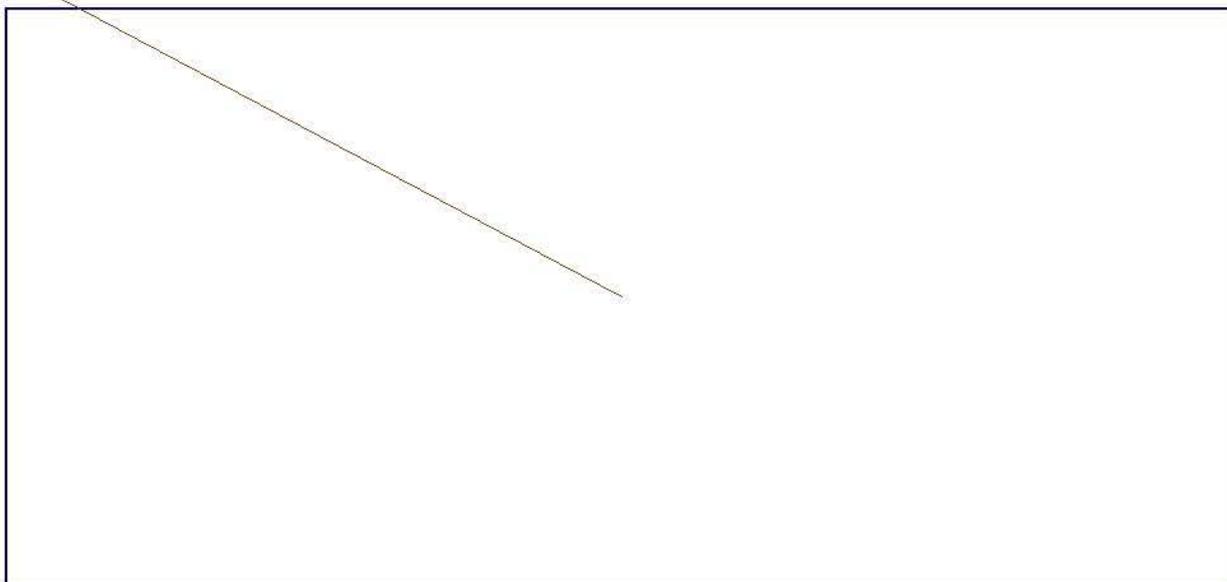


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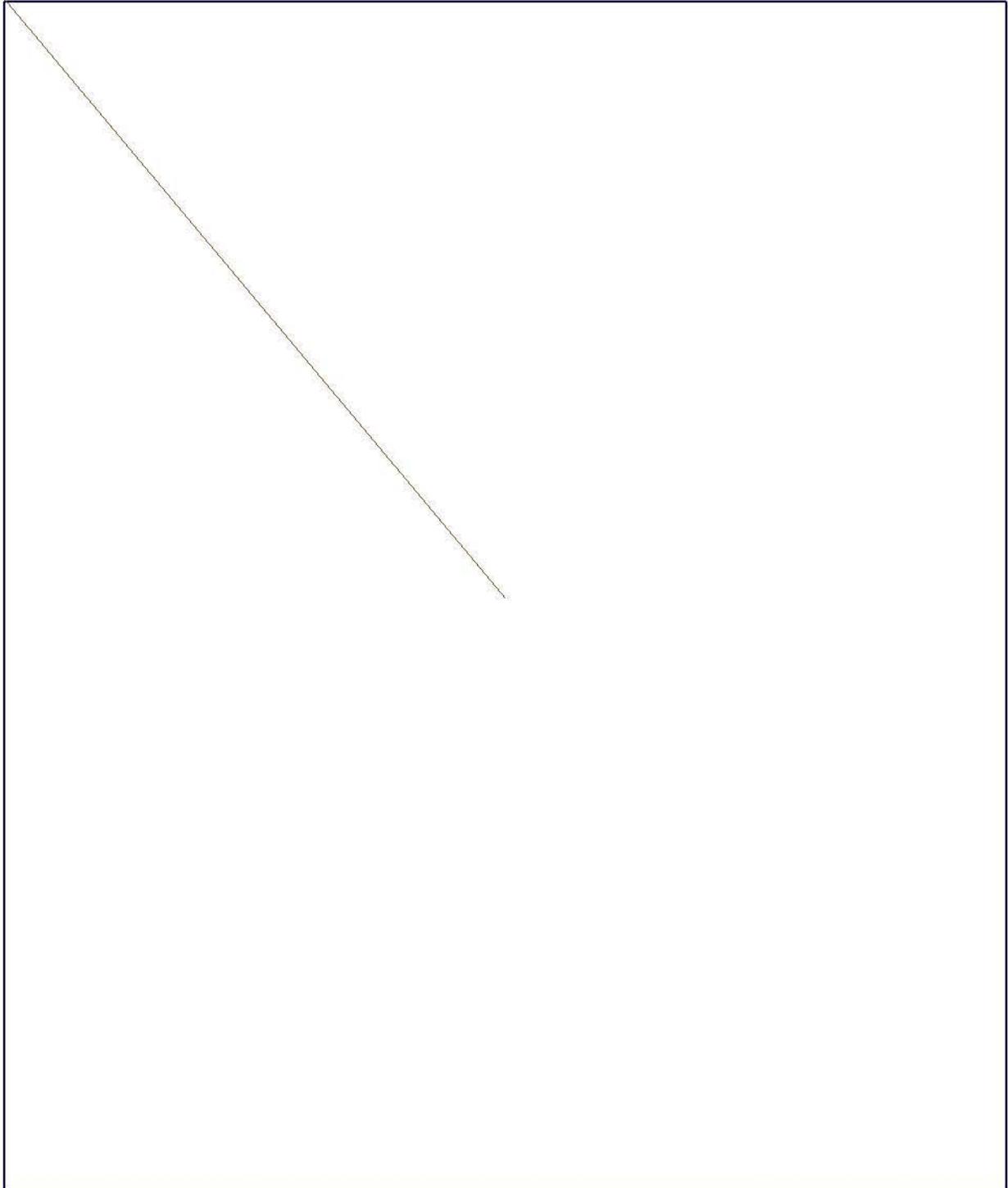
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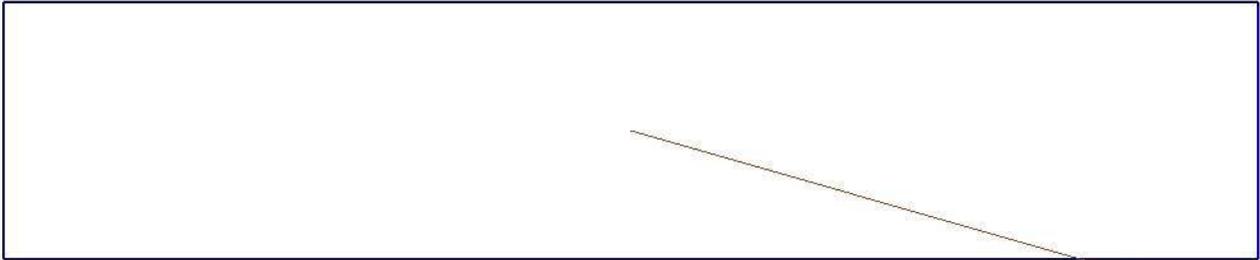
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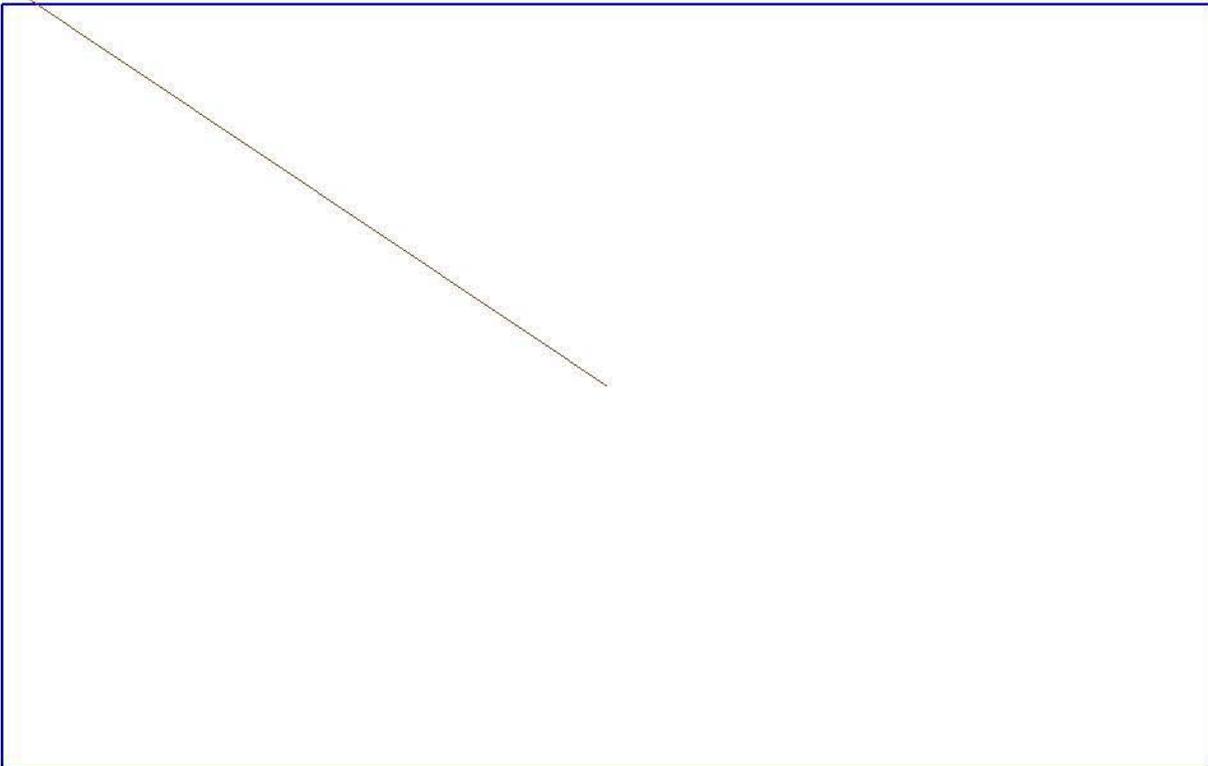
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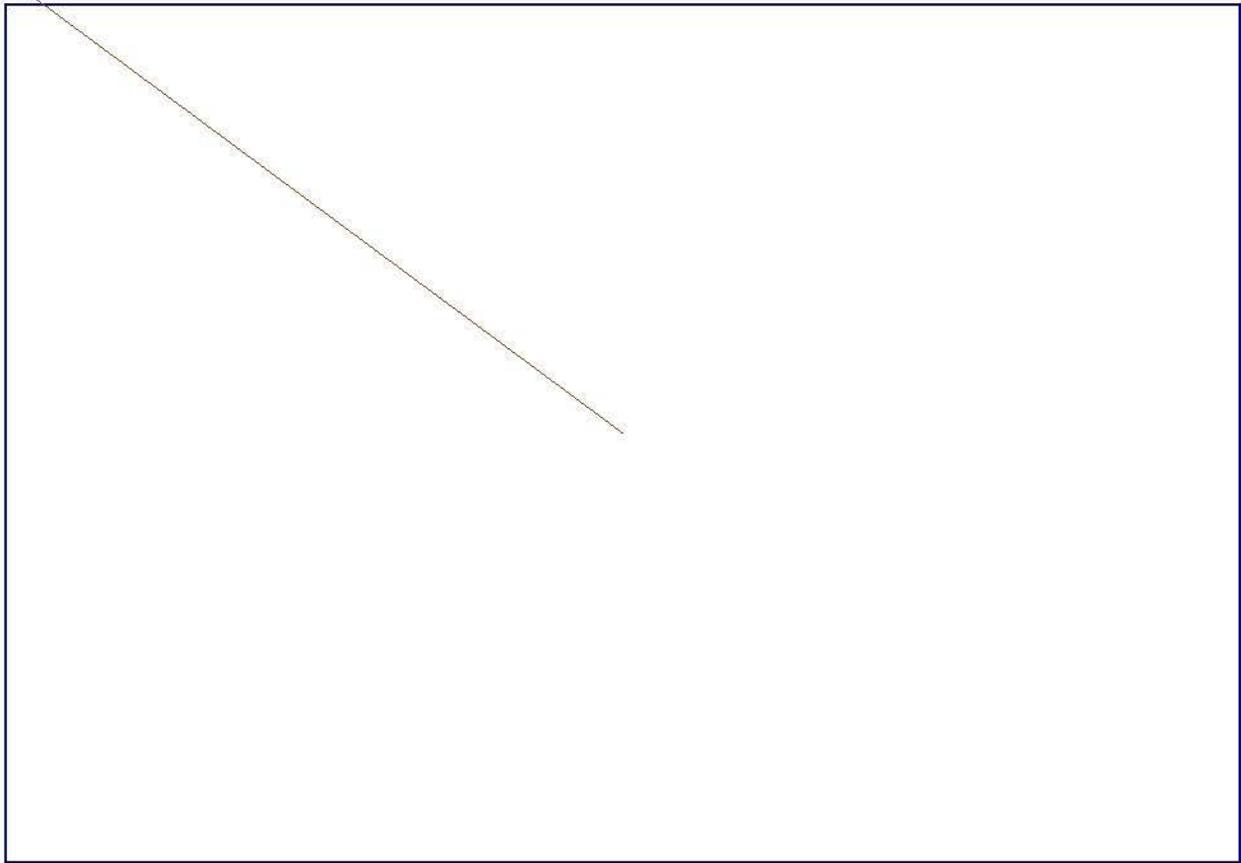
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To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#); [Foster, LaToya \(EOM\)](#)
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: FYI Urgent CNN NEW DAY interview request
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 5:03:15 PM
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To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: FW: Urgent CNN NEW DAY interview request

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Good Afternoon-

I'm reaching out on behalf of CNN NEW DAY. We would like to request a LIVE interview with Dr. Francisco Diaz regarding the autopsy of Officer Brian Sicknick.

New Day is LIVE between 6-9am ET. Can he join us anytime tomorrow morning? We can send a studio van to him or do this via CISCO or SKYPE.

Please confirm this has been received. Thank you. Carmen

Carmen Widman

CNN's New Day

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To: [Heath, Brad \(Reuters\)](#)
Cc: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: Final Response 2021-FOIA-02874
Date: Thursday, February 11, 2021 9:11:42 AM

Brad,

Thanks for your question. It's a hypothetical at this point as the determinations are in "pending" status while awaiting and evaluating toxicology, consultation reports, medical records, investigation reports, etc. that would normally go into completing a medical examiner inquiry. Such an inquiry routinely takes up to 90 days. The Chief Medical Examiner may issue a statement when the determinations are finalized. Cheryle Adams, our press officer, has you on her list to receive anything that is issued.

All the best,

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Thanks, Rod. I appreciate the thoughtful reply. Does OCME have records that would be less potentially invasive than an autopsy report? (I can see how releasing all of that would raise issues for family members.) For example, is there some other record that would indicate whether Ofc. Sicknick's death was determined to be a homicide or give any indication of what the specific cause was without going into all the other detail?

Brad

From: Adams, Rodney (OCME) <rodney.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 11:05 AM
To: Heath, Brad (Reuters) <Brad.Heath@thomsonreuters.com>
Subject: RE: Final Response 2021-FOIA-02874

Brad,

Thanks for your message. I appreciate your perspective and it's not without merit, but OCME has a very resolute position about not releasing an autopsy report unfettered into the public domain. We put ourselves in the shoes of a victim's family who might be confronted with details about their loved one on the front page of a newspaper (or website). The situation is very analogous to medical records. However, by copy of this email, I am asking our Media Relations Specialist, Cheryle Adams, to add you to our email list of reporters who will receive any press releases that the Chief Medical Examiner may have on the deaths related to the Jan 6th riot.

[Cheryle, Brad Heath has identified himself as a reporter for Reuters]

All the best,

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Hi Rod –

I appreciate the prompt reply. Would you have a moment to connect about this? I think there's a very strong public interest favoring disclosure at least when it comes to Ofc. Sicknick, such that the balancing test under (b)(6) would suggest that any invasion of his privacy would not be unwarranted given the rather extraordinary circumstances.

Thanks,

Brad

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Subject: Final Response 2021-FOIA-02874

Dear Brad Heath:

This is in response to your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for the following:

Please provide me with a complete copy of any records indicating the cause and manner of death for the following people, who died on or about Jan. 6, 2021: * Brian Sicknick * Ashli Babbitt * Kevin Greeson * Rosanne Boyland * Benjamin Philips (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/06/2021 To 02/03/2021)

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Thanks, Rod. In that case, I doubt you'd have any records that would have satisfied my request anyway!

Cheryle, if you could add me to the list for anything that gets issued on the deaths at the Capitol I'd very much appreciate it.

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Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 6:52:39 PM

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Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:22:22 PM

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Hello,

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Best,

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Thank you much. I did get that initial email and missed it, apologies. To double, triple check, believe this says that autopsy report is not public unless next of kin gives authorization or there's a subpoena or court order? Do I have that right? Also, I'm resubmitting the request for the death certificate via vital records, but is there guidance whether there are limits there as well?

Best,

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From: Adams, Rodney (OCME) <rodney.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 1:01 PM
To: Claudia Grisales <CGrisales@npr.org>
Subject: RE: 2021-FOIA-03472 status...

Ms. Grisales:

Thanks for your message. It suggests that the messaging system within the District's FOIA portal didn't function properly to deliver the email that I sent to you. For your convenience, I have inserted the text of my email below.

Dear Ms. Grisales:

This is in response to your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for the following:

Requesting the autopsy report and death certificate for late U.S. Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick who died from injuries suffered in the Jan. 6 insurrection. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/06/2021 To 12/31/2021)

Access to medical examiner records varies widely between jurisdictions. The public policy of the District of Columbia is that all persons are entitled to full and complete information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those who represent them as public officials and employees. However, this is tempered by the protection of privacy for individual citizens and their survivors. A mission of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) is to support the families who have suffered a loss. See National Archives and Records Admin. V. Favish, 541 US 157 (2004). Disclosure of personal information, especially medical records, is not permitted under FOIA. DC Code 2-534(a)(2) and 5 USC 552(b)(6). More specifically, see DC Code 5-1412 under DC Code 2-534(a)(6). Accordingly, OCME does not release autopsy reports in response to FOIA requests. A direct request to OCME for an autopsy report would need to be accompanied by 1) an authorization of the next of kin for release of information, 2) a subpoena, or 3) a court order. DC Code 5-1412 and 28 DCMR 5000. In cases where an investigation has not been completed, as here, additional FOIA exceptions such as DC Code 2-534(a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(4), and (e) are applicable. Therefore, I must advise you that your request for the autopsy report of Officer Sicknick is declined.

Death certificates are not maintained by OCME. These records are kept by Vital Records within the DC Department of Health. Therefore, a request for a death certificate should be directed to Vital Records. Access to death certificates is limited to those individuals listed in DC Code 7-231.24 and 7-231.25.

Under DC Code 2-537 and 1 DCMR 412, you have the right to appeal this letter to the Mayor or to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. If you elect to appeal to the Mayor, your appeal must be in writing and contain "Freedom of Information Act Appeal" or "FOIA Appeal" in the subject line of the letter as well on the outside of the envelope. The appeal must include (1) a copy of the original request; (2) a copy of any written denial; (3) a statement of the circumstances, reasons, and/or arguments advanced in support of disclosure; and (4) a daytime telephone number, and e-mail and/or U.S. Mail address at which you can be reached. The appeal may be submitted [online](#) via the DC government Public FOIA Portal. Written appeals may also be mailed to: The Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel, FOIA Appeal; 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 407, Washington, D.C. 20004. Electronic versions of the same information can instead be e-mailed to The Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel at foia.appeals@dc.gov. Further, a copy of all appeal materials must be forwarded to the OCME FOIA Officer. Failure to follow these administrative steps will result in delay in the processing and commencement of a response to your appeal to the Mayor.

If you have any additional questions regarding this request, you may contact me at this email address.

All the best,

Rod Adams

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I hope this is helpful to you.

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To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: I WILL REPLY: NEWSWEEK: Requesting Info About Officer Sicknick
Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 3:35:39 PM

Thanks

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From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 12:28 PM
To: Fripp, SaVern (OCME)
Subject: I WILL REPLY: NEWSWEEK: Requesting Info About Officer Sicknick

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For the latest information on the District Government's response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus), please visit coronavirus.dc.gov.

From: Fripp, SaVern (OCME)
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 11:59 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: Fwd: NEWSWEEK: Requesting Info About Officer Sicknick

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Julia Marnin <j.marnin@newsweek.com>
Date: February 24, 2021 at 11:27:55 AM EST
To: ATD OCME <ocme@dc.gov>
Subject: NEWSWEEK: Requesting Info About Officer Sicknick

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Hello,

My name is Julia Marnin and I am a reporter for Newsweek. We are working on a story about the information surrounding Officer Brian Sicknick's death following the January 6 Capitol Hill riots. Can the DC Office of the Chief Medical Examiner answer a few questions below?

Is the medical examiner's report on Officer Sicknick complete? If not, when will it be released?

Is it possible to confirm or deny whether Sicknick was struck with a fire extinguisher on the head? Previously, multiple media outlets had reported that.

Any other information that is available surrounding his death that you are able to provide would be greatly appreciated.

I look forward to hearing back from you. Our deadline today/as soon as possible.

Best,
Julia Marnin

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From: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: I will reply and thank you: Brick Sicknick
Date: Thursday, February 4, 2021 11:58:18 AM

Thanks,
SaVern

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From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 11:15 AM
To: Fripp, SaVern (OCME)
Subject: I will reply and thank you: Brick Sicknick

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From: Kevin Shea <KSHEA@njadvancemedia.com>

Date: February 4, 2021 at 11:03:52 AM EST

To: ATD OCME <ocme@dc.gov>

Subject: Brick Sicknick

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I am a news reporter for NJ.com – Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick’s home state.

Kindly add me to any lists of media/reporters who seek findings in his death investigation – if there is such a list.

Otherwise, is there any ETA on public comment on the autopsy / post-mortem examination?

Thank You,

Kevin Shea

**Kevin Shea | Managing Producer/ Supervising Reporter
NJ Advance Media**

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To: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: Letter
Date: Monday, March 15, 2021 11:01:52 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/legal-issues/two-arrested-in-assault-on-police-officer-brian-d-sicknick-who-died-after-jan-6-capitol-riot/2021/03/15/80261550-84ff-11eb-bfdf-4d36dab83a6d_story.html

From: Diaz, Francisco (OCME) <francisco.diaz@dc.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 10:54 AM
To: Gil, Helder (EOM) <helder.gil@dc.gov>
Subject: RE: Letter

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Noted.

Please include me on your contact list. My cell phone number is



Diaz

From: Gil, Helder (EOM)
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 10:13 AM
To: Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
Subject: RE: Letter

Ms. Beverly Perry is reviewing it; will let you know when I've got feedback from her.

From: Diaz, Francisco (OCME) <francisco.diaz@dc.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 8:36 AM
To: Gil, Helder (EOM) <helder.gil@dc.gov>
Subject: Letter

Good Morning Helder,
What do you think about the letter I forwarded to you and the DM?

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From: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Gil, Helder \(EOM\)](#)
Subject: RE: Letter
Date: Monday, March 15, 2021 11:25:29 AM
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Any feedback from the oversight performance hearing?

Francisco J. Diaz, MD

From: Gil, Helder (EOM)
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 11:02 AM
To: Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
Subject: RE: Letter

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/legal-issues/two-arrested-in-assault-on-police-officer-brian-d-sicknick-who-died-after-jan-6-capitol-riot/2021/03/15/80261550-84ff-11eb-bfdf-4d36dab83a6d_story.html

From: Diaz, Francisco (OCME) <francisco.diaz@dc.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 10:54 AM
To: Gil, Helder (EOM) <helder.gil@dc.gov>
Subject: RE: Letter

Noted.

Please include me on your contact list. My cell phone number is 202-820-9002.

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To: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Geldart, Chris \(EOM\)](#); [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
Bcc: [Gil, Helder \(EOM\)](#)
Subject: RE: Letters
Date: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 3:13:41 PM
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[Johnson re Sicknick investigation 2021_03_09_osa.docx](#)

Dr. Diaz:

Attached is the revised response letter approved by Ms. Perry; it can be sent back to Sen. Johnson today.

Please let me know if you need anything else on this.

Thanks,
Helder

From: Diaz, Francisco (OCME) <francisco.diaz@dc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 5:00 PM
To: Geldart, Chris (DPW) <Chris.Geldart@dc.gov>; Gil, Helder (EOM) <helder.gil@dc.gov>
Subject: Letters

Please find enclosed the request letter from the office of Senator Johnson and the draft response.

Best regards,

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Cc: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#); [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: Litigation Hold Letter - Case NO. 2021 CA 000875 B
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:22:23 AM

Got it. Thanks Rodney.

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Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:16 AM
To: Francis, Anna (OCME)
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Subject: FW: Litigation Hold Letter - Case NO. 2021 CA 000875 B
Importance: High

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Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 9:51 AM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Cc: Spencer, Cara (OAG)
Subject: Litigation Hold Letter - Case NO. 2021 CA 000875 B
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Mr. Adams,

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Thank you,
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Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:21:51 AM
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And the morning FOIAXpress check finds two requests from Judicial Watch / Mr. Marshall (1. All communications by Cheryl in preparing yesterday's press release; and 2. Case file of Ashli Babbit) and another reporter's request for Off. Sicknick case file. I will address accordingly.

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From: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: Off. Sicknick
Date: Friday, February 19, 2021 3:06:26 PM

Gracias!

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Subject: Re: Off. Sicknick

His name is Gilead Light and his email is:

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From: Adams, Rodney (OCME) <rodney.adams@dc.gov>

Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 3:03 PM

To: Diaz, Francisco (OCME) <francisco.diaz@dc.gov>

Subject: Off. Sicknick

Dr. Diaz,

I am drafting a response to the appeal by the Judicial Watch reporter of my denial of his FOIA request for Officer Sicknick's case file. One basis for the denial is that law enforcement investigations are ongoing. In support of that, it would be very helpful (and prudent) to coordinate my efforts with the US Attorney's Office.

I'd be grateful if you'd let me know with who you are interacting at the US Attorney's Office so that I can assure that I'm on the same page with them.

Thanks for your help,

Rod Adams

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From: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
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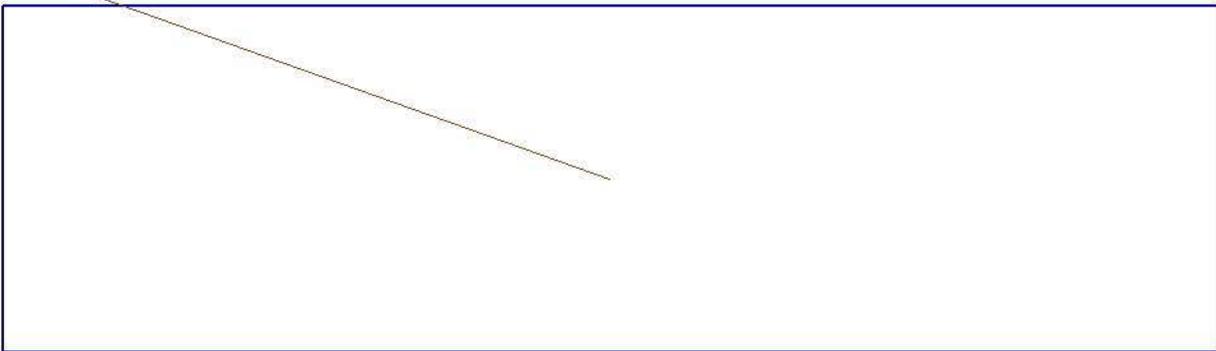
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Subject: RE: Officer Sicknick ME statement
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:48:05 PM

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Kindly,

-OWDedner

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Evan

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Subject: RE: Officer Sicknick ruling
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:49:01 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Nicholas,
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Thanks,
Susana

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From: Nicholas Wu <nwu@politico.com>
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:43 PM
To: Foster, LaToya (EOM) <latoya.foster@dc.gov>; Castillo, Susana (EOM) <susana.castillo@dc.gov>
Subject: Officer Sicknick ruling

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From: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: Public Safety and Justice Cluster Meeting
Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 9:44:11 AM
Attachments: [OCME-PSJ Cluster Meeting Talking Points - RKA - 3.15.2021.docx](#)

Cheryle,

Here are three thoughts from my domain.

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From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 2:20 PM
To: Tolliver, Samantha (OCME); Betts, Elizabeth S. (OCME); Beebe-Aryee, Jenna (OCME); Francis, Anna (OCME); Coleman, Michael (OCME); Davenport, Terencia (OCME); Love, Jennifer (OCME); Lassiter, Kimberly (OCME); Norman, Anthony (OCFO); Lyles, Denise (OCME); Adams, Rodney (OCME); Raso, Stephen (OCME)
Cc: Diaz, Francisco (OCME); Fields, Beverly (OCME)
Subject: Public Safety and Justice Cluster Meeting

Good morning to all,

The Public Safety and Justice Cluster meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 10:00am. I am contacting you to request talking points providing pertinent information that Dr. Diaz will highlight during this meeting. Please use the attached talking point template to provide the information. Please submit this information by close of business on Monday, March 22, 2021 before 12:00pm and let me know if you should have any

questions.

Thank you,
Cheryle

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From: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: Public records request dated 02/05/2021
Date: Friday, February 5, 2021 3:41:09 PM

Thanks for keeping me in the loop.

Rod Adams

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From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2021 2:40 PM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Subject: FYI: Public records request dated 02/05/2021

Rodney,

I forgot to include you on this email. Here is Mr. Rask's response. As you are aware, we have not released any information. Please let me know if you should have any questions.

Thank you,
Cheryle

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From: Thomas Rask [mailto:tom@rask.com]
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2021 2:12 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: Re: FOLLOW UP: Public records request dated 02/05/2021

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Ms. Adams,

Thanks for your prompt response. Your detailed answer closes my request.

However, I want to draw you attention to what CNN and others are reporting ([here](#)), namely that *"according to one law enforcement official, medical examiners did not find signs that the officer sustained any blunt force trauma."* Thus OCME records are apparently selectively being leaked for no apparent investigation-furthering purpose.

If that is true (and I want to emphasize "if" because not everything reported is true), then such behavior by law enforcement officials in the US Attorney's office does not increase the public's trust in government. I know they are an agency separate from yours, but I still wanted to make that point about trust to you.

One final question: once the investigation is over, is the US Attorney's office legally authorized and likely to release the autopsy report and other OCME records in this case? It is of great public interest whether this poor man died of causes related or unrelated to his work on January 6th.

Thanks in advance and have a great weekend.

Tom Rask

On Fri, Feb 5, 2021 at 1:55 PM Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

| Good afternoon Mr. Rask,

Thank you for your message. To make a formal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, please use the DC FOIA portal (<https://foia-dc.gov/>).

After the request churns its way through the FOIA process, you are likely to be disappointed in the response. Public access to medical examiner records varies considerably from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. In the District of Columbia, DC Code 5-1412 maintains the confidentiality of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) case files. The consistent interpretation of DC Code 5-1412 over the years, particularly in light of the US Supreme Court's decision in National Archives and Records Admin. v. Favish, 541 US 157 (2004), has been that an OCME case file is only released to the next of kin, to law enforcement, or to the Mayor unless a court orders otherwise. In FOIA terms, the confidentiality of personal information falls under exceptions 5 USC 552(a)(6) and DC Code 2-534(a)(2). This approach is consistent with OCME's mission to support the families of decedents.

We appreciate your interest in OCME's work, and we wish you all the best.

Best regards,
Cheryle

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From: Tom Rask [<mailto:tom@rask.com>]

Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 9:41 AM

To: ATD OCME

Subject: Public records request dated 02/05/2021

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This is a public records request.

My request is for a copy of your agency's examination of the body of Capitol Hill Police Officer Brian Sicknick.

Regards,

Tom Rask

From: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: Question Regarding Judicial Watch Lawsuit
Date: Monday, April 5, 2021 1:49:22 PM

News to me. I am not aware of Judicial Watch filing a lawsuit against the District. It is appealing the denial of its FOIA request to the Mayor's Office.

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Sent: Monday, April 05, 2021 1:38 PM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Cc: Fields, Beverly (OCME)
Subject: FYI: Question Regarding Judicial Watch Lawsuit

Good afternoon Rodney,

Please see the email below regarding the above-mentioned subject.

Thank you,
Cheryle

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From: Ashley Kim [mailto:akim@mrc.org]
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2021 1:36 PM
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Subject: Question Regarding Judicial Watch Lawsuit

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Hello,

My name is Ashley Kim, I am a reporter for CNS News, and I had a question regarding the Judicial Watch lawsuit against the Government of the District of Columbia.

My question is: For what reason is the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner withholding the autopsy report of Officer Brian Sicknick?

We will print your response in full.

Thank you very much,
Ashley Kim

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To: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: Request for Comment
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 1:32:43 PM

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Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 1:29 PM
To: Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
Cc: Adams, Rodney (OCME); Adams, Cheryle (OCME); Fields, Beverly (OCME)
Subject: Fwd: Request for Comment

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Date: April 8, 2021 at 1:27:16 PM EDT
To: ATD OCME <ocme@dc.gov>
Subject: Request for Comment

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Hello,

Good day hope you are doing well.

Do you all have a comment on this? <https://www.judicialwatch.org/press-releases/brian-sicknick/>

Thanks,
Zack Stieber
The Epoch Times
917-509-1875

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To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: THANK YOU: Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 1:30:19 PM

Cheryle,

Thanks for the message. The request is seeking any emails as to the drafting, timing, etc. for the press release with anyone (the MEs, the Mayor's office et al.), so I'd be grateful if you'd be over-inclusive.

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Subject: FYI: THANK YOU: Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick

Rodney,

I have reviewed my Outlook and the only email or any additional correspondence pertaining to Mr. Marshall's request is the email thread regarding time frame. Please let me know if you should have any additional questions.

Thank you,
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Cc: Fields, Beverly (OCME); Diaz, Francisco (OCME)

Subject: THANK YOU: Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick

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From: Adams, Rodney (OCME)

Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 1:49 PM

To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)

Cc: Fields, Beverly (OCME); Diaz, Francisco (OCME)

Subject: RE: Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick

I'll handle him. I'm not sure that he can tell us apart.

Rod Adams

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Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 1:48 PM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Cc: Fields, Beverly (OCME); Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
Subject: FYI: Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick

Good afternoon Rodney,

I wanted to confer with you before replying to Bill Marshall as the response sent yesterday does not constitute a rejection to his appeal. Please let me know if I should answer or should you follow up?

Thank you,
Cheryle

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From: Bill Marshall [<mailto:BMarshall@JUDICIALWATCH.ORG>]
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 1:42 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM); Fields, Beverly (OCME); Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Subject: RE: Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick

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Dear Ms. Adams,

Thank you for your note.

Does your reply constitute a rejection of the appeal I submitted yesterday to the DC Government following the earlier rejection of my Freedom of Information Act request seeking: "All records, including but not limited to autopsy reports, toxicology reports, notes, photographs, and OCME officials' electronic communications, related to the death on Jan. 6, 2021 of Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick and its related investigation."?

Respectfully,

William F. Marshall
Senior Investigator
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C: 202.641.4981

From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 3:20 PM
To: Bill Marshall <BMarshall@JUDICIALWATCH.ORG>
Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM) <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>; Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov>; Adams, Rodney (OCME) <rodney.adams@dc.gov>
Subject: Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick

Good afternoon Mr. Marshall,

OCME medical examiners comply with the National Association of Medical Examiners' (NAME) standard to determine the cause and manner of death within 90 days; however, for cases that are more complex it could be longer. Therefore, when this information is available and the decedent's next of kin has been notified, I will provide you with the cause and manner of death. Additionally, I have added your name to the list to receive the

information when it is available.

Best regards,
Cheryle

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From: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#)
Subject: RE: TIME SENSITIVE/FINAL DRAFT: Cause and Manner for USCP Officer Brian Sicknick
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 3:10:07 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

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From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
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To: Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM); Fields, Beverly (OCME)
Subject: TIME SENSITIVE/FINAL DRAFT: Cause and Manner for USCP Officer Brian Sicknick

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Good afternoon Dr. Diaz,



Thank you,
Cheryle

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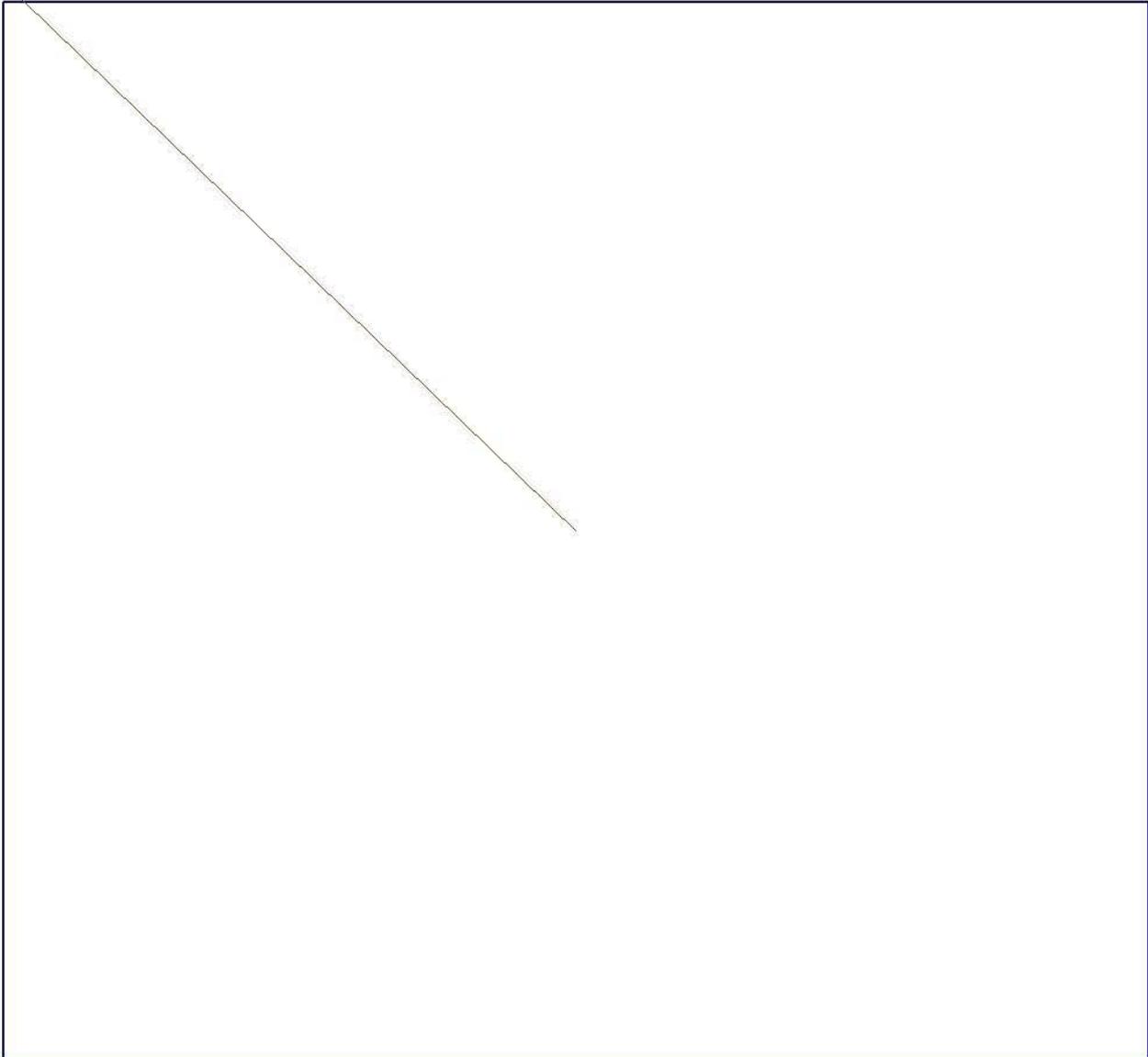
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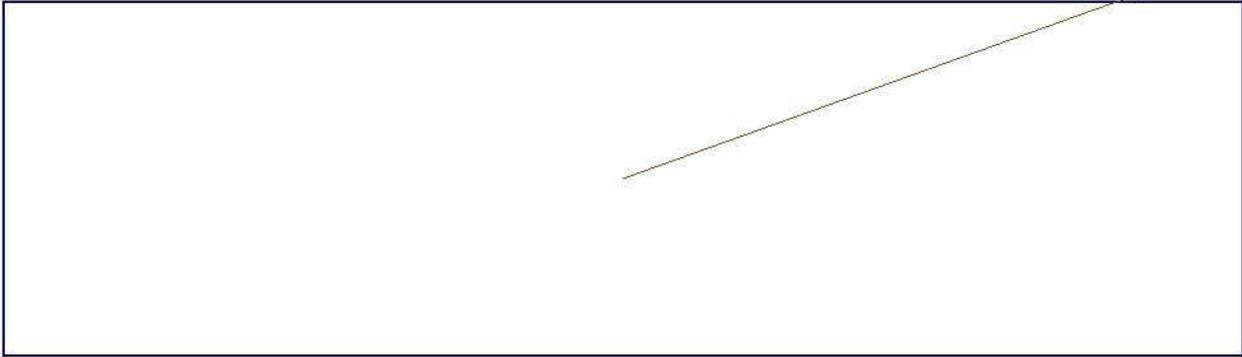
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 1:28 PM

To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)

Subject: FINAL DRAFT: Cause and Manner for USCP Officer Brian Sicknick

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From: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Wood, Rebecca \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: US Capitol Police -Officer Brian Sicknick -Worker's Comp Claim
Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 2:39:01 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Also I am not the decedent's primary care physician...

Sasha Breland, M.D.

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From: Wood, Rebecca (OCME)
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 2:35 PM
To: Breland, Sasha (OCME)
Subject: FW: US Capitol Police -Officer Brian Sicknick -Worker's Comp Claim

Dr. Breland,
Does this come to you or to Medical Records? 21-00132.

Thanks!

Rebecca Wood, D-ABMDI
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From: Queen, Destinee T. [<mailto:Destinee.Queen@uscg.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 11:54 AM
To: Wood, Rebecca (OCME)
Subject: US Capitol Police -Officer Brian Sicknick -Worker's Comp Claim

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Destinee Queen

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From: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Wood, Rebecca \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: US Capitol Police -Officer Brian Sicknick -Worker's Comp Claim
Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 2:37:51 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

I don't think we are responsible or capable of completing this form as it should be completed by NOK...You can forward to Medical Records to confirm.

Sasha Breland, M.D.

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From: [Wood, Rebecca \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: US Capitol Police -Officer Brian Sicknick -Worker's Comp Claim
Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 2:46:14 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

I think because page two speaks to cause of death that's why they sent it to us.

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From: [Scarpelli, Anthony \(USADC\)](#)
To: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#); [Palmertree, Riley M. \(WF\) \(FBI\)](#)
Cc: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#); [Light, Gilead \(USADC\)](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - RE: Additional Medical Records
Date: Friday, March 26, 2021 10:50:38 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[FFXHospSicknick 2021 03 02 15 32 13 102 1.pdf](#)

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Hello Dr. Breland and Dr. Diaz,

We are just making sure you have these medical records.

Thank you.

From: Diaz, Francisco (OCME) <francisco.diaz@dc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 2:08 PM
To: Palmertree, Riley M. (WF) (FBI) <rmpalmertree@fbi.gov>
Cc: Breland, Sasha (OCME) <sasha.breland@dc.gov>; Scarpelli, Anthony (USADC) <AScarpelli@usa.doj.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - RE: Additional Medical Records

I can.

Dr. Breland is out for the day.

Let me know what number to call.

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From: Palmertree, Riley M. (WF) (FBI) [<mailto:rmpalmertree@fbi.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 1:52 PM
To: Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
Cc: Breland, Sasha (OCME); Anthony.Scarpelli@usdoj.gov

Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - RE: Additional Medical Records

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Dr. Diaz and Dr. Breland,

Do either/both of you have a moment for a quick call today?

Riley

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On Mar 23, 2021 9:37 AM, "Diaz, Francisco (OCME)" <francisco.diaz@dc.gov> wrote:
Thank you, received!

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From: Scarpelli, Anthony (USADC) [<mailto:Anthony.Scarpelli@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 9:26 AM
To: Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
Cc: Breland, Sasha (OCME); Light, Gilead (USADC); Palmertree, Riley M. (WF) (FBI)
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He is the call in for Friday, March 26, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.:

[844-867-6280](tel:844-867-6280)
[Access: 091141](tel:091141)

On Mar 23, 2021, at 8:58 AM, Diaz, Francisco (OCME) <francisco.diaz@dc.gov> wrote:

Agreed

Francisco J. Diaz, MD FCAP FASCP
Chief Medical Examiner
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From: Breland, Sasha (OCME)
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 7:29 AM
To: Scarpelli, Anthony (USADC)
Cc: Light, Gilead (USADC); Diaz, Francisco (OCME); Palmertree, Riley M. (WF) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Additional Medical Records

9:00 am works best for me.

Sasha Breland, M.D.

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From: Scarpelli, Anthony (USADC) [<mailto:Anthony.Scarpelli@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 6:01 PM
To: Breland, Sasha (OCME)
Cc: Light, Gilead (USADC); Diaz, Francisco (OCME); Palmertree, Riley M. (WF) (FBI)
Subject: Re: Additional Medical Records

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Good afternoon Dr. Breland and Dr. Diaz,

Do you have time for a quick call Friday? How about either 9:00 or 4:00?

Thank you.

On Mar 11, 2021, at 7:21 AM, Breland, Sasha (OCME) <sasha.breland@dc.gov> wrote:

Received...thank you

Sasha Breland, M.D.

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From: Light, Gilead (USADC) [<mailto:Gilead.Light@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2021 1:04 PM
To: Breland, Sasha (OCME)
Cc: Diaz, Francisco (OCME); Palmertree, Riley M. (WF) (FBI); Scarpelli, Anthony (USADC)
Subject: Additional Medical Records

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From: [Woodall, Hunter](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] FOLLOW UP: Media request from the Star Tribune
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:21:00 AM
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Thank you!

All the best,
Hunter Woodall
Washington reporter for The Minneapolis Star Tribune
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From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 10:20 AM
To: Woodall, Hunter <hunter.woodall@startribune.com>
Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM) <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>; Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FOLLOW UP: Media request from the Star Tribune

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- **Brian Sicknick, 42 years old:**
 - Cause of Death – Acute brainstem and cerebellar infarcts due to acute basilar artery thrombosis
 - Manner of Death – Natural

Publicly disclosed timeline of events:

- Wednesday, January 6, 2021:
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 - Approximately 10:00 PM: Officer Sicknick collapses at the U.S. Capitol and is transported by D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services to a local hospital.
- Thursday, January 7, 2021:
 - Approximately 9:30 PM: Officer Sicknick dies at a local hospital.

Background explanation of medical terminology on the cause and manner of death:

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- Accident: Used when there is no evidence of intent; an unintentional, sudden, and unexpected death.
- Homicide: Death results from the intentional harm of one person by another, including actions of grossly reckless behavior.
- Natural: Used when a disease alone causes death. If death is hastened by an injury, the manner of death is not considered natural.
- Suicide: Death results from the purposeful attempt to end one’s life.
- Undetermined: Used when there is insufficient information to assign another manner.

To learn more about the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner or cause and manner investigations in the District, visit ocme.dc.gov.

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Good morning,

My name is Hunter Woodall and I’m a Washington reporter for The Minneapolis Star Tribune. I was just hoping to be sent any details or information the office provided to media this week regarding the death of U.S. Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick. Thanks for your help!

All the best,

Hunter Woodall

Washington reporter for The Minneapolis Star Tribune

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From: [Elise Cartmill](#)
To: ["Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)"](#)
Subject: RE: [EXT] Cause and Manner of Death for USCP Officer Brian Sicknick
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:59:20 PM

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Thanks Cheryle,

Is the Chief Medical Examiner available for any interviews this afternoon? We can do it via Skype or Zoom.

Thanks,
Elise

From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:20 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM) <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>; Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov>
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- Accident: Used when there is no evidence of intent; an unintentional, sudden, and unexpected death.
- Homicide: Death results from the intentional harm of one person by another, including actions of grossly reckless behavior.
- Natural: Used when a disease alone causes death. If death is hastened by an injury, the manner of death is not considered natural.
- Suicide: Death results from the purposeful attempt to end one’s life.
- Undetermined: Used when there is insufficient information to assign another manner.

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From: [Elise Cartmill](#)
To: "Adams, Cheryle (OCME)"
Subject: RE: [EXT] FOLLOW UP: WJLA/ABC 7 News on Officer Brian Sicknick Follow-Up
Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 10:55:05 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

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Thank you very much!

Elise

From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 9:35 AM
To: Elise Cartmill <ecartmill@sbgvtv.com>
Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM) <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>; Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov>
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Good morning Elise,

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner will release the cause and manner of death when this information is available. Additionally, I have added your name to the list to receive the information when it is available.

Best regards,
Cheryle

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Hi Cheryle,

Thank you for taking my phone call a little while ago, I should have done a better job of introducing myself. I'm the new Assignment Manager for WJLA/ABC 7 News. I started back in mid – August, so, still just meeting people.

I wanted to check in and see if there is a cause of death for Officer Brian David Sicknick. Also, if there is not yet, add us to the list to be notified of cause of death when it is released.

Thank you so much for your time,

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From: [Lyles, Denise \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: RE: ePCR***CONFIDENTIAL/HIPAA protected info
Date: Friday, January 8, 2021 2:16:53 PM

yes

From: Breland, Sasha (OCME)
Sent: Friday, January 08, 2021 1:59 PM
To: Lyles, Denise (OCME)
Subject: FW: ePCR***CONFIDENTIAL/HIPAA protected info

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Thanks!

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Sent: Friday, January 08, 2021 1:57 PM
To: Breland, Sasha (OCME); Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
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To: Mauro, Amy (FEMS) <Amy.Mauro@dc.gov>
Subject: FW: Attached Image

As requested.

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From: [Lyles, Denise \(OCME\)](#)
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Date: Friday, January 8, 2021 2:18:34 PM

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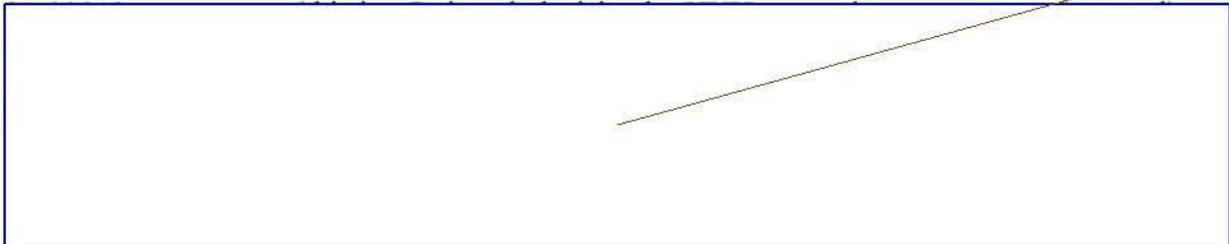
From: [Fields Broadbent, Leigh \(OCME\)](#)
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Subject: RE: endorsements
Date: Saturday, January 9, 2021 12:19:47 AM

Please see below...

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Covid Cases:



2-534(a)(2);
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21-00132 Capitol Police Office- I have been unable to speak with mother, I am waiting for the Family liaison contact name & number to reach out, Officer Collier is obtaining that info, if someone calls, we need to establish kinship, funeral home name & number, the Officer will have a police escort when release so please call me when/if contact is made to our office. – **No calls received**

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To: [Light, Gilead \(USADC\)](#)
Subject: RE: meeting
Date: Friday, February 12, 2021 5:55:13 AM

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Ok...I can be reached at 202-698-9082.

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To: [Tolliver, Samantha \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#); [Raso, Stephen \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Re: 21-00132 (TX21-0046)
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 9:49:01 PM

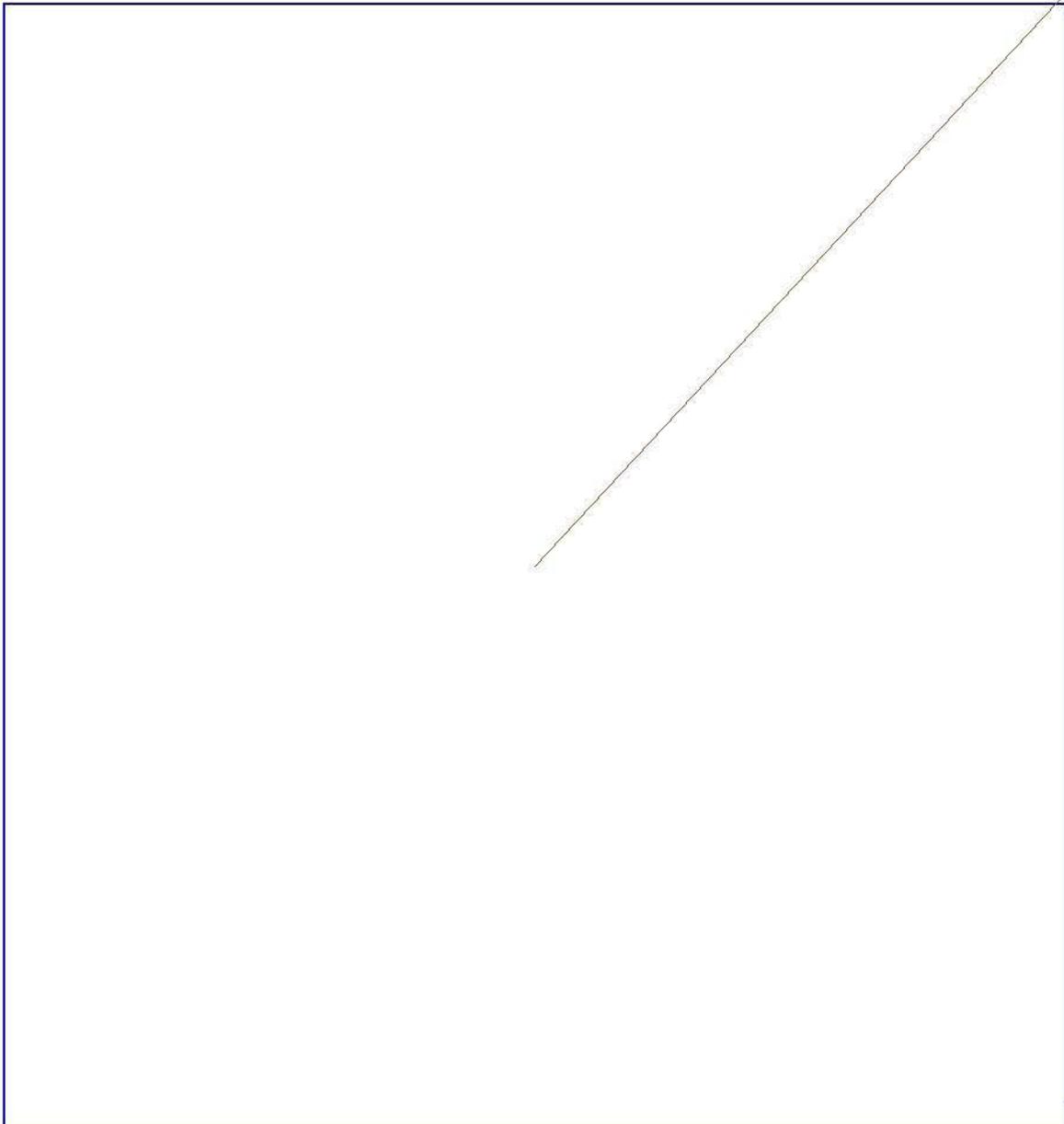
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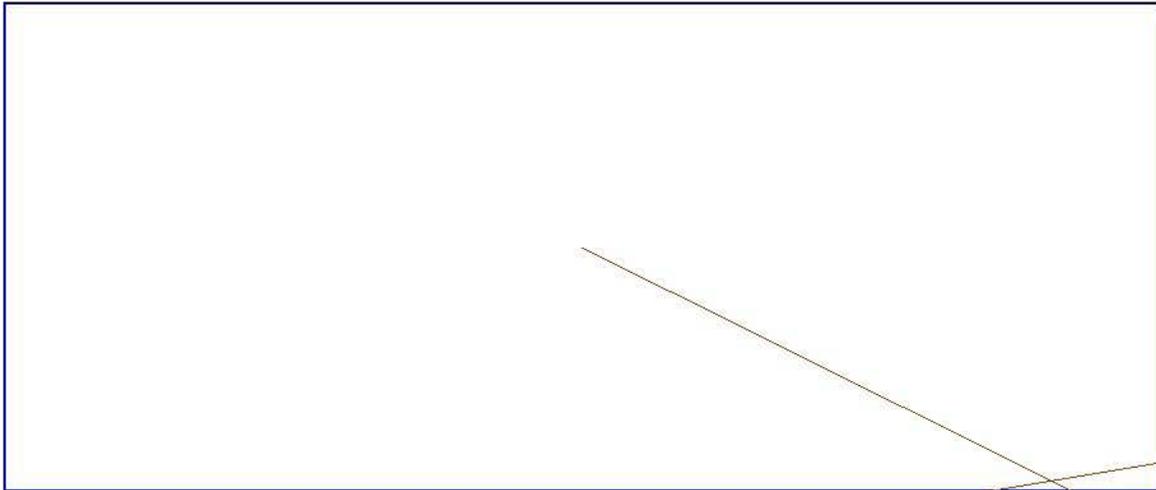
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2-534(a)



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Date: Friday, January 22, 2021 11:38:40 AM

Please quantitate the substances found.

Thank you,
Dr. Breland

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On Jan 15, 2021, at 9:14 AM, Tolliver, Samantha (OCME) <samantha.tolliver@dc.gov> wrote:

Good morning Dr. Breland,

[Redacted]

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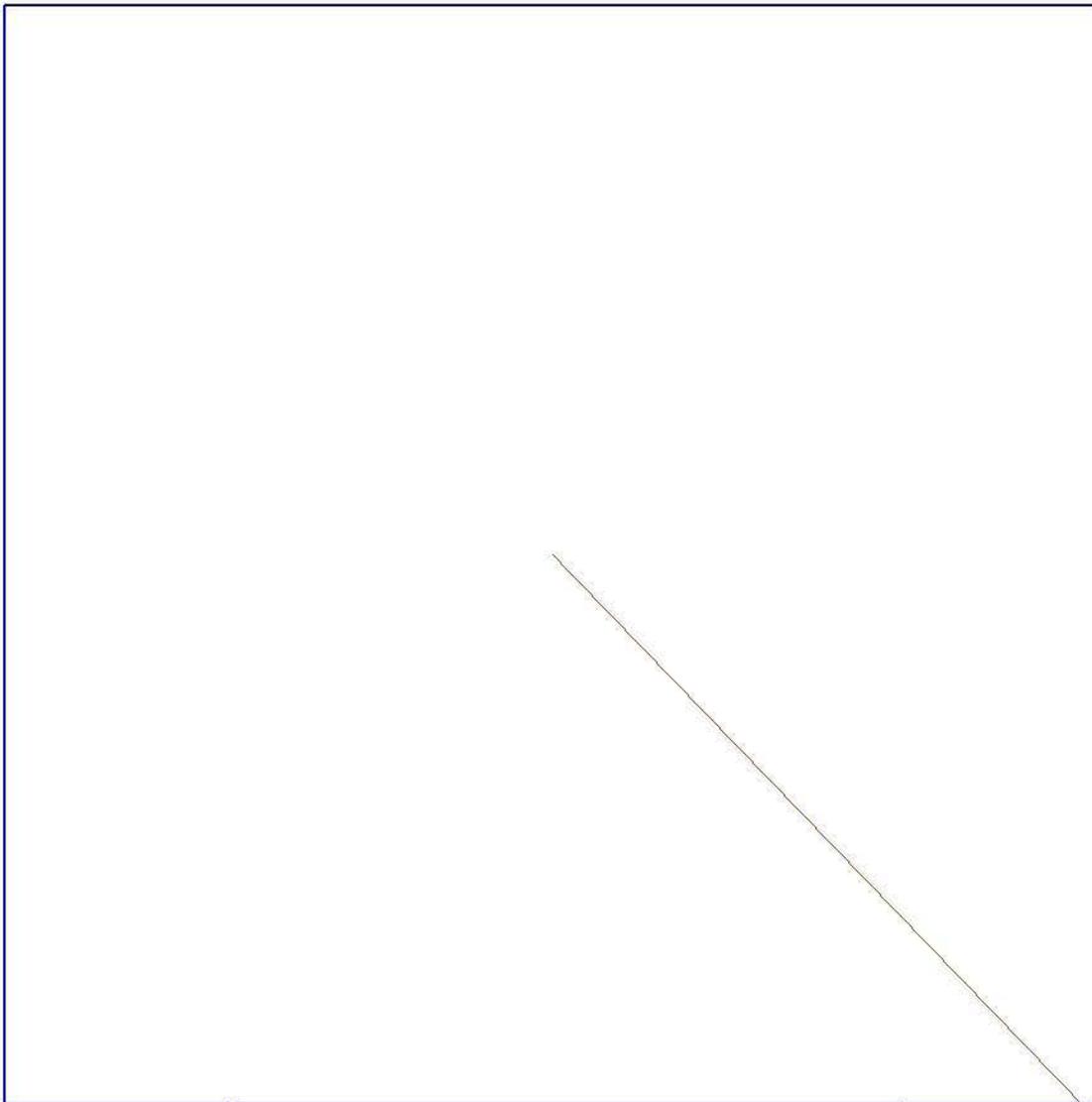
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Next week the hospital urine will be screened. We'll update you next week with any additional findings.

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Thank you

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202 698 9000-main, option #1

On Jan 9, 2021, at 17:06, Wood, Rebecca (OCME) <rebecca.wood@dc.gov> wrote:

Called ofc colliler as well as dgs and let them know. They will set up on the school st. side

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From: Lyles, Denise (OCME)
Sent: Saturday, January 09, 2021 4:28 PM
To: Wood, Rebecca (OCME)
Cc: Lassiter, Kimberly (OCME)
Subject: Re: 21-00132

Thanks, I would like to keep Kim in the loop and Officer Collier. You can give them my cell so if there is a glist since neither you or I am in tomorrow

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On Jan 9, 2021, at 16:24, Wood, Rebecca (OCME) <rebecca.wood@dc.gov> wrote:

Scott Williams, Demaine FH, 703-941-9428 said they plan on coming tomorrow but want to speak with the other parties involved before giving us a time. I told him to call me back before I leave and we'll give him whatever appointment he wants. I'll let you know when I hear back from him

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From: Lyles, Denise (OCME)
Sent: Saturday, January 09, 2021 4:20 PM
To: Wood, Rebecca (OCME)
Subject: Re: 21-00132

Thanks can you reach out to see when they may consider picking him up

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On Jan 9, 2021, at 15:32, Wood, Rebecca (OCME) <rebecca.wood@dc.gov> wrote:

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Sent: Friday, January 08, 2021 5:38 PM
To: Wood, Rebecca (OCME)
Subject: 21-00132
Importance: High

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To: [Wood, Rebecca \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Lassiter, Kimberly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Re: 21-00132
Date: Saturday, January 9, 2021 4:27:44 PM

Thanks, I would like to keep Kim in the loop and Officer Collier. You can give them my cell so if there is a glist since neither you or I am in tomorrow

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On Jan 9, 2021, at 16:24, Wood, Rebecca (OCME) <rebecca.wood@dc.gov> wrote:

Scott Williams, Demaine FH, 703-941-9428 said they plan on coming tomorrow but want to speak with the other parties involved before giving us a time. I told him to call me back before I leave and we'll give him whatever appointment he wants. I'll let you know when I hear back from him

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From: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Fields Broadbent, Leigh \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Lyles, Denise \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Re: 21-00132
Date: Friday, January 8, 2021 5:26:26 PM

Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 8, 2021, at 5:06 PM, Fields Broadbent, Leigh (OCME) <leigh.fieldsbroadbent@dc.gov> wrote:

Evening!

Regarding the above case, I contacted the lab at GWUH and was informed that we already have all of their specimens.

Thank you very much,

*Leigh Fields Broadbent, PA-C
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From: [Records, OCME \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Lyles, Denise \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#); [Fields Broadbent, Leigh \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Re: 21-00132
Date: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 12:06:08 PM

Denise,

Apologies for the delay on the response; the Records were scanned but have just now been placed in the e-case folder for 21-00132.

-Andrew / Records

***Record Management Department
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Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 11:39 AM
To: Records, OCME (OCME) <ocme.records@dc.gov>
Cc: Breland, Sasha (OCME) <sasha.breland@dc.gov>; Fields Broadbent, Leigh (OCME) <leigh.fieldsbroadbent@dc.gov>
Subject: FW: 21 00132

Good morning Records

Do you have the medical records hard copy for Case #21-00132 ? Leigh told me she sent it upstairs

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From: Breland, Sasha (OCME)
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 7:35 AM
To: Lyles, Denise (OCME)
Subject: RE: 21-00132

I do not see anything in any of my mailboxes.

Sasha Breland, M.D.

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From: Lyles, Denise (OCME)
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 9:26 AM
To: Breland, Sasha (OCME)
Cc: Wood, Rebecca (OCME); Petrasek, MaryBeth (OCME)
Subject: 21-00132

Dr. Breland

Did you receive the hard copy of medical records for this case ?

Denise Lyles, PA, D-ABMDI

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To: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Re: 21-132 draft
Date: Monday, February 8, 2021 9:38:36 AM

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Sasha
Would 11a or 2p work?
202-570-8514 or 202-687-5345

Best, Brent
Sent from my mobile device

On Feb 8, 2021, at 8:30 AM, Breland, Sasha (OCME) <sasha.breland@dc.gov> wrote:

Good morning Brent,
Let me know what is a good time to call and discuss... also what's the best number to reach you?

- Sasha

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From: [Claudia Grisales](#)
To: cheryle.adams@dc.gov
Subject: Re: Brian Sicknick ME report?
Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 7:22:02 AM

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Good morning Cheryle,

Hope you are well. Hoping to follow up on this today. Darrell Pressley sent me your way. Can ring you later as well in case that's easier.

Best,

Claudia Grisales
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NPR
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On Mar 2, 2021, at 12:31 PM, Claudia Grisales <CGrisales@npr.org> wrote:

Hello,

Can I get the latest status on this, saw MPD Chief Contee say the ME report for Sicknick is pending, and reports that this could take 90 days to complete, possible to confirm? Also, how do I go about requesting to get this report for Brian Sicknick once it's ready?

Best,

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From: [Branson, Joshua \(MPD\)](#)
To: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Re: Brian Sicknick
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 3:31:34 PM

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 19, 2021, at 3:30 PM, Breland, Sasha (OCME) <sasha.breland@dc.gov> wrote:

>

> Good afternoon Det. Branson,

>

> The cause and death for Mr. Sicknick (OCME case 21-00132) were certified as the following this afternoon:

>

> - COD: Acute brainstem and cerebellar infarcts due to acute basilar artery thrombosis

> - MOD: Natural

>

> This information was conveyed to the decedent's mother and girlfriend earlier this afternoon.

>

> ~ Dr. Breland

>

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Branson, Joshua (MPD)

> Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 2:28 PM

> To: Breland, Sasha (OCME)

> Subject: Brian Sicknick

>

> Good afternoon Dr. Breland, have y'all ruled on the Sicknick case yet? The FBI just called me saying the family received a call from the OCME stating that his death was ruled a natural.

>

> Sent from my iPhone

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To: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#)
Cc: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#); [Lambert, Evan](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Re: Can you confirm?
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 5:03:29 PM

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Thanks. I thought I was on your press list because I've been asking about this one for so long. I got the release on the other riot deaths.

Lindsay

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 19, 2021, at 4:57 PM, Dedner, Olivia (EOM) <olivia.dedner@dc.gov> wrote:

Hi Lindsay --- Here's the statement shared by the OCME.

On Wednesday, January 6, 2021, an unprecedented incident of civil insurrection at the United States Capitol resulted in the deaths of five individuals. The District of Columbia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. Francisco J. Diaz, MD, FACP, issued determinations on April 7 as to the cause and manner of death for four of those individuals and today issues the cause and manner of death of the remaining individual.

- **Brian Sicknick, 42 years old:**
 - Cause of Death – Acute brainstem and cerebellar infarcts due to acute basilar artery thrombosis
 - Manner of Death – Natural

Publicly disclosed timeline of events:

- Wednesday, January 6, 2021:
 - Approximately 2:20 PM: Officer Brian Sicknick is sprayed with a chemical substance outside the U.S. Capitol.
 - Approximately 10:00 PM: Officer Sicknick collapses at the U.S. Capitol and is transported by D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services to a local hospital.
- Thursday, January 7, 2021:
 - Approximately 9:30 PM: Officer Sicknick dies at a local hospital.

Background explanation of medical terminology on the cause and manner of death:

As determined by the Chief Medical Examiner, the “cause of death” is the medical disease, injury, alcohol, drug or toxic substance that caused a person’s death. The “manner of death” describes the circumstances surrounding a person’s death and falls within one of the following categories:

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- Natural: Used when a disease alone causes death. If death is hastened by an injury, the manner of death is not considered natural.
- Suicide: Death results from the purposeful attempt to end one’s life.
- Undetermined: Used when there is insufficient information to assign another manner.

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Olivia Walton Dedner

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From: Watts, Lindsay <Lindsay.Watts@FOX.COM>

Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:55 PM

To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>

Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM) <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>; Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov>

Subject: Re: Can you confirm?

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Hi if you replied to this I did not get it!

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On Apr 19, 2021, at 3:53 PM, Watts, Lindsay <Lindsay.Watts@fox.com> wrote:

Capitol Police officer Brian D. Sicknick suffered two

strokes and died of natural causes a day after he confronted rioters at the Jan. 6 insurrection, the District's chief medical examiner has ruled.

Thanks,

Lindsay Watts
Fox5DC

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On Apr 7, 2021, at 3:06 PM, Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
<cheryle.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Lindsay,

OCME medical examiners comply with the National Association of Medical Examiners' (NAME) standard to determine the cause and manner of death within 90 days; however, for cases that are more complex it could be longer. Therefore, when this information is available and the decedent's next of kin has been notified, I will provide you with the cause and manner of death.

Best regards,
Cheryle

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From: Watts, Lindsay [<mailto:Lindsay.Watts@FOX.COM>]

Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 2:54 PM

To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)

Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM); Fields, Beverly (OCME)

Subject: Re: Determinations of the Cause and Manner of Death - RE: January 6, 2021

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Hi Cheryle,

Can you provide information about the delay in cause of death for Officer Sicknick? Can you tell me again what the NAME guidelines are (I believe you said 90 days)? When do you expect to have cause of death?

Thanks!

Lindsay Watts
Reporter
Fox5DC
202-823-2447
Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 7, 2021, at 2:33 PM, Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

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Ashli Babbitt, 35 years old:

- Cause of Death – Gunshot wound to the left anterior shoulder
- Manner of Death – Homicide

Kevin Greeson, 55 years old:

- Cause of Death – Hypertensive

atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease

- Manner of Death – Natural

Benjamin Phillips, 50 years old:

- Cause of Death – Hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
- Manner of Death – Natural

Roseanne Boyland, 34 years old:

- Cause of Death – Acute Amphetamine Intoxication
- Manner of Death – Accident

The cause and manner of death for Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick are pending.

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Thanks. I thought I was on your press list because I've been asking about this one for so long. I got the release on the other riot deaths.

Lindsay

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Cc: [Mitchell, Roger \(OCME\)](#); [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#); [Love, Jennifer \(OCME\)](#); [Wood, Rebecca \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Re: Capitol Incident Cases
Date: Friday, January 8, 2021 5:35:05 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thanks Denise.
Beverly

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From: Diaz, Francisco (OCME) <francisco.diaz@dc.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 3:48:47 PM
To: Lyles, Denise (OCME) <denise.lyles@dc.gov>
Cc: Mitchell, Roger (OCME) <roger.mitchell@dc.gov>; Adams, Rodney (OCME) <rodney.adams@dc.gov>; Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov>; Love, Jennifer (OCME) <jennifer.love@dc.gov>; Wood, Rebecca (OCME) <rebecca.wood@dc.gov>
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I would add that for the Capitol Police his NOK is his Mom.

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Subject: Capitol Incident Cases
Importance: High

Good morning

Non Responsive Record

FYI, all the cases from the Capitol Incident all Identifications have been confirmed

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- Brian David Sicknick- Capitol Police –*pending family notification*

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Cheryle,

Has this information become available?

Erin

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Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 8:31 AM
To: Mansfield, Erin <EMansfield@gannett.com>
Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM) <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>; Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov>; Adams, Rodney (OCME) <rodney.adams@dc.gov>
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Specifically:

Was there any evidence of an internal or external injury?

Was there evidence he suffered an allergic reaction to a chemical irritant which would have caused his throat to seize?

Did the experience in the riot play a role in his death? If so, what?

Is it correct to call the cause of death -in layman's terms -two strokes?

Thank you!

Best,
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From: [Segraves, Mark \(NBCUniversal\)](#)
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Checking on these requests

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On Feb 11, 2021, at 12:28 PM, Segraves, Mark (NBCUniversal)
<Mark.Segraves@nbcuni.com> wrote:

Following up on these 3 requests:

1: Ashli Babbitt

2: Lakisha Barnes (12/9/78).
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3: Officer Brian Sicknick

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On Mon, Apr 19, 2021 at 3:53 PM Gurman, Sadie <sadie.gurman@wsj.com> wrote:

Hi, there,

Wondering if you might be in a position to share the determination and cause of Brian Sicknick's death or where I should look to find that. Appreciate your help with this!

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Hi, there,

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Thanks!

Lindsay Watts
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Cc: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#); [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Re: FOIA Appeal 2021-096
Date: Thursday, February 18, 2021 3:16:30 PM
Attachments: [Marshall_OCME_PAL_Appeal_Form.pdf](#)
[Marshall_OCME_PAL_Request_Form.pdf](#)

Oh well, let's see if the appeal is successful.

I really think that there should likely be a press conference by the Mayor to release all of it at the same.....

Bev :-)

On Feb 18, 2021, at 2:55 PM, Adams, Rodney (OCME) <rodney.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

And the celebration was short lived...

A Judicial Watch reporter has immediately appealed my denial of his request for the case file of Off. Brian Sicknick who died during the Jan 6th riot at the Capitol. We have several other reporters requesting it as well.

Rod Adams

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From: Appeals, Foia (EOM)
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 2:42 PM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
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Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Ii,

Mr. Seagraves called me this afternoon prior to his email and asked why information was provided to Mr. Herman at the Washington Post solely. He was quite upset. I referred him to the Mayor's Communications Team for response.

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> Interesting. I'll sit on it until after we do release the info.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Seagraves, Mark (NBCUniversal) [<mailto:Mark.Segraves@nbcuni.com>]

> Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:33 PM

> To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)

> Subject: FOIA request

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> I would like all emails between Peter Herman of the Washington post and Cheryle Adams or Beverly Fields or anyone at OCME regarding cause and manner for Officer BRIAN Sicknick.

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> I am making this request under the freedom of information act.

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> Mark Segraves
> NBC Washington News
> 202-997-1576
> @SegravesNBC4

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> Sent from my iPhone, but never while driving. I would never do that. Although it would explain the typos.

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To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Re: FOLLOW UP: 3 months?
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 8:36:44 AM

Ok.

Bev :-)

On Apr 8, 2021, at 8:36 AM, Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

Thank you for this email and I will send the standard reply regarding the case is pending.

Cheryle E. Adams

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From: Fripp, SaVern (OCME)
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 8:08 AM
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On Apr 8, 2021, at 8:04 AM, Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
wrote:

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To: Fields, Beverly (OCME)
Cc: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
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Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 8:36:35 AM

You can just say, "We are in receipt of your comment. Thank you."
Bev :-)

On Apr 8, 2021, at 8:07 AM, Fripp, SaVern (OCME) <savern.fripp@dc.gov> wrote:

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Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:01:16 AM

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Oh please.

On Apr 8, 2021, at 6:15 AM, Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

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From: [Claudia Grisales](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Re: FOLLOW UP: Brian Sicknick ME report?
Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 12:48:39 PM

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Thanks so much!

Best,

Claudia Grisales
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Washington, DC 20002
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On Mar 3, 2021, at 12:42 PM, Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
<cheryle.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Claudia,

Your inquiry falls within the Freedom of Information Act. A response will be provided within the normal timeframes subsequent to the District's declared Public Health Emergency per Section 503 of the COVID-19 Response Emergency Amendment Act of 2020, effective March 17, 2020, D.C. Act 23-247, and available here: <http://lims.dccouncil.us/Download/44469/B23-0718-SignedAct.pdf>.

In the meantime, please submit your request through the District's Freedom of Information Act Public Access Portal at foia-dc.gov.

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[\(202\) 845-3980](#) cell

On Mar 2, 2021, at 12:31 PM, Claudia Grisales <CGrisales@npr.org> wrote:

Hello,

Can I get the latest status on this, saw MPD Chief Contee say the ME report for Sicknick is pending, and reports that this could take 90 days to complete, possible to confirm? Also, how do I go about requesting to get this report for Brian Sicknick once it's ready?

Best,

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From: [Kevin Shea](#)
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Date: Thursday, February 4, 2021 1:55:54 PM
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From: "Adams, Cheryle (OCME)" <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Date: Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 1:54 PM
To: Kevin Shea <KSHEA@njadvancemedia.com>
Cc: "Dedner, Olivia (EOM)" <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>, "Fields, Beverly (OCME)" <beverly.fields@dc.gov>
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Brian Sicknick

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Best regards,
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From: Kevin Shea <KSHEA@njadvancemedia.com>
Date: February 4, 2021 at 11:03:52 AM EST
To: ATD OCME <ocme@dc.gov>

Subject: Brick Sicknick

I am a news reporter for NJ.com – Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick’s home state.

Kindly add me to any lists of media/reporters who seek findings in his death investigation – if there is such a list.

Otherwise, is there any ETA on public comment on the autopsy / post-mortem examination?

Thank You,

Kevin Shea

Kevin Shea | Managing Producer/ Supervising Reporter

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To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Re: FOLLOW UP: Cause for Sicknick
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Forgive me, somehow this email sent from my gmail account, I was sending it from my phone.

I am with The Associated Press.

Colleen

On Tue, Apr 20, 2021 at 8:30 AM Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

Good morning Ms. Long,

Please let me know the media outlet that you represent.

Thank you,
Cheryle

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From: Colleen Long [mailto:colleen.long@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 6:44 PM
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Subject: Cause for Sicknick

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Dear Cheryle,

I am a colleague of Mike Balsamo's, and I'm having a hard time trying to parse out whether or not sickness died for multiple strokes or just one. Can you help me clarify on background? I believe it is many or at least more than one but I just can't tell.

Thanks!

Colleen

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To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Re: FOLLOW UP: Determinations of the Cause and Manner of Death - RE: January 6, 2021
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:41:17 AM

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Thank you Cheryle — please send me the results as soon as possible.

Thank you, Jamie

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From: Schram, Jamie (*IC) [<mailto:Jamie.Schram@tmz.com>]
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 9:27 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
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Good morning,

Officer Brian Sicknick was not on yesterday's list. When can we expect his autopsy results?

Thanks,

Jamie

From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 2:33 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM) <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>; Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov>
Subject: Determinations of the Cause and Manner of Death - RE: January 6, 2021

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Ashli Babbitt, 35 years old:

- Cause of Death – Gunshot wound to the left anterior shoulder
- Manner of Death – Homicide

Kevin Greeson, 55 years old:

- Cause of Death – Hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
- Manner of Death – Natural

Benjamin Phillips, 50 years old:

- Cause of Death – Hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
- Manner of Death – Natural

Roseanne Boyland, 34 years old:

- Cause of Death – Acute Amphetamine Intoxication
- Manner of Death – Accident

The cause and manner of death for Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick are pending.

[Background explanation of medical terminology on the cause and manner of death:](#)

As determined by the Chief Medical Examiner, the “cause of death” is the medical disease, injury, alcohol, drug or toxic substance that caused a person’s death. The “manner of death” describes the circumstances surrounding a person’s death and falls within one of the following categories:

- Accident: Used when there is no evidence of intent; an unintentional, sudden, and unexpected death.
- Homicide: Death results from the intentional harm of one person by another, including actions of grossly reckless behavior.
- Natural: Used when a disease alone causes death. If death is hastened by an injury, the manner of death is not considered natural.
- Suicide: Death results from the purposeful attempt to end one’s life.
- Undetermined: Used when there is insufficient information to assign another manner.

To learn more about the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner or cause and manner investigations in the District, visit ocme.dc.gov.

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Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
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Dear Cheryle

I'm not sure that I thanked you for this, if not I certainly meant to!
I appreciate being added to the list of media receiving updates,
Yours with best wishes,

Laura

Sent from my iPhone

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Dear Cheryle

Thank you for returning my call. As I explained I'm a journalist for the Daily Mail and want to establish the latest accurate situation as far as information that has been released in relation to Officer Brian Sicknick's death.

It's my understanding that the Medical Examiner has not concluded their investigation, nor has any cause of death been issued. Is that correct?

I have seen reports that 'no visible injuries were found' on Officer Sicknick but I cannot see any verification of that so again wanted to establish if this is something that has come from your office?

When the report has been concluded is that something that will be a matter of public record and possible for me to request or will that be a decision for the family? I know it varies from state to state so want to check.

And finally, if it is something that I can request is it possible for me to place that request now or does that have to be done after it is completed?

There has been so much misinformation swirling I just want to get the facts directly from you as far as the Medical Examiner's part in proceedings.

I appreciate your time on this,

Yours with best wishes,

Laura Collins

Chief Investigative Reporter

DailyMail.com

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From: Susan Katz Keating [<mailto:skeating@justthenews.com>]

Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 11:40 AM

To: Adams, Rodney (OCME); ATD OCME

Subject: FOIA request from media

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The autopsy report for Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick.

I am requesting an expeditious response.

Sincerely,

~Susan Katz Keating

Just the News

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To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#); [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Re: FOLLOW UP: FOIA request from media
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Good morning Cheryle,

Can you please tell me why the results have not been released yet?

Thank you,

~Susan

On Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 1:35 PM Susan Katz Keating <skeating@justthenews.com> wrote:
Thank you, Cheryle, I appreciate the update.

Best,

~Susan

On Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 1:33 PM Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Susan,

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner will release the cause and manner of death when this information is available. Additionally, I have added your name to the list to receive the information when it is available.

Best regards,

Cheryle

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To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
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Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 12:54:39 PM

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Hi Cheryle,

Any updates on these cases?

Thank you.

Allison Papson
Fox 5

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 19, 2021, at 10:30 AM, Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
<cheryle.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

Good morning Allison,

These cases are still pending.

Best regards,
Cheryle

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From: Allison Papson [<mailto:Allison.Papson@FOXTV.COM>]
Sent: Monday, January 18, 2021 6:48 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)

Cc: WTTG Assignment Desk; WTTG WEB; Fields, Beverly (OCME); Dedner, Olivia (EOM)
Subject: RE: FOLLOW UP: FOX 5 REQUEST: Brian Sicknick, Ashli Babbitt, Kevin Greeson, Rosanne Boyland & Benjamin Philips

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Hi,

Just following up to find out if this information is available yet.

Thank you.

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From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 8:55 AM
To: Allison Papson <Allison.Papson@FOXTV.COM>
Cc: WTTG Assignment Desk <WTTGAssignmentDesk@FOXTV.COM>; WTTG WEB <WTTGWEB@foxtv.com>; Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov>; Dedner, Olivia (EOM) <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>
Subject: FOLLOW UP: FOX 5 REQUEST: Brian Sicknick, Ashli Babbitt, Kevin Greeson, Rosanne Boyland & Benjamin Philips

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From: Allison Papson [<mailto:Allison.Papson@FOXTV.COM>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 8:09 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Cc: WTTG Assignment Desk; WTTG WEB
Subject: FOX 5 REQUEST: Brian Sicknick, Ashli Babbitt, Kevin Greeson, Rosanne Boyland & Benjamin Philips

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Hi Cheryle,

Will you please send us the cause and manner of death for Brian Sicknick, Ashli Babbitt, Kevin Greeson, Rosanne Boyland & Benjamin Philips?

Thank you.

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To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
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Subject: Re: FOLLOW UP: FOX INQUIRY: Jan 6 insurrection 4 individuals cause and manner of death release
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 4:28:06 PM

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Thank you again,

Kelly Phares

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From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 15:35
To: Phares, Kelly <Kelly.Phares@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM) <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>; Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FOLLOW UP: FOX INQUIRY: Jan 6 insurrection 4 individuals cause and manner of death release

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Ashli Babbitt, 35 years old:

- Cause of Death—Gunshot wound to the left anterior shoulder
- Manner of Death—Homicide

Kevin Greeson, 55 years old:

- Cause of Death—Hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
- Manner of Death—Natural

Benjamin Phillips, 50 years old:

- Cause of Death—Hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
- Manner of Death—Natural

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- Cause of Death – Acute Amphetamine Intoxication
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- Suicide: Death results from the purposeful attempt to end one’s life.
- Undetermined: Used when there is insufficient information to assign another manner.

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Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 2:58 PM

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To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Re: FOLLOW UP: Fox5DC request-Brian Sicknick autopsy
Date: Monday, January 11, 2021 10:57:48 AM

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Thanks,

Lindsay

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> Thanks,

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> Reporter

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Thank you -- and welcome back!

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On Thu, Apr 1, 2021 at 2:54 PM Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

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Hi! It's Tawnell at the WSJ. Just checking in to see if there's anything new on the Sicknick report.

Thank you!

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Thanks for the fast response!

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On Wed, Jan 27, 2021 at 4:02 PM Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Tawnell,

OCME medical examiners comply with the National Association of Medical Examiners' (NAME) standard to determine the cause and manner of death within 90 days; however, for cases that are more complex it could be longer. Consequently, these cases are still pending and I will follow up with you as soon as the information is available.

Best regards,

Cheryle

Cheryle E. Adams

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Hi there! Circling back on this -- wondering if you all have an estimated timeframe when reports might be ready on Brian Sicknick and/or Howard Liebengood. Thank you.

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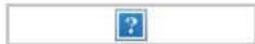
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From: Hobbs, Tawnell [mailto:tawnell.hobbs@wsj.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 4:32 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM); Fields, Beverly (OCME)
Subject: Re: FOLLOW UP: Hi -- question from The Wall Street Journal

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Thank you! Should I just keep checking back everyday, or do you have a media list?

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On Tue, Jan 19, 2021 at 3:31 PM Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Tawnell,

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner will release the cause and manner of death when this information is available.

Best regards,

Cheryle

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Hi. I'm Tawnell Hobbs, a reporter at The Wall Street Journal. How can I get about getting cause of death and/or autopsy information on the following individuals:

Brian Sicknick, 42

Howard Liebengood, 51

Thanks for any help you can provide. My cell is 475-323-8149.

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From: [Jeff Mordock](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Re: FOLLOW UP: Media request -- The Washington Times
Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 2:22:50 PM

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Got this.

Thank you. And thank you for adding me to the press list.

Jeff

On Wed, Mar 3, 2021 at 11:39 AM Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

Good morning Jeff,

OCME medical examiners comply with the National Association of Medical Examiners' (NAME) standard to determine the cause and manner of death within 90 days; however, for cases that are more complex it could be longer. Therefore, when this information is available and the decedent's next of kin has been notified, I will provide you with the cause and manner of death. Additionally, I have added your name to the list to receive the information when it is available.

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From: Jeff Mordock [mailto:jmordock@washingtontimes.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 03, 2021 10:40 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: Media request -- The Washington Times

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Hi Cheryle,

I am working on a story about the death of officer Brian Sicknick.

Can the Medical Examiner give any updates on a possible timeline on when we may hear anything or when it could possibly announce a cause of death?

Is there anything the Medical Examiner can say about a timeline for an announcement?

Thanks

Jeff

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To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Re: FOLLOW UP: NBC News: clarification on Capitol death
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 4:56:04 PM

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Dear Cheryle,

Thank you for your quick response. This is actually the report that I'm seeking clarification about.

It says Ashli Babbitt's death was caused by a gunshot wound to the left shoulder and I'm just trying to determine more precisely where she was wounded. Was it near her heart? near her neck? Was an artery or major organ damaged?

I'm trying trying to differentiate the official report from the family's account that she was shot in the chest to better understand the cause of death.

Thank you again
Gabe

From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Date: Wednesday, 7 April 2021 at 21:22
To: Joselow, Gabriel (NBCUniversal) <Gabriel.Joselow@nbcuni.com>
Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM) <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>, Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FOLLOW UP: NBC News: clarification on Capitol death

Good afternoon Gabriel,

Here is the statement that OCME released today with the exact cause of death:

"On Wednesday, January 6, 2021 an unprecedented incident of civil insurrection at the United States Capitol resulted in the deaths of five individuals. The District of Columbia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. Francisco J. Diaz, MD, FACP, has issued the following determinations as to the cause and manner of death for four of those individuals.

Ashli Babbitt, 35 years old:

- Cause of Death – Gunshot wound to the left anterior shoulder
- Manner of Death – Homicide

Kevin Greeson, 55 years old:

- Cause of Death – Hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
- Manner of Death – Natural

Benjamin Phillips, 50 years old:

- Cause of Death – Hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
- Manner of Death – Natural

Roseanne Boyland, 34 years old:

- Cause of Death – Acute Amphetamine Intoxication
- Manner of Death – Accident

The cause and manner of death for Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick are pending.

Background explanation of medical terminology on the cause and manner of death:

As determined by the Chief Medical Examiner, the “cause of death” is the medical disease, injury, alcohol, drug or toxic substance that caused a person’s death. The “manner of death” describes the circumstances surrounding a person’s death and falls within one of the following categories:

- Accident: Used when there is no evidence of intent; an unintentional, sudden, and unexpected death.
- Homicide: Death results from the intentional harm of one person by another, including actions of grossly reckless behavior.
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- Suicide: Death results from the purposeful attempt to end one’s life.
- Undetermined: Used when there is insufficient information to assign another manner.

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From: Joselow, Gabriel (NBCUniversal) [mailto:Gabriel.Joselow@nbcuni.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 4:03 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: NBC News: clarification on Capitol death

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Dear Cheryle,

This is Gabe with NBC News following up on the new report on the capitol riot deaths.

Can you please help to clarify the exact cause of Ashli Babbitt's death, so we can reflect this accurately?

Her family's lawyer said previously she was shot in the chest, while the report mentions a gunshot wound to her left anterior shoulder.

Does that anatomically include the front of her chest or neck? How exactly did a wound to her shoulder result in her death?

Thank you for any additional details you can provide.

Gabe Joselow
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From: [Julia Marnin](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Re: FOLLOW UP: NEWSWEEK: Requesting Info About Officer Sicknick
Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 2:14:27 PM

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Thank you, I appreciate it.

Best,
Julia Marnin

On Wed, Feb 24, 2021 at 12:33 PM Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Julia,

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From: Julia Marnin [mailto:j.marnin@newsweek.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 12:25 PM
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Hi Cheryle,

I just spoke with you on the phone regarding a story for Newsweek I am working on about the known information surrounding Officer Brian Sicknick's death following the January 6 Capitol Hill riots.

Can you issue comments to answer/confirm information for these few questions below?

Is the medical examiner's report on Officer Sicknick complete? If not, when will it be released? If there's no exact date, is there any idea as to when the report might be made public?

Is it possible to confirm or deny whether Sicknick was struck with a fire extinguisher on the head? Previously, multiple media outlets had reported that and there have been conflicting reports following.

Any other information that the DC Office of the Chief Medical Examiner is able to provide surrounding his death and the medical examiner's report is greatly appreciated.

Our story deadline is today. Thank you for your time.

Best,

Julia Marnin

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Date: Thursday, February 11, 2021 9:19:53 AM

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Morning. Any update? Thx

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> On Feb 5, 2021, at 9:34 AM, Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

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> Good morning Neal,

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> From: Augenstein, Neal [<mailto:naugenstein@wtop.com>]

> Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2021 9:30 PM

> To: Fields, Beverly (OCME)

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> Subject: Re: Officer Sicknick

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> Thanks to you both!

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> Neal

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>> On Feb 4, 2021, at 9:24 PM, Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov> wrote:

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>> Hello,

>> I am well and hope you are too!

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>> I have added Cheryle Adams, our PIO, whom is handling these requests. Thanks.

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>> Beverly Ann Fields, Esq.

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>>>> Hi, Beverly. Hope you're well. Can you share manner and cause? Thanks and best.

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Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 8:29 AM
To: Augenstein, Neal
Cc: Fields, Beverly (OCME); Dedner, Olivia (EOM)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: Officer Sicknick

Good morning Neal,

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Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2021 9:30 PM
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Subject: Re: Officer Sicknick

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Thanks to you both!

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From: [Thomas Rask](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Re: FOLLOW UP: Public records request dated 02/05/2021
Date: Friday, February 5, 2021 2:20:24 PM

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Ms. Adams,

Thanks for your prompt response. Your detailed answer closes my request.

However, I want to draw your attention to what CNN and others are reporting ([here](#)), namely that *"according to one law enforcement official, medical examiners did not find signs that the officer sustained any blunt force trauma."* Thus OCME records are apparently selectively being leaked for no apparent investigation-furthering purpose.

If that is true (and I want to emphasize "if" because not everything reported is true), then such behavior by law enforcement officials in the US Attorney's office does not increase the public's trust in government. I know they are an agency separate from yours, but I still wanted to make that point about trust to you.

One final question: once the investigation is over, is the US Attorney's office legally authorized and likely to release the autopsy report and other OCME records in this case? It is of great public interest whether this poor man died of causes related or unrelated to his work on January 6th.

Thanks in advance and have a great weekend.

Tom Rask

On Fri, Feb 5, 2021 at 1:55 PM Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Mr. Rask,

Thank you for your message. To make a formal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, please use the DC FOIA portal (<https://foia-dc.gov/>).

After the request churns its way through the FOIA process, you are likely to be disappointed in the response. Public access to medical examiner records varies considerably from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. In the District of Columbia, DC Code 5-1412 maintains the confidentiality of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) case files. The consistent interpretation of DC Code 5-1412 over the years, particularly in light of the US Supreme Court's decision in [National Archives and Records Admin. v. Favish](#), 541 US 157 (2004), has been that an OCME case file is only released to the next of kin, to law enforcement, or to the Mayor unless a court orders otherwise. In FOIA terms,

the confidentiality of personal information falls under exceptions 5 USC 552(a)(6) and DC Code 2-534(a)(2). This approach is consistent with OCME's mission to support the families of decedents.

We appreciate your interest in OCME's work, and we wish you all the best.

Best regards,

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This is a public records request.

My request is for a copy of your agency's examination of the body of Capitol Hill Police Officer Brian Sicknick.

Regards,

Tom Rask

From: [Ashley Kim](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Re: FOLLOW UP: Question Regarding Judicial Watch Lawsuit
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Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 12:57 PM

To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)

Subject: Question from the Atlantic

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Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:36 PM

To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)

Subject: Sicknick repot

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Hi Cheryle,

Reaching out from Politico. Would it be possible for me to get a copy of the medical examiner's report on Office Sicknick? Thanks so much.

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Subject: Re: FOLLOW UP: Update on Officer Sicknick
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Thanks so much!

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From: Julie Kelly <julie.kelly45@att.net>
Date: February 8, 2021 at 12:56:56 PM EST
To: ATD OCME <ocme@dc.gov>
Subject: Update on Officer Sicknick

Hello - I'm a reporter for American Greatness and covering Officer Sicknick's death. Did you conduct an autopsy or review of his death? If so, will it be released publicly at any time?

Thank you in advance, my deadline is 6pm today.

Julie Kelly

From: [Julie Kelly](#)
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Subject: Re: FOLLOW UP: Update on Sicknick autopsy
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Finally, can you perhaps explain why the autopsy findings / official cause of death in this case have not yet been made public? It seems as though the lack of official details is really fueling speculation here, so any information you can provide to help set the record straight would be greatly appreciated.

Best,
Caitlin

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Subject: Re: FOLLOW UP: nytimes inquiry about DC riot deaths
Date: Monday, January 11, 2021 3:58:20 PM

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Cc: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
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Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 8:52:49 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

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From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 7:08:48 PM
To: Dedner, Olivia (EOM) <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>
Cc: Diaz, Francisco (OCME) <francisco.diaz@dc.gov>; Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov>
Subject: FOLLOW UP/FINAL: Chief Medical Examiner Releases Cause and Manner of Deaths From January 6 Insurrection (NOT APPROVED)

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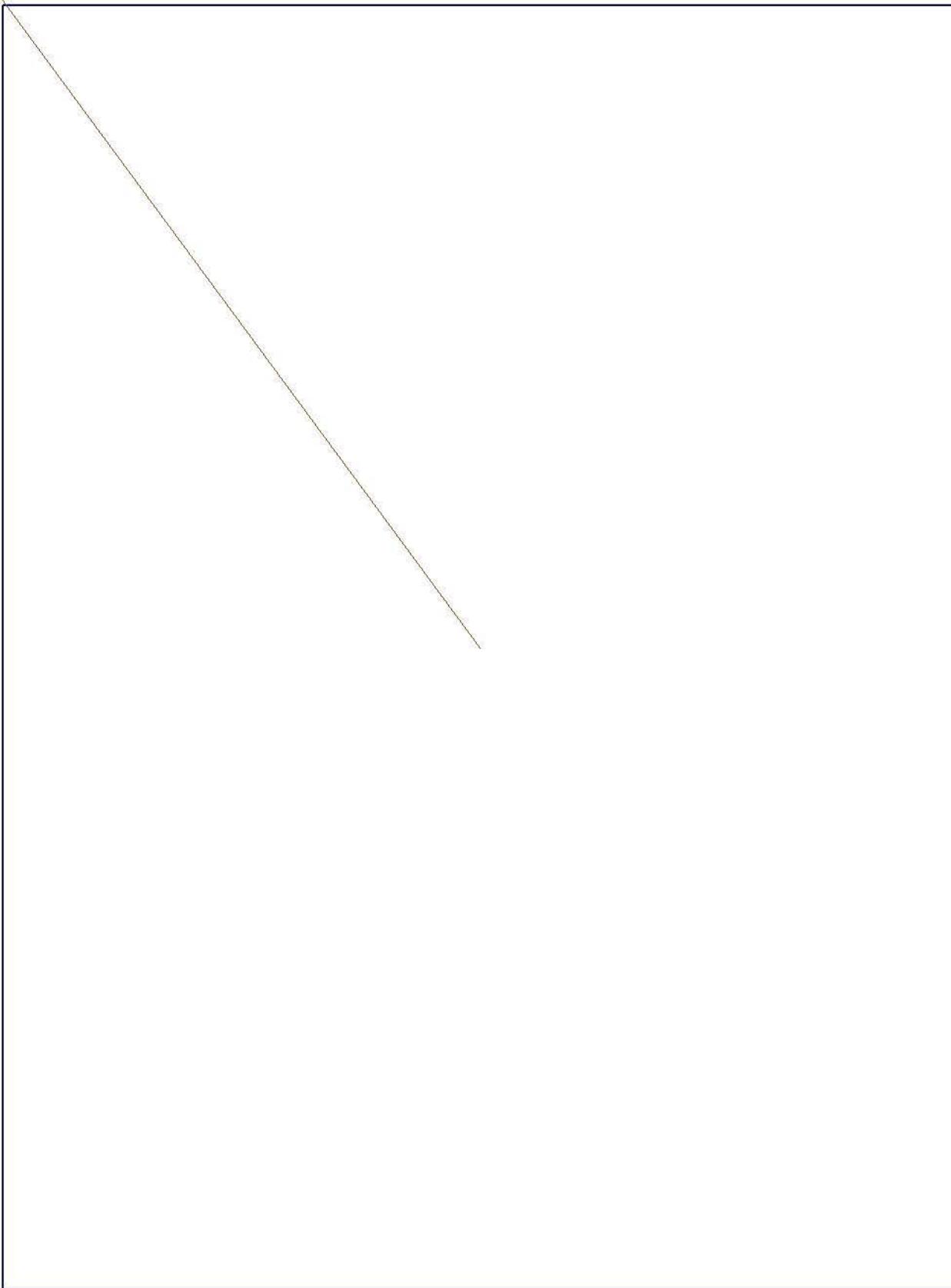
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From: Dedner, Olivia (EOM)
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2021 6:53 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: FINAL: Chief Medical Examiner Releases Cause and Manner of Deaths From January 6 Insurrection (NOT APPROVED)

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To: [Phares, Kelly \(FoxNews\)](#); ocme.records@dc.gov; ocme@dc.gov; [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Re: FOX INQUIRY: Jan 6 insurrection Officer Sicknick cause and manner of death
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Good afternoon,

Following up on this inquiry.

I see the Washington Post is now reporting the cause of USCP Officer Sicknick's death. Are you able to send me the details of that report from the Chief Medical Examiner?

Thank you

Kelly Phares

Capitol Hill Producer

Fox News

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From: Phares, Kelly (FoxNews) <kelly.phares@foxnews.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 6:54 PM

To: ocme.records@dc.gov <ocme.records@dc.gov>; ocme@dc.gov <ocme@dc.gov>; Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>

Subject: FOX INQUIRY: Jan 6 insurrection Officer Sicknick cause and manner of death

Good evening—

I'm seeing reports that the medical examiners office has issued a release with the cause and manner of Officer Brian Sicknick's death. Can you provide me with that release?

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To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Re: I HAVE ADDED THIS JOURNALIST TO THE LIST: Journalist checking in
Date: Thursday, April 1, 2021 12:49:52 PM
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Yes, that is why I cc'd you....
Thanks Cheryle.

Bev :-)

On Apr 1, 2021, at 12:38 PM, Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
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To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Re: I WILL REPLY: Webform.ocme.atd
Date: Thursday, February 18, 2021 1:32:58 PM

Thanks

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On Mon, Apr 19, 2021 at 6:05 PM Hobbs, Tawnell <tawnell.hobbs@wsj.com> wrote:
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Thanks for your time. My cell is 475-323-8149.

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Subject: Re: OCME Neuropathology Consultations and Upcoming Conference
Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 4:30:35 PM

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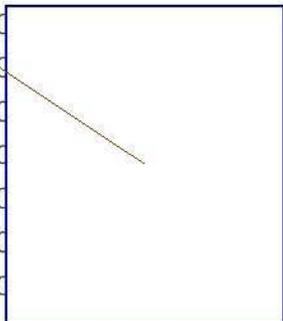
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Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 4:27:03 PM

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To: [Brent Harris](#)
Cc: [Elizabeth, Beth \[OCME\]](#)
Subject: Re: OCME Neuropathology Consultations
Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 1:43:25 PM

Thank you, Dr. Harris. Received.

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Ugg. It's always the high profile cases that get screwed up. Here you go.
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Elizabeth,
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Subject: Re: Off. Sicknick
Date: Friday, February 19, 2021 3:05:52 PM

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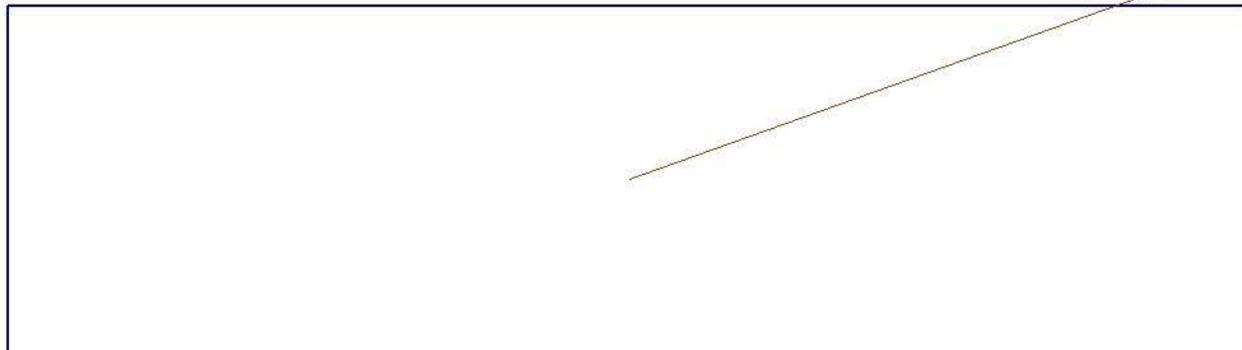


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Dear Ms. Adams,

I am requesting a copy of the autopsy report for Officer Brian Sicknick. I am in the process of writing an article about the nature and consequences of the events of January 6, 2021 and Officer Sicknick's death is a major component of the results of the riot that occurred in the capital. As a concerned citizen, it is also my intention to contact my congressional representatives about what led up to this event, and the potential for further civil unrest. It is imperative that only facts are utilized in discussing these issues, that is why I am asking for your assistance. There are conflicting media reports as to the nature of the cause and manner of his death and they need to be cleared up.

This is a clear case of "serving the public interest" regarding the release of this information, and I am respectfully requesting that you make it available.

Thank you,

Vincent Gallo

From: [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
To: [naugenstein; Adams, Cheryl \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Re: Officer Sicknick
Date: Thursday, February 4, 2021 9:19:49 PM

Hello,
I am well and hope you are too!

I have added Cheryl Adams, our PIO, whom is handling these requests. Thanks.

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> Hi, Beverly. Hope you're well. Can you share manner and cause? Thanks and best.

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Subject: Re: Officer Sicknick
Date: Thursday, February 4, 2021 9:48:47 PM

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> On Feb 4, 2021, at 9:24 PM, Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov> wrote:

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> Hello,

> I am well and hope you are too!

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> I have added Cheryle Adams, our PIO, whom is handling these requests. Thanks.

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Subject: Re: Urgent comment needed on Sicknick report: "all that transpired played a role in his condition."
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To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Re: WILL DO: AUTOPSY RESULTS FOR US CAPITOL POLICE OFFICER BRIAN SICKNICK
Date: Monday, March 15, 2021 12:47:08 PM
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<cheryle.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

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From: Wilson, Stephanie [<mailto:SWILSON3@wusa9.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 12:30 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Cc: Wilson, Stephanie
Subject: RE: FOLLOW UP: AUTOPSY RESULTS FOR US CAPITOL POLICE OFFICER BRIAN SICKNICK

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Good afternoon Cheryle,

Thank you for your response to the update, greatly appreciated.
I'd like to ask if you would add my name and email to the list to receive the information when it is available, again, thank you,

Stephanie Wilson | SENIOR MULTIMEDIA JOURNALIST

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From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>

Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 11:46 AM

To: Wilson, Stephanie <SWILSON3@wusa9.com>

Cc: Flack, Eric <EFlack@wusa9.com>; Spaht, Erin <evanderbel@wusa9.com>; Dedner, Olivia (EOM) <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>; Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov>

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Cc: EFlack@wusa9.com; Wilson, Stephanie; Spaht, Erin
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Good morning Cheryle,

I'm working with Chief Investigative Correspondent Eric Flake on the Capitol Riots court cases.

The Washington Post is reporting that US authorities have arrested and charged two men in the assault of U.S. Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick.

I'm reaching out to ask if the DC Medical Examiner's Office has any updated information on the cause of U.S. Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick's death or the release of autopsy results for Officer Sicknick.

We are working on a 3:00pm deadline, please feel free to email or call my mobile, 202-487-5711.

I look forward to hearing from you, appreciate your help, thank you,

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From: [Segraves, Mark \(NBCUniversal\)](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Determinations of the Cause and Manner of Death - RE: January 6, 2021
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 2:50:25 PM

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Much appreciated

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On Apr 7, 2021, at 2:33 PM, Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

On Wednesday, January 6, 2021 an unprecedented incident of civil insurrection at the United States Capitol resulted in the deaths of five individuals. The District of Columbia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. Francisco J. Diaz, MD, FACP, has issued the following determinations as to the cause and manner of death for four of those individuals.

Ashli Babbitt, 35 years old:

- <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Cause of Death – Gunshot wound to the left anterior shoulder
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Kevin Greeson, 55 years old:

- <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Cause of Death – Hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
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Roseanne Boyland, 34 years old:

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The cause and manner of death for Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick are pending.

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- Suicide: Death results from the purposeful attempt to end one’s life.
- Undetermined: Used when there is insufficient information to assign another manner.

To learn more about the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner or cause and manner investigations in the District, visit ocme.dc.gov.

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William "Billy" Evans, 41 years old:

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- Natural: Used when a disease alone causes death. If death is hastened by an injury, the manner of death is not considered natural.
- Suicide: Death results from the purposeful attempt to end one's life.

- Undetermined: Used when there is insufficient information to assign another manner.

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From: Segraves, Mark (NBCUniversal) [mailto:Mark.Segraves@nbcuni.com]

Sent: Monday, April 05, 2021 5:18 PM

To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)

Subject: Cause and Manner

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Hello

Requesting cause and manner 3 cases:

- 1: Ashli Babbitt
- 2: Officer Brian Sicknick
- 3: Officer William Evans

Thank you

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We need everyone in our community to pre-register for a vaccination appointment by going to vaccinate.dc.gov or calling 1-855-363-0333. Already vaccinated or pre-registered? Reach out to friends, family, coworkers, and neighbors and help them pre-register. Together we can save lives and end this pandemic. #DCHOPE

From: [Segraves, Mark \(NBCUniversal\)](#)
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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] FOLLOW UP: Cause and manner
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Thx much

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On Mar 11, 2021, at 12:05 PM, Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
<cheryle.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Mark,

I am following up with you to provide the cause and manner of death for Lakisha Barnes. The cause of death was manual strangulation and the manner of death was ruled a homicide.

Best regards,
Cheryle

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Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 10:32 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME); Fields, Beverly (OCME); Dedner, Olivia (EOM)

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Following up on these 3 requests:

1: Ashli Babbitt

2: Lakisha Barnes (12/9/78).
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3: Officer Brian Sicknick

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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] FOLLOW UP: Press request cause and manner
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To: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#); [Williams, Markeshia \(OCME\)](#); [Breanna Cuchara \(bcuchara@gmail.com\)](mailto:bcuchara@gmail.com)
[\(bcuchara@gmail.com\)](mailto:bcuchara@gmail.com)
Cc: [Brent Harris](#)
Subject: Re: expedite 21-00132
Date: Friday, January 8, 2021 5:25:45 PM

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Thank you,
Elizabeth

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From: Breland, Sasha (OCME) <sasha.breland@dc.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 12:46 PM
To: Betts, Elizabeth S. (OCME) <elizabeth.betts@dc.gov>; Williams, Markeshia (OCME) <Markeshia.Williams@dc.gov>; Breanna Cuchara (bcuchara@gmail.com) (bcuchara@gmail.com) <bcuchara@gmail.com>
Cc: Brent Harris <bth@georgetown.edu>
Subject: expedite 21-00132

Good afternoon,
I need the an expedited NP examination and report for case 21-00132. The brain should be properly fixed and ready to be cut on 1/22/21.

Thanks,
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From: [John McCormack](#)
To: chervle.adams@dc.gov
Subject: Re: media request--National Review magazine
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 2:17:19 PM

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Hi Ms. Adam's, just wanted to follow up to see if the medical examiner would have a few minutes free tomorrow for an interview. Thanks!

On Mon, Apr 19, 2021 at 5:01 PM John McCormack <john.m.mccormack@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Ms. Adams,

I'm the Washington correspondent at *National Review* magazine, and I was wondering if Chief Medical Examiner Francisco Diaz would have a few minutes to talk about his report on the death of Officer Brian Sicknick.

Many people in the media are jumping to the conclusion the riot had nothing to do with Officer Sicknick's strokes, and I was hoping chatting with Mr. Diaz might help clarify what the report does and does not say.

Best,

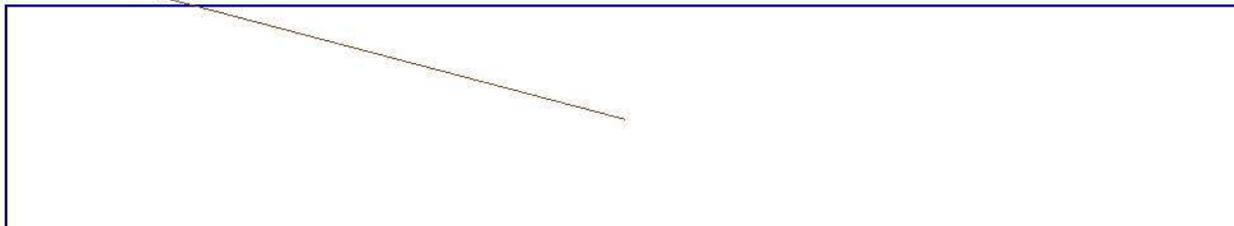
John

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From: [Light, Gilead \(USADC\)](#)
To: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Re: meeting
Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 7:45:27 AM

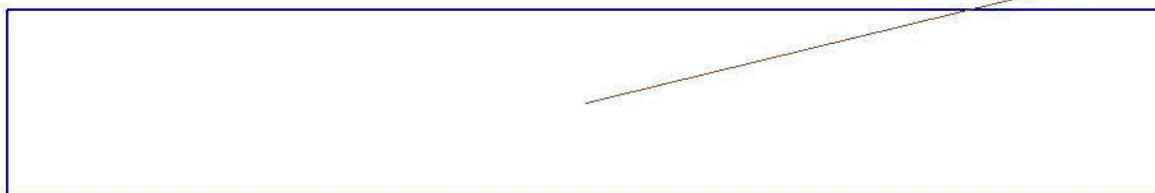
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Date: Friday, February 12, 2021 8:15:50 AM

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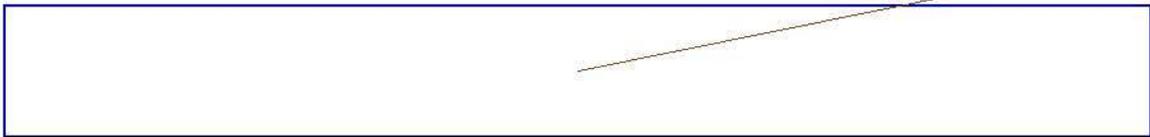
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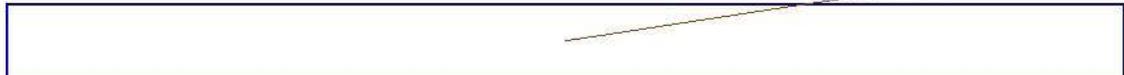


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Subject: Read: 21-00132
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 5:25:59 PM

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From: [Jordan Pascale](#)
To: cheryle.adams@dc.gov
Subject: Report for Ofc. Sicknick
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:07:54 PM

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Hi Cheryle –

Can you send me the report or the cause of death for Ofc. Brian Sicknick?

Thank you!

- Jordan

Jordan Pascale

Transportation reporter
WAMU 88.5 FM, Washington's NPR Station
402-203-7003 (cell)
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From: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Reporter requesting file for Off. Sicknick
Date: Thursday, February 18, 2021 3:33:23 PM

Cheryle,
Here's another reporter for your list...

Erin Mansfield
Investigative Reporter
USA Today Network
62 E. Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215
Phone 802-558-3024
emansfield@gannett.com

Rod Adams

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Hi there,

My name is Alexa Corse and I'm a reporter with The Wall Street Journal. Could you please share the report on the cause of death for Officer Brian Sicknick? I saw that the Washington Post [obtained a copy of the report](#) and I am writing a story about it as well.

Thanks so much,
Alexa

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Subject: Response to Sen. Johnson
Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 9:18:42 AM
Attachments: [Johnson re Sicknick investigation 2021_03_09.docx](#)

Dr. Diaz,

Attached is the draft response to Sen. Johnson's letter that we discussed this morning in case you would like to make revisions. I also welcome Cheryle's perspective as well.

When you are comfortable with it, I will be happy to convey it back to the Senate staffer.

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Good afternoon,

Would it be possible for you to send me the medical examiner's conclusions on the autopsy of Brian Sicknick, referenced here: https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/public-safety/brian-sicknick-death-strokes/2021/04/19/36d2d310-617e-11eb-afbe-9a11a127d146_story.html.

Thank you,
Evan

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From: [MacFarlane, Scott \(NBCUniversal\)](#)
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Hi Cheryle,

Reaching out from Politico. Would it be possible for me to get a copy of the medical examiner's report on Office Sicknick? Thanks so much.

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Can you confirm that the office has made a natural-causes determination on Ofc. Sicknick?

Brad Heath

Reuters

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Hi Cheryle,

I'm a reporter for the fact checking website Snopes, seeking information on the cause and manner of Officer Brian Sicknick's death.

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I. WEATHER

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**Today:** Sunny. High 38°. Low 29°.



<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**Winter Storm Watch:** From late tonight (1AM) through late Sunday night, [snow accumulations of 4 to 8 inches](#) and ice accumulations of a light glaze are possible throughout the entire NCR.



Event total snowfall valid 1/30 7PM–2/1 7PM (Source: NWS)

Winter Storm Operational Changes

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**NCR:** On Sunday, Metrobus will operate on a [moderate snow service plan](#). Scheduled work at Addison Rd, Arlington Cemetery, and on the Yellow Line bridge will be suspended. Metro will [deploy resources and equipment](#) to keep the tracks clear of snow and ice and treat station platforms, walkways, and parking lots. Trains can operate very close to a normal schedule in snowfall of up to six inches.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**City of Rockville:** A [snow emergency beginning 9AM Sunday](#) will require all vehicles to be removed from roads within the city, including neighborhood streets, by 9AM Sunday.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**City of Alexandria:** All [public school buildings and grounds will be closed](#) to staff, students, families and community members on Monday due to projected weather conditions. All programs and services at ACPS facilities, including food distribution, are canceled. Virtual classes will continue as normal.

II. DEVELOPMENTS OF NOTE

National Capital Region

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**District of Columbia:** The Capitol Police Officer Sicknick, who died from injuries sustained while protecting the Capitol on January 6, will [lie in honor at the Capitol Rotunda](#) on Tuesday at 9:30PM. A

Congressional tribute for Sicknick will occur 10:30AM Wednesday. A ceremonial departure will occur at 12PM Wednesday before Officer Sicknick’s interment at Arlington National Cemetery. All events are for invited guests only due to COVID-19 restrictions.

• **City of Alexandria:** Until February 5, warming centers will be available for those who do not have [access to a warm shelter](#) during the day. Due to COVID-19, access to city recreation centers normally available to the public as warming centers have been reduced.

• **City of Alexandria:** The Department of Community and Human Services is offering access to an [online mental health training resource](#) named Kognito. Using simulation and role-play conversations, Kognito allows residents and organizations to understand suicide prevention and assist youth affected by mental illness.

United States

• **Nationwide/Cyber:** CISA released a Malware Analysis Report on Wednesday detailing several malicious artifacts, identified by FireEye as [SUPERNOVA](#), that affected the SolarWinds Orion product. CISA has assessed that SUPERNOVA is not part of the SolarWinds supply chain attack described in the Activity Alert previously issued.

III. COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)

COVID-19 Data (as of 6AM)

NCR Case and Fatality Counts

Jurisdiction	Cases		Fatalities	
DC	36,414	+282	907	+5
MD NCR	148,939	+851	2,828	+12
Charles	7,909	+76	144	+1
Frederick	15,447	+105	235	+3
Montgomery	58,308	+297	1,254	+4
Prince George’s	67,275	+373	1,195	+4
VA NCR	139,999	+955	1,632	+24
Arlington	11,555	+68	200	+1
City of Alexandria	9,342	+43	104	+1
Fairfax HD	59,549	+340	800	+12
Loudoun	20,077	+256	179	+4
Prince William HD	39,476	+248	349	+6
NCR Total	325,352	+2,088	5,367	+41

Sources: [DC Health](#), [MDH](#), [Prince George’s County Health Department](#), [VDH](#)

NCR Vaccine Summary

Jurisdiction	Doses Administered		Phase
DC (as of 1/23/21)	51,421	+0	1b Tier 2
MD NCR	127,733	+10,673	1c
VA NCR	159,547	+11,866	1b
NCR Total	338,701	+22,539	N/A

Sources: [DC Health](#), [MDH](#), [VDH](#)

World Case and Fatality Counts

Metric	United States		Worldwide	
Cases	25,933,227	+166,059	102,144,857	+608,729
Fatalities	436,810	+3,604	2,208,782	+15,870
Recoveries	No Data	No Data	56,501,095	+370,095

Source: [Johns Hopkins University](#)

National Capital Region

• **Prince George’s County:** Public Schools employees began [signing up to receive COVID-19 vaccine](#) on January 28. As of yesterday, the county remains at a [high-risk level](#) in the three main factors that will allow in-person learning to begin.

• **Maryland:** Vaccine supply is extremely limited, and the demand will far exceed the supply for some time to come. As of January 29, the state has administered 852,625 vaccines, with approximately 23,000 doses given Thursday, January 28. However, the state is currently only receiving 10,000 doses a day.

• **Prince William County:** Starting February 1, the county’s [12 public libraries will be closed](#) to the public and offering curbside service only, so staff could dedicate time to COVID-19 vaccine call centers. In this new voluntary roll, staff will assist with vaccine appointments and provide general phone support.

United States

• **West Virginia:** The Department of Health and Human Resources [unveiled a new system through Everbridge](#). The new roll-out allows West Virginians to pre-register for COVID-19 vaccine and receive updates through text, phone and or emails. This is another tool in the toolbox that will help make the vaccination process as easy and efficient as possible.

• **Nationwide:** Johnson & Johnson is expected to file for an [emergency authorization](#) with the US FDA for their COVID-19 vaccine. Although the efficacy of the vaccine is markedly below the levels seen with the first two authorized COVID-19 vaccines, its efficacy rate of 66% is above

the thresholds set by the FDA.

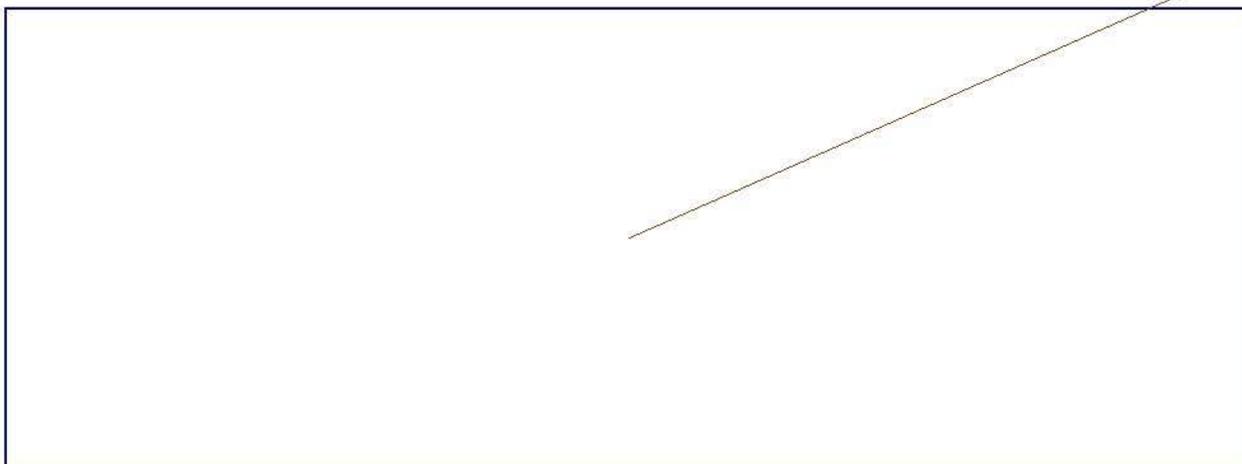
<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**Nationwide:** HHS amended the PREP Act to [expand authorization for vaccination administration](#) to any healthcare provider in any state or US territory with a license or certification in a state, and to physicians, registered nurses, and practical nurses whose license or certification expired in good standing in the last five years.

World

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**Worldwide:** The European Medicines Agency authorized the recommendation of AstraZeneca's vaccine, to be used in [people 18 and over](#). This is the third vaccine given the go ahead by the European Medicines Agency. Currently the agency has approved Pfizer and Moderna vaccines.

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I. WEATHER

• **Today:** Chance of flurries after 10AM, mixing with sprinkles after noon. High 40°. Low 28°.



II. DEVELOPMENTS OF NOTE

National Capital Region

• **District of Columbia:** A [US Capitol Police officer passed away last night](#) due to injuries sustained while physically engaging with demonstrators at the US Capitol on Wednesday, January 6 2021.

United States

• **Nationwide:** The Department of Defense's [Counter-Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems \(sUAS\) Strategy](#) provides a framework for addressing sUAS hazards and threats in a variety of operating environments, including the US homeland.

III. COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)

COVID-19 Data (as of 6AM)

NCR Case and Fatality Counts

Jurisdiction	Cases		Fatalities	
	Count	Change	Count	Change
DC	30,750	+268	808	+2
MD NCR	125,980	+1,091	2,533	+12
Charles	6,471	+75	128	+0
Frederick	12,446	+137	196	+2
Montgomery	49,257	+393	1,119	+5
Prince George's	57,806	+486	1,090	+5
VA NCR	111,715	+1,071	1,449	+8
Arlington	9,541	+121	184	+0
City of Alexandria	7,747	+71	89	+0
Fairfax HD	47,744	+463	713	+6
Loudoun	15,095	+122	162	+1
Prince William HD	31,588	+294	301	+1
NCR Total	268,445	+2,430	4,790	+22

Sources: [DC Health](#), [MDH](#), [Prince George's County Health Department](#), [VDH](#)

NCR Vaccine Summary

Jurisdiction	Doses Administered		Phase
DC (as of 1/4/21)	16,989	+0	1a
MD NCR	21,563	+2,475	1a
VA NCR	30,973	+2,819*	1a
NCR Total	69,525	+5,294	1a

Sources: [DC Health](#), [MDH](#), [VDH](#)

*Fairfax City Doses Administered remains at (9) as of 1/6/21

World Case and Fatality Counts

Metric	United States		Worldwide	
Cases	21,581,749	+276,426	88,140,964	+840,621
Fatalities	365,321	+4,024	1,900,380	+14,766
Recoveries	No Data	No Data	49,170,247	+312,532

Source: [Johns Hopkins University](#)

National Capital Region

• **Frederick County:** By the end of next week, [all 3,800 doses allocated to the Health Department](#) will have been distributed to Group 1A. All nursing home residents and staff and all Frederick Health Hospital health care staff who chose to be vaccinated have received their first doses. Vaccinations of first responders and other health care providers are still underway.

• **City of Alexandria:** Free COVID-19 testing kiosks are available. The kiosks will expand access and reduce wait times at other testing sites. Walk-up testing is available, but [appointments](#) are encouraged.



Image of testing kiosks (Source: www.Alexandria.gov)

• **Virginia:** To [accelerate Virginia's vaccination efforts](#), medical facilities will be required to use vaccine as soon as possible, or risk having future allotments reduced. Priority groups have been expanded, with K-12 teachers and childcare workers among the next to receive the vaccine. The Virginia National Guard will provide logistical support and help local health departments with administering vaccines as more doses become available.

United States

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**Nationwide:** During December 14–23, 2020, [21 cases of anaphylaxis after administration were detected](#) out of 1,893,360 first doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine (11.1 cases per million doses); 71% of these occurred within 15 minutes of vaccination.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**Nationwide:** CVS Health and Walgreens expect to [complete the first round of COVID-19 vaccinations](#) in nursing homes and assisted living facilities by January 25.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**Nationwide:** The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases has [begun phase 2/3 clinical trials of two antibody therapies](#) for mild or moderate COVID-19 cases.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**Nationwide:** HHS announced \$22 billion in funding to states, including the District of Columbia, to [provide critical support for testing and vaccination-related activities](#) to jurisdictions before January 19, 2021.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**California:** A new statewide public health order aiming to maximize surge capacity for all state hospitals is requiring [all California hospitals to accept patients](#) from hospitals in crisis care. In the past two months, COVID-19 hospitalizations have increased sevenfold, while COVID-19 ICU hospitalizations have increased by over sixfold.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**Florida:** Hard Rock Stadium in Miami is opening today as Florida's first [state-operated drive-thru vaccination site](#) for front-line health care workers and people 65 years and older. First doses were administered in a soft launch on Wednesday. Once fully operational, the site will administer 1,000 doses of the Moderna vaccine per day.

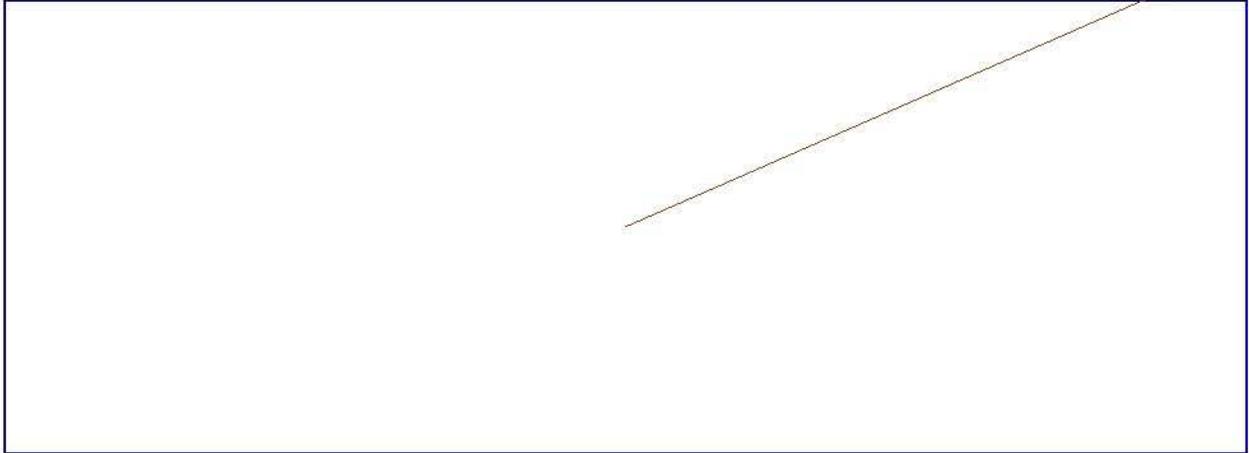
<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**Massachusetts:** All [hospitals have escalated to Tier 4 status](#) (the highest level), indicating active, ongoing constraints. The number of patients in hospitals increased by 145% and ICU admissions increased by 111% over the last six weeks.

World

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**Worldwide:** New research suggests that [Pfizer's vaccine can protect against a mutation found in two highly contagious variants](#) of COVID-19 from the UK and South Africa.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**China:** Researchers estimate 168,000 Wuhan residents were infected with COVID-19, [approximately three times more than official numbers](#). A separate study found as many as half a million people could have been infected.

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I. WEATHER

• **Today:** Snow likely, mainly before 8AM, then a chance of snow after 2PM. Cloudy, wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 28mph. Total daytime snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible. High 33°. Low 28°.



• A [Winter Weather Advisory](#) remains in effect until 9AM for the District of Columbia, portions of central, northern and southern Maryland and central and northern Virginia. A band of moderate snow capable of producing 1 to two inches will impact the I-95 corridor.

Impacts to COVID-19 Operations

• **District of Columbia:** Public COVID-19 testing sites [will re-open](#) today.

• **Prince William County:** COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics will have [delayed openings](#) today and appointments before 10AM have been canceled. Testing at James S. Long Regional Park has been canceled.

II. DEVELOPMENTS OF NOTE

National Capital Region

• **City of Alexandria:** Training will be held at the Corporal Charles W. Hill Law Enforcement Firearms Training Facility from 7AM until 9PM. Residents in the area can expect to hear [sounds of gunfire](#) as training will be held through the month.

III. COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)

COVID-19 Data (as of 6AM)

NCR Case and Fatality Counts

Jurisdiction	Cases	Fatalities
DC	37,008 +136	916 +3
MD NCR	150,963 +495	2,855 +12

Charles	8,060	+38	144	+0
Frederick	15,646	+31	237	+1
Montgomery	59,155	+190	1,266	+6
Prince George's	68,125	+236	1,208	+5
VA NCR	142,378	+658	1,642	+0
Arlington	11,769	+78	201	+0
City of Alexandria	9,482	+47	104	+0
Fairfax HD	60,436	+237	802	+0
Loudoun	20,484	+100	181	+0
Prince William HD	40,207	+196	354	+0
NCR Total	330,349	+1,289	5,413	+15

Sources: [DC Health](#), [MDH](#), [Prince George's County Health Department](#), [VDH](#)

NCR Vaccine Summary

Jurisdiction	Doses Administered		Phase
DC (as of 1/30/21)	62,219	+10,798	1b Tier 2
MD NCR	147,843	+2,639	1c
VA NCR	186,379	+10,624	1b
NCR Total	396,441	+24,061	N/A

Sources: [DC Health](#), [MDH](#), [VDH](#)

World Case and Fatality Counts

Metric	United States		Worldwide	
Cases	26,321,457	+134,033	103,486,647	+468,004
Fatalities	443,365	+2,034	2,240,276	+10,950
Recoveries	No Data	No Data	57,424,587	+299,155

Source: [Johns Hopkins University](#)

National Capital Region

• **District of Columbia:** Residents are being warned of a COVID-19 vaccine scam offering individuals the chance to [“privately purchase” a COVID-19 vaccine dose](#). No such option exists; all vaccines and vaccine providers are vetted and approved by DC Health.



• **District of Columbia:** Individuals who work in person for a licensed child care provider or an independent school located within

the District are now [eligible to book](#) a vaccination appointment with One Medical.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**Maryland:** The first two of six planned mass-vaccination sites are set to [open on Friday at Six Flags America in Prince George's County and at Baltimore Convention Center](#). Appointments will be available pending arrival of vaccine doses at the facilities.

United States

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**Nationwide:** Effective today, TSA will require individuals to wear a mask at TSA airport screening checkpoints and throughout the commercial and public transportation systems. This requirement will remain effective until May 11, 2021. [Passengers without a mask](#) may be denied entry, boarding, or continued transport. Failure to comply with the mask requirement can result in civil penalties.

World

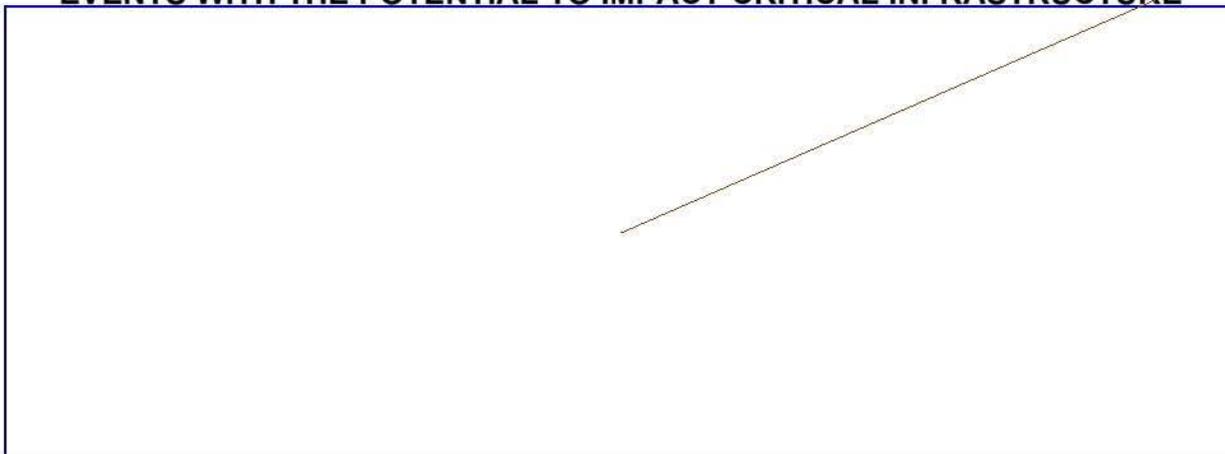
<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**Canada:** On Monday, Peel Public Health and confirmed the [first case of the South African COVID-19 variant](#) in Ontario. The Mississauga resident reportedly has not traveled.

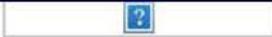
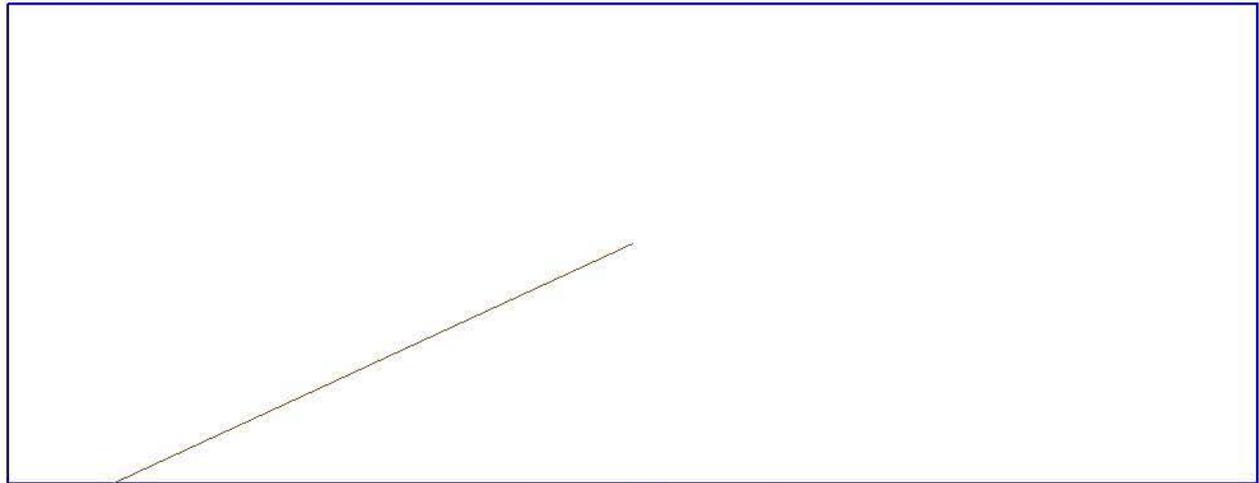
<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**Canada:** Toronto Public Health announced two confirmed UK COVID-19 variant cases [following a COVID-19 outbreak](#) at a meat production facility on Monday. Officials report that there is no indication that any cases identified had recently traveled or had contact with a person who traveled recently currently.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**South Africa:** One million doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine, the [first COVID-19 vaccine to be delivered in South Africa](#), arrived at Johannesburg's O.R. Tambo International Airport on Monday. The country's vaccination campaign will kick off with the injection of South Africa's front-line health workers. The first doses are set to be administered in mid-February after the vaccines are tested and approved by South Africa's drug regulatory authorities.

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I. WEATHER

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**Today:** A chance of snow before 10AM. Cloudy through mid-morning, then gradual clearing. Northwest wind 14 to 16 mpg, with gust as high as 29 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%. High 39°. Low 45°.



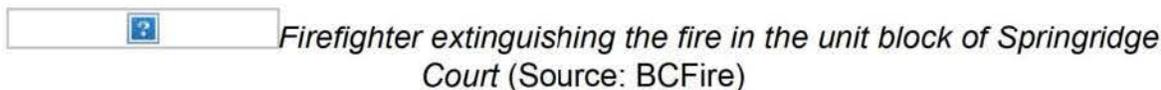
• **Wintery Weather Risks:** A light wintery mix is possible late [Thursday night into Friday](#) morning. Wind chill temperatures below zero are possible Friday Night over the ridgetops. There is uncertainty in precipitation amounts and extent of cold air late Thursday night into Friday.



II. DEVELOPMENTS OF NOTE

United States

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**Maryland:** Over 150 crew members responded to a three-alarm fire at an apartment complex in Baltimore Tuesday afternoon. No injuries were reported, [twenty-seven families were displaced](#), and over thirty units in the complex are uninhabitable.



<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**Florida:** Two FBI agents were killed and three were injured while attempting to serve a [high-risk warrant](#) yesterday morning in Sunrise (approximately 11 miles Northwest of Fort Lauderdale).

III. COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)

COVID-19 Data (as of 6AM)

NCR Case and Fatality Counts

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Jurisdiction	Cases		Fatalities	
DC	37,138	+130	921	+5
MD NCR	151,419	+433	2,860	+5
Charles	8,087	+27	144	+0
Frederick	15,722	+76	237	+0
Montgomery	59,292	+137	1,269	+3
Prince George's	68,318	+193	1,210	+2
VA NCR	143,025	+647	1,653	+11
Arlington	11,806	+37	203	+2
City of Alexandria	9,528	+46	104	+0
Fairfax HD	60,690	+254	807	+5
Loudoun	20,618	+134	183	+2
Prince William HD	40,383	+176	356	+2
NCR Total	331,582	+1,210	5,434	+21

Sources: [DC Health](#), [MDH](#), [Prince George's County Health Department](#), [VDH](#)

NCR Vaccine Summary

Jurisdiction	Doses Administered		Phase
DC (as of 1/30/21)	62,219	+0	1b Tier 2
MD NCR	150,779	+2,936	1c
VA NCR	196,911	+10,532	1b
NCR Total	409,909	+13,468	N/A

Sources: [DC Health](#), [MDH](#), [VDH](#)

World Case and Fatality Counts

Metric	United States		Worldwide	
Cases	26,435,696	+114,239	103,943,365	+456,718
Fatalities	446,901	+3,536	2,255,091	+14,815
Recoveries	No Data	No Data	57,754,110	+329,523

Source: [Johns Hopkins University](#)

National Capital Region

• **Montgomery County:** Two additional cases of the B.1.351 ([South African variant](#)) were confirmed yesterday in two individuals, who recently traveled abroad. Contact tracing is underway, and close contacts are isolating. The South Africa coronavirus variant was first reported in the United States last week, when officials announced two cases in South Carolina.

United States

• **Nationwide:** Beginning February 11, approximately 1 million additional COVID-19 vaccine doses will be shipped [directly to thousands of pharmacies](#). The effort aims to speed up the inoculation process and address equity concerns surrounding vaccine access.

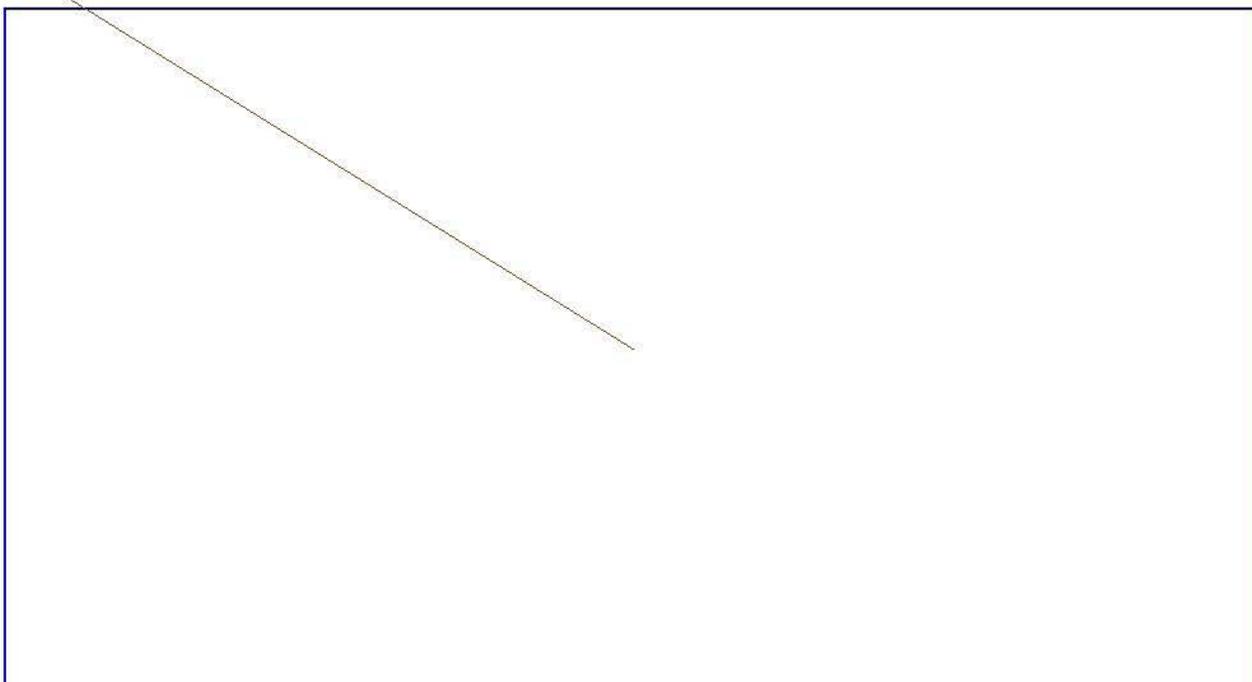
• **Nationwide:** A new diagnostic test is being developed to fight the flu & COVID-19. BARDA and Visby Medical are developing a [rapid test to detect these infections](#) for use at home & in point-of-care settings. The hand-held disposable device platform is expected to provide a sample-to-result time of less than 30 minutes.

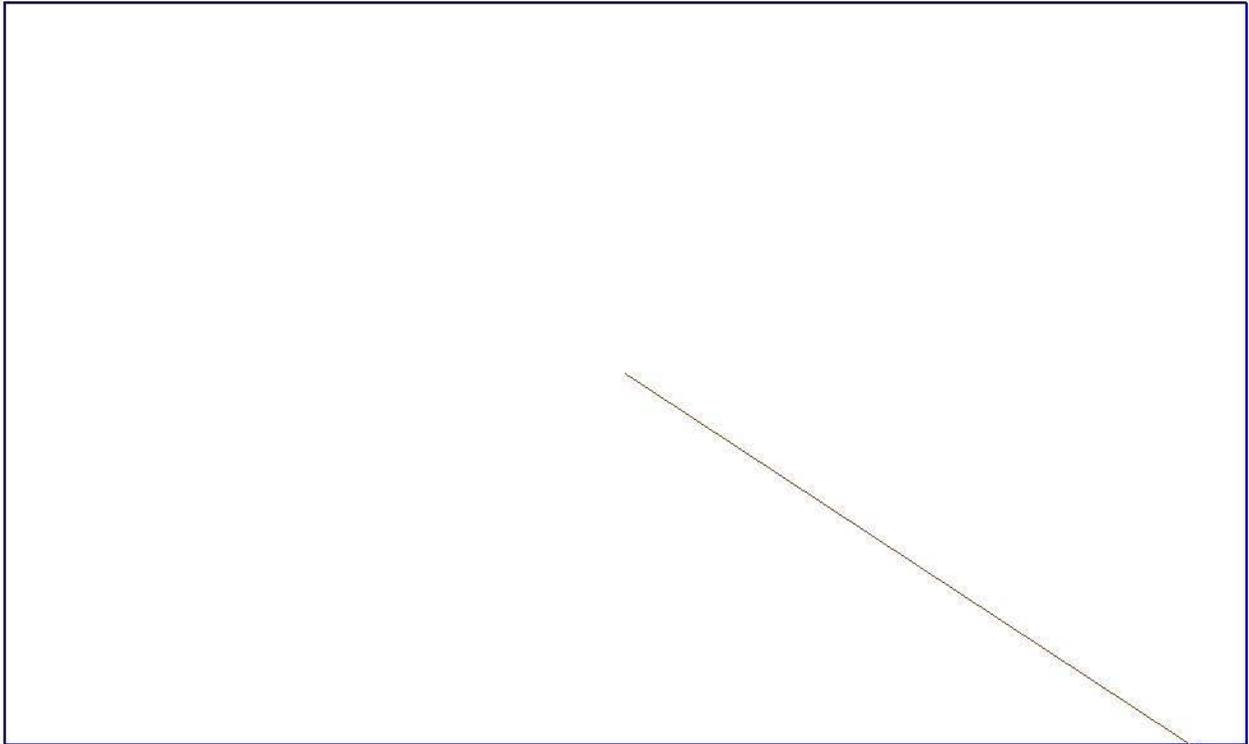
• **United Kingdom:** Recent tests on some samples of the COVID-19 UK variant have shown a [“concerning” mutation known as E484K](#). E484K is present in the genetic make-up of both the South African and Brazilian variants. Some research has shown that this mutation may help the virus evade antibodies, which would make it more resistant to the current generation of COVID-19 vaccines.

• **Russia:** The Sputnik V vaccine is [91.6% effective against symptomatic COVID-19](#) and 100% effective against severe and moderate disease, according to an [interim analysis](#) of the vaccine's Phase 3 trial results, which involved just under 20,000 participants. At present, the vaccine is registered in 16 countries.

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EVENTS WITH THE POTENTIAL TO IMPACT CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE





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Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#)
Subject: THANK YOU - TIME SENSITIVE/FINAL DRAFT: Cause and Manner for USCP Officer Brian Sicknick
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 3:10:37 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

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Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 3:10 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM)
Subject: RE: TIME SENSITIVE/FINAL DRAFT: Cause and Manner for USCP Officer Brian Sicknick

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From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 1:37 PM
To: Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM); Fields, Beverly (OCME)
Subject: TIME SENSITIVE/FINAL DRAFT: Cause and Manner for USCP Officer Brian Sicknick

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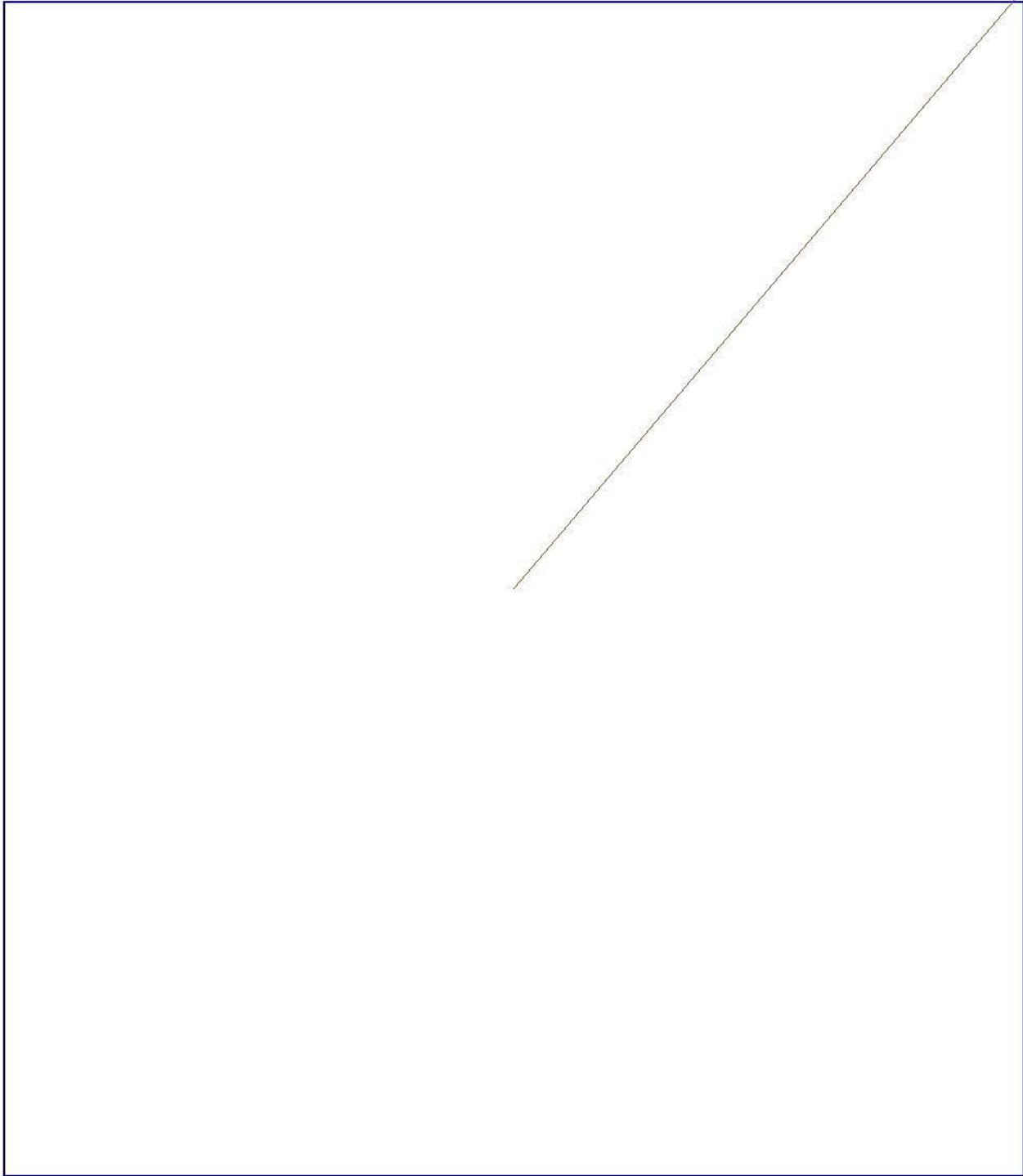
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From: Dedner, Olivia (EOM)
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 1:28 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: FINAL DRAFT: Cause and Manner for USCP Officer Brian Sicknick



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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Wallace, Danielle](#)
Subject: THANK YOU AND HAVE A GREAT EVENING: Fox News seeking confirmation -- Brian Sicknick cause of death
Date: Thursday, February 4, 2021 3:35:19 PM

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From: Wallace, Danielle [mailto:danielle.wallace@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2021 2:43 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: RE: FOLLOW UP: Fox News seeking confirmation -- Brian Sicknick cause of death

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Thank you very much for getting back to me and for adding me to the list of people to receive this information once it becomes available. Have a nice day.

From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 9:49 AM
To: Wallace, Danielle <danielle.wallace@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov>; Dedner, Olivia (EOM) <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FOLLOW UP: Fox News seeking confirmation -- Brian Sicknick cause of death

Good morning Danielle,

OCME medical examiners comply with the National Association of Medical Examiners' (NAME) standard to determine the cause and manner of death within 90 days; however,

for cases that are more complex it could be longer. Therefore, when this information is available and the decedent's next of kin has been notified, I will only provide you with the cause and manner of death. Additionally, I have added your name to the list to receive this information when it is available.

Best regards,
Cheryle

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From: "Wallace, Danielle" <danielle.wallace@FOXNEWS.COM>
Date: February 4, 2021 at 7:17:46 AM EST
To: ATD OCME <ocme@dc.gov>, "Records, OCME (OCME)" <ocme.records@dc.gov>
Cc: "Gaffney, Melissa" <Melissa.Leon@FOXNEWS.COM>, "Arroyo, Michael" <Michael.Arroyo@foxbusiness.com>, "Conner, Paul" <Paul.Conner@FOXNEWS.COM>, "Early, Jordan" <Jordan.Early@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Fox News seeking confirmation -- Brian Sicknick cause of death

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Good morning,

I'm reaching out from Fox News in New York. **When do you expect to release the official cause of death for fallen Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick?** Are you able to provide a copy of the autopsy report?

Can you confirm whether he suffered **blunt force trauma** during the riot at the Capitol on Jan. 6? Is it believed he was struck in the head by a **fire extinguisher**?

Can you confirm whether **exposure to chemical agents**, such as bear mace or pepper-spray, might have contributed to his death? Did he have any **pre-existing conditions** that also played a factor?

There are many conflicting reports as to what specifically caused Sicknick's demise.

Please let me know if we can get some clarification for our coverage on foxnews.com. Thank you.

Kindly,

Danielle Wallace

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FoxNews.com

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To: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: THANK YOU AND HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY! : FOLLOW UP/FINAL: Chief Medical Examiner Releases Cause and Manner of Deaths From January 6 Insurrection (NOT APPROVED)
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 8:03:51 AM
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From: Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 8:03 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: RE: FOLLOW UP/FINAL: Chief Medical Examiner Releases Cause and Manner of Deaths From January 6 Insurrection (NOT APPROVED)

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Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 7:55 AM
To: Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
Subject: FOLLOW UP/FINAL: Chief Medical Examiner Releases Cause and Manner of Deaths From January 6 Insurrection (NOT APPROVED)

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Good morning Dr. Diaz,

Thank you,
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From: Fields, Beverly (OCME)
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2021 8:53 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME); Dedner, Olivia (EOM)
Cc: Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
Subject: Re: FOLLOW UP/FINAL: Chief Medical Examiner Releases Cause and Manner of Deaths From January 6 Insurrection (NOT APPROVED)

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Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 7:08:48 PM

To: Dedner, Olivia (EOM) <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>

Cc: Diaz, Francisco (OCME) <francisco.diaz@dc.gov>; Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov>

Subject: FOLLOW UP/FINAL: Chief Medical Examiner Releases Cause and Manner of Deaths From January 6 Insurrection (NOT APPROVED)

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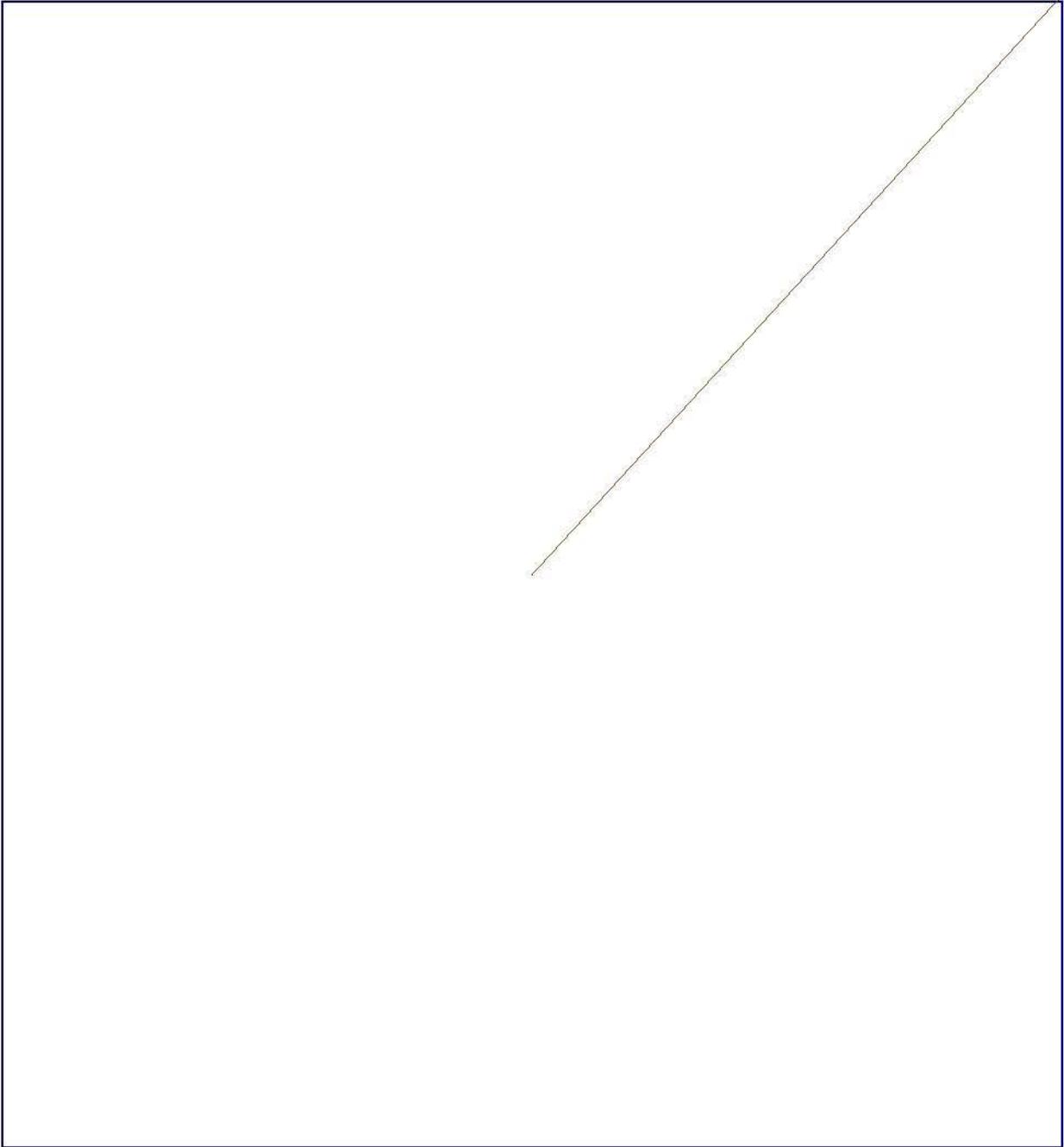
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2021 6:53 PM

To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)

Subject: FINAL: Chief Medical Examiner Releases Cause and Manner of Deaths From January 6 Insurrection (NOT APPROVED)

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: THANK YOU AND I WILL RESPOND: Update on Officer Sicknick
Date: Monday, February 8, 2021 1:13:20 PM

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From: Fripp, SaVern (OCME)
Sent: Monday, February 08, 2021 1:12 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: Fwd: Update on Officer Sicknick

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From: Julie Kelly <julie.kelly45@att.net>
Date: February 8, 2021 at 12:56:56 PM EST
To: ATD OCME <ocme@dc.gov>
Subject: Update on Officer Sicknick

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(SOC).

Hello - I'm a reporter for American Greatness and covering Officer Sicknick's death. Did you conduct an autopsy or review of his death? If so, will it be released publicly at any time?

Thank you in advance, my deadline is 6pm today.

Julie Kelly

From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: THANK YOU FOR THIS RESPONSE: FOIA request
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 9:23:13 AM

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From: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 9:23 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME); Fields, Beverly (OCME)
Subject: RE: FOLLOW UP: FOIA request

I will ask him to formally submit a FOIA request through the portal if he wishes to pursue the request. Nothing for you to do at this point.

Rod

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Subject: FOLLOW UP: FOIA request

Good morning Beverly,

Thank you for this email. Is there anything more that I need to do regarding this request? Please let me know.

Best regards,
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Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 8:14 PM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Cc: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: Re: FOIA request

Hi,

Mr. Seagraves called me this afternoon prior to his email and asked why information was provided to Mr. Herman at the Washington Post solely. He was quite upset. I referred him to the Mayor's Communications Team for response.

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> On Apr 19, 2021, at 4:38 PM, Adams, Rodney (OCME) <rodney.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

>
> Interesting. I'll sit on it until after we do release the info.
>
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>
> I would like all emails between Peter Herman of the Washington post and Cheryle Adams or Beverly Fields or anyone at OCME regarding cause and manner for Officer BRIAN Sicknick.
>
> I am making this request under the freedom of information act.
>
> Mark Segraves
> NBC Washington News
> 202-997-1576
> @SegravesNBC4
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> Sent from my iPhone, but never while driving. I would never do that. Although it would explain the typos.
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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#); [Francis, Anna \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: THANK YOU FOR THIS UPDATE: Litigation Hold Letter - Case NO. 2021 CA 000875 B
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:21:22 AM

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From: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 10:16 AM
To: Francis, Anna (OCME)
Cc: Diaz, Francisco (OCME); Adams, Cheryle (OCME); Fields, Beverly (OCME)
Subject: FW: Litigation Hold Letter - Case NO. 2021 CA 000875 B
Importance: High

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FYI...Judicial Watch has filed suit to obtain the Off. Sicknick case file.

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From: Jackson, Lori (OAG)
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 9:51 AM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Cc: Spencer, Cara (OAG)
Subject: Litigation Hold Letter - Case NO. 2021 CA 000875 B
Importance: High

Mr. Adams,

Attached please find a litigation hold letter and a copy of the complaint for the above referenced matter. Cara Spencer will be representing the District. Please feel free to contact either of us should you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,
Lori

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Records, OCME \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: THANK YOU : CNN inquiry about records request
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:00:11 AM

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From: Records, OCME (OCME)
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 8:59 AM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: Fw: CNN inquiry about records request

Good Morning Cheryle,

I'm forwarding this request from CNN. I also had a phone call a few minutes ago from someone who identified as media, and had provided your number. It may or may not have been the same individual, as I hadn't seen this email yet.

Thanks as always,
Andrew / Records

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From: Devine, Curt <Curt.Devine@cnn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 4:53 PM
To: Records, OCME (OCME) <ocme.records@dc.gov>
Subject: CNN inquiry about records request

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Hi OCME Records team,

My name is Curt Devine and I'm with the news network CNN here in Washington. I'm writing because we would like to submit a records request (Pursuant to the DC Freedom of Information Act) for the autopsy/toxicology report documents and any associated records related to Capitol Police Officer Brian D. Sicknick.

Is it accurate that OCME has been denying public records requests for these documents?

Thank you for any information. Best,

Curt Devine
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To: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#); [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: THANK YOU: Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick
Date: Friday, February 19, 2021 1:50:04 PM

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From: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 1:49 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Cc: Fields, Beverly (OCME); Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
Subject: RE: Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick

I'll handle him. I'm not sure that he can tell us apart.

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Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 1:48 PM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Cc: Fields, Beverly (OCME); Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
Subject: FYI: Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick

Good afternoon Rodney,

I wanted to confer with you before replying to Bill Marshall as the response sent yesterday does not constitute a rejection to his appeal. Please let me know if I should answer or should you follow up?

Thank you,
Cheryle

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From: Bill Marshall [<mailto:BMarshall@JUDICIALWATCH.ORG>]
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 1:42 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM); Fields, Beverly (OCME); Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Subject: RE: Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick

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Dear Ms. Adams,

Thank you for your note.

Does your reply constitute a rejection of the appeal I submitted yesterday to the DC Government following the earlier rejection of my Freedom of Information Act request seeking: "All records, including but not limited to autopsy reports, toxicology reports, notes, photographs, and OCME officials' electronic communications, related to the death on Jan. 6, 2021 of Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick and its related investigation."?

Respectfully,

William F. Marshall
Senior Investigator
Judicial Watch, Inc.
C: 202.641.4981

From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 3:20 PM
To: Bill Marshall <BMarshall@JUDICIALWATCH.ORG>
Cc: Dedner, Olivia (EOM) <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>; Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov>; Adams, Rodney (OCME) <rodney.adams@dc.gov>
Subject: Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick

Good afternoon Mr. Marshall,

OCME medical examiners comply with the National Association of Medical Examiners' (NAME) standard to determine the cause and manner of death within 90 days; however, for cases that are more complex it could be longer. Therefore, when this information is available and the decedent's next of kin has been notified, I will provide you with the cause and manner of death. Additionally, I have added your name to the list to receive the information when it is available.

Best regards,

Cheryle

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Levine, Daryl \(FEMS\)](#)
Subject: THANK YOU: USA Today: Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick's death investigated as homicide, any charges will be federal
Date: Friday, January 8, 2021 1:43:03 PM

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From: Levine, Daryl (FEMS)
Sent: Friday, January 08, 2021 1:31 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: RE: FOLLOW UP: USA Today: Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick's death investigated as homicide, any charges will be federal

Yes, all good.

Sincerely,

Daryl R. Levine

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From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 1:31 PM
To: Levine, Daryl (FEMS) <daryl.levine2@dc.gov>

Subject: FOLLOW UP: USA Today: Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick's death investigated as homicide, any charges will be federal

Good afternoon Daryl,

I see that I missed your call – was it pertain to the information below in your email? Have a great day!

Best regards,
Cheryle

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From: Levine, Daryl (FEMS)

Sent: Friday, January 08, 2021 1:23 PM

To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)

Subject: USA Today: Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick's death investigated as homicide, any charges will be federal

FYI if you have not already seen.

Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick's death investigated as homicide, any charges will be federal

USA Today

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2021/01/08/capitol-riots-brian-sicknicks-death->

[being-investigated-homicide/6593630002/](#)

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#)
Subject: THE REPORTERS RECEIVED THE STATEMENT: Sicknick OCME Report
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 6:35:23 PM

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From: Dedner, Olivia (EOM)
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 5:29 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: Fwd: Sicknick OCME Report

Please see below. Can you make sure this person at the Examiner received the statement. I do know they were on the list. I cannot recall that the requesting journalist.

-OWDedner
O: 202-724-5543
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All thumbs on an iPhone. Judge gently.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Metzger, Kristen (MPD)" <Kristen.Metzger@dc.gov>
Date: April 19, 2021 at 5:26:17 PM EDT
To: "Dedner, Olivia (EOM)" <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>
Cc: "Sternbeck, Dustin (MPD)" <dustin.sternbeck@dc.gov>, "Windham, Daisha (EOM)" <daisha.windham@dc.gov>, "Adminbox, PIO (MPD)" <pio.adminbox@dc.gov>

Subject: Sicknick OCME Report

Hi Olivia,

We have received the following media inquiries from the following asking MPD to comment on OCME's report of Officer Brian Sicknick:

Sadie Gurman (WSJ)
Jerry Dunleavy (Washington Examiner)

I anticipate a few more will come in. We are not commenting but wanted to check with you to see if you want us to direct them elsewhere.

Thanks,
Kristen

Kristen Metzger

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Records, OCME \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: THIS REQUESTED HAS BEEN FULFILLED: Requesting Info About Officer Sicknick
Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 3:38:29 PM

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From: Records, OCME (OCME)
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 3:31 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: Fw: NEWSWEEK: Requesting Info About Officer Sicknick

Cheryle,

We had received this media inquiry at the RMU email. Would you be able to respond to them?

Thanks!

Andrew / Records

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From: Julia Marnin <j.marnin@newsweek.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 11:24 AM
To: Records, OCME (OCME) <ocme.records@dc.gov>
Subject: NEWSWEEK: Requesting Info About Officer Sicknick

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Hello,

My name is Julia Marnin and I am a reporter for Newsweek. We are working on a story about the information surrounding Officer Brian Sicknick's death during the January 6 Capitol Hill riots. Can the DC Office of the Chief Medical Examiner answer a few questions below?

Is the medical examiner's report on Officer Sicknick complete? If not, when will it be released?

Is it possible to confirm or deny whether Sicknick was struck with a fire extinguisher on the head? Previously, multiple media outlets had reported that.

Any other information that is available surrounding his death that you are able to provide would be greatly appreciated.

I look forward to hearing back from you. Our deadline is as soon as possible.

Best,
Julia Marnin

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#)
Subject: [REDACTED] AND THANK YOU: FOR REVIEW
Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 1:13:46 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

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From: Dedner, Olivia (EOM)
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2021 12:56 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: FW: FOR REVIEW
Importance: High

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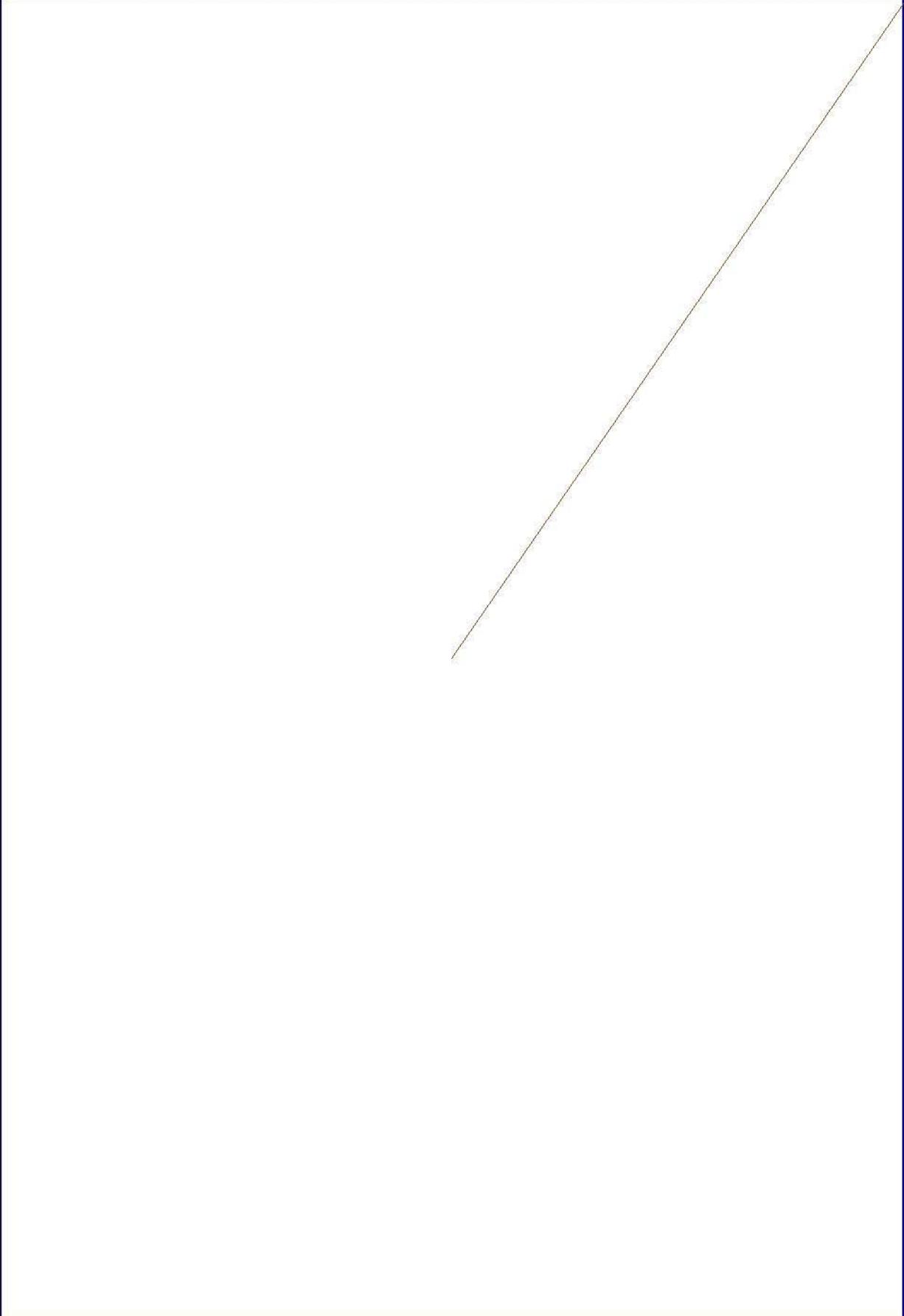
Kindly,

-OWDedner

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From: Dedner, Olivia (EOM)
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 12:45 PM
To: Gil, Helder (EOM) <helder.gil@dc.gov>
Subject: FOR REVIEW
Importance: High

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To: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: TIME SENSITIVE/FINAL DRAFT: Cause and Manner for USCP Officer Brian Sicknick
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 1:36:34 PM

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Good afternoon Dr. Diaz,



Thank you,
Cheryle

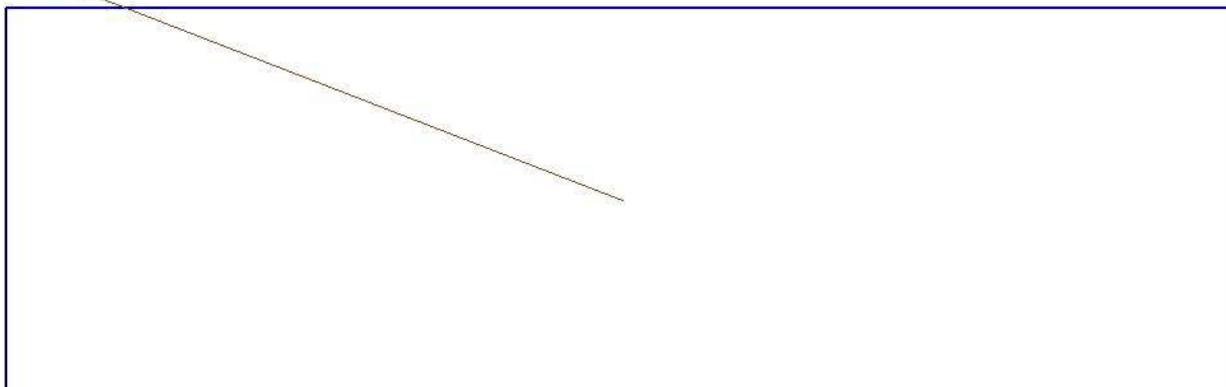
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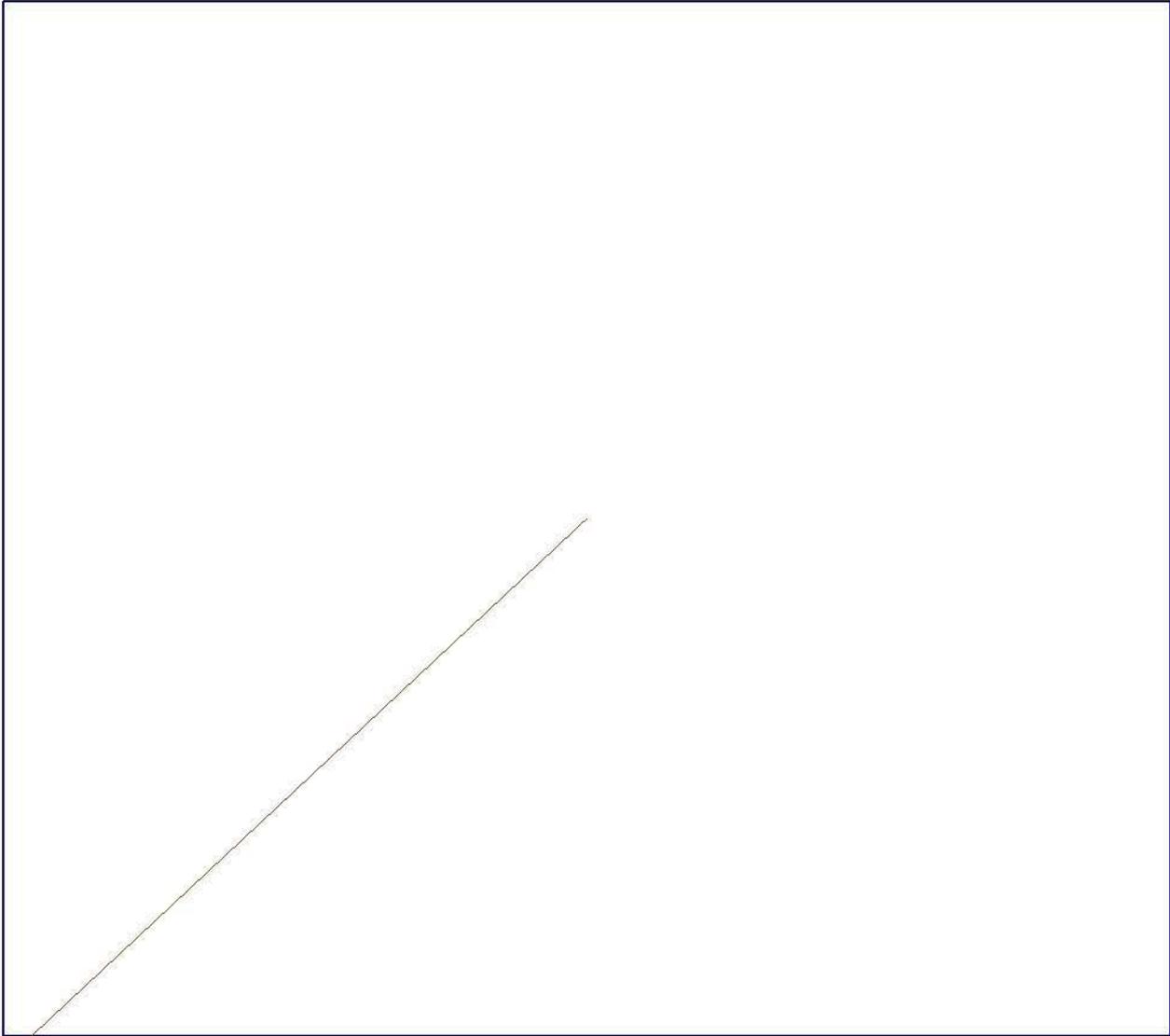


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From: Dedner, Olivia (EOM)
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 1:28 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: FINAL DRAFT: Cause and Manner for USCP Officer Brian Sicknick

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From: [Mychael Schnell](#)
To: cheryle.adams@dc.gov
Subject: The Hill media inquiry
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:29:42 PM

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Hi Cheryle,

I'm Mychael Schnell, a reporter with The Hill newspaper. I hope you're doing well! I saw The Washington Post [report](#) that the DC Medical Examiner's office found that Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick, who died shortly after the Jan. 6 attack at the Capitol, suffered two strokes and died of natural causes. Can you confirm this information? And if possible, can you please pass along the autopsy report? Any information you could provide would be helpful. Thank you!

Best,
Mychael Schnell

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From: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: Transitioning
Date: Monday, March 29, 2021 9:29:44 AM

Cheryle,

Congrats on the new gig! If you are bugging out before Dr. Diaz announces the results in Off. Sicknick's case, I would be grateful for your list of reporters to receive the announcement that you are keeping. It appears that I have been tagged to be the acting PIO. Does that come with a hat or a tee shirt?

Thanks for your help,

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Cc: [Flack, Eric](#); [Wilson, Stephanie](#); [Spaht, Erin](#)
Subject: UPDATE REQUEST: AUTOPSY RESULTS FOR US CAPITOL POLICE OFFICER BRIAN SICKNICK
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Good morning Cheryle,

I'm working with Chief Investigative Correspondent Eric Flake on the Capitol Riots court cases.

The Washington Post is reporting that US authorities have arrested and charged two men in the assault of U.S. Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick.

I'm reaching out to ask if the DC Medical Examiner's Office has any updated information on the cause of U.S. Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick's death or the release of autopsy results for Officer Sicknick.

We are working on a 3:00pm deadline, please feel free to email or call my mobile, 202-487-5711.

I look forward to hearing from you, appreciate your help, thank you,

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Cc: [Dedner, Olivia \(FOM\)](#)
Subject: UPDATE: January 6, 2021 Cause and Manner of Death Media Requests
Date: Monday, March 1, 2021 2:48:59 PM
Attachments: [Media Requests - Media Outlets Contacts 1.14.2021.xlsx](#)

Good afternoon Dr. Diaz and Beverly,

Please find attached the Excel spreadsheet (I have alphabetized the data by media outlet—column B) that provides the contact information for the reporters that have requested the cause and manner of death for the decedents from the January 6, 2021 Insurrection at the Capitol. Today, I have checked the cause and manner of death status of the decedents and the cause and manner of death are still pending. Therefore, I am providing you with the most current information to date (for awareness purposes) and once the cause and manner of death are ready for release for all the decedents, I will follow up with you regarding next steps in releasing this information. Please let me know if you should have any questions.

Thank you,
Cheryle

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#); [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#)
Subject: UPDATE: Media Requests - January 6, 2021 Insurrection
Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 10:56:06 AM
Attachments: [Media Requests - Media Outlets Contacts 4.6.2021.xlsx](#)

Good morning Beverly and Olivia,

I wanted to provide the most current spreadsheet with the contact information for the media outlets requesting the cause and manner of death for the five people who died on January 6, 2021.

Best regards,
Cheryle

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From: [Killion, Nikole](#)
To: chervle.adams@dc.gov
Subject: URGENT -- CBS News Q: Seeking confirmation of Sicknick cause of death (Deadline: 4/19 @ 5pEST)
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 3:57:53 PM
Attachments: [Outlook-o1o1wm2d.png](#)

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Good Afternoon,

Have you confirmed a cause of death for US Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick?
Is the following report accurate?

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/public-safety/brian-sicknick-death-strokes/2021/04/19/36d2d310-617e-11eb-afbe-9a11a127d146_story.html



Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick, who engaged rioters, suffered two strokes and died of natural causes, officials say

The ruling by the D.C. chief medical examiner probably will make it difficult for prosecutors to pursue homicide charges in the officer's death.

www.washingtonpost.com

Please advise. **My deadline is 5pEST.**

Nikole Killion

Congressional Correspondent

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 CBS NEWS

From: [Levine, Daryl \(FEMS\)](#)
To: [Adams, Cheryl \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: USA Today: Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick's death investigated as homicide, any charges will be federal
Date: Friday, January 8, 2021 1:22:31 PM

FYI if you have not already seen.

Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick's death investigated as homicide, any charges will be federal

USA Today

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2021/01/08/capitol-riots-brian-sicknicks-death-being-investigated-homicide/6593630002/>

Sincerely,

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Subject: Upcoming Neuropathology Conference on 1.25.2021
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 6:37:28 PM
Attachments: [Neuropath Brent Harris. Revised 11-1-2020.doc](#)

Hello All,

The upcoming neuropathology conference is scheduled on Monday, January 25, 2021. Dr. Harris will plan to arrive at OCME at **1:30 PM on 1/25/2021** to facilitate a grossing session for the cases listed below and to review microscopic slides for cases previously grossed.

As soon as possible, please forward a list of cases in which you prefer to review the corresponding slides or report with Dr. Harris when he arrives. We must receive the list of cases for microscopic review by Thursday (1/21/2020), at 9:00 AM, so that Dr. Harris may be prepared to bring the slides with him when he presents to OCME and Mr. Darby will have an opportunity to compile slides as well.

Please also note that medical students and neurology fellows may also accompany Dr. Harris during this grossing review session.

Attached is the AMENDED Neuropathology Consultation form that may be submitted to the mortuary staff prior to the conference.

Below is the list of cases (as of 1/13/2021) which have been fixing for approximately two weeks.

As soon as possible, please let us know if there are any scheduling conflicts or concerns regarding the list of cases.

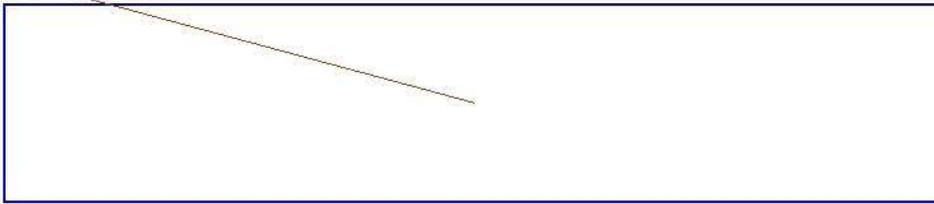
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Dr. S. Breland:

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Dr. F. Diaz:

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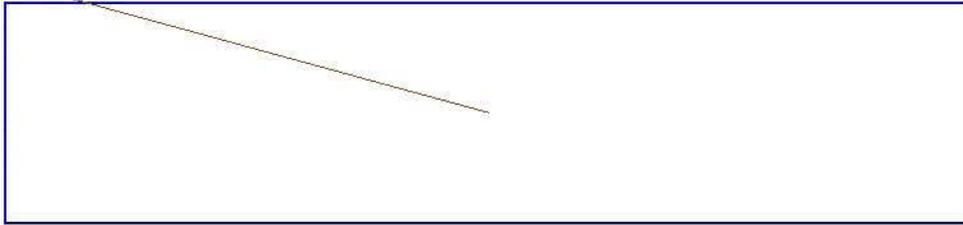
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Dr. J. Taylor:



Thank you,
Elizabeth

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Subject: Update on Sicknick autopsy
Date: Saturday, April 3, 2021 6:42:30 PM

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Hi Cheryle, I'm a reporter with American Greatness and emailed you several weeks ago about when Officer Sicknick's autopsy, toxicology report will be released. Do you know when it will be released and why, almost 3 months later, the results haven't been made public?

Thank you in advance for any response.

Julie Kelly

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To: Francisco.Diaz@dc.gov
Subject: Urgent CNN NEW DAY interview request
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Good Afternoon-

I'm reaching out on behalf of CNN NEW DAY. We would like to request a LIVE interview with Dr. Francisco Diaz regarding the autopsy of Officer Brian Sicknick.

New Day is LIVE between 6-9am ET. Can he join us anytime tomorrow morning? We can send a studio van to him or do this via CISCO or SKYPE.

Please confirm this has been received. Thank you. Carmen

Carmen Widman

CNN's New Day

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From: [Sarah Mimms](#)
To: cheryle.adams@dc.gov; olivia.dedner@dc.gov; [Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
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Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 5:06:27 PM

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We and other media need clarity on this. USCP said at the time that Sicknick died "**due** to injuries sustained while on-duty" does the ME agree or not?

Thank you,
Sarah Mimms

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To: Chervle.adams@dc.gov
Cc: [Spaht, Erin](#)
Subject: Use of Bear Spray on Officer Brian Sicknick
Date: Thursday, February 11, 2021 10:53:14 AM
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Hi Cheryl – I wanted to request comment on a few issues related to the death investigation into Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick.

1. CNN is reporting Officer Sicknick may have suffered an allergic reaction to bear spray used against police officers during the Capitol Riot? Is that accurate, or being investigated?
2. There are additional reports Officer Sicknick was not hit with a fire extinguisher, as previously reported, and that there were no signs of blunt force trauma or links between his death and being hit with a fire extinguisher? Is this accurate?
3. Is there any new information on a cause of death determination for Officer Sicknick? And can you anticipate when a cause of death will be determined and publicly released?

Thank you,
Eric Flack

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To: [Fripp, SaVern \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: WE WILL PROVIDE A RESPONSE: Request for Comment
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 1:36:50 PM

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From: Fripp, SaVern (OCME)
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To: Diaz, Francisco (OCME)
Cc: Adams, Rodney (OCME); Adams, Cheryle (OCME); Fields, Beverly (OCME)
Subject: Fwd: Request for Comment

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Hello,

Good day hope you are doing well.

Do you all have a comment on this? <https://www.judicialwatch.org/press-releases/brian-sicknick/>

Thanks,
Zack Stieber
The Epoch Times
917-509-1875

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Subject: WILL DO: 3 months?
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To: Fripp, SaVern (OCME)
Cc: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: Re: FOLLOW UP: 3 months?

You can just say, "We are in receipt of your comment. Thank you."
Bev :-)

On Apr 8, 2021, at 8:07 AM, Fripp, SaVern (OCME) <savern.fripp@dc.gov> wrote:

Good Morning Cheryle,

Yes, we have to respond to every email. Typically I would just say the Officer's case is pending and that's it.

SaVern

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On Apr 8, 2021, at 8:04 AM, Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov> wrote:

Good morning Beverly,

Does this email require a response? Please let me know.

Thank you,
Cheryle

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3 months and you can determine that 2 of the deaths were by natural causes, one by a drug overdose, one by a gunshot when the only ones carrying weapons were police. Yet after the lie of officer Sicknick's death being caused by a fire extinguisher, you have been "unable" to reach a conclusion about his death?

And we are to believe that?

George Weible

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Subject: WILL DO: AUTOPSY RESULTS FOR US CAPITOL POLICE OFFICER BRIAN SICKNICK
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Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 12:30 PM
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Good afternoon Cheryle,

Thank you for your response to the update, greatly appreciated.
I'd like to ask if you would add my name and email to the list to receive the information when it is available, again, thank you,

Stephanie Wilson | SENIOR MULTIMEDIA JOURNALIST

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Good morning Stephanie,

This case is pending and Eric Flack, one of your colleagues and copied here is on the list to receive this information when it is available.

Best regards,
Cheryle

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Subject: WILL DO: FOIA request from media
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From: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Sent: Monday, February 08, 2021 12:08 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME); Fripp, SaVern (OCME)
Subject: RE: FOLLOW UP: FOIA request from media

Sure! We will probably be well served to treat all the reporters the same.

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From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Sent: Monday, February 08, 2021 11:57 AM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME); Fripp, SaVern (OCME)
Subject: FOLLOW UP: FOIA request from media

Rodney,

Would you like for me to follow up with this individual? Please let me know.

Thank you,
Cheryle

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From: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Sent: Monday, February 08, 2021 11:55 AM
To: Fripp, SaVern (OCME)
Cc: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: RE: FOIA request from media

Thanks, SaVern. She sent the same request to me directly as well.

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From: Fripp, SaVern (OCME)
Sent: Monday, February 08, 2021 11:42 AM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Cc: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: FW: FOIA request from media

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From: Susan Katz Keating [<mailto:skeating@justthenews.com>]
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 11:40 AM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME); ATD OCME
Subject: FOIA request from media

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Hello,

This is Susan Katz Keating, a journalist with Just the News. Under the provisions of the

Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting the following:

The autopsy report for Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick.

I am requesting an expeditious response.

Sincerely,

~Susan Katz Keating
Just the News
1850 K St., NW, Ste 1000
Washington, D.C. 20006

Cell: 703-401-2547

From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Dedner, Olivia \(EOM\)](#)
Cc: [Diaz, Francisco \(OCME\)](#); [Fields, Beverly \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: WILL DO: Information Requested on Cause and Manner of Deaths From January 6 Insurrection
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 1:44:03 PM

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From: Dedner, Olivia (EOM)
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 1:42 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Cc: Diaz, Francisco (OCME); Fields, Beverly (OCME)
Subject: RE: FOLLOW UP: Information Requested on Cause and Manner of Deaths From January 6 Insurrection

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Cheryle –

As your usual SOP please include me in your distribution.

Kindly,

-OWDedner

Olivia Walton Dedner

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From: Adams, Cheryle (OCME) <cheryle.adams@dc.gov>

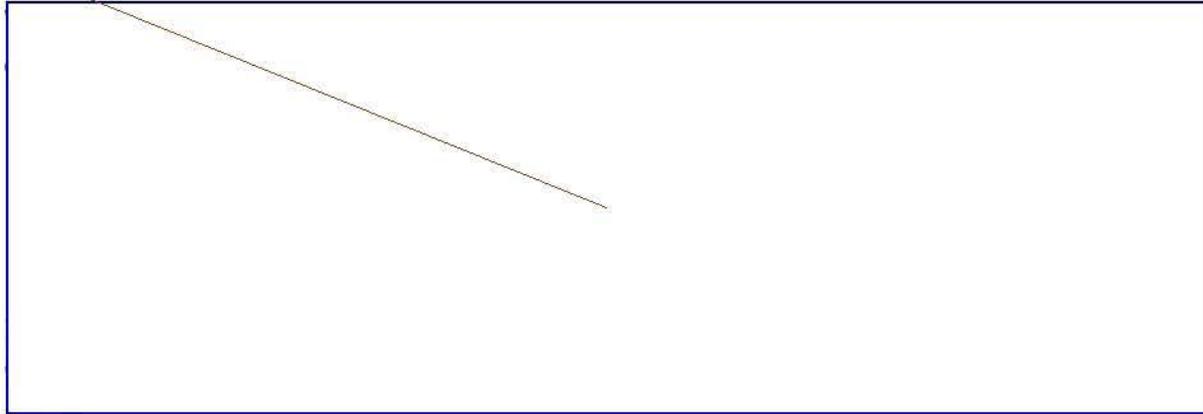
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 1:38 PM

To: Dedner, Olivia (EOM) <olivia.dedner@dc.gov>

Cc: Diaz, Francisco (OCME) <francisco.diaz@dc.gov>; Fields, Beverly (OCME) <beverly.fields@dc.gov>

Subject: FOLLOW UP: Information Requested on Cause and Manner of Deaths From January 6 Insurrection

Good afternoon Olivia,



Thank you,
Cheryle

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From: Dedner, Olivia (EOM)

Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 1:08 PM

To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)

Subject: Information Requested on Cause and Manner of Deaths From January 6 Insurrection

Importance: High

THIS WAS APPROVED TO GO OUT – USE AS PRESENTED BELOW:

On Wednesday, January 6, 2021 an unprecedented incident of civil insurrection at the United States Capitol resulted in the deaths of five individuals. The District of Columbia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. Francisco J. Diaz, MD, FACP, has issued the following determinations as to the cause and manner of death for four of those individuals.

Ashli Babbitt, 35 years old:

- Cause of Death—Gunshot wound to the left anterior shoulder
- Manner of Death—Homicide

Kevin Greeson, 55 years old:

- Cause of Death—Hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
- Manner of Death—Natural

Benjamin Phillips, 50 years old:

- Cause of Death—Hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
- Manner of Death—Natural

Roseanne Boyland, 34 years old:

- Cause of Death—Acute Amphetamine Intoxication
- Manner of Death—Accident

The cause and manner of death for Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick are pending.

Background explanation of medical terminology on the cause and manner of death:

As determined by the Chief Medical Examiner, the “cause of death” is the medical disease, injury, alcohol, drug or toxic substance that caused a person’s death. The “manner of death” describes the circumstances surrounding a person’s death and falls within one of the following categories:

- Accident: Used when there is no evidence of intent; an unintentional, sudden, and unexpected death.
- Homicide: Death results from the intentional harm of one person by another, including actions of grossly reckless behavior.
- Natural: Used when a disease alone causes death. If death is hastened by an injury, the manner of death is not considered natural.
- Suicide: Death results from the purposeful attempt to end one’s life.
- Undetermined: Used when there is insufficient information to assign another manner.

To learn more about the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner or cause and manner investigations in the District, visit ocme.dc.gov.

We need everyone in our community to pre-register for a vaccination appointment by going to

vaccinate.dc.gov or calling 1-855-363-0333. Already vaccinated or pre-registered? Reach out to friends, family, coworkers, and neighbors and help them pre-register. Together we can save lives and end this pandemic. #DCHOPE

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From: [Adams, Cheryle \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Adams, Rodney \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: WILL DO: Request Assignment
Date: Thursday, February 18, 2021 2:11:58 PM

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From: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 2:08 PM
To: Adams, Cheryle (OCME)
Subject: FW: Request Assignment

Cheryle,

Here is another reporter to add to your Jan 6th list:

William Marshall

bmarshall@judicialwatch.org

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From: rodney.adams@dc.gov [<mailto:rodney.adams@dc.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 9:01 AM
To: Adams, Rodney (OCME)
Subject: Request Assignment

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Dear Rodney Adams ,

Request # 2021-FOIA-03130 has been assigned to you for processing. Here's a brief summary of the request:

Request ID: 2021-FOIA-03130
Request Type: FOIA
Requested By: Marshall, William
Requested Date: February 16, 2021
Primary User: Rodney Adams
Target Date: March 9, 2021

Request Description:

All records, including but not limited to autopsy reports, toxicology reports, notes, photographs, and OCME officials' electronic communications, related to the death on Jan. 6, 2021 of Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick and its related investigation. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/06/2021 To 02/16/2021)

Assignment Note:

From: [Elise Cartmill](#)
To: "Chervle.adams@dc.gov"
Subject: WJLA/ABC 7 News on Officer Brian Sicknick Follow-Up
Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 1:13:43 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Hi Cheryle,

Thank you for taking my phone call a little while ago, I should have done a better job of introducing myself. I'm the new Assignment Manager for WJLA/ABC 7 News. I started back in mid – August, so, still just meeting people.

I wanted to check in and see if there is a cause of death for Officer Brian David Sicknick. Also, if there is not yet, add us to the list to be notified of cause of death when it is released.

Thank you so much for you time,

Elise Cartmill, Assignment Manager

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From: [Flack, Eric](#)
To: [Chervle Adams](#)
Cc: [WUSA-News Department](#)
Subject: [The Washington Post] Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick died from strokes one day after Jan. 6 riot, D.C. chief medical examiner rules
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 3:52:05 PM

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Hi Cheryl - Wondering if WUSA9 can confirm this Washington Post report? We had previously asked to be notified when a determination is made so we would like to report this information independently.

**Thanks,
Eric Flack
WUSA9**

Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick died from strokes one day after Jan. 6 riot, D.C. chief medical examiner rules

The ruling probably will make it difficult for prosecutors to pursue homicide charges in the officer's death, which came after he confronted pro-Trump rioters at the Capitol.

By Peter Hermann

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/public-safety/brian-sicknick-death-strokes/2021/04/19/36d2d310-617e-11eb-afbe-9a11a127d146_story.html

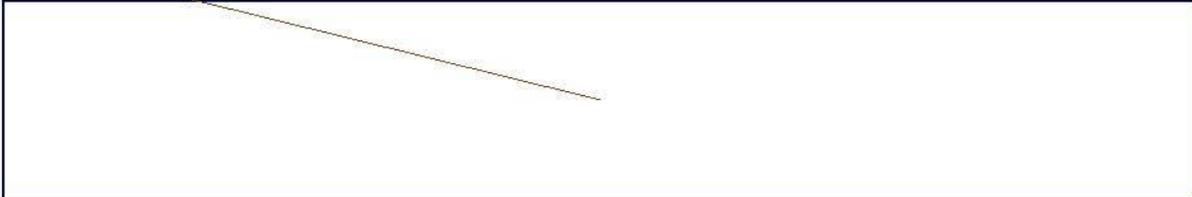
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From: [Lyles, Denise \(OCME\)](#)
To: [John Breen Johnson \(OCME\)](#); [Fields Broadbent, Leigh \(OCME\)](#); [Katherine Kim \(OCME\)](#); [Kurash, Lalynn \(OCME\)](#); [Wood, Rebecca \(OCME\)](#); [Ware-Murrell, Tiffany \(OCME\)](#); [Petrasek, MaryBeth \(OCME\)](#)
Subject: endorsements
Date: Friday, January 8, 2021 4:43:10 PM

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Covid Cases:



21-00132 Capitol Police Office- I have been unable to speak with mother, I am waiting for the Family liaison contact name & number to reach out, Officer Collier is obtaining that info, if someone calls, we need to establish kinship, funeral home name & number, the Officer will have a police escort when release so please call me when/if contact is made to our office.

Denise Lyles, PA, D-ABMDI

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From: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#)
To: [Betts, Elizabeth S. \(OCME\)](#); [Williams, Markeshia \(OCME\)](#); [Breanna Cuchara \(bcuchara@gmail.com\)](#)
[\(bcuchara@gmail.com\)](#)
Cc: [Brent Harris](#)
Subject: expedite 21-00132
Date: Friday, January 8, 2021 12:46:06 PM
Importance: High

Good afternoon,

I need the an expedited NP examination and report for case 21-00132. The brain should be properly fixed and ready to be cut on 1/22/21.

Thanks,
Dr. Breland

Sasha Breland, M.D.

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From: [John McCormack](#)
To: cheryle.adams@dc.gov
Subject: media request--National Review magazine
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 5:01:34 PM

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Hello Ms. Adams,

I'm the Washington correspondent at *National Review* magazine, and I was wondering if Chief Medical Examiner Francisco Diaz would have a few minutes to talk about his report on the death of Officer Brian Sicknick.

Many people in the media are jumping to the conclusion the riot had nothing to do with Officer Sicknick's strokes, and I was hoping chatting with Mr. Diaz might help clarify what the report does and does not say.

Best,

John

202-368-4151

From: [Breland, Sasha \(OCME\)](#)
To: gilead.light@usdoj.gov
Subject: meeting
Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 7:26:39 AM

Good morning Mr. Light,

I am following up to schedule the meeting to discuss case 21-00132. Does Friday (2/12/21) at 1 pm work for you?

~ Dr. Breland

Sasha Breland, M.D.

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From: [Jack Healy](#)
To: cheryle.adams@dc.gov
Subject: nytimes inquiry about DC riot deaths
Date: Monday, January 11, 2021 3:43:35 PM

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Cheryle,

Hi there. I was trying to figure out if you guys have any death-investigation information about the following five people who died in the Capitol riots. The names I have are:

Officer Brian Sicknick
Kevin Greeson
Rosanne Boyland
Benjamin Philips
Ashli Babbitt

Could you please give me anything you have, and whether you guy are doing investigations of which ones? my cell is 347-820-3697

thank you
jack.

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Jack Healy
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From: [Jansen, Bart](#)
To: cheryle.adams@dc.gov
Subject: press query
Date: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 11:24:43 AM

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Hello from Bart Jansen, a reporter at USA TODAY. My number is 703-854-8905, if you ever need it. I'm working on a story about Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick's death and I wanted to check if autopsy results were available yet? Thanks for any assistance.

Bart Jansen
Congressional correspondent



Office: 703.854.8905
bjansen@usatoday.com

From: [Jansen, Bart](#)
To: cheryle.adams@dc.gov
Subject: press query
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:08:50 PM

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Hello again from Bart Jansen, a reporter at USA TODAY. I heard the medical examiner released a cause of death for Officer Sicknick. Could I have a copy of the report? Thanks for any assistance.

Bart Jansen
Congressional correspondent



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