



Shelby County Government

A C Wharton, Jr.
Mayor

Brian L. Kuhn
County Attorney

August 17, 2006

Ms. Mary L. Neal
5315 Kelleys Mill Circle
Stone Mountain, Georgia 30088

Re: Larry M. Neal, Deceased

Dear Ms. Neal:

Upon receipt of your letter in July, I requested that the attorney that is currently handling the Sheriff's Department litigation for Shelby County look into this matter. Based on her report it is concluded that the file in this matter was handled by a former Senior Assistant County Attorney, Fred E. Jones, Jr., who has since left the County's employment. However, a review of that file which has been placed in archives indicates that the Critical Incident Review Report of Mr. Neal's death was provided to the Criminal Justice Coordinator for inclusion in the Semi-Annual Report to the United States Department of Justice. It further reveals that the Internal Affairs investigation as well as the autopsy report indicated no wrongdoing on the part of any County employees or officials resulting in Mr. Neal's death.

Further, the file did not reveal any correspondence from the Cochran Firm so I cannot comment upon or address your issue there. I do know that while Commissioner Bolton was with the Cochran Firm he did request of our office to make sure he was personally aware of any position taken by the Cochran Firm that would be adverse to Shelby County and we sent him several notification letters when that would occur. Commissioner Bolton is no longer with the Cochran Firm.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian L. Kuhn".

Brian L. Kuhn
Shelby County Attorney

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