

Marc Keast and the Remington Case

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Karen,

It's been more than 4 months and you don't have the minimum respect to return my calls or acknowledge my emails. This is the last time I will be contacting you. It's up to you if would you like to talk about this matter privately or publicly. I have cc'd Chief Zinser of the whole Novi Police team and they can inform you as well Keast's lies and failures in prosecuting this case.

- A) Keast Lied to Judge Valentine and withheld the evidence as to who logged into Remington's Snapchat account while he was in jail. Chief Zinser, Sergeant Snell and Detective Harwell will give you this evidence but Keast have them as well.
- B) Keast Lied to Judge Valentine about Beth Hand and a Brady violation. There was no Brady violation because, per Eric Zinser, every police report has a date stamp, and the police report regarding the Snapchat sent from Remington's account while he was in jail didn't exist until Keast created it with Detective Balog in January 2021.
- C) Keast withheld the Snapchat transcript identifying the person using the account as well as the geolocation data identifying where the Snapchat came from. The location is the address of the same person who identified himself in the transcript - Connor Gibaratz.
- D) Keast, in an email, stated his excuse for dismissing the case was because Remington's admission of guilt via Snapchat was unreliable because it was in a "group" chat. This is absolutely false and literally impossible. When someone sends a message to a story sender in Snapchat, it only goes to the sender. It is not possible for any other followers of the sender who received the story to receive or see a message sent to the story creator. So, every time Remington identified what he gave Denis, it was a direct question/answer between two individuals. Beth Hand had a Snapchat representative on the witness list to explain exactly how Snapchat works. Why wouldn't Keast have relied on this expert witness to a) educate him and b) testify to the jury the way we have one for our civil case before Judge Hubbard?

I believe all the failures are excuses to dismiss the case. I believe Marc Keast is a rogue prosecutor and betrayed the people he's supposed to represent. He sided with the defense attorney and lied about Beth Hand's role in the "Brady Violation." She told him straight away, "I never received the police report." He told Beth that Balog emailed it to her, and she responded, "Show me the email." Keast never did because it was a lie and wanted to help Neil Rockind client.

We met with Keast's boss, David Williams, in August 2023 and shared *all* of this with him. After learning about the Snapchat sent from Remington's account, he said obstruction of justice charges could be warranted. Williams told us and out attorney, Bob Ihrie, he would contact the Novi Police to reopen the investigation. This was another lie out of your office. We learned from Chief Zinser in March 2024, nobody from the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office contacted him or anyone else in his department about reopening the case. To make matters worse, David Williams threatened me through attorney Bob Ihrie saying, "Just let her know I have prosecutorial discretion and **Her Hatred will Not play well.**"

I demand apology from Williams and Marc Keast to be removed from the prosecutor's office immediately for all the reasons above. This case can be a learning experience for all your assistant attorney's and round the world that no one is about the law and you don't have prosecutorial discretion to get drug dealers and murders out of jail when you have the evidence for a conviction. A drug dealer and a murder is on the loose as today because your corrupt attorney's believe they are smarter than a [magistrate Richardson who set the \\$1,000,000 bond](#), and [Judge Reeds](#) and Judge Alexander who denied multiple attempts by defense to get it

modified. They understood how dangerous Remington is to our community. But Keast, with the help of the defense attorney, lied to and [manipulated Judge Valentine](#) and eventually got him out. Whatever power you think you have is given by the people of Oakland County and can be taken away by these same people. I look forward to your call by the end of the day or I will contact the Attorney General. The public will be made aware of what's happening behind closed doors in your office and how you treat victim's families.

Regards,
Linda Preka Thom

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

On Friday, March 22, 2024, 1:28 PM, lindathom2013@yahoo.com <lindathom2013@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Eric,

See attached letter these are 12 failures on my son case, but the biggest failure is to my family. Balog has yet to own his mistakes and take accountability. The monster, Nick Remington, who, to date, has gotten away with not only murdering my child and obstructing justice by using Connor Gibaratz, an eyewitness and accomplice to the crime, to log into his Snapchat account while he was in jail. As we mentioned in our meeting, [Chief Assistant Prosecutor David Williams](#) has known about the geolocation data since we showed it to him in a meeting last August 9 2023 with our lawyer, Williams and his investigator, Dave Szlezynwier. He lied to us saying he would contact you to investigate, and we have contemporaneous notes from our lawyer proving it. You confirmed in our meeting that nobody from the Prosecutor has contacted regarding this matter. I have no doubt, if Beth Hand had been given the supplemental reports and Zip file, Remington and Connor would have been convicted by now. By the way, the Snapchat was sent one day before the preliminary hearing. During the hearing, Remington's attorney, Neil Rockind, who has sold his soul to the devil, says to Judge Reeds, "It's not my client who's writing those messages. [" All it would take is an individual to know March 19th. All it would take someone to have access to the account and a password."](#) Nobody will ever convince me Rockind wasn't at least aware of and more likely the mastermind behind the obstruction conspiracy. I told Beth **after the hearing** before we showed her the screenshot "I believe Neil logged on Remington account last night" she reply "I dont believe because he can lose his license".

This evil attorney then goes and twists the story to corrupt Mark Keast to go against Beth Hand, an innocent woman who tried so hard to do her job right.

Nobody is questioning Detective Balog's character, we are all human and things can be forgotten or overlooked. If he were to simply own the mistakes, all of this would have been avoided. However, he we are, but it's not too late right the ship. Is 24 hours a fair amount of time for you to complete the supplemental reports with the new information brought to your attention? Once done, in addition to providing a copy and cc Karen McDonald. After I have the report, we will see how Karen McDonald Chief Assistant Prosecutor David Williams use their prosecutorial discretion that so far has been used keep a murderer and drug dealer who has threatened the lives of five witnesses out of jail.

David Williams is now trying to cover for Keast and doest have to guts to let Judge Valentine the truth. This won't stand not in our great country, and I will show Keast and Williams that no one is above the law. They will come to learn the love of a mother and the truth is more powerful than office they hold.

Regards,

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On Friday, March 22, 2024 at 10:15:58 AM EDT, lindathom2013@yahoo.com <lindathom2013@yahoo.com> wrote:

Eric.

If you had asked me before September 2022 what kind of a job Detective Balog had done, I would have agreed with you.

But on September 22, 2022 I received a phone call from an individual named Austin Kuttrel. Thanks to him and the information he provided, my eyes were opened.

Austin was the one who made us aware of who logged into Remingtons account while he was in jail. Until that point I hadn't seen the videos of my son being murdered or opened one page of the FOIA. Austin told us Remington's mother was paying Connor not to talk, and covering all his legal fees. Regarding the legal situation, Connor and Remington are being represented by the same attorney in our civil case with Mike Morse.

Austin was with Connor when he went to Best Buy to buy a spare phone to talk to Remington's mother while Remington was in jail. She would then give instructions what to do on Remington's behalf. There are more details but I have no reason to tell you because I already gave all this information to Marc Keast. He was not interested to pursue with an investigation. That's the day I realized he's not interested in finding justice for the people of Oakland County, but is helping drug dealers and murderers get out of jail.

Let me go step by step all Balog's mistakes on this case:

1. Not recording witnesses. Every single court date the defense attorney brought up the question, "Why weren't the eyewitnesses recorded?" I'm asking the same question of you to ask Balog. Why eyewitness of a crime weren't recorded? [See all Judge Transcripts](#)
- Failure to investigate Connor and Paul covering up the crime, and lying to police the night of the crime. There is plenty of evidence to charge them both of them.
 - a-March 19, 2019 3:04AM [Private messages between Connor and Remington](#) after he left the sean
 - b-March 19, 2019 [First interview with Connor and Paul](#) lying to police that Remington was not there that evening but they admit his was after they were shown the video.
 - c-March 19, 2019 Remington telling Denis ["U got an exam at 8am Thats what the coffees for"](#) That was true, he did have an exam that morning. Why didn't Balog call the school to confirm what time Paul was supposed to be in class?
 - d-House images. Balog had the videos by now and it shows clearly on the video the house was a mess during the crime, but in the morning when the police arrived it was all cleaned up.
 - e-Victims body. When the police arrived, he had been dead for 6 hours since 3:04AM when Remington left until 9:05AM and no one called the police
 - f- [Autopsy report](#): in April 2019 we asked Andrew Hanosh, Deputy Medical Examiner, how long after the last video would Denis have died? He told us he couldn't give an exact time, but it would have been measured in minutes, not hours, based on his eye direction and body condition.
- April 2 2019 I retrieved my son's phone from the Novi Police because a detective with 26 experience can't guess the most popular password. Well, I did Balog's job by calling a friend at the Apple store and asked what is the most popular password? He told me "0000" and that was my son's password. How hard is it for a detectives to use the brain? That same day he told me that Connor and Paul are telling the truth and they have no reason to lie because, "I have interviewed them a few times, and they are not repeating themselves." On base of that he believed they were telling the truth.
- April 3, 2019 Failed to make a supplemental report regarding the death threats after receiving an email from witnesses. Olga Lurye and Cara Mastanduno. The emails included screenshots of the threats.

- Failed to make a supplemental report when I called him on April 2019 about Addison Viener. Addison wanted to talk to him because he believed his life was in danger from Remington. Remington threatened him after Connor told Addison, "Nick killed Denis." Connor also showed him other videos on his phone that police don't have. When I asked Balog about it his reply "I called him but he didn't pick up"
- Failed to get Connor and Olgas usernames corrected on search warrant after he knew they were wrong. It's easy to find out there usernames because they are clearly shown on the first transcripts from Snapchat
- Connor Gibbaratz username Olga Luyre username
- Failed to make Intagram search warrant for Olga and Connor knowing that Connor had already admitted to her "Nick killed Denis last night."
- Fail to make a supplemental report when Avery Eckert meet with eyewitness Paul Weedier and he admit that Remington had giving Denis MDMA the night of the crime.
- Failed to make police report on September 26 2019. I believe the report was made the same day with Keast present when they have gone thru the files together and was printed the same day.
- Failed to make a supplemental report on **November 21 2019** when Balog received the second warrant snapchats evidence.
- Failure to read the transcripts and give ADA Hand the new report and zipfile. Still, to this day, this report doesn't exist.

Eric, these are 12 failures, but the biggest failure is to my family. Balog has yet to own his mistakes and take accountability. Instead he blames Beth Hand behind her back when she's not there to defend herself. If Balog just tells the truth and the story ends there. No one is questioning Balog's character. We are human and things can be forgotten.

On Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 01:37:29 PM EDT, Jamie Thom <jamesgthom@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Chief,

Thank you for your time and effort in helping us with this. Here are concerns I have with your reply:

1. "The report was presented in person to the prosecutor's office. I have no way to tell you when that happened." You may not know when the original report was delivered, but we all know when it was created because of the date/time stamp (6/4 and 6/6 2019). We also know the creation date/time stamp of the supplemental reports and when they were given to Marc Keast (1/28/2021). Your department has copies of these, correct? Our question remains unanswered, will you confirm if there's another copy of the supplemental reports created between October 2019 and January 2021? This doesn't require any speculation on your part.
2. "I cannot speak to how the investigation was conducted, the detectives' methodology, or why he may or may not have done something. I can say with certainty that the investigation was thorough, timely, and complete. That is evident by the warrant being issued and all the court proceedings leading up to the circuit court level." If you can't speak to how the investigation was conducted, how can you conclude it was thorough, timely and complete? How is the investigation thorough and complete when the detective submitted incorrect Snapchat usernames in his warrant, but never resubmitted the correct usernames after he was made aware of the mistake? How about the failure to include the geolocation data in his supplemental report? Or the detective's failure to create a report regarding Gibaratz admission in the transcript that he was the person using the "hulkolas" account? We respectfully disagree that the investigation is thorough and complete as it relates to the second Snapchat warrant. Is there any reason why you can't add another supplemental report that includes this critical information?

Again, we are truly grateful for your assistance in this matter and your interest in finding justice.

Best regards,
Jamie Thom

On Thu, Mar 21, 2024 at 11:10AM Zinser, Erick <ezinser@cityofnovi.org> wrote:

Good Morning Linda

You and your family have suffered a tragic loss. I cannot begin to understand all you have gone through and as a parent I hope I never have to go through such a tragedy. Then, to have the case dismissed is unforgivable. Denis died on March

19th. Detective Balog conducted a thorough and complete investigation. It was presented to the Oakland County Prosecutors Office. An arrest warrant was authorized, and the suspect was in custody on June 12th.

The report was presented in person to the prosecutor's office. I have no way to tell you when that happened. The case was vetted through multiple layers of the prosecutor's office before the warrant was issued, it went through a probable cause hearing and preliminary hearing at the district court level and bound over for circuit court. I cannot reasonably explain why the case was dismissed. From what I can see, the prosecutor's office has our entire file.

I can only speak about what I can see in our reports regarding when they were created. I cannot speak to any timeline as to when the detective typed them. If there was a delay, I cannot say why. It is not out of the ordinary for supplement reports not to be typed immediately as an investigator may be waiting for additional information. I cannot speak to how the investigation was conducted, the detectives' methodology, or why he may or may not have done something. I can say with certainty that the investigation was thorough, timely, and complete. That is evident by the warrant being issued and all the court proceedings leading up to the circuit court level.

By now you have our entire file except for what might be considered evidence, and we are also preparing your latest FOIA request. Anything in the file that may be of evidentiary value like the zip files can be obtained through discovery or further FOIA requests through an attorney.

I know these aren't the answers you are hoping for but it's what I can provide.

I truly wish you well and hope you get the answers that I cannot provide.

Take Care

Erick



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Subject: FOIA-Snapchats Zip file

Good morning Erick,

I was wondering how long it will take to supply us with both Snapchat original ZipFile. As you can imagine, I can't wait to see the original files so I can find out if the threats were deleted from the Snapchat transcripts I received from the Prosecutor's Office. If possible on your end, I can pick the file up this afternoon or tomorrow.

Regards,

Linda

