

Involvements

| Date | Type | Description | |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 02/23/24 | Name | BROOME, DAVID | Related Record |
| 06/14/17 | Name | HAMMOND, PAUL GEOFFREY | Victim |
| 06/14/17 | Name | HAMMOND, JAYNE | Complainant |
| 06/14/17 | Cad Call | 10:09:51 06/14/17 EMS Cardiac Arr | Initiating Call |
| 02/23/24 | Property | CD-ROM Jayne Phone Interview 0 | Property |
| 02/15/24 | Property | CD-ROM Info Received from PGI 0 | Property |
| 02/15/24 | Property | CD-ROM 911 Enhanced w/ Info 0 | Property |
| 02/15/24 | Property | CD-ROM PGI Phone Recordings 0 | Property |
| 09/27/21 | Property | CD-ROM SLED 911 Disc 0 | Property |
| 09/27/21 | Property | CD-ROM Verizon Results 0 | Property |
| 09/23/21 | Property | CD-ROM Broome Audio 0 | Property |
| 03/19/21 | Property | Document Physical Report 0 | Property |
| 03/11/21 | Property | CD-ROM Autopsy Pics 0 | Property |
| 03/11/21 | Property | Document Bluffton EMS 0 | Property |
| 03/11/21 | Property | Document Autopsy Reports 0 | Property |
| 03/11/21 | Property | Document 911 Transcript 0 | Property |
| 01/06/21 | Property | Compact Disc 911 RECORDINGS 0 | Property |
| 01/04/21 | Property | 911 Tape Req 0 | Property |
| 02/26/24 | Evidence | Jayne Hammond interview | Evidence Incident |
| 02/20/24 | Evidence | Phone Recording | Evidence Incident |
| 02/20/24 | Evidence | Enhanced 911 call | Evidence Incident |
| 02/20/24 | Evidence | Investigate Documents | Evidence Incident |
| 09/29/21 | Evidence | CD of Interview D Broome | Evidence Incident |
| 09/28/21 | Evidence | cd SLED 911 enhancement | Evidence Incident |
| 09/28/21 | Evidence | cd VERIZON RECORDS | Evidence Incident |
| 03/22/21 | Evidence | Physical Report | Evidence Incident |
| 03/12/21 | Evidence | CD w/photos | Evidence Incident |
| 03/12/21 | Evidence | Blft Twnshp Report | Evidence Incident |
| 03/12/21 | Evidence | Autopsy Reports | Evidence Incident |
| 03/12/21 | Evidence | 911 Transcript | Evidence Incident |
| 01/07/21 | Evidence | CD of 911 Audio | Evidence Incident |
| 02/08/24 | DS | CALLIE LYONS | FOIA |
| 02/15/18 | DS | Justin Zeig | FOIA |

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Narrative

Beaufort County Sheriff's Office Investigation Narrative

Synopsis:

On 06-14-2017 at approximately 1009 hours, I was dispatched to 12 Hanover Way (Colleton River) Bluffton, South Carolina in reference to a Natural Death Scene.

Interview with Complainant: Jayne Hammond

Hammond stated she awoke on 06-14-2017 at approximately 0930 hours to her husband, Paul Hammond, telling her he was going to get some work done in their home office.

Hammond stated she showered, then went downstairs and ate breakfast. She stated she thought she heard her husband cough and then fall at approximately 1005 hours. She stated she went upstairs and found him lying prone on the floor of their home office and that he was unresponsive. She stated she attempted to roll her husband over onto his back and was unable to as he was too heavy for her to move.

Hammond stated she contacted 911 and awaited the arrival of EMS personnel. She provided no additional information.

Officer's Actions:

I secured the scene and completed a Beaufort County Sheriff's Office Death Scene Questionnaire. Deputy Coroner Ott arrived on scene and assumed responsibility. Nothing appeared suspicious.

Attachment:

1. Beaufort County Sheriff's Office Death Scene Questionnaire.

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Supplement

Beaufort County Sheriff's Office Supplemental Narrative

General:

This supplement will serve to re-open the previously closed Death Scene case, as new information has been provided by a family member of the deceased that warrants review.

In late August 2020, I was contacted by Joseph R. Dalu on behalf of Tara Helman. Dalu was retained by Mrs. Helman in December 2017 to investigate the sudden and unexpected death of her father which occurred in Beaufort County in 2017 (17S125890). Dalu indicated during discussions and subsequent meetings conducted with Tara Helman, some clear evidence of fraud and suspicious activity involving Jayne Patrice Hammond (Decedent's wife) had become apparent. Furthermore, Dalu stated in the nearly (3) years since starting his investigation, he amassed a large quantity of information and documentation which he felt revealed that Jayne P. Hammond may have been responsible for the sudden death of Paul Geoffrey Hammond. Dalu indicated the substance of his investigation would demonstrate substantial evidence of premeditation to commit murder and conspiracy to commit murder for financial gain. Dalu stated the initial "red flag" was that Hammond had just completed a thorough medical exam (physical) on 06/05/2017 just (9) days prior to his death.

After corresponding with Dalu, via email and telephone, I had the opportunity to sit down with him and Tara Helman on 09/24/2020 at 70 Shelter Cove Lane. The purpose of the meeting was to obtain the investigative portfolios detailing Dalu's investigation and to hear the concerns specifically voiced by Tara Helman. I spent approximately (4) hours with Dalu and Helman reviewing the materials provided at the end of which time I agreed to look more closely at the circumstances surrounding the death of Paul Geoffrey Hammond. As a result of Dalu's investigation and a civil suit filed against Jayne P. Hammond by Tara Helman, there were concerns voiced by Helman that Jayne P. Hammond may be attempting to exhume the body of her late husband (interned in Florida) for cremation purposes. Helman and Dalu indicated this process of cremation would effectively eliminate any possibility of obtaining additional tissue samples for testing purposes. As there are many personal feelings, emotions, money, and civil suits already in play with this case, I collected (2) binders from Dalu (labeled "Book I of II" and "Book II of II") to review with an objective eye for any possible criminal motive. Due to the large amount of information provided, I am still reviewing to determine the best course of action to proceed accordingly. Once reviewed, I will be able to determine what, of the information provided, is of value and can be formally attached and utilized for this investigation.

After concluding the meeting with Dalu and Helman, I reviewed all available records pertaining to the original death scene report and determined very little information exists. Due to the natural appearance of the death and the Decedent's age (69 years) there were no photographs taken at the scene and no 911 call logs requested for evidence. Nothing suspicious was noted at the time it was reported. I have contacted the Beaufort County Coroner's Office to obtain copies of the MUSC autopsy records and toxicology results. Additionally, I will need to see if any photographs taken during the autopsy are maintained by MUSC and available as well.

Case Status: Active

Sgt. Seth Reynells R5000, 10/20/2020 at 1730 hours.

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Investigator Actions:

I have had a chance to thoroughly review the information provided by Joseph Dalu in reference to this investigation. What is relevant to this jurisdiction and related to the death of Paul Geoffrey Hammond was selected from the documentation and submitted into evidence. This included Bluffton Township EMS reports, copies of MUSC Final Autopsy and Toxicology Reports, the Beaufort County Coroners Summary Report, and a typed transcript of the 911 call placed by Jayne Hammond on 6/14/2017. I was able to successfully obtain photographs taken at the autopsy of Hammond (FA-17-502). Unfortunately, the autopsy photographs consisted of (3) images of the deceased fully clothed. The photos received were submitted into evidence (property 184667). I requested a copy of the 911 call logs and Cad notes be submitted into evidence via Spillman (property 176978). While reviewing the provided documentation, I noted the following:

- Jayne Hammond reported deceased got out of bed around 0945 on 6/14/2017 and went to his office to do paperwork.
- Approx. 1005 hours she heard a cough and a thump and discovered him lying on his stomach in his office.
- Jayne Hammond said he belched loudly when he first awoke (unusual per her) but he had not complained of any chest pains, felt tired leading up to this event.
- ***Deceased had a full workup done with [REDACTED] on 06/5/2017 complaining he felt severe fatigue and it had been worsening.
- [REDACTED] reported lab results indicated all levels were normal / healthy and the deceased was placed on Crestor 20mg. (information needed from [REDACTED])
- Deputy Coroner Ott noted in his report that there was no evidence or indicator of the deceased working on his computer, paperwork, etc. (deceased spent approx. 20 minutes in office)
- No death scene photos were taken by responding BCSO (Cox) - check with Coroner
- Deceased was sent to MUSC for autopsy / toxicology - ***A couple areas of subscalpular hemorrhage and single focus of hemorrhage within the tongue are noted on Autopsy Final Official cause of death from Autopsy - Atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease.

After noting the mention of Subscalpular Hemorrhaging in the final Autopsy Report, I confirmed there were no pictures taken of the injuries, they were noted only.

I reviewed the 911 call audio with the associated transcript and could hear what could be construed as a male voice in the background at time stamp 6:29 of the call. **It should be noted that the line remained open and recording although the 911 Dispatcher had clicked off at approximate time stamp 5:52. As Jayne Hammond reported being home alone when this occurred, the possible presence of another party within the residence would contradict her statements made to law enforcement. I confirmed with BCSO Dispatcher Trout (via documented schedule records) that no male Dispatchers were working Dayshift on 6/14/2017 at approximately 1000 hours when the 911 call was received.

I will be following up with [REDACTED] to discuss any known medical conditions and specifically his thoughts on the stated cause of death stated as Atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease. Once I have all medical related information obtained and reviewed, I will be meeting with Jayne Hammond to conduct an interview. I am requesting an additional (30) days to speak with [REDACTED]

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██████████ and Jayne Hammond.

Disposition of Evidence:

I, Sgt. Seth Reynells, submitted the following items into temporary storage located at 70 Shelter cove Lane as indicated:

Property 176978, 911 call and all related CAD reports related to 911 call placed 6/14/2017 at 1009 hours, was submitted electronically on 1/4/2021 at approximately 0850 hours.

Property 184667, CD containing MUSC autopsy pics (3 images), was submitted on 3/11/2021 at approximately 1400 hours.

Property 184684, Copy of Bluffton Township Fire Out of Hospital Care Report (17 pages), was submitted on 3/11/2021 at approximately 1520 hours.

Property 184685, Copies of MUSC Final Autopsy Report (4 pages); Toxicology Report (3 pages); and Coroners Summary Report (2 pages), was submitted on 3/11/2021 at approximately 1520 hours.

Property 184686, copy of 911 call transcripts (2 pages), was submitted on 3/11/2021 at approximately 1520 hours.

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Investigator Actions:

In early September 2021, I contacted S/A Harvey Shropshire with SLED and submitted a copy of the 911 audio from 6/14/2017 for enhancement. Having listened to the original recording myself, it was unclear with the background noise if there was another person (male) present with Jayne Hammond when the 911 call was placed. This would have been in clear opposition to her stating to arriving personnel that she and her husband were home alone when this incident occurred. The 911 call audio was provided to S/S Shropshire by BCSO Evidence personnel in July 2021. The week of 9/20/2021, I spoke again with S/A Shropshire and he advised the audio enhancement of the 911 audio was complete. I requested the completed product be sent to me and subsequently received a FEDEX package containing the requested audio, a report, and the BCSO evidence CD copy sent for analysis. I submitted all items received from Shropshire into evidence (property 208923). I reviewed the audio received and am working on determining if the male voice(s) heard in the background are in fact coming from the residence or if they are related to background noise made in BCSO Dispatch at the time the call was placed.

After thoroughly reviewing the investigative contents provided in reference to this case and speaking with numerous parties, I noted there had been some discrepancies in statements provided by Jayne Hammond to others in reference to how her husband died. Furthermore, there were concerns raised regarding if Jayne Hammond had called 911 upon discovering her husband deceased or if she placed other phone calls first. As a result, I drafted a search warrant for the Verizon Wireless records for the phone utilized in 2017 and still assigned to Jayne Hammond [REDACTED]. The warrant sought to determine any / all communications made by Jayne Hammond between 6/12/2017 at 0000 hours and 6/14/2107 at 2359 hours.

Obtaining of Search Warrant:

On 8/30/2021 at approximately 1545 hours, I met with Beaufort County Magistrate Judge, Jose Fuentes, and presented him with the relevant investigative information. Judge Fuentes determined enough probable cause existed to issue a search warrant for the above mentioned phone records.

Service of Search Warrant:

After signing the warrant, I responded to the Bluffton Verizon Wireless store located at 1314 Fording Island Road and served the warrant on Management.

Additional Information:

On 9/23/2021, I received an email from Verizon containing the requested phone records. I downloaded the records received onto a CD and submitted them into evidence (property 208929).

Review of Records Received:

I noted that the phone records provided only indicated (4) calls were placed / received during the dates / times in question as follows:

- Incoming, 6/12/2017 at 1442 hours from [REDACTED]
- Incoming, 6/14/2017 at 1154 hours from [REDACTED]
- Voicemail call placed 6/14/2017 at 1531 hours, [REDACTED]
- Incoming call, 6/14/2017 at 1631 hours from [REDACTED]

I will be working to determine who these numbers were assigned to at the time for follow-up.

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Investigator Actions:

After obtaining the requested phone records, I downloaded them onto a CD and submitted them into evidence.

Return of Search Warrant:

On 10/4/2021 at approximately 1100 hours, I met with Beaufort County Magistrate Judge, Jose Fuentes, and signed the search warrant return. A copy of the return is attached to this supplement (9 pages).

Disposition of Evidence:

I, Sgt. Seth Reynells, submitted the following items into temporary storage located at 70 Shelter cove Lane as indicated:

Property 208923, CD of 911 call enhanced, Evidence CD copy submitted for enhancement, FEDEX packaging label, envelope and report received from SLED (4 pages), was submitted on 9/27/2021 at approximately 1315 hours.

Property 208929, CD containing information received re: Verizon Search Warrant (10 files), was submitted on 9/27/2021 at approximately 1340 hours.

Attachments:

Copy of Verizon SW Returned (9 pages)

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Sgt. Seth Reynells R5000, 10/4/2021 at 1245 hours.

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Investigator Actions:

Upon receipt of the Verizon phone records for Jayne Hammond during the time surrounding the death of Paul Hammond, I noted a total of (4) relevant calls, only (3) of which were called / received the day of his passing (6/14/2017). Furthermore, of the (3) records occurring on the day of his death, (2) were incoming calls and (1) was outgoing. The incoming calls were received from [REDACTED] (assigned to Helga Martinez in 2024 - Unknown 2017), and [REDACTED] (Hair Cut Techs, Bluffton in 2017). The lone outgoing call from Jayne Hammond's phone was placed to [REDACTED] (indicated as voicemail to Paul Hammond's phone hours after his death). I did not note any suspicious calls placed or received in or around the time the 911 call was placed at approximately 1009 hours.

General:

In discussions with Joseph Dalu, President of Premier Group International, I learned the main purpose of the investigation was driven by the belief that the death of Paul Hammond involved real estate fraud, forgery, tax evasion, and conspiracy. It was and is the belief that Jayne Hammond orchestrated a large-scale forgery, fraud, tax evasion scheme following the death of her late husband in order to keep his considerable assets from the hands of his biological children and instead in the hands of herself and her conspirators. While the assertions made by Dalu and Helman were circumstantial in nature, they were supported by many pages of documentation Dalu provided contained within the submitted evidence documentation. The main concerns were the following:

- 1 - 2005 Executed Will of Paul Geoffrey Hammond - had the will been altered from its original state
- 2 - Death Scene, Toxicology Report, and Final Autopsy findings - was there any more that could be done or tested for at this time via exhumation.
- 3 - Additional forensic analysis of 911 call - Does it confirm presence of another person and or identify spoken content.

2005 Executed Will of Paul Geoffrey Hammond:

While ascertaining the large scope of this investigation, I learned the lion's share of accusations of fraud, forgery, and tax evasion stemmed around decisions made and documents executed in Florida following the death of Paul Hammond. Unfortunately, Florida is not in my jurisdiction. While debating these points with Dalu, he requested I look into the 2005 Executed Will of Paul Geoffrey Hammond which was presented to a State of Florida Probate Court in December 2017. It was the assertion by Dalu and his client, Tara Helman, the 2005 Will had been altered from its original state to that which was presented following Paul Hammond's death. It is noted the Will signed by Paul Hammond in 1999 (most current prior to 2005) was (41) pages in length as opposed to the (9) pages of the 2005 version. While out of my jurisdiction, if the last known and most recent Will of Paul Hammond had been altered for financial gain, there would certainly be good reason to dig deeper into everything said or done by Jayne Hammond following the death of her husband. I received a copy of the 2005 Will for Paul Hammond from Dalu in his provided materials. I was also provided with a copy of all previous Wills (1995, 1998, 1999). The law firm handling all Wills was indicated as Brach, Eichler, Rosenberg, Silver, Bernstein, Hammer & Gladstone, located at 101 Eisenhower Parkway, Roseland, New

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Jersey 07068. Additionally, Dalu provided contact information for Charles Gormally with the firm indicating he might be willing to speak about the 2005 Will and its authenticity. After receiving the information, I reached out to Charles Gormally and asked for his assistance in confirming the authenticity of the 2005 Will presented to the Florida Probate Court. Over a series of months, I learned a copy of the Will was stored in the vault at the law firm and ultimately received a .pdf document of the unexecuted will that was sent to counsel in Florida at the request of Paul Hammond in February 2005. Upon further review, the 2005 Will executed in Florida matched the version held by the law firm with an edit date of 2/3/2005. Gormally indicated client attorney privilege extends beyond death in the State of New Jersey and he would not be able to speak further on why Paul Hammond made changes to his Will. He did confirm that the changes were made at the request of Paul Geoffrey Hammond. Copies of all the Wills in question are contained within the evidence submitted (property 303259 - .PDF Hammond Binder Book 2).

Manner of Death, Toxicology, Injuries to Paul Hammond:

From the start of this investigation, Joseph Dalu and Tara Helman strongly believed Paul Hammond died at the hands of his wife, Jayne Hammond. The lack of incident scene photos, autopsy photos, and the bruising on Paul Hammond's head was of great concern. Additionally, there were concerns that Jayne Hammond may have been poisoning her late husband in some fashion as she was observed by friend and handyman David Broome mixing drinks for Paul in the morning that he "hated" drinking. The toxicology report had no positive findings, unfortunately an expanded panel would be impossible based on this investigation starting in earnest in August of 2020. All samples taken during any autopsy conducted at The Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) are routinely destroyed after (6) months from the toxicology report issuance (report issued 6/22/2017). As previously documented in supplement dated 3/11/2021, the Final Autopsy Report listed the cause of death as "Atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease" and listed the manner of death as "natural." Also included were the additional specific details supporting the cause of death as atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease:

- a. At least 75% narrowing of the left anterior descending artery
- b. 25% narrowing of the left circumflex and right coronary arteries
- c. Mild aortic sclerosis
- d. History that decedent had experienced increasing fatigue
- e. History that decedent experienced a sudden collapse and died a short time later

Additionally, "Evidence of Injury" is noted as "A couple of areas of subscalpular hemorrhage are on the scalp and a single focus of hemorrhage is within the tongue." Based on pictures taken by attendees at Paul Hammond's funeral of the bruising to his forehead, concerns were raised that he may have been attacked and struck in the head. I reviewed the medical documentation provided by MUSC with a former forensic pathologist and asked them for their analysis of the cause of death for Paul Hammond. They found nothing medical of note or concern observed within the medical documentation that would reach the threshold of requiring exhumation for further investigation / testing. When asked, they described subscalpular hemorrhaging as any pre-existing bruising under the skin.

In the summer of 2023, I met with Beaufort County Coroner, David Ott, and explained the concerns presented by the family as to the possibility of foul play in the death of Paul Hammond. I relayed the concerns about the bruising observed to Hammond's head, along with the lack of photographs taken at autopsy documenting the injury and limited description provided. Furthermore, I relayed concerns that an expanded toxicology panel may have been helpful in this case.

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however, the information was obtained far too late to use previously destroyed samples and discussed the reasonableness of requesting Paul Hammond be exhumed for further testing. Coroner Ott reviewed all the information provided to him by me and MUSC and spoke with me at length about that which would be needed to request an exhumation. Ultimately, citing the manner and cause of death listed on the final Autopsy Report, Coroner Ott advised there was physical evidence discovered during the autopsy of Paul Hammond documenting he died from atherosclerotic cardiovascular heart disease. With the documentation of the multiple narrowing arteries as well as the mild aortic sclerosis, Coroner Ott indicated it would be unreasonable and thus unlikely to make a request for exhumation in this case based on the documented physical findings indicating a natural death.

In regard to the allegations of Paul Hammond being poisoned by Jayne by her making and serving him drinks in the mornings, I conducted a recorded interview of associate and handyman David Broome. The interview was conducted at Broome's residence in Bluffton. What follows is a summary of the relevant information obtained from Broome, please see submitted evidence copy of interview audio for complete content (property 208373).

Interview of David Broome:

Broome confirmed he was a contractor and as a result did a lot of work for the Hammond's over the years. He advised he worked for the Hammond's for just over (2) years on all facets of their property located at 12 Hanover Way in Colleton River. Broome confirmed during his employ, he spent many hours around Jayne and Paul Hammond and described their interactions as "regular husband / wife stuff" and "nothing out of the ordinary." Broome stated he never heard them argue, adding they made decisions together, describing them as a "good couple." Broome confirmed Hammond's death came as a surprise to him because he described Hammond as being in good health. He said Paul's death was extremely unexpected. When asked, Broome confirmed he was advised of Paul's passing by Jayne Hammond. He recalled being called by Jayne either one- or two-days following Paul's death. Broome described Jayne as "emotionless" when she told him of her husband's death. Broome asked Jayne what happened and recalled her telling him that EMS told her Paul probably had an aneurysm. Jayne told him Paul was at his desk upstairs in his office when she heard a thump from above. Jayne eventually got to his office (bad knees) and discovered Paul dead on the floor. Broome couldn't remember exactly what Jayne advised; however, he recalled her saying she found Paul lying face down and he was too heavy for her to roll over onto his back. When asked, Broome advised he developed a friendship with Paul while working for him, but he (Broome) never directly interacted with or spoke with Jayne Hammond. He felt she called him to advise of Paul's death because of his friendship with him. Broome advised when he was present at the home it was typically himself and the Hammond's. He did not recall seeing any visitors or family. Following the death of Paul Hammond, Broome advised he never worked at the residence again. Broome recalled being asked by Joe Dalu about whether he ever witnessed Jayne giving drinks to Paul. Broome recalled seeing Jayne give Paul what he could only describe as a "red liquid" drink several times. His recollection was that the drink was supposed to be extremely healthy and full of vitamins. Broome recalled Jayne offering him some of the drink as well, but he declined because he was drinking coffee. He stated Paul would regularly drink whatever was offered to him by his wife. Broome recalled seeing this several times during his time with the Hammond's but did not know when it started. Broome advised it had been approximately (3) weeks since he last saw Paul Hammond when he learned of his sudden death. When he last saw Hammond, he recalled him being in good spirits / health; however, he described Hammond as someone who would not let on to being sick anyway. Broome

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confirmed previously providing the same information to Joe Dalu. David Broome provided no further information.

Investigator Actions:

I thanked David Broome for his time and information. I downloaded the audio recording of the interview and submitted it into evidence. I noted during my time with Broome that he mentioned being offered the same drinks Jayne was preparing for her husband to drink. A reasonable person would believe she was not plotting to poison David Broome at the same time as her husband. I was able to confirm, via SC PMP, that Jayne Hammond was regularly filling prescription medications in 2017 in South Carolina and Paul Hammond did not fill any prescriptions during the same time period in South Carolina. This could mean Paul Hammond was filling his prescriptions out of state, but any potential medications he was given without his knowledge by Jayne would have been identified on his Toxicology screen.

Review of Further Analysis Conducted of 911 Call Placed by Jayne Hammond:

In early 2023, I received a report from Joe Dalu produced by Focal Forensics titled "Audio Enhancement." (17 pages) The report and associated files were submitted into evidence on a CD-R (property 303267). The report states that the goal was to enhance the original 911 call audio with a focus on isolating and recovering any relevant background dialogue. Furthermore, if identified, background dialogue was enhanced to increase intelligibility. After enhancement and analysis, the report states, "The audible events at 6:30 and 7:04 have similar attributes to a human voice. Both of these moments sound similar to a person in the background on the caller's side. That said, it's not possible to identify what is being said due to the quality and low intelligibility of the recording despite enhancement efforts." (page 7 of 14, middle of first paragraph). **Due to the technical nature of the report, please see full report for complete data provided.

This additional enhancement of the 911 call audio was conducted for Joe Dalu based on the belief that there was a second male in the home with Jayne when she called 911 on 6/14/2017. There has been (2) analysis conducted of the 911 call audio with no definitive proof that this was the case.

Summary:

As previously noted during the course of this investigation, there is a tremendous amount of circumstantial evidence provided by Joe Dalu on behalf of Tara Helman to support their belief that Jayne Hammond was directly involved in the death of her husband. Much of the documentation provided, unfortunately, pertains to allegations of forgery, fraud, and tax evasion occurring outside of Beaufort County. As such, they were not pursued during my investigation. I have maintained since the start of this process that Jayne Hammond should be interviewed if nothing else. During the course of this investigation, I became aware that Jayne Hammond maintained a residence within Beaufort County located at [REDACTED] in Bluffton (Palmetto Bluff).

On 2/23/2024 at approximately 1205 hours, I responded to [REDACTED] and rang the doorbell. The doorbell was an electronic 2-way recording style doorbell. I rang the doorbell twice and received no response from within the residence nor from the doorbell. After returning to my vehicle, I dialed the known phone number for Jayne Hammond [REDACTED] and activated my digital audio recorder. Surprisingly, Jayne Hammond answered the phone, and I conducted a phone interview with her. I advised Hamond of the FOIA request made in reference to her late husband's death and conducted a phone interview with her.

Phone Interview with Jayne Hammond:

Hammond identified herself and asked if I was the one who was just at her

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front door. Hammond advised seeing me and my partner (Sgt. Adams) as well as a gun. After being advised of the FOIA request made by a media outlet, Jayne Hammond stated she has a very disgruntled stepdaughter, who has accused Jayne of killing her husband. Hammond advised she and her husband lived in Colleton River Plantation at the time of his death. Hammond recalled EMS arriving in a matter of minutes and the Beaufort County Coroners Office after that. She stated her husband's body was sent to MUSC for a full autopsy and tox screen. Hammond advised there was no foul play indicated and the only thing of note was a pinkish fluid in her husband's stomach which she advised was later determined to be Tums antacids. Hammond recalled having an inquiry into her husband's death and then stated she has been to Court in Ft. Lauderdale, FL in reference to her husband's estate. Hammond advised her stepdaughter is currently attempting to get someone from either Dateline or 20/20 to do a story. Hammond advised she has been to court (4) times with her stepdaughter, stating all the cases have been thrown out and her stepdaughter has been advised by the Judge she can no longer file suit. Hammond stated this stems from the stepdaughter not being left any money in the will because she "was not a good daughter." Hammond advised instead she (Jayne) was left everything. Lastly, Hammond advised the Court advised anything in the estate which could have been turned over would have been directed to her biological son (adopted stepson of the deceased) David Hammond and not her stepdaughter (Tara Helmund). Jayne Hammond stated she could think of no other reason this would happen as she had been dealing with this for years with her stepdaughter. Jayne Hammond provided no further information.

Investigator Actions:

I thanked Hammond for her time and for taking my call. I terminated the interview and my digital audio recorder. The recording of my interview with Jayne Hammond was subsequently downloaded to a CD-R and submitted into evidence (property 304203).

Due to the totality of circumstances, lack of physical or electronic evidence, and the medical findings at MUSC, I have elected not to pursue this investigation any further at this time. There are no clear indicators in Beaufort County that show Jayne Hammond was involved in the death of her late husband.

Disposition of Evidence:

I, Sgt. Seth Reynells, submitted the following items into temporary storage located at 70 Shelter Cove Lane as indicated:

Property 303259, CD containing all investigative content received from PGI re: death of Paul Geoffrey Hammond (74 files, 6 folders)

Property 303267, CD containing 911 call enhanced by PGI: original call audio, enhanced audio file, independent report / analysis, call transcript (4 files)

Property 303269, CD containing audio recordings of phone conversations between Jayne Hammond and Joseph Dalu, with summary document (4 files total)

Property 304203, CD containing audio of phone interview conducted with Jayne Hammond 2/23/2024

Case Status: Administratively Closed, Unfounded
Sgt. Seth Reynells R5000

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Property**Property Number:** 304203**Item:** CD-ROM**Owner Applied Nbr:****Brand:** Jayne Phone**Year:** 0**Meas:****Total Value:** \$0.00**Owner:****Agency:** BCSO Beaufort County Sheriff's Ofc**Accum Amt Recov:** \$0.00**UCR:****Local Status:****Crime Lab Number:****Date Released:** **/**/****Released By:****Released To:****Reason:****Comments:** CD containing audio of phone interview conducted with Jayne Hammond 2/23/2024**Property Number:** 303259**Item:** CD-ROM**Owner Applied Nbr:****Brand:** Info Received**Year:** 0**Meas:****Total Value:** \$0.00**Owner:****Agency:** BCSO Beaufort County Sheriff's Ofc**Accum Amt Recov:** \$0.00**UCR:****Local Status:****Crime Lab Number:****Date Released:** **/**/****Released By:****Released To:****Reason:****Comments:** CD containing all investigative content received from PGI re: death of Paul Geoffrey Hammond (74 files, 6 folders)**Property Number:** 303267**Item:** CD-ROM**Owner Applied Nbr:**

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Brand: 911 Enhanced
Year: 0
Meas:
Total Value: \$0.00
Owner:
Agency: BCSO Beaufort County Sheriff's Ofc
Accum Amt Recov: \$0.00
UCR:
Local Status:
Crime Lab Number:
Date Released: **/**/**
Released By:
Released To:
Reason:
Comments: CD containing 911 call enhanced by PGI: original call audio, enhanced audio file, independent report / analysis, call transcript (4 files)
Property Number: 303269
Item: CD-ROM

Model: w/ Info
Quantity:
Serial Nbr:
Color:
Tag Number:
Officer: Reynells, S
UCR Status:
Storage Location:
Status Date: **/**/**
Date Recov/Rcvd: **/**/**
Amt Recovered: \$0.00
Custody: **:*.** **/**/**

Owner Applied Nbr:

Brand: PGI Phone
Year: 0
Meas:
Total Value: \$0.00
Owner:
Agency: BCSO Beaufort County Sheriff's Ofc
Accum Amt Recov: \$0.00
UCR:
Local Status:
Crime Lab Number:
Date Released: **/**/**
Released By:
Released To:
Reason:
Comments: CD containing audio recordings of phone conversations between Jayne Hammond and Joseph Dalu, with summary document (4 files total)
Property Number: 208923
Item: CD-ROM

Model: Recordings
Quantity:
Serial Nbr:
Color:
Tag Number:
Officer: Reynells, S
UCR Status:
Storage Location:
Status Date: **/**/**
Date Recov/Rcvd: **/**/**
Amt Recovered: \$0.00
Custody: **:*.** **/**/**

Owner Applied Nbr:

Brand: SLED 911 Disc
Year: 0
Meas:
Total Value: \$0.00

Model:
Quantity:
Serial Nbr:
Color:

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Owner:
Agency: BCSO Beaufort County Sheriff's Ofc
Accum Amt Recov: \$0.00
UCR:
Local Status:
Crime Lab Number:
Date Released: **/**/**
Released By:
Released To:
Reason:
Comments: CD of 911 call enhanced, Evidence CD copy submitted for enhancement, FEDEX packaging label, and envelope and report received from SLED (4 pages)
Property Number: 208929
Item: CD-ROM
Owner Applied Nmbr:

Tag Number:
Officer: Reynells, S
UCR Status:
Storage Location:
Status Date: **/**/**
Date Recov/Rcvd: **/**/**
Amt Recovered: \$0.00
Custody: **:*.**: **/**/**

Brand: Verizon Results
Year: 0
Meas:
Total Value: \$0.00
Owner:
Agency: BCSO Beaufort County Sheriff's Ofc
Accum Amt Recov: \$0.00
UCR:
Local Status:
Crime Lab Number:
Date Released: **/**/**
Released By:
Released To:
Reason:
Comments: CD containing information received re: Verizon SW (10 files)
Property Number: 208373
Item: CD-ROM
Owner Applied Nmbr:

Model:
Quantity:
Serial Nmbr:
Color:
Tag Number:
Officer: Reynells, S
UCR Status:
Storage Location:
Status Date: **/**/**
Date Recov/Rcvd: **/**/**
Amt Recovered: \$0.00
Custody: **:*.**: **/**/**

Brand: Broome Audio
Year: 0
Meas:
Total Value: \$0.00
Owner:
Agency: BCSO Beaufort County Sheriff's Ofc
Accum Amt Recov: \$0.00
UCR:
Local Status:

Model:
Quantity:
Serial Nmbr:
Color:
Tag Number:
Officer: Reynells, S
UCR Status:
Storage Location:

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Crime Lab Number:
Date Released: **/**/**
Released By:
Released To:
Reason:
Comments: CD containing audio of interview with David Broome 9/22/2021
Property Number: 185495
Item: Document
Status Date: **/**/**
Date Recov/Rcvd: **/**/**
Amt Recovered: \$0.00
Custody: **:*.**: **/**/**
Owner Applied Nmbr:

Brand: Physical Report
Year: 0
Meas:
Total Value: \$0.00
Owner:
Agency: BCSO Beaufort County Sheriff's Ofc
Accum Amt Recov: \$0.00
UCR:
Local Status:
Crime Lab Number:
Date Released: **/**/**
Released By:
Released To:
Reason:
Comments: Report regarding physical conducted by [REDACTED] 5/5/2017 (22 pages)
Property Number: 184667
Item: CD-ROM
Model:
Quantity:
Serial Nmbr:
Color:
Tag Number:
Officer: Reynells, S
UCR Status:
Storage Location:
Status Date: **/**/**
Date Recov/Rcvd: **/**/**
Amt Recovered: \$0.00
Custody: **:*.**: **/**/**
Owner Applied Nmbr:

Brand: Autopsy Pics
Year: 0
Meas:
Total Value: \$0.00
Owner:
Agency: BCSO Beaufort County Sheriff's Ofc
Accum Amt Recov: \$0.00
UCR:
Local Status:
Crime Lab Number:
Date Released: **/**/**
Released By:
Released To:
Reason:
Comments: CD containing MUSC autopsy pics (3 images)
Model:
Quantity:
Serial Nmbr:
Color:
Tag Number:
Officer: Reynells, S
UCR Status:
Storage Location:
Status Date: **/**/**
Date Recov/Rcvd: **/**/**
Amt Recovered: \$0.00
Custody: **:*.**: **/**/**

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Property Number: 184684
Item: Document
Owner Applied Nmbr:
Brand: Bluffton EMS
Year: 0
Meas:
Total Value: \$0.00
Owner:
Agency: BCSO Beaufort County Sheriff's Ofc
Accum Amt Recov: \$0.00
UCR:
Local Status:
Crime Lab Number:
Date Released: **/**/**
Released By:
Released To:
Reason:
Comments: Copy of Bluffton Township Fire Out of Hospital Care Report (17 pages)
Property Number: 184685

Item: Document
Owner Applied Nmbr:
Brand: Autopsy Reports
Year: 0
Meas:
Total Value: \$0.00
Owner:
Agency: BCSO Beaufort County Sheriff's Ofc
Accum Amt Recov: \$0.00
UCR:
Local Status:
Crime Lab Number:
Date Released: **/**/**
Released By:
Released To:
Reason:
Comments: Copies of MUSC Final Autopsy Report (4 pages); Toxicology Report (3 pages); Coroners Summary Report (2 pages)
Property Number: 184686

Item: Document

Owner Applied Nmbr:

Brand: 911 Transcript
Year: 0

Model:
Quantity:

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| Meas: | Serial Nbr: |
| Total Value: \$0.00 | Color: |
| Owner: | Tag Number: |
| Agency: BCSO Beaufort County Sheriff's Ofc | Officer: Reynells, S |
| Accum Amt Recov: \$0.00 | UCR Status: |
| UCR: | Storage Location: |
| Local Status: | Status Date: **/**/** |
| Crime Lab Number: | Date Recov/Rcvd: **/**/** |
| Date Released: **/**/** | Amt Recovered: \$0.00 |
| Released By: | Custody: **:*.**:** **/**/** |
| Released To: | |
| Reason: | |
| Comments: Copy of 911 Call transcripts (2 pages) | |
| Property Number: 177284 | Owner Applied Nbr: |
| Item: Compact Disc | |
| Brand: 911 RECORDINGS | Model: |
| Year: 0 | Quantity: 1 |
| Meas: | Serial Nbr: |
| Total Value: \$0.00 | Color: |
| Owner: | Tag Number: |
| Agency: BCSO Beaufort County Sheriff's Ofc | Officer: Powell, L |
| Accum Amt Recov: \$0.00 | UCR Status: |
| UCR: | Storage Location: TEMP |
| Local Status: | STORAGE |
| Crime Lab Number: | Status Date: **/**/** |
| Date Released: **/**/** | Date Recov/Rcvd: 01/06/21 |
| Released By: | Amt Recovered: \$0.00 |
| Released To: | Custody: **:*.**:** **/**/** |
| Reason: | |
| Comments: (1) CD WITH 911 AUDIO, 911 LOG, RADIO LOG, RADIO TRANSMISSIONS, CAD REPORT | |
| Property Number: 176978 | Owner Applied Nbr: |
| Item: 911 Tape Req | |
| Brand: | Model: |
| Year: 0 | Quantity: |
| Meas: | Serial Nbr: |
| Total Value: \$0.00 | Color: |
| Owner: | Tag Number: |
| Agency: BCSO Beaufort County Sheriff's Ofc | Officer: Reynells, S |
| Accum Amt Recov: \$0.00 | |

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| UCR: | UCR Status: |
| Local Status: | Storage Location: |
| Crime Lab Number: | Status Date: **/**/** |
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| Released By: | Amt Recovered: \$0.00 |
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| Reason: | |
| Comments: | |

911 call and all related CAD reports 6/14/2017 at 10:09:34, call received from [REDACTED]

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Name Involvements:**Complainant :** 149799**Last:** HAMMOND**First:** JAYNE**Mid:****DOB:** [REDACTED]**Dr Lic:** [REDACTED]**Address:** [REDACTED]**Race:** W **Sex:** F**Phone:** [REDACTED]**City:** Bluffton, SC 29910**Related Record**104032

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Last: BROOME**First:** DAVID**Mid:****DOB:** [REDACTED]**Dr Lic:** [REDACTED]**Address:** [REDACTED]**Race:** **Sex:****Phone:** [REDACTED]**City:** Twn of Bluffton, SC**Victim :** 149798**Last:** HAMMOND**First:** PAUL**Mid:** GEOFFREY**DOB:** [REDACTED]**Dr Lic:** [REDACTED]**Address:** [REDACTED]**Race:** W **Sex:** M**Phone:** () -**City:** Bluffton, SC 29910

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