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Report Description: **Investigative Report**

Case #: 2013-0100

Investigator: R.L. Barnes

CASE SYNOPSIS

On Friday, February 2, 2013, this investigator met with Angel and Emory King, at their residence in St. Augustine, Florida, for the purpose of reviewing the death investigation case on Angel's daughter, Natasha Boykin.

After reviewing the case file and pictures that Mrs. King had compiled on the death of her daughter, it is this investigator's qualified opinion that classifying Ms. Boykin's death as a suicide, by the Jacksonville Beach Police Department was premature. Further investigation into this death is warranted and is articulated in this report:

- The photo taken of Mr. "Casey" White, (Boykin's former boyfriend) shows what appears to be "stippling" on his forehead, and the back of several of his left fingers. This stippling is similar to that found on the body of Ms. Boykin. The stippling found on Mr. White, would indicate that Mr. White would have been in very close proximity (two feet or less) to a gunshot. This would indicate that Mr. White may have been present when Ms. Boykin was shot. The stippling on Mr. White's face and fingers was never tested by crime scene personnel, so what did appear to be stippling, was not proven to be gunshot residue. Photos taken at the scene show that Mr. White appeared to have wiped his face and the palms of his hands prior to the arrival of police.
- Mr. White tested positive for gunshot residue, but admitted to moving the gun. It was thus assumed that the positive test was attributed to touching the gun when he moved it. The stippling on Mr. Whites face and hand could not be attributed to moving a gun.

- In the picture of Mr. White taken by police at the rear of the patrol car, there was an obvious bulge on the right side of White's lower leg. Officers at the scene did not identify what was causing the bulge, nor was it mentioned in any of the police reports.
- A voice stress analysis of Mr. White's interview, showed deception when asked if he was present when Ms. Boykin was shot.
- There is evidence in crime scene photos that the body was moved after death, and that someone had moved about the apartment transferring blood to the bathroom door casing and on the bathroom floor. There are long brown hair stands on the bathroom floor and wrapped around the victim's right bicep, which cannot be attributed to Ms. Boykin (she had blond hair). Samples of the hair or the blood in the bathroom were never taken by crime scene personnel.
- Ms. Boykin had trauma to her upper right forehead, which appears in crime scene photos taken at the scene, but this is never mentioned in the autopsy reports. The stippling found on Ms. Boykin's neck and the back of her right finger is similar to that found on Mr. White's forehead and hand. This stippling was not described in the autopsy report.
- Ms. Boykin also had what appeared to be bruising on her neck, palm area of her hand, right bicep and the back of her fingers. She also had trauma to the back of her head. This trauma was documented in photos taken by crime scene personnel at the scene, but was never mentioned or explained in the autopsy reports.
- Some of Ms. Boykin's clothing had been torn, (her bra strap) and her panties were on inside/out. Coupled with the bruising this would indicate that Ms. Boykin had been involved in some type of struggle prior to her death. No rape kit was performed during the autopsy, and there was no test for the presence of semen at the crime scene, or at the autopsy.
- The blouse that Ms. Boykin was wearing appeared to have been bunched up, since the bullet seems to have passed through several layers on the front of the blouse.
- A photo taken by crime scene personnel clearly shows an impression of the bra clasp, which covers the exit wound, but there is no hole or damage to the bra itself.
- The drains in the bathroom were never checked for blood evidence, although crime scene photos clearly show blood in the bathroom area.
- Clothing belonging to Mr. White, found next to Ms. Boykin's body, was never checked for gunshot residue. This clothing was later identified as the clothing worn by Mr. White at a club he had attended earlier that evening. According to Mr. White's statement, he did not return to the apartment until 4:00 A.M. when he found Ms. Boykin's body. This clothing was returned to Mr. White without any testing.

- A photo taken by crime scene personnel of the weapon clearly shows a fingerprint on the handgun, but the weapon was never tested and the fingerprint was never lifted. The handgun was returned to Mr. White three weeks later, without any testing on the gun. Since being returned to Mr. White, the weapon was sold.
- Items belonging to Ms. Boykin are missing and unaccounted for, i.e. pillow used by Ms. Boykin for driving so that she could reach the brake and accelerator pedals, an overnight bag that witnesses had seen earlier that night, \$200.00 in cash that was missing from her purse, and the shoes she was wearing earlier that evening.
- There was no neighborhood canvas completed on the night of the incident. This should have been done as soon as possible to identify possible witnesses.

Conclusion:

Based on my experience as a law enforcement officer, (over 36 years with local, county, state, and federal task forces) it is my strong and qualified opinion that there are too many unanswered questions to have ruled this death a suicide. There is physical evidence that Mr. White was present in the apartment when Ms. Boykin was shot and killed; there is evidence that Ms. Boykin's body was moved prior to the arrival of police, thereby, altering the crime scene; Mr. White admitted that he had moved the weapon, thereby destroying evidence on the gun; the weapon was never tested, and was released to Mr. White before any testing was completed; a fingerprint was clearly visible on the gun and was photographed by crime scene personnel, but was never lifted for comparison; there are many inconsistencies in the statement made by Mr. White on the night of Ms. Boykin's death; the autopsy report by the ME did not resolve, or even mention the trauma to Ms. Boykin's body; the trauma was clearly visible in the crime scene photos taken at the scene; and his trauma (on the forehead and the back of the head) seems to be unrelated to the gunshot wound. These unresolved issues alone, would warrant further investigation into the death of Ms. Boykin.

Based on the totality of the unresolved issues surrounding this case, this investigator would strongly suggest further investigation by an agency that has no vested interest in this case, or with any ties to the jurisdiction that investigated this case.

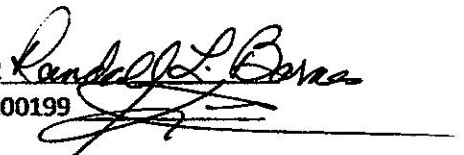
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