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Please reply to:

The undersigned

Your reference:

Our reference:

Date:

3rd August 2006

Dear Sir

Re: Raychel Ferguson Investigation

Thank you for your letter of 31st July 2006. I would like to clarify the Police position in relation to the above investigation. Extensive work has already been carried out in this criminal investigation into the death of Raychel Ferguson.

At this time it has been decided to await the direction of the Public Prosecution Service in respect of two other hyponatremia related death investigations.

It would be incorrect to say that the investigation into the death of Raychel Ferguson is not proceeding as it is hoped that a direction from the Public Prosecution Service in the other two cases may assist the direction of the Police investigation into the death of Raychel.

It would be premature for us to return or release any documentation gathered by us to date in relation to the investigation of Raychel's death as this is still regarded by us to be a live enquiry.

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The Senior Investigating Officer, Detective Chief Inspector Tom Woods is available to discuss any issues you may have. He hopes to have a further meeting with Mr and Mrs Ferugson during the week beginning 7th August 2006 to clarify the Police position.

Yours sincerely

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Tara Nicholl D/Inspector

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31st July 2006

For the attention of: D/Inspector Tara Nicholl Child Abuse and Rape Enquiry Unit **PSNI** 4 Maydown Road Derry BT47 6SJ

Dear Madam

Raychel Ferguson Investigation Re:

We understand from discussions with our client on Friday last that, in summary, the criminal investigation into the death of Raychel may not be proceeding.

Would you be kind enough to:

- Confirm the above and the reasons for same or otherwise; and a.
- Please, if there is no legal impediment, let us have all documentation b. gathered by you to date in relation to Raychel. If there is any issue about expense we shall pay any photocopying expenses and provide vou with Lever Arch folders.

We have experienced problems in getting access to documentation that we know is in existence in relation to the death of Raychel and our clients would appreciate your assistance in providing the documentation that you have gathered to date.

Yours faithfully

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cc. Mr & Mrs Ferguson

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