



Office of the County Attorney
Chip Fletcher, County Attorney

October 12, 2015

Mr. Neil Gillespie
8092 SW 115th Loop
Ocala, FL 34481

Re: Cause and manner of death of Frank Collelo

Dear Mr. Gillespie:

I am the attorney representing Hillsborough County's Medical Examiner. Your October 6, 2015 letter to Dr. Mainland has been forwarded to me for response.

The Medical Examiner's Department appropriately determined the cause and manner of Frank Collelo's death utilizing an investigation and external examination, rather than an autopsy. Investigations and external examinations leading to a cause and manner of death without an autopsy are common in many of the Medical Examiner cases and, indeed, in the medical community generally.

Mr. Collelo had multiple risk factors suggesting his death was naturally caused by arteriosclerotic heart disease. Those factors include (but may not be limited to) his gender, age, family history of heart disease, morbid obesity and history of tobacco use. The circumstances immediately preceding death (his wife reported Mr. Collelo rubbing his sternum before he collapsed) are also consistent with the Medical Examiner Department's determination arteriosclerotic heart disease caused Mr. Collelo's death.

Additionally, none of the facts provided suggest § 415.1034, Florida Statutes, is applicable.

Sincerely,

Danielle R. Green
Senior Assistant County Attorney

cc: Thea Clark, Chief Legal Counsel, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office

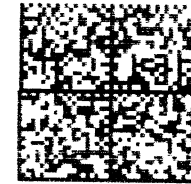


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