

RE: Request for Independent Review and Investigative Transparency – Death of Kyle Bassinga, Marietta, Georgia

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter serves as a formal request for further review, investigative transparency, and public clarification regarding the death of Kyle Bassinga in Marietta, Georgia, which has been officially ruled a suicide.

Members of the community have expressed concern about the circumstances surrounding the death and the sufficiency of the investigation. In matters involving loss of life, public

confidence depends upon thorough, transparent, and impartial investigative procedures.

I. BASIS FOR COMMUNITY CONCERN

Community members have raised concerns including:

- Whether all forensic evidence was fully examined and documented;**
- Whether the scene investigation and evidence preservation met best-practice standards;**
- Whether all witness statements and timelines were reconciled;**
- Whether digital evidence, communications, and surveillance footage were collected and reviewed;**
- Whether the manner of death**

determination was supported by comprehensive forensic findings;
– Whether any potential third-party involvement was fully excluded.

When questions remain unanswered, families and communities are left without closure and public trust is undermined.

II. IMPORTANCE OF INVESTIGATIVE TRANSPARENCY

The determination of cause and manner of death must be based on complete forensic evaluation and investigative rigor.

Relevant professional standards include:

– National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) Standards for death

investigations;

– Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance on violent death classification;

– Georgia Death Investigation Act, O.C.G.A. § 45–16–20 et seq.;

– Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) protocols for death investigations.

Transparent investigative practices are essential to ensure accuracy and maintain public confidence.

III. REQUESTED ACTIONS

To restore public confidence and provide clarity, the undersigned respectfully requests:

1. Confirmation of whether an

independent or secondary review has been conducted or can be conducted.

2. Release of the autopsy findings, consistent with Georgia open records law.

3. Clarification of:

- forensic findings supporting the manner of death determination,**
- toxicology results,**
- timeline reconstruction,**
- physical and trace evidence analysis.**

4. Confirmation that:

- all available surveillance footage was reviewed,**
- digital communications and phone data were examined,**
- witness interviews were conducted and reconciled.**

5. Disclosure of whether the Georgia Bureau of Investigation reviewed or can review the case.

6. Assurance that the case remains open

to reevaluation should new evidence emerge.

IV. LEGAL AND PUBLIC INTEREST CONSIDERATIONS

Georgia law recognizes the public's interest in transparent death investigations:

- O.C.G.A. § 50–18–70 et seq. (Georgia Open Records Act)**
- O.C.G.A. § 45–16–24 (duties of coroners/medical examiners)**
- Due Process principles under the Fourteenth Amendment support procedural integrity and fairness.**

Courts have long recognized that public confidence in death investigations

depends upon transparency and impartiality.

V. COMMUNITY TRUST AND PUBLIC SAFETY

When deaths are ruled without clear public explanation of investigative steps and findings, it can erode public trust and fuel uncertainty. A transparent review process benefits:

- the decedent’s family,**
- the local community,**
- law enforcement credibility,**
- and public safety.**

A thorough and transparent review ensures that conclusions are supported by evidence and that all reasonable

investigative avenues were explored.

VI. WHERE TO SEND THIS REQUEST

Cobb County Medical Examiner's Office

1750 County Services Parkway

Marietta, GA 30008

Phone: 770-528-1900

Cobb County Police Department

140 N. Marietta Parkway NE

Marietta, GA 30060

Phone: 770-499-3900

Cobb County District Attorney's Office

70 Haynes Street

Marietta, GA 30090

Phone: 770-528-3080

Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI)

3121 Panthersville Road

Decatur, GA 30034

Phone: 404-244-2600

Tip Line: 1-800-597-TIPS

Georgia Attorney General

40 Capitol Square SW

Atlanta, GA 30334

Phone: 404-656-3300

VII. CONCLUSION

This request is made in the interest of

transparency, accountability, and public trust. A comprehensive review and clear public explanation of investigative findings will help ensure confidence in the determination and provide clarity for the community.

Respectfully submitted,

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