



CHESTNUT FALLS SHERIFF'S OFFICE

STEPHEN NAVARRO
SHERIFF

MEMORANDUM

To: MICHELLE GRAY
From: Sheriff Stephen Navarro
Subj: MACDONAGH HOMICIDE CASE

Michelle,

I'm sorry about bringing you in on such short notice. I shouldn't have called you so late last night to ask for your help. You probably would have rather continued catching up with your friends than jump into a murder investigation, but I'm grateful you said yes.

Honestly, I didn't know who else to trust with this. My office hasn't been able to keep up with how fast this town is growing, and with my illness keeping me out of commission, that just leaves Officer Goff to hold down the fort. Goff's a good man. He's great at directing traffic, and maybe handling a shoplifting case, but the man is as green as the day I fired him. A murder is way out of his league.

I knew you were in town for the reunion, so when Goff called me panicked as a squirrel staring down a snake, I picked up the phone. You were by far the best intern we ever had, and I was so proud when you told me you were starting up your own PI firm. A formal office was never your style.

Chestnut Falls is my home, and it was once yours. It just felt wrong trusting it to some stranger from the county or state offices. I know it's unusual, but I'm asking you to run point on this investigation. You'll have access to all of my office's resources—including Goff if you can find a use for him. This town hasn't dealt with a murder in decades, so I need you for the lack of guidance or protocols to help you.

Show this letter to Lisa at Town Hall and she'll show you around the office. If you buy her coffee first she'll even teach you the trick to make the printer work.

Charlie was a good man, and it kills me to hear what happened to him. But I feel a little bit easier knowing you're on the case.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Navarro".

Stephen Navarro
Sheriff, Chestnut Falls

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CHESTNUT FALLS SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Crime Scene Investigation Detailed Summary

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Case Classification: Homicide Investigation	Date / Time Reported:	Date / Time Occurred:
Location: Corner of Poplar St. and Willow Ln.		

SECTION I - CRIME SCENE DESCRIPTION

Summary: (continue on page 2 if necessary)
At 10:31PM, the Sheriff called me to request my assistance at the crime scene on his behalf. I left from the local bar at 10:30PM and arrived at the scene at 11:04PM. I spoke to the deputy who was still on the scene, reporting officer Deputy James Goff. Before I left the scene, I observed the placement of the evidence markers and the situation at the vehicle. The passenger side door was left open, and the interior light and headlights were left on. The keys were in the ignition.
Following interviews with the Reporting Officer, Reporting Witness, and Medical Examiner revealed further details of the crime scene upon their respective arrivals.

Location Desc: Secluded area known as "The Grove" in locals, frequented by teenagers. Empty bottles and other used items often found in area.	Conditions: <input type="checkbox"/> Bright Sun <input type="checkbox"/> Sun <input type="checkbox"/> Overcast <input type="checkbox"/> Twilight	<input type="checkbox"/> Dark <input type="checkbox"/> Dry <input type="checkbox"/> Light Rain <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy Rain <input type="checkbox"/> Strong Wind	Misc. Description: Trees in the area are close together, hindering visibility into scene.
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SECTION II - VEHICLE DATA

Yr.	Yr.	Make	Model	Style	Misc. Description:	License #:
Yes	2008	Honda	Accord	4 Door	Paint and vehicle appear consistent that the vehicle is registered to Charles MacDonagh.	

Describe any damage: Car missing, interior light and headlights on, passenger side door left open, rearview mirror askew.

Yr.	Yr.	Make	Model	Style	Misc. Description:	License #:
					add tire and dent description	

Additional damage: Tire marks at the scene match make and model of tires on car belonging to Charles MacDonagh. Grooved indentations show footprints leading away from car at a long stride. Ground consistency made any shoe impossible to identify.

SECTION III - INTERVIEW

Reporting Officer: Deputy James Goff	Interview Completed? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Date / Time Occurred:
Witness: Aara McBride	SSN:	Any Relation to Victim?: Cousin, former classmate

Reporting Officer Interview Notes:
At 10:17PM, Dispatch received 911 call regarding the discovery of a body in a car off Willow Ln. The caller identified herself as Aara McBride. Reporting Officer Deputy James Goff was dispatched and arrived at the scene at 10:30PM. Goff entered the clearing and was greeted by an adult female who identified herself as the caller. She stated that she was the cousin of the victim, and had seen him alive approx. one hour previously.
After confirming the presence of the body, Goff secured the scene and contacted Dispatch at 10:44PM to request medical assistance. At Goff's request, McBride exited the area to await further questioning in the officer's vehicle. Goff then secured the scene and cleared the area, finding no other persons present in the vicinity. At 10:47PM, Goff called Sheriff Nauman to relay what had occurred. The Sheriff then called me at 10:51PM to request my assistance.

Dr. Kara Duncan arrived at 11:04PM. Dr. Duncan pronounced the victim deceased at 11:11PM by visual observation that the victim was not breathing and by tactile observation that the victim did not have a palpable carotid pulse or any other indications of heartbeat or respiration.
After I arrived to the scene, I observed that the victim was sitting slumped in the driver's side seat with obvious bruising and abrasions around the neck. Evidence was marked and bagged.
McBride was taken willingly to the Chestnut Falls Sheriff's Office for further questioning. Body of the deceased was removed from scene at 12:25AM.

WITNESS STATEMENT ATTACHED

SECTION IV - VICTIM I.D. AND MEDICAL ASSESSMENT

Name: Charles MacDonagh	DOB: 04/22/1980	Occupation: Pharmacist	Medical Examiner: Kara Duncan, MD
Medical Examiner Assessment: Strangulation			Cause of Death: Unknown

Medical Examiner Interview Notes:
Victim was declared dead at 11:11PM, soon after Dr. Duncan's arrival. Victim sustained injuries consistent with strangulation without ligature, including marks on the neck and periorbital in the whites of the eyes. Dr. Duncan could not confirm further injury without conducting a full autopsy, but could observe signs of probable damage to cartilaginous rings of the trachea. Cause of death likely asphyxiation from crushed/closed airway. Time of death was estimated to be between 9:05-9:40PM. Dr. Duncan recommended a full autopsy and toxicology report to coroner's office.

Autopsy Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Autopsy Results: TBD with Chicago, waiting
Toxicology Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Toxicology Results: TBD

Officer: *Markell Green* Approved by: *[Signature]*



WITNESS (PRINT NAME) Aura McBride		DOB
ADDRESS (PRINT, FULL, OR)	OCCLUSION	PHONE
SEX	OTHER CONTACT	DATE

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WITNESS STATEMENT

Charlie and I are cousins on my mom's side. We grew up in town together, but I moved away after college and he came back here to settle down. This was the first time we'd seen each other in a couple years, so we talked a bit during the reunion. I lost track of him at some point, but we'd all agreed to meet up at Dimitri's at 10, so I thought I'd see him later.

I volunteered to help Artie clean up after the reunion ended. I took care of the gym and he cleaned the cafeteria across the hall. I finished up a little after 9:45. I was going to head to Dimitri's then, but I saw I had a missed call from Susan's work number. I tried calling her back but got no answer. Susan wouldn't call for no reason—she's not the tentative type. During the reunion, we talked about her issues at work, and I saw her step out early. I was worried she was having some trouble, so I drove out to her clinic.

On my way, maybe around 10:15, I saw some headlights shining just off Willow Lane. It looked like someone had parked at the Grove. I thought it must be someone I knew, since the Grove was a popular place to hang out when we were teenagers. I parked on the side of Willow Lane and walked over to the car, which I recognized as Charlie's. The passenger door was wide open.

I saw Charlie leaning back against the driver's seat, his head tilted at a weird angle. I thought he might've been sleeping, but he didn't respond when I tapped on the window. The driver's side door was unlocked, so I opened it and shook him, but still no response. He was pale and had bruises around his neck. I checked his pulse, but there was nothing.

My phone says I called 911 at 10:17. I can barely remember what I said to the operator. I was in such a panic. I don't remember how long it took for authorities to come. His skin was still warm when I found him. I got there too late.

FOR PERSONAL RECORDS

REPORTING OFFICER	Sgt. Michelle Gray at the behest of the Chestnut Falls Sheriff's Office		
OFFICER SIGNATURE	<i>Michelle Gray</i>		
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WITNESS STATEMENT OF	Arthur Hughes		DOB		
ADDRESS (STREET, PO BOX)			CITY/TOWN	PHONE	STATE
SEX	EDUCATION			DOB	
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					WITNESS INITIALS
WITNESS STATEMENT					
<p>I was at the school until 9:45. I was cleaning up after the overwhelming success of the reunion, which is no surprise seeing as I put it together. There were a few minor hiccups, but thankfully no one made an ass of themselves—truly a remarkable feat given that Gavin Nash was in attendance.</p> <p>Aura volunteered to stick around and help put the tables away. I assume she did so, but I was mostly straightening up the cafeteria and ensuring all of the fundraising money was properly accounted for, so I didn't see much of her. As I was about to leave, I noticed the custodial closet was ajar. I took a quick peek inside, only to see it was in utter disarray. I did my best to pick things up, but now I'll have to apologize to Mr. Fitzpatrick on Monday morning for how inconsiderate my fellow alumni were to his work station.</p> <p>Regardless, I still made it to the Taverna right around ten. I was worried that I'd be late, but Antonio was the only one there. The others showed up over the next twenty minutes or so. Everyone seemed normal, except that Gavin showed up with soaking wet hair that was dripping water onto his shirt. I guess the perpetual pretty boy felt he had enough time to go back to the hotel to shower, but not enough to properly use a towel. Anyway, we were still waiting for Susan and Aura to arrive when we got a phone call from Aura with the terrible news about Charles. I imagine it will take some time for all of us to recover from this tragedy on what should have been a perfect night.</p>					
FOR PERSONAL RECORDS					
WITNESS PRINT NAME			REPORTING OFFICER		
			P.I. Michelle Gray at the behest of the Chestnut Falls Sheriff's Office		
WITNESS SIGNATURE			OFFICER NUMBER		
			<i>Michelle Gray</i>		
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WITNESS STATEMENT FORM

WITNESS STATEMENT OF Susan Li		DOB		
ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)		OCCUPATION	PHONE	MOBILE
SEX	OTHER CONTACT	CODE		

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WITNESS DETAILS

WITNESS STATEMENT

I arrived at the reunion at 6 and spent most of my time catching up with everyone. I saw Charlie briefly. Later in the night, I spoke to Aura about the lawsuit I'm currently involved in. Our conversation left me with some serious questions about the process, so I decided to leave the reunion early, around 8:40. I drove to my office at the vet clinic to look over some documents my lawyer had sent me. Then around 9:10, I called my lawyer and we spoke for a half hour or so. After that, I called Aura to ask for some more legal advice, but she didn't pick up. This was at 9:45 I believe. I left my office and paced around the clinic for a while, thinking I should try to call Aura again soon. I'd planned to meet up with our friend group at Dimitri's at 10, but I wasn't in the mood at that point. It wasn't until later that night that I heard what happened to Charlie.

FOR PERSONAL RECORDS

WITNESS PRINT NAME	REPORTING OFFICER P.I. Michelle Gray at the behest of the Chestnut Falls Sheriff's Office
WITNESS SIGNATURE	OFFICER SIGNATURE <i>Michelle Gray</i>
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CHESTNUT FALLS SHERIFF'S OFFICE
WITNESS STATEMENT FORM

WITNESS STATEMENT OF Gavin Nash		DOB	
ADDRESS (STREET, STATE, ZIP)		OCCUPATION	PHONE
SEX	OTHER CONTACT	DATE	

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WITNESS STATEMENT

I got to the reunion when everyone else did, I don't know, look up when it started. I talked to Charlie, but I wasn't interested in whatever he was blabbing about, so I talked to some other people. It was great to come back and see where I started out. It's crazy how much has happened since high school, but I'm doing really well, unlike some people. I don't mean like Charlie, but I guess that counts.

I left at nine, I went to my hotel. I wanted a map. Maybe I drank too much, I don't know. I was having a good time. I didn't know what would happen. I left the hotel and got to the diner, and I know Nic showed up a bit after I remember because his parents wouldn't get me anything to eat before he got there, and I was starved. I just finished a cleanse. It was brutal. It's too bad Charlie's gone, he used to be a lot of fun.

FOR PERSONAL RECORDS

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	p.i. Michelle Gray at the behest of the Chestnut Falls Sheriff's Office
WITNESS SIGNATURE	OFFICER SIGNATURE
	<i>Michelle Gray</i>
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WITNESS STATEMENT OF Antonio Villar			DOB		
ADDRESS (HOME, WORK, OR)		OCCUPATION	PHONE	STATUS	
SEX	OTHER CONTACT	IDOC			

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WITNESS INITIALS

WITNESS STATEMENT

I left home for the reunion at about 5:45 PM. I told Luis, my son, I would be home late because I planned to meet up with old friends at Dimitri's Taverna afterward. I saw Charlie at the reunion, but we didn't talk as much because we had seen each other earlier that day at the pharmacy.

I left the reunion at about 9, maybe a little after. I was in the parking lot for a bit. I thought I saw Charlie drive off with someone, but I don't know for sure. I arrived at the diner too early. I was the first one there. I wanted to catch up more with everyone before I brought souvlaki home for Luis, but even Artie didn't show up for a while.

Then I found out Charlie was dead. I don't know anything else. I'm sorry.

FOR PERSONAL RECORDS

WITNESS PRINT NAME	REPORTING OFFICER: P.I. Michelle Gray at the behest of the Chestnut Falls Sheriff's Office
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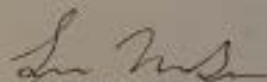
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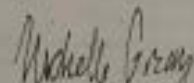
That I consent to the search of the premises of 115 Newton Ct., a red-brick, single-story family residential dwelling approximately 50 years old with gray shingle roof, one chimney, front wooden porch, brown front door, and detached single-vehicle garage constructed of wood covered in brown vinyl siding and a white overhead single door. The numeric is visible on the primary entrance door.

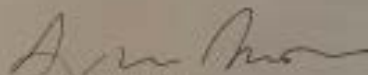
The following property, to wit: any device that can be utilized for the transaction of service or a financial account of collection, including any cell phones or computers, hardware consisting of all such equipment that can collect, analyze, create, display, convert, conceal or transmit electronic, magnetic, optical, or similar computer impulses or data, along with trace evidence to include, but not limited to, blood, semen, saliva, or drugs and drug paraphernalia. Such items are subject to search and seizure, in that they are evidence in a criminal matter pursuant to U.S. Code § 1111.

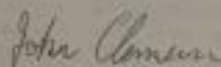
I consent that Michelle Gray, Private Investigator, under the advisement of Stephen Navarro, Chestnut Falls Sheriff, be assigned to conduct the search and seizure of any and all property as stated above.

The affiant declares that information stated in this document is truthful under U.S. Code § 1621.


Sarah MacDonagh
Affiant


Michelle Gray
Private Investigator


Stephen Navarro
Sheriff, Chestnut Falls


John Clemens
Notary Public





SHEEP'S SHADOW FARM OWNER, Adrian Dombrowski, woke up early Thursday morning to find 12 of his sheep stabbed to death by an unknown intruder. The Cook County Sheriff's Office continues to investigate the blood

FARMER FINDS SHEEP

Mysteriously Slaughtered Overnight

By Lauren Flanagan

Adrian Dombrowski was walking toward his farm's western pasture at around 4:45 a.m. on Thursday morning when he noticed an eerie stillness in the distance.

Sheep's Shadow Farm—located in the southernmost corner of Lake Laurel Township—has rolling hills that stretch to the horizon, so Dombrowski could usually see the silhouettes of his Dorset sheep grazing atop the hilly pasture. Instead, he saw an empty landscape.

"I opened the gate and walked about thirty yards in and that's when I saw them," Dombrowski said, adjusting his faded Cubs baseball hat. "I just couldn't believe it. A quarter of my herd, gone."

At first, Dombrowski thought a pack of coyotes had jumped a fence and killed the sheep, but he didn't see any tell-tale bite marks that are consistent with a coyote or a wolf.

"They looked like stab wounds," Dombrowski said. "I checked out one of the younger ewes and saw that the wounds looked like clean, deep slash marks. Someone trespassed onto my farm and killed my sheep."

Following his gruesome discovery, Dombrowski called the Cook County

Sheriff's Office and reported the crime.

According to Sheriff Dan Van Houten, two deputies responded to the call and conducted a thorough investigation.

"The deputies set a perimeter 50 yards out from the pasture and worked their way in," Van Houten said. "They removed the bodies of two sheep for further testing, but in the meantime investigation is still ongoing."

Adrian's wife, Claire Dombrowski, said that the family has owned Sheep's Shadow Farm for generations, and nothing like this has ever been recorded in its history.

"Adrian's great-great-grandfather bought this land and started the farm with his own two hands," Claire said. "He would be absolutely devastated to know that this happened on our farm. It's such a peaceful, quiet place."

Dombrowski said he'll be focusing on increasing security measures until someone is arrested for the killings.

"My neighbor is lending me two of his Great Pyrenees until I can buy a couple of my own," Dombrowski said. "Whoever did this owes me about eight grand. I'll figure out it eventually."

Sheriff Van Houten urges anyone with tips or information regarding the

Dombrowski called the Cook County Sheriff's Office and reported the crime.