My Cries for Justice

What it's been like to be ignored by virtually everyone!

By Amy Sherlock September 3, 2024

The following account will detail all the law enforcement and regulatory agencies I reached to in order to have my claims investigated that my deceased husband, Michael "Biker" Sherlock ran afoul of criminals who, with his murder, stole his life and his dreams of owning and operating an adult-use licensed dispensary in the city and county of San Diego away from him and his family.

Perhaps it's because this is a cannabis related enterprise that while new, in terms of main street public acceptance, his death was just chalked up to the cost of doing business in this nascent industry. But that is EXACTLY why I want law enforcement and those agencies that regulate this industry to take this matter very, very, seriously. Yes, I lost a husband and my boys have had to grow up without a father, but the State of California and the local governments made a pact with its citizens that deciding to pursue licensing in this industry would not be a death sentence. Sadly, in the case of Biker that is exactly the price he ended up paying.

Over the last 5 years, I've steadfastly attempted to bring the information I have to these agencies. It has not come at great expense in terms of the time, money, and my parents and relatives ridicule for not just "letting go" of Biker's death and accept the official ruling of suicide. As can be seen here there are 3rd party forensic experts who have reviewed all the crime scene and forensic data compiled by the San Diego Police Department and the San Diego County Medical Examiner who have the opinion that his death was 100% not a suicide or at minimum should have been ruled undetermined.

The following list will show, be section and year/month/date my experience with local, state and federal law enforcement and a variety of public and elected officials at the city, county and state levels as well as those media outlets I have reached out to in an attempt to get any type of coverage on this that might spur some reaction and response. Sadly, as you will see, that has not been the case.

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SECTION 1.0: City of San Diego FOIA Requests

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2022/09/20: FOIA Documents Request No. PRA-4995 re 6220 Federal Blvd.

2022/09/28: 1st Responsive Docs to PRA-4995

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2022/09/28: 5th Responsive Docs to PRA-4995

2022/09/28: 6th Responsive Docs to PRA-4995

2022/09/39: 7th Responsive Docs to PRA-4995

SECTION 1.1: San Diego Development Services Department (DSD)

2020/03/05: Attorney Andrew Flores, Darryl Cotton and I went to the DSD offices on a fact-finding mission to get documents on the transfers of Biker's permits. We were addressed by Michelle Sokolowski who immediately said she could not help us, it was not her job to provide us with documents and had the District Attorney's name and phone number, prewritten on a post-it-note and told us to speak to them. I'd classify her demeanor as being defensive and borderline hostile. She wanted nothing to do with us.

SECTION 1.2: San Diego Planning Commission

<u>2016/12/15</u>: Scott Chipman appears at 14:40 before the Planning Commission re possible conflicts of interest by certain members of the Planning Commission.

<u>2016/12/15</u>: Attorney Robert Ottilie appears at 17:10 before the Planning Commission re bias and due process violations.

<u>2016/12/13</u>: Attorney Robert Ottilie's letter to the Planning Commission re the recusal of Commissioner Wagner.

<u>2023/12/26</u>: Cotton to Former Planning Commissioner Theresa Quiroz re corruption and bias within the Planning Commission re adult-use cannabis licenses.

2024/05/13: DSD Deep Dive of all Adult-Use Cannabis CUPs in the Planning Commission Appeals Process

SECTION 1.3: San Diego City Council

2023/06/06: I flew into San Diego to be part of a group presentation before the City Council in which we detailed the issues we've had with DSD cannabis licensing and requested an audit be done to investigate their practices. Prior to that presentation I had provided each member of the City Council with a statement letter from both myself and Darryl Cotton. The video of that group presentation begins at 1:37:20.

2023/06/06: Amy Sherlock's Written Statement to the City Council 2023/06/06: Darryl Cotton's Written Statement to the City Council

SECTION 1.4: San Diego Police Department and CPP

2022/12/01: Darryl Cotton, Joe Hurtado, and I met with Sgt. Tien, (Cold Case Homicide Division) at the SDPD Headquarters for approximately 1.5 hours. Upon hearing our story, he agreed that the strawman practice we were describing was illegal. He agreed that there was motive for Biker's partners to eliminate him. He agreed to review the <u>Armorous Report</u> we had provided him and would get back to me with follow up requests for information he might have.

2022/12/12: I email Tien with a meeting follow up thanking him for the time he spent with us.

2023/01/09: I email Tien with a second follow up.

2023/04/07: Sgt Tien calls me and tells me "There's tons of motivation behind Biker's death" but there is no physical evidence proving anything other than suicide. I pushed back and questioned the bruise on his forehead, plus motive. I asked if he reviewed the Armorous report, He told me that he did. He understood that I was upset, but "there is no there there." I said, "I'm only asking everyone to do their jobs..." at which point he hung up on me.

2023/05/21: My 3X a charm email to Sgt Tien with copies to Police Chief David Nisleit, the City Attorney Mara Elliott and Mayor Todd Gloria.

2024/03/01: At 10:47 am and 10:50 am I attempt to contact SDPD. Nobody answered the phone and no voicemail option on 619-531-2000.

2024/03/01: At 10:55 am attempted to contact the alternate SDPD number at 619-446-1031. No answer.

2024/03/06: At 12:30 and 12:35 pm I called 619-531-2000. No answer.

2024/03/06: At 12:50 pm called SDPD at 858-484-3154. No answer. I left a 2nd detailed message.

2024/04/02: At 8:07 am I called SDPD at 619-531-2000 Badge 8876 answered the phone. He told me that my local PD must call them and file the report on my behalf. I said that didn't sound right, that I'd like to be involved in the

delivery of the information. I asked for a direct line to a SDPD detective to give to the PPD detective. The officer refused and said the PPD detective must call on the main line at 619-531-2000. I said, that's ridiculous and would waste the detective's time because nobody ever answers the phone. The officer refused to give me a direct contact with a detective or the financial crimes unit.

2024/04/02: Asked Detective Davis from Prosper PD to file the report for me. He asked if my attorney would and I told him he had refused.

2024/04/02: Detective Davis called me and told me he spent an hour on the phone at SDPD and everyone was rude and unhelpful and he gave up after being on hold for an hour.

2024/04/03: At 8:15 am I called SDPD 619-531-2000 Badge 8711, upon minimal information, saying that I needed to report a forgery, gave me the direct line to the SDPD Financial Crimes Unit at 619-531-2545.

2024/04/03: At 8:38 am I called the SDPD Financial Crimes Unit at 619-531-2545 no answer.

2024/04/03: At 1:56 pm I called back because it was business hours and maybe I'd missed them earlier. Left a detailed message.

2024/04/08: At 7:40 am I called SDPD Financial Crimes Unit and left second detailed message.

2024/04/10: At 10:04 am I called SDPD Financial Crimes Unit and left third detailed message. Mentioned the Bar Complaint and investigation, forgery, fraud and that a crime was *actually committed*.

2024/04/15: At 10:03 am having still not received a return call from the SDPD Financial Crimes Unit, I tried a different option for bank fraud to see if someone would answer. They didn't.

2024/04/15: At 10:04 am I called the SDPD Financial Crimes Unit and left a fourth detailed message.

2024/04/23: At 9:44 am I called the SDPD Financial Crimes Unit and left a fifth detailed message.

2024/05/02: At 4:34 pm I called SDPD at 619-446-1031 and ended up at the SDPD Financial Crimes Unit voicemail. I left a detailed message and said, "I think you are preventing a victim from reporting a crime."

2024/06/05: Filed a complaint via email to SDPD Internal Affairs Department regarding Financial Crimes unit refusing to allow me to file a police report.

2024/06/08: Emailed the SDPD Internal Affairs Department to confirm receipt of my complaint.

2024/07/01 Filed Complaint with CPP. Complaint said that after six months, dozens of phone calls, I was unable to file a police report with the Financial crime unit, that I had filed a complaint with Internal Affairs on June 6 and had no response.

2024/07/01 Received email confirmation from Jon' Nae McFarland.

2024/07/10: Called Internal Affairs and left a detailed message. Where is my case?

2024/07/11: McFarland called me back. Her only contacts are at IA. She's confused because I don't have an officer's name on the complaint. Because I haven't spoken to one! That's my complaint.

2024/07/22: Out of frustration having STILL not been able to file a police report, I emailed both McFarland and IA making another complaint that I have not been allowed to file a police report. I wrote out what I'd like to file in

the police report. I attached the Prosper Police Report, the actual police report, my Bar complaint against Miltner and the Investigative report on Duane Alexander.

2024/07/22: I called McFarland twice, left message.

2024/07/22: Called IA and after 17 rings I spoke to Detective John Dunney. He told me Sgt Neilson was assigned to my case.

2024/07/29: Called IA again left message.

2024/07/29: Officer Martinez calls me back. I explain the situation and how I'm just trying to file a police report with FCU. Martinez seems sympathetic but tells me he's not sure how to get the documents I emailed with IA over to FCU. He doesn't know how to connect them by phone and can't walk down the hallway to ask. He recommends that I print all 100 pages and send via USPS. I was insulted and told him I'm not doing that and he needs to figure out how the phones and email at SDPD work.

2024/07/30: I spoke to Detective Rodriguez, and he told me that my case has been sent to Eduardo Lopez.

2024/07/31: I called IA

2024/07/31: I spoke with Detective Eduardo Lopez. He told me that he had reviewed my case and they were reviewing jurisdiction, whether SDPD because of Balboa, Sheriffs because of Ramona or District Attorneys could pick it up. He gave me his direct phone line. I've called that number 5 times since that conversation and never spoke to Lopez again. I was given a case number. 24030740.

2024/08/10 I called MCFarland for an update. I told her I haven't heard back about my complaint and I still haven't spoken to a Financial crimes detective.

2024/08/15 I received an email from Mc Farland saying she'd requested contact for Financial crimes unit and KINDLY gave me the phone number.

2024/08/15 I responded that I had left half a dozen messages for the voicemail that says its the FCU voicemail for God's sake!

2024/08/12: Called Det Lopez, got Serano's voicemail. Left a message. Asked if they'd figured out jurisdiction. I have more information for them, could they please call me back.

2024/08/15: Received call from Serano that my case was given to Bradford Pahita and he could be reached at 619-531-2924

2024/08/19: Left message for Pahita. Gave case number, request for call back.

2024/08/21: Left second message with Pahita's voicemail.

2024/08/23: Left third message for Pahita.

2024/08/23: Called Internal Affairs. Spoke with Deborah Clem. Told her my situation. Agreed that the situation is unacceptable. Said she'd follow up.

2024/08/23: Clem returned my call and left a message that Eduardo Lopez is in charge of my case and that she had called, emailed and walked down to his office and he wasn't in.

2024/08/23: Serano leaves message that Pahita is in fact in charge of my case.

2024/08/26: left fourth message with Pahita.

2024/08/26: Left fourth message with Serano that I'm getting conflicting information and still haven't spoken to a detective.

2024/08/26: Called IA and spoke with Eric McCoole. Told him the ridiculous story. He looked my case up and gave me NEW information that Pahita is a narcotics detective. I pushed back that my case has absolutely nothing to do with narcotics. McCoole could only say that it was because it's cannabis.

2024/08/27: Called IA and left message that my case had been moved from FCU to narcotics when there is absolutely no reason. That this has allowed FCU another 60 days to avoid me and my investigation.

2024/08/27: Left Pahita fifth message

2024/08/27: Left another message with Serano.

2024/08/27: Emailed McFarland and Internal Affairs. Gave update on absolute run around. Requested again, the CPP Investigation and why I haven't been contacted regarding my complaint and that I STILL haven't been able to speak to a FCU detective.

2024/08/27: Left a voicemail for McFarland. Where is my investigation? Who has my case? Angry because she has allowed 60 more days to delay my investigation!

2024/08/27: Finally spoke with Pahita. He is narcotics. He has no idea why the case was sent to him. He can only investigate illegal dispensaries. I told him that I have information about legal dispensaries controlling their POS system and selling illegal weed out the back door. Said there's nothing he can do. Suggested I contact DCC. I told them they've been extremely unhelpful. He agreed and said they don't help him either. WHAT?!?! DCC doesn't help SDPD narcotics. Insane. I did email his contact. She was unhelpful and couldn't answer anything about licensing because she's in compliance. Ummm, wouldn't compliance oversee licensing?

2024/08/27: Emailed McFarland and Internal Affairs. Gave update on absolute run around. Requested again, the CPP Investigation and why I haven't been contacted regarding my complaint and that I STILL haven't been able to speak to a FCU detective.

2024/08/27: Left a voicemail for McFarland. Where is my investigation? Who has my case? Angry becasue she has allowed 60 more days to delay my investigation!

2024/08/28: Left message for IA, nothing from my IA complaint has been acknowledged or investigated.

2024/09/03: Booked a flight from Dallas to San Diego to speak at the 9/04/2024 CPP Hearing.

SECTION 1.5: City of San Diego Mayors Office

2020/02/05: After meeting with Michell Sokolowski, DSD, Cotton and I continued on to Mayor Kevin Falconer's office. We waited a long time. The mayor didn't come out to see us, so I wrote a detailed message, requesting the

mayor's assistance in finding out what happened to Biker's permits. I left my name, address, phone number and a copy of my marriage certificate asking for a call back from him or at least someone on his staff.

2020/02/13: Having received no communication from Mayor Falconer or his staff, I wrote a follow up email to him providing more details and copied Cotton. Cotton replied on 3/14/2020. Neither Mayor Falconer nor his staff ever replied to those emails. Not even an auto reply that they'd received my correspondence.

2020/02/14: Sherlock/Cotton emails to Mayor Falconer's office.

2023/05/02: Sherlock's 3X is a Charm email to Tien with CC to Mayor Todd Gloria and others.

SECTION 1.6: City of San Diego City Attorney Office

24/04/25: Cotton/Sherlock Antitrust Related Cases

SECTION 2.0: San Diego County Medical Examiner Office

2024/01/11: Flores letter to DA Summer Stephan re Michael Sherlock's Cause of Death determination.

SECTION 2.1: San Diego County Sheriff Office

2024/03/26: At 10:00am I called the SD County Sheriff's to report my signature forgery on the Miltner Waiver Agreement since SDPD doesn't answer the phone. I'm asked where the forgery took place. Since I wasn't there when my name was forged, I was unsure how to respond. I guessed North County because that's where the Lake's live.

2024/03/26: At 10:12 am SD Sheriff's from Encinitas, CA called me back. We spoke for nine minutes. They helped me determine that the address on the forged contract would be the jurisdiction. That made it fall under the SDPD since it is a downtown address.

2024/03/06: At 12:45 pm I called SD County Sheriff's at 858-523-7066 Badge 7855 told me that I must go to my local police in Texas. That it was their jurisdiction. I questioned the deputy, how that could be if the crime took place in San Diego, it was a CA company and attorney. The Deputy insisted the forgery was not the jurisdiction of CA at all. It was up to Texas to take the report.

SECTION 2.2: San Diego County District Attorney Office

<u>2024/01/11: Flores letter to DA Summer Stephan</u> requesting change to Biker's cause of Death. DA Oscar ??? Called Flores the next day. Other than that, there was no response.

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SECTION 2.3: San Diego County Grand Jury

2023/12/18: Sherlock's Grand Jury Complaint re multiple suspicious CUP transfers at 8863 Balboa Avenue.

2023/12/18: Flores's Grand Jury Complaint re DCC failure to address the Strawman Practice.

2023/12/20: Zamora's Grand Jury Complaint re Biker's death not being a suicide.

2023/12/28: Sherlock's Grand Jury Complaint re the Roder Report concluding Biker's death was "100%" not suicide.

2024/01/11: Sherlock's Grand Jury Complaint re attorney Jessica McElfresh violating terms of her probation.

2024/02/16: Sherlock's Grand Jury Complaint re evidence provided by Duane Alexander re the conspiracy.

2024/04/06: Sherlock's Grand Jury Complaint re DSD invoicing 8863 Balboa as a Planning Sub-Division Deposit.

SECTION 3.0: Federal Bureau of Investigation, Public Integrity Unit, San Diego, CA Field Office

2022/08/19: I contacted Special Agent (SA) Dan James (Public Integrity Unit) via text requesting a meeting. He called me back and we discussed my issues with Biker's death and how I was being treated by the DSD over the CUP license transfer.

2022/09/01: SA James reached out to me to schedule the time of an interview. The next day Both SA James and his partner SA Curtis Silver (I believe is his name) interviewed me for over 90 minutes. I told them everything I knew at the time.

2022/08/19: Darryl Cotton, Joe Hurtado and I were all interviewed by SA James and his partner SA Curtis Silver for over two hours in their offices in San Diego.

2022/09/21: I text a screen shot to James of the permit in my name that I had just discovered. I tell him that I'm figuring out how they were able to transfer the permit without my knowledge to themselves. I requested a conference call.

2022/10/14: I send a text message of my motion to vacate, including exhibits and affidavits. 7 links total. I request him to read them and tell him to feel free to call me. They are marked "read" but I never received a response.

2022/10/20: I text SA James the Judge Ohta (Federal Case No. 20cv656-JO-DEB) <u>order dismissing my case</u>. My text includes that the courts simply ignored the strawman practice issue, my idea to try to bring the case to Texas and let Texas judges decide if drug dealers can own dispensaries in someone else's name. The laws are black and white. My tone is obviously frustrated. Both messages show as "not delivered." I tried to send the order again. "Not delivered." I believe at this point that I'm blocked.

2023/09/22: I send James a link via text message. Looks delivered. I don't have a record of the exact days, but I called James three times before he replied via text message.

2023/10/25: James calls me. I missed his call. He then replied via text message that he'd received my messages and to call him back. We plan for a meeting the next day.

2023/10/26: I spoke to James and Silver for about an hour. I gave them all the information I knew, plus shared Tiffany Knopf's and Cornia Young's contact information.

Date Uncertain: I texted a request for them to read the DSD deep dive and told them where it was located on my website. I never received a response.

Date Uncertain: I texted a related case in TIFFANY KNOPF v. ADAM KNOPF whereby information came to my attention that Biker, shortly before his death, had been in in a property and cannabis venture with Adam Knopf, represented by Gina Austin they called Full Circle. (Pages 302-310) I never received a response.

Date Uncertain: I texted Tess Porkolov's phone number (for information relative to her <u>sworn affidavit at Page 90</u>) as Adam Knopf's manager. I never received a response.

2024/02/21: I left a detailed 2-minute voicemail. I detailed the Roder video and told him where the Grand Jury Complaints are on my website. I never received a response.

2024/02/29: I text a link to the \$250k reward

2024/03/04: Left a detailed one-minute voicemail to James re Grand Jury Complaints and the Alexander PI report. I never received a response.

2024/04/26: I left another 1-minute voicemail. Pointing to Grand Jury Complaints. I never received a response.

2024/03/28: I texted a link to Miltner Bar Complaint at Page 024 and asked that he call me back. I never received a response.

2024/05/13: At 10:36 am I called SA James and left message that my Motion to Vacate a void antiSLAPP Judgment was posted on my website. I said it includes Request for Judicial Notice, supporting affidavits by Tiffany Knopf and Phillip Zamora and supporting Declarations by attorney Andrew Flores and me, Amy Sherlock, which provide proof of corruption within the City of SD, that Roder proved Biker was murdered, pay to play, fraud, forgery etc. I expressed my concern for my safety that I was forced to post my information on my website, or the FBI just wouldn't look at it otherwise. I asked for confirmation that they are even looking at or investigating these matters so I could make an informed choice to post it or not. I never received a response.

24/04/25: Cotton/Sherlock Antitrust Related Cases

SECTION 3.1: Federal Bureau of Investigation, Dallas, TX Field Office

2022/12/09: I went to the FBI Dallas field office armed with a huge stack of papers to report the theft of my property and the possible murder of my husband. The office refused to talk to me and said I had to do it by phone. I showed them my stack of papers and said that it would literally be impossible for me to make my case without showing the documentation. They still refused to even listen to me. I cried in the public hallway until they kicked me out. I went home and I reported the entire scheme to the FBI via phone.

2024/03/27: I called the FBI Dallas field office and reported the forgery and included all information in the Alexander PI report. 972-559-5000. Spoke to the SA for 41 minutes.

SECTION 3.2: United States Department of Justice

24/04/25: Cotton/Sherlock Antitrust Related Cases

SECTION 4.0: State of California, Department of Cannabis Control

<u>2023/01/10</u>: Attorney Flores's letter to DCC and multiple parties seeking legal clarification on the widespread use of the Strawman Practice in adult-use cannabis licensing.

<u>2023/01/17: DCC's response</u> to Flores's letter asking what specific address he's referring to. No other parties responded to Flores's letter.

2023/01/18: Flores's reply to DCC's response. There was no other response.

SECTION 4.1: State of California, Department of Justice

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SECTION 4.2: California State BAR

Miltner BAR Complaint at Page 024

SECTION 4.3: California State Auditor

2024/03/28: CA State Auditors Report re Lack of Transparency and Unequal Treatment in 6 CA Cities.

SECTION 5.0: Prosper, TX Police Department

2024/03/06: Filed report with Prosper Police Department

2024/03/05: Call Prosper PD 972-347-2226 to get contact with a detective. Was Given Detective Tom Davis's direct line.

2024/03/25: I left a message on the detective's voicemail requesting to add the Miltner Bar Complaint at 024, to my police report and emailed the BAR Complaint.

2024/03/26: At 8:11 am I received voicemail from Detective. Davis

2024/03/26: At 9:00 am I left a message for Detective Davis

2024/03/26: At 9:28 am I spoke with Detective Davis. He explained that he has no jurisdiction. That the local PD was required to do the intake, interview, review materials, check identification etc, then, as a courtesy, they pass the vetted information and report to the correct jurisdiction.

2024/04/02: At 8:11 am I called Detective Davis and told him what the SDPD officer told me about calling the direct line. Det Davis said this was unusual, but I begged him and told him that nobody would help me. I reluctantly agreed to try.

2024/04/02: At 12:45 pm I received a call from Det Davis. He told me he tried to get my report filed with SDPD but was met with "unhelpful and rude staff" and was left on hold long enough to finally give up.

2024/04/23: I emailed Det Davis and described how the Financial Crimes Unit has been refusing to allow me to file a police report. I asked for his assistance and if he'd try to contact them again for me. I haven't heard back.

2024/05/12: I filed a FOIA request with Prosper Police Department requesting a copy of the report taken and any other documentation regarding the case.

SECTION 6.0: MEDIA

<u>2022/02/30</u>: The Armorous Report, 3rd party crime scene and forensic medical analysis of Biker Sherlock's death scene report and post-mortem medical examiner report as well as a signature analysis of a dissolution of his interests in the 8863 Balboa property to determine it was forged.

<u>2023/12/28: The Evidence Room, Michael "Biker" Sherlock crime scene report</u> by Mr. Scott Roder, a nationally recognized crime scene investigator which concluded, with 100% certainty, that Biker's death was not a suicide.

2023/12/18: The Evidence Room animated video reenactment of Biker Sherlock's murder. (WARNING GRAPHIC)