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Dear Mr. Say,

I first would like to apologize regarding the length of time it has taken our organization to completely develop your case. As case developers join and leave our organization, case development can get delayed in individual cases. We try our best to move cases along, but the timeframe for all of this can sometimes reach into several years and for that, we apologize. I have now had the chance to finalize the development of your case and discuss it in detail with my superiors here at Centurion, and we have made a decision that we will not be able to assist you in your claim of innocence.

Our decision has not been made lightly and was reached after fully reviewing all of the case documents, including a complete review of your trial transcripts. We also considered the points you've highlighted in your letters, including the re-testing of the victim's hair samples for gunshot residue. It is our belief that if the victim's hair samples were re-tested, and gunshot residue was ultimately found, this would not prove a self-inflicted gunshot wound. It would only prove that the gun was fired in close proximity to the victim's head. It is not dispositive on the issue. Other facts would need to be considered and/or refuted, and many of these items cause us to pause. Examples include, but are not limited to 1) the lack of any significant gunshot residue on the victim's sweatshirt; 2) the fact that emotions were running high in the minutes leading up to the shooting; and 3) the lack of credibility of Mr. Joseph Laird, the only person in the home aside from you and the victim at the time of the shooting. Under these circumstances, our organization does not believe that we will know with any level of confidence what actually happened in the bedroom when the gun was discharged.

We would like to return any case documents, including flash drives and/or CDs, so that they may be of help to you in the future. Please let us know if you want them sent directly to you or if you want them sent to a friend or family member. If you want them sent to a friend or family member, we ask that you advise them in advance to expect the delivery, and that you give us the person's full name, physical address (no box numbers), and telephone number (for delivery purposes only).

Again, we want to assure you that we have reviewed your case in detail and regret that we do not feel we can help you in your struggle to prove your innocence.

Sincerely,



Kimberly Weston
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