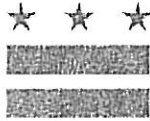


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Re: Fire/EMS Investigator Gregory Bowyer

Dear Ms. Brown:

I have spent considerable time reviewing two cases prosecuted by my office; DC v. Timothy Bridgewater, 2007 CDC 15349 and a juvenile matter In Re K.A., DEL 1568-08. Investigator Gregory Bowyer testified prominently in both cases.

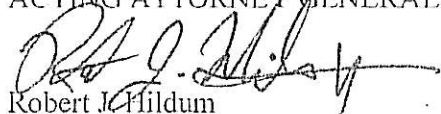
During my review of these cases I have come across testimony by Inspector Bowyer that appears to be untruthful. In the Bridgewater case, Investigator Bowyer claimed that he had informed AAG Lynette Collins and several of his supervisors of the existence of photos taken on his personal camera at a crime scene. It is unknown what motivated Investigator Bowyer to take photographs with his personal camera, however, no report has been located that mentions the photos, copies of the photos were never placed in the Fire/EMS investigatory jacket, and the photos were never turned over to Investigator Taylor to give to OAG when the case was papered. There is no documentation that Investigator Bowyer informed anyone of the existence of the photos, including AAG Collins and prior to locating the photos on his personal camera in the middle of the trial there is no record of the photos being printed or sent to anyone electronically or in hard copy.

In the In RE K.A. matter, Investigator Bowyer testified as an expert for the defense and not only contradicted the Fire/EMS experts, but also himself. The contradictions are too numerous to list here, but one of his most egregious statements was that it was impossible to determine cause and origin and alerted his supervisors on the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> as to his opinion. Investigator Bowyer also testified that it was impossible to conclude that the fire was intentionally set by K.A. without "having a fire scene that could stand independent of witness statements, independent of all the circumstances of the case." What is so troubling about this testimony is that June 20<sup>th</sup> Investigator Bowyer signed a PD-379 that stated the following: "...R-1 admitted to setting the fire. R-1's statement of fact about how he set the fire was consistent with fire scene analysis." Moreover, Investigator Bowyer never produced a report detailing his conclusions as to the fire scene. It again appears that Investigator Bowyer was not being truthful.

I am including with this letter the transcripts from both the Bridgewater case and In Re K.A. Please let me know if need any more information or would like to speak with any of my staff.

Very truly yours,

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