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JONATHAN HAGEL,) SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
MICHELE DOWNIE,) LAW DIVISION – MERCER COUNTY
CATHERINE READ,) DOCKET NO.: _____
Plaintiffs,

V.

NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE)
Defendant,)
)
)

VERIFIED COMPLAINT IN LIEU OF
PREROGATIVE WRITS
CODE 802 – OPRA summary matter

COME NOW PLAINTIFFS, Jonathan Hagel, Michele Downie, and Catherine Read, who
by way of Verified Complaint against the Defendant, allege and say:

INTRODUCTION

1. This case is brought pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Records Act (“OPRA”) and the common law right to access public records. Plaintiffs have exhausted all reasonable means necessary and appropriate to cooperatively avoid litigation with the Defendant. Plaintiffs have written to Defendant and complied with the New Jersey OPRA guidelines. Defendant, New Jersey State Police, denied all three (3) OPRA requests submitted by the Plaintiffs.

PARTIES

2. Plaintiff Jonathan Hagel is an Assistant Teaching Professor at the University of

Kansas. After graduating from Middlesex High School in Middlesex, New Jersey, Professor Hagel earned a B.A. in History and an M.A. in American Studies from Lehigh University before completing his Ph.D. in History from Brown University in 2012. He has been teaching history at the University of Kansas since 2012. As a historian of the United States with expertise in the Great Depression, World War II, and American politics and culture, he writes to emphasize the immense historical significance of the Lindbergh kidnapping case and to advocate for the necessity of pursuing truth and accuracy in our understanding of the past. The kidnapping and subsequent murder of Charles Augustus Lindbergh, Jr., son of Charles Lindbergh and Anne Morrow Lindbergh, remains one of the most scrutinized criminal investigations in American history. Given the enduring interest in this case and its profound impact on American legal and cultural history, it is in the public interest to ensure that all available evidence is thoroughly examined using modern forensic techniques, including DNA analysis of crucial documents.

Historians, legal scholars, and the public share a vested interest in ensuring the accuracy of our historical narratives. It is of vital public interest to resolve or confirm historical injustices, particularly in cases that have shaped American history and culture. The possibility that DNA evidence could shed new light on this case is of profound significance. If testing can provide insights into the authorship or handling of the ransom letter, it could either reinforce or challenge longstanding conclusions, thereby refining our understanding of one of the most pivotal criminal cases in American history.

Living in an era when the very idea of historical or legal truth has come under political pressure, it is incumbent on those of us who prize truthfulness in our public life to use every tool at our disposal to affirm its value. Modern forensic science now gives us tools to revisit history in ways that past generations could never have imagined. The ability to apply cutting-edge

scientific methods to historical documents is not just an academic exercise—it is a necessary step in the pursuit of truth and historical justice. DNA testing of the ransom letter has the potential to clarify lingering questions about the case, reaffirm or challenge past conclusions, and ultimately contribute to a fuller, more accurate account of our collective past.

3. Plaintiff Michele Downie has lived in Hopewell for 25 years. She is a retired New Jersey Public school teacher who taught students for 30 years. When Michele and her husband moved into their house in Hopewell Borough, they were very surprised to find newspaper articles pasted on the garage walls. These were original 1932 newspaper clippings from the Lindbergh kidnapping case. Growing up in Trenton, she has been intrigued by the Lindbergh case for several decades. Ms. Downie believes that DNA testing and the evidence it holds can shed light into some of history's darkest corners OR solve some of history's greatest mysteries.

After becoming aware of ongoing reconsiderations of the Lindbergh case, and in particular the work of Margaret Sudhakar, Ms. Downie decided that the public interest would be best served by reexamining key pieces of evidence. Ms. Downie submitted a request to examine the DNA on the envelopes and stamps through the Government Records Council (GRC) process. This process stalled for over two (2) years. Recently, Ms. Downie revisited the New Jersey State Police Museum and was denied access to view the letters and envelopes connected to the Lindbergh case with no explanation. A few days after her visit, she contacted Gregory Ferrara, the archivist of the New Jersey State Police records, and asked why she was denied access to the letters and envelopes given that Governor Byrne signed Executive Order 110 in 1981 opening up the case file to the public to copy, examine and inspect those documents. Ms. Downie was told by Mr. Ferrara that due to increased interest in the case and an upcoming documentary those items were no longer available to the public. This statement made no sense to Ms. Downie, as

there have been countless documentaries made over the years and as Ms. Downie is aware, the collection of documents and exhibits has been open to the public for over 40 years

As an interested member of the public, Michele Downie feels that her rights have been violated by the denial of her request. These actions by the Defendant, have made her more determined to reexamine the records of the case and confirm the rights of the public to access those public documents. Further, for the following reasons, she is requesting that key documents from the case, namely the ransom envelopes, be made available for DNA testing. Over the last two years, while her GRC request had been pending, Ms. Downie has become acquainted with a group that can do this in a non-destructive manner in the public's interest. Further, it is very clear to Ms. Downie that Governor Byrne's Executive Order 110 was written for the complete transparency of this case and his Executive Order was signed before modern forensic technology existed. This request is fully compliant with the New Jersey Open Records Act.

4. Plaintiff Catherine Read is a developmental psychologist who studies language and cognitive development. She received a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Colorado, a Masters in Pediatric Psychology from CU Denver, and a Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology from UCLA. Ms. Read has taught and conducted research at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, Miami University of Ohio, the University of Connecticut, and Rutgers University. She also homeschooled her two children with the Waldorf curriculum and published a book on that topic (*The Genius of Home*).

Ms. Read has been interested in the Lindbergh Kidnapping case for many years. She is particularly interested in the DNA on the envelopes and stamps sent by the kidnapper or kidnappers to Charles Lindbergh, and his intermediaries. As the Court likely knows, DNA from the interior of paper is tangible DNA that is very well preserved. Ms. Read is interested in

knowing the sender of the envelopes addressed to Charles Lindbergh and his intermediaries. More to the point, she believes that we have a chance to identify the person responsible for the kidnapping, and as a result, potentially rectify a historical injustice.

A few years ago, Ms. Read began reading several articles about the case and the possibility of obtaining DNA and the DNA profile contained on those stamps and envelopes. Ms. Read was intrigued that the efforts of Margaret Sudhakar made national news including publications in the *San Francisco Chronicle* and the *New York Times* and is in disbelief that Governor Byrne's Executive Order 110 has not been complied with by the State Police Museum who she understands is currently blocking members of the public from accessing the Lindbergh documents. Ms. Read understands this case is the only criminal case in New Jersey's history for which a Governor issued an Executive Order opening the case file to the public. Her research led her to realize that the date the Executive Order was signed, October 9, 1981, was the same week that Bruno Richard Hauptmann's widow sued the State of New Jersey for wrongful death of her husband. Ms. Read concludes that the Governor opened the case file with the full intention of demonstrating that the State of New Jersey is not hiding any information from the public. However, modern forensic testing was not available to Governor Byrne in October 1981 and therefore, he could not possibly have contemplated asking for a DNA profile.

Upon further research, Ms. Read learned that the State of New Jersey is denying the public access to the documents because of the last paragraph in Executive Order 110, which allows the Superintendent of the State Police to create a Standard Operating Procedure to determine who can access the information. Ms. Read is confused by this for two main reasons:

1. It is her understanding that for over 42 years, this was never an issue,
2. The State Police have already had over one year to write this SOP since the Sudhakar case was written about in the

New York Times. Over the last year, the State Police have consistently refused members of the public from copying, examining and inspecting the documents and evidence. Ms. Read would like to know why.

Ms. Read has now read many articles about the case and believes learning the DNA profile from the sender of these envelopes is in the public's best interest. She has become associated with a group of forensic experts who can perform non-destructive tests on the stamps and envelopes to learn whose DNA is on those envelopes and stamps, and she is convinced that granting her request is well within the spirit, purpose and intent of Governor Byrne's Executive Order. Ms. Read points out that the New Jersey Attorney General's Office's homepage proudly proclaims that it supports and is all about transparency. Blocking her request to obtain the DNA profile from these envelopes denies transparency. The group of experts she has been in touch with can take simple swabs of the interior of the stamps and envelopes at no cost to New Jersey taxpayers and have those examined for DNA. Given that we have the forensic ability to conduct these tests in a non-destructive manner and given that this case is the only one opened to the public to copy, examine and inspect by a Governor, there is no reason at all to deny this request.

5. Believing this request serves a legitimate public interest, Plaintiffs are seeking to obtain the DNA profile from underneath the back flaps of the thirteen (13) ransom envelopes (the interior of the envelopes), underneath the ten (10) stamps (the interior of the stamps) on seven (7) of those envelopes, and underneath the back flaps (the interior of the envelopes) and stamps (the interior of the stamps) of both the "Begg letter" and the letter that Bruno Richard Hauptmann sent to Pinkas Fisch (See Exhibit B).

6. Defendant New Jersey State Police has denied all three (3) OPRA requests (See Exhibit A) and has denied archival access to the public in violation of Executive Order 110 ensuring that public currently cannot copy, examine and inspect the Lindbergh archives.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

7. This court has jurisdiction to hear this matter pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-6. Venue is appropriate in Mercer County because the documents themselves and the DNA profile contained on the interior (backs or underside) of the documents in question are being stored in the New Jersey State Police Museum located in Mercer County. Further, the New Jersey State Police Headquarters are located in Mercer County.

FACTS

8. In New Jersey's entire history of criminal law, the Lindbergh Kidnapping case is the only criminal case in which a Governor signed an Executive Order opening the case file to the public. Governor Byrne signed Executive Order 110 on October 9, 1981 (See Plaintiff's Exhibit P-1), the same week Anna Hauptmann filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the State of New Jersey for her husband Bruno Richard Hauptmann's execution.

9. On or about March 1, 1932, twenty (20) month old Charles A. Lindbergh Jr. was removed from his home located in East Amwell, New Jersey sometime between 7:30PM when his nanny, Betty Gow put the baby to sleep in his crib and 10:00PM when she checked on the baby. That night, a ransom note was discovered on the windowsill by Charles Lindbergh. That note was contained inside of the first of fifteen (15) ransom envelopes containing fifteen (15) separate ransom notes sent by the kidnapper or kidnappers to Lindbergh or his intermediaries.

Of those fifteen (15) envelopes, thirteen (13) are stored at the New Jersey State Police Museum. It is believed that Lindbergh gave the fourth envelope to a friend, and it is believed that the fifteenth note was discarded by Lindbergh after the \$50,000 in ransom money was paid. This fifteenth note, provided on April 2, 1932, was supposedly going to lead Charles Lindbergh to the location where his son had been held. The note proved to be a ploy. Slightly more than five (5) weeks later, the body of a child was found near Hopewell Princeton Road in Hopewell, New Jersey on May 12, 1932. This body was identified by both Betty Gow and Charles Lindbergh as the missing baby.

10. Over the next thirty (30) months, an intensive search for the killer led police to arrest Bruno Richard Hauptmann, a carpenter from the Bronx. Hauptmann was later tried, convicted, and executed by the State of New Jersey on April 3, 1936. Hauptmann insisted until his execution that he was innocent. Circumstances leading up to the conviction and execution led many to believe that Hauptmann could not possibly have been the lone kidnapper. These beliefs continue today and many believe New Jersey executed an innocent person.

11. Between 1936 and October 9, 1981, most of the evidence, documents and tangible property associated with the case and the trial remained in the custody of the New Jersey State Police.

12. The thirteen (13) envelopes and the fifteen (15) ransom notes sent between March 1, 1932 and April 2, 1932, along with over 225,000 documents and tangible evidence have been available for the public to copy, examine and inspect at the New Jersey State Police Museum from 1981 until approximately the second week of March 2024.

13. On or about the second week of March 2024, a decision was made by the Defendant to prohibit the public from copying, examining and inspecting those documents and

evidence in the Lindbergh case despite the plain language of Executive Order 110, which states in relevant part, that the Superintendent of the State Police will, "...make the investigative files, records and exhibits within his custody relating to the investigation of the Lindbergh kidnapping available to the public, and subject to inspection and examination and available for copying..." (See Plaintiff's Exhibit P-1).

14. Plaintiffs are unsure about the motives or reasons why the Defendant has prohibited members of the public from copying, inspecting and examining the evidence for the past thirteen (13) months, but it appears the Defendant is relying on the language from the last paragraph of Executive Order 110. This language reads in relevant part, "The Superintendent is empowered in accordance with the provisions of section 2 of P.L. 1963, c. 73 (C. 47:1A-2) to establish procedures to ensure that there is no risk of damage or mutilation of such files, records and exhibits and to ensure that public access...shall be during regular business hours..." (See Plaintiff's Exhibit P-1). Given this language mirrors OPRA, the intention behind Executive Order 110 was obviously full transparency of the Lindbergh documents and evidence.

15. Plaintiffs, researchers and historians continue to be intrigued and perplexed by the number of odd facts surrounding the Lindbergh Kidnapping case resulting in the conviction and execution of a lone kidnapper.

16. Plaintiffs have been working with a team of forensic scientists including Dr. Colleen Fitzpatrick and Danny Hellwig.

17. Dr. Fitzpatrick is a renowned forensic genealogist (See Plaintiff's Exhibit P-2). She has noted that, "...it has only been recently that DNA testing and analysis have evolved with the potential of testing those envelopes to produce definitive investigative leads that could resolve lingering uncertainties." She further notes that, "The areas between the sealed envelope

flaps and on the underside of the stamps have remained protected and unexposed to contamination over the decades, which suggests these areas as the best for obtaining DNA.” (See Plaintiff’s Exhibit P-3).

18. Danny Hellwig, is a subject matter expert in forensics (See Plaintiff’s Exhibit P-4). Mr. Hellwig is the CEO of Resolve Forensics and noted that, “The most viable approach for DNA recovery should focus on sampling from protected, unexposed areas – such as the sealed interior flaps of the envelopes or the undersides of the affixed stamps – where biological material may be preserved while minimizing the risk of contamination or degradation.” He further notes that, “By adhering to a strict non-destructive testing approach, we can ensure that these artifacts remain intact for future study while pursuing investigative leads that may provide new insights into this historical mystery.” (See Plaintiff’s Exhibit P-5).

19. Plaintiffs compel the court to allow them to examine and inspect the thirteen (13) ransom envelopes and the ten (10) stamps attached to seven (7) of those envelopes as well as the letter Bruno Richard Hauptmann wrote to Mrs. Begg and the letter Hauptmann sent to Pinkas Fisch. (See Plaintiff’s Exhibit P-6). There will be no cost to the Defendant, as the Plaintiffs will cover the expense of the forensic examination and Plaintiffs offer to conduct this testing in full view of the Defendant, in the New Jersey State Police Museum while cameras are rolling for an additional layer of the protection of these historic documents. Denying this request would be contrary to the purpose and intention of OPRA and Executive Order 110.

20. Plaintiffs have properly submitted Open Public Records Act (OPRA) requests and have been denied.

21. Plaintiff Jonathan Hagel properly submitted an OPRA request on March 5, 2025 (See

Plaintiff's Exhibit P-7) This request was denied by the Defendant on March 27, 2025 (See Plaintiff's Exhibit P-8). No applicable OPRA exception applies in this case. Professor Hagel clearly is not arguing that OPRA is attached to this matter as an information request. In fact, Professor Hagel is seeking to ensure history is accurate and truthful. He states that,

"In the interest of historical truth, which is the bedrock of a functioning justice system and democracy, I strongly urge that officials make the evidence of this case available to further scrutiny. This effort does not merely seek to resolve an old mystery; it demonstrates a commitment to accuracy, accountability, and transparency in historical inquiry. The public deserves the clearest possible understanding of its past, and we must embrace every opportunity to illuminate history with the best available evidence" (See Plaintiff's Exhibit P-7).

22. Plaintiff Michele Downie properly submitted an OPRA request on February 23, 2025 (See Plaintiff's Exhibit P-9). This request was denied by the Defendant on March 14, 2025 (See Plaintiff's Exhibit P-10). Ms. Downie is a retired New Jersey educator and has been interested in learning the historical truth in this case for decades. She has been denied access to the archives in violation of Executive Order 110 and believes that Executive Order 110's purpose and intent clearly demonstrate the Governor's intention of opening the case file up to the public to inspect and examine all pieces of evidence. Ms. Downie believes that her rights have been violated by the Defendant. She notes that, "As an interested member of the public, I feel that my rights have been violated by the denial of my request. This has made me more determined to find out who sent the ransom notes in this case" (See Plaintiff's Exhibit P-9). Ms. Downie is very confused by the lack of clarity and the failure on behalf of the Defendant to follow Executive Order 110.

23. Plaintiff Catherine Read properly submitted an OPRA Request on March 3, 2025 (See Plaintiff's Exhibit P-11). This request was denied by the Defendant on March 14, 2025 (See Plaintiff's Exhibit P-12). Ms. Read notes that, "the New Jersey Attorney General's Office's homepage proudly proclaims that it supports and is all about transparency. Blocking my request

denies transparency.” She continues, “...granting my request is well within the spirit, purpose and intent of Governor Byrne’s Executive Order.”

24. Governor Byrne consistently maintained that Bruno Richard Hauptmann was guilty. In fact, in 2010, former Governor Byrne noted that, “I’ve always believed that Hauptmann was guilty, but that he worked with accomplices” (See Plaintiff’s Exhibit P-13). It is entirely possible that a forensic analysis of the stamps and envelopes will identify at least one of those accomplices. Alternatively, allowing this case to proceed could confirm for history that the Defendant was correct if Hauptmann’s DNA is on those stamps and envelopes.

25. Plaintiffs are convinced beyond any doubt that the ransom notes and envelopes can be examined and inspected forensically to obtain the DNA profile contained on the adhesive attached to the stamps and envelopes in a minimally invasive manner with an extremely low risk to any damage. They are further convinced beyond any doubt that the purpose and intent of Governor Byrne’s Executive Order 110 was to give the public full access to examine all the documents and exhibits in this case.

26. The type of DNA testing which has become available for widespread criminal use was unavailable when Governor Byrne signed Executive Order 110 on October 9, 1981. For example, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) was invented in 1983 by Kary Mullis.¹ DNA profiling / fingerprinting was developed in 1984 by Alec Jeffreys.² Automated DNA Sequencing did not become available until 1987³ and DNA profiling did not become practical or widespread

¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polymerase_chain_reaction

² <https://www.webmd.com/a-to-z-guides/dna-fingerprinting-overview>

³ <https://frontlinegenomics.com/a-history-of-sequencing/#:~:text=The%20first%20major%20breakthrough%20in,known%20as%20%E2%80%9CSanger%20Sequencing%E2%80%9D.>

until the late 1980's.⁴ Accordingly, those stamps and envelopes could not have been forensically examined for DNA at the time of the Executive Order.

COUNT ONE – THE REASONS FOR URGENCY

27. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege paragraphs 1-26 above as if fully set forth at length herein.

28. Plaintiffs are convinced there is an urgency to act now. The entire collection of approximately 225,000 documents and exhibits are being housed in the New Jersey State Police Museum located at 1040 River Road, Ewing, NJ 08628.⁵

29. The building itself was built in 1992. The area which houses the archives has some issues. While the Museum does its best to keep, maintain and protect the large collection of over 225,000 kidnapping documents and New Jersey funds a full-time archivist to assist, the envelopes in question are stored in a regular Hollinger box. The temperature of the room is controlled, but these documents are not protected in a state-of-the-art facility to maintain paper indefinitely (See Plaintiff's Exhibit P-6).

30. There was a significant water leak in March 2022 in the archives. To stop the water from coming into the room, Defendant chose to place a garbage can and a garbage bag under the water leak (See Plaintiff's Exhibit P-6 & P-14).

31. In her statement, Sigi Rach who spent decades protecting these documents and researching the Lindbergh kidnapping case states that, "The idea of water damaging or destroying these records is very disturbing to me especially because there are still so many

⁴<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=rm&ogbl#search/colleen%40identifinders.com/WhctKLbVlkFdVTByHtTJfbXbjqfKqTFxRvKtRbqBwKsgHKFPDFhwgTGZqDsDMLxzZNZFhl>

⁵ <https://www.nj.gov/njsp/about/museum.shtml>

unanswered questions in this case including who licked the envelopes, stamps...” (See Plaintiff’s Exhibit P-14).

32. Margaret Sudhakar was the Plaintiff in case MER-L-1706-22.⁶ Ms. Sudhakar spent over ten (10) years helping Defendant with the archiving of these records. Ms. Sudhakar notes that, “I was so upset that there was a water leak in the archives in March of 2022 and no one even thought to move any of the collection out of harm’s way. Instead, they placed a garbage can and a garbage bag below the water” (See Plaintiff’s Exhibit P-6).

33. Dr. Fitzpatrick notes the urgency to test now. She indicates that,

“Although the DNA in the unexposed areas has not been contaminated by human DNA, it has still experienced ambient temperature and humidity conditions. Not only can DNA degrade when not kept in a controlled environment, it can also be affected by bacterial contamination...For these reasons, it is important, and even urgent, to carry out the proposed DNA testing; if it is left for the future, there will come a time, if it has not already come, when the DNA will become undetectable and the hope of identifying who is responsible for the ransom notes will no longer be possible” (See Plaintiff’s Exhibit P-3).

34. Another forensic expert the Plaintiff’s team has been in touch with is Dr. Angelique Corthals. Dr. Corthals has been involved in DNA extraction from ancient Egyptian mummies (See Plaintiff’s Exhibit P-15). Dr. Corthals has indicated that because of the age of this matter,

“We can assume that the documents have been handled by multiple people, with little to no care for potential molecular contamination...With respect to the Lindbergh case, I can indeed confirm that it is possible to retrieve DNA from historically important documents both invasively and in a non-destructive manner” (See Plaintiff’s Exhibit P-16).

However, none of this can be done if water, natural elements, or some other unforeseen event occurs to permanently damage the collection of documents which are supposed to be publicly accessible.

35. Dr. Corthals continues that the technique she uses

“...to retrieve endogenous DNA (i.e. of the person who issued the letters) are non-destructive and consist in swabbing the envelopes’ seals with both dry swabs and swabs containing ESDA®-Lite, as well as gently vacuuming (Plaza et al. 2014; Slack 2014; Parsons et al. 2016; McLaughlin, 2021). These techniques are

⁶ <https://www.njcourts.gov/system/files/cases/briefs/a1764-22briefs.pdf>

well established and approved by the Department of Justice for the use of historical and valuable documents” (See Plaintiff’s Exhibit P-16).

36. Quite simply, the technology exists to test these documents in a minimally invasive and extremely low risk manner consistent with the double-pronged purpose and goals of archivists, which include both preserving history and ensuring public access to that history. In the event we wait much longer, it may not be possible to obtain the DNA samples from the envelopes and stamps. These are old documents. They are continuing to decay on a regular basis. Additional delay or denial of granting the Plaintiffs request will serve no legitimate State or public purpose.

COUNT TWO – PUBLIC INTEREST & STANDING

37. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege Paragraphs 1-36 as if fully set forth at length.

38. There is an overwhelming public interest in this case. The Lindbergh case is widely considered the most celebrated and well-known criminal case in New Jersey’s history. Many media outlets picked up on Margaret Sudhakar’s case including the New Jersey Spotlight News⁷, Popular Mechanics⁸, the San Francisco Chronicle⁹, and the New York Times¹⁰. Plaintiffs have numerous statements from authors, retired federal agents, attorneys, concerned citizens and even a seven (7) year old student fascinated by science.

39. There are currently two extremely active blogs¹¹, numerous recent YouTube programs devoted to this case and over the years there have been plays, movies, and over one

⁷ njspotlightnews.org/2023/03/researchers-pursue-legal-fight-to-conduct-dna-testing-on-lindbergh-kidnapping-case-evidence

⁸ popular.mechanics.com/culture/a46458876/Lindbergh-baby-kidnapping-new-theory/

⁹ sfchronicle.com/California/article/Charles-lindbergh-baby-kidnap-oakland-judge-18510269.php

¹⁰ nytimes.com/2024/03/05/nyregion/Charles-lindbergh-baby.html

¹¹ <http://www.lindberghkidnappinghoax.com>; <https://lindberghkidnap.proboards.com/>

hundred books dedicated to the case. Further, this case famously led to the United States Congress ensuring that kidnapping became a felony. Dozens of members of the public have recently signed a petition which the Plaintiffs condensed into (see Plaintiff's Exhibit P-17). For judicial expediency, rather than printing out the same thing more than 100 times, the list of signatures on the petition are listed on Plaintiff's Exhibit P-17 by name, location and e-mail address. Further, this petition only began a short time ago from the filing of this matter. Accordingly, it is marked with a time stamp of April 24, 2025 at 10:20PM (EST) because people interested in this case continue to email daily from across the globe.

40. Mary Ellen O'Toole is a retired FBI Supervisory Special Agent who has worked on some of the "agency's most high-profile cases including the Unabomber and Zodiac serial murder investigations, and the Elizabeth Smart and Polly Klaas kidnaping cases" (See Plaintiff's Exhibit P-18). Ms. O'Toole notes that if the Court rules to compel DNA testing, the Lindbergh case "may very well become one of the most historically significant DNA investigations in the last century, and...deserves to move forward in an effort to honor the public's right to know..." (See Plaintiff's Exhibit P-18).

Fascinated by the Lindbergh kidnapping case, Ms. O'Toole notes that, "DNA technology is now being used on some of the most complex and challenging cold cases throughout the world...using this technology to analyze...the envelopes used to transmit the ransom letters, could reveal the identity of additional offenders..." (See Plaintiff's Exhibit P-18). In closing, Ms. O'Toole states that, As a forensic scientist and someone who values transparency and complete and accurate crime scene analysis and interpretation...I look forward to...the possibility of finally seeing this case resolved in its totality" (See Plaintiff's Exhibit P-18).

41. Patrick Bamburak is the great grandnephew of New Jersey's Governor Harold G. Hoffman from 1935-1938. Mr. Bamburak has conducted extensive research on this case and has demonstrated that the kidnap ladder used in the case was designed for someone to climb up and down the ladder while someone else was holding it. Mr. Bamburak states that, "Had DNA technologically been available at the time, I believe Governor Hoffman would have championed its use in the pursuit of truth and justice" (See Plaintiff's Exhibit P-19).

42. Robert Zorn, author of Cemetery John: The Undiscovered Mastermind of the Lindbergh Kidnapping has been researching this case for two decades. His work led to a PBS Nova special which aired in 2011. Over the years, Mr. Zorn made approximately 130 visits to the State Police Museum (See Plaintiff's Exhibit P-20). Mr. Zorn was told in a recent visit by the archivist, Gregory Ferrara that the State Police are devising a new, "streamlined system for requesting materials in the museum...Sorry, but we can't give you access to any materials before we have that new system in place" (See Plaintiff's Exhibit P-20). Mr. Zorn would like to know why the State is prohibiting researchers from the archives the public is entitled to copy, examine and inspect.

Robert Zorn became friendly with Governor Byrne, who authored Exhibit M and sent that letter to Mr. Zorn. Mr. Zorn argues that by testing these envelopes for DNA, the State of New Jersey has an opportunity to, "advance science, enhance historical accuracy, uphold public trust and show that it values the pursuit of truth, and inspire student and future scientists nationwide" (see Plaintiff's Exhibit P-20).

Mr. Zorn believes that the Lindbergh family has been through enough. He is friendly with relatives of Charles Lindbergh including his daughter, Reeve Lindbergh. "Reeve Lindbergh and their granddaughter Kristina Lindbergh continue to suffer under the weight of baseless

conspiracy theories - including multiple horrific accusations that Charles Lindbergh orchestrated the crime” (See Plaintiff’s Exhibit P-20). “I am asking the Court to put principle over policy. The stakes are high – not just for history, but for truth, science and public trust. This is a moment where New Jersey can lead the nation by allowing science to speak” (see Plaintiff’s Exhibit P-20).

43. Contrary to Mr. Zorn, Greg Ahlgren had a 47-year long career as a criminal defense attorney and published a book with Stephen Monier in 1993 alleging that Charles Lindbergh orchestrated the kidnapping of his son. Mr. Ahlgren writes that, “...the real question is what happened in the nursery on March 1, 1932 and who sealed the nursery ransom note? I hope that DNA analysis will finally provide the answer” (See Plaintiff’s Exhibit P-21).

44. His writing partner, Stephen Monier noted that, “...it was quite improbable that on the night of March 1, 1932, in a remote area of Hopewell, NJ, that this was a stranger abduction. Far more plausible what that it was an ‘inside’ act of negligence that led to the death...” (See Plaintiff’s Exhibit P-21). Mr. Monier, a retired U.S. Marshall has urged the Court “...to allow the advanced, minimally invasive, DNA testing of the nursery ransom note...” (See Plaintiff’s Exhibit P-22).

45. Chuck Braverman is a film maker and was closely involved in the Margaret Sudhakar case. Mr. Braverman is very confused as to why the State Police are not letting legitimate researchers “into their museum to investigate documents for the sake of history” (See Plaintiff’s Exhibit P-23). Mr. Braverman has spent countless hours researching this matter and believes the precedent being set by the Defendants violates EO 110 for no purpose and deprives himself and other members of the public their rights to inspect and examine the evidence.

46. Wayne McDaniel is a producer and author who has been researching the Lindbergh case for decades. He has dedicated the last eight (8) years writing screenplays, scripts and documentary films of the Lindbergh case and has visited the State Police Museum more than twenty (20) times. Mr. McDaniel is extremely frustrated that the Lindbergh archives have been closed for the past thirteen (13) months and he is asking the Court to “prioritize scientific inquiry and transparency over bureaucratic policy” (See Plaintiff’s Exhibit P-24). To McDaniel, “New Jersey stands at a crossroads where truth, history, and public trust must prevail” (See Plaintiff’s Exhibit P-24).

47. Rich McLaughlin, a local entrepreneur, small business coach and father has been fascinated by the case and “would like to know who sent these envelopes to Charles Lindbergh and his intermediaries and believe we have an opportunity to uncover who did that to potentially correct a historical injustice.” (See Plaintiff’s Exhibit P-25).

48. Barbara Jensen a mother and resident of Pennington and grew up with a father obsessed with everything related to Lindbergh. Mrs. Jensen knows there is “evidence at the Police Museum that could undergo DNA testing that could reveal important information about what really happened to that little baby” (See Plaintiff’s Exhibit P-26). As a mother, Mrs. Jensen urges the Court to compel the Defendants to “do the right thing and authorize DNA testing of the stamps and envelopes” (See Plaintiff’s Exhibit P-26).

49. Dr. Martin Dolan is the great grandnephew of Special Agent Michael Francis Malone who worked closely on the Lindbergh case. His uncle is also well known as one of the Federal Agents who went undercover and assisted in the arrest of Al Capone in 1931. Dr. Dolan has private files and papers in his family collection and is convinced beyond any doubt that

Hauptmann did not act alone. He notes that “The public has a right to know the full truth about this ‘Crime of the Century’” (See Plaintiff’s Exhibit P-27).

50. Mary Francis Martin was a Special Agent with the IRS Criminal Investigative unit for twenty-seven (27) years. She notes that “For the sake of history and justice, I respectfully urge the Court to authorize DNA testing of the envelopes used in the Lindbergh ransom communications (See Plaintiff’s Exhibit P-28). Ms. Martin’s passion is truth and she continues to note that, “After more than ninety years, the public deserves to know the truth” (See Plaintiff’s Exhibit P-28).

51. Jeffrey Boyarsky is successful financial advisor with passions for mail history, and philatelist. Mr. Boyarsky notes that, “Advancement in DNA technology will allow the accurate information on whose DNA appears on the evidence/items not formerly tested...History needs to be recorded and corrected whenever possible” (See Plaintiff’s Exhibit P-29).

52. Kyle Devlin is a concerned Hopewell citizen and Temple University graduate who works at his Hopewell’s family-owned business. His great grandfather served as a merchant marine on the Lusitania. Mr. Devlin has lived his life in search of truth and justice. He notes that, “Having a vested interest in this town, this state, this country and its history, I believe it is imperative that modern DNA technology is utilized to test the stamps on the envelopes to continue the discovery of new facts in the Lindbergh kidnapping case” (See Plaintiff’s Exhibit P-30). Mr. Devlin suggests that, “If you read the Executive Order, it is abundantly clear that the purpose of EO 110 was to make any and all evidence in ‘the Lindbergh case’ available to the public” (See Plaintiff’s Exhibit P-30).

53. Perhaps the most intriguing letter from the public came from the Mayor of Kamenz, Germany. Kamenz, Germany is the birthplace of the convicted and executed killer of the

Lindbergh baby, Bruno Richard Hauptmann. Mayor Roland Dantz reached out for this matter informing the Plaintiffs that this case is still extremely important for his town of Kamenz, Germany. In relevant part, the Mayor wrote, “We have learned that there is an initiative in your state seeking permission to conduct DNA tests on the Lindbergh ransom notes. We would very much welcome the use of modern scientific methods to potentially gain new insights” (See Plaintiff’s Exhibit P-31). The Mayor continued noting that there are three (3) possible outcomes to DNA testing: 1. Hauptmann’s DNA is not detected, 2. Hauptmann’s DNA is detected, 3. No conclusive results come back. Mayor Dantz states that, “We kindly ask for your support regarding the concerns outlines in the attached documents, and we thank you in advance for your efforts” (See Plaintiff’s Exhibit P-31).

54. Your Honor, Plaintiffs also have a letter from a seven (7) year old student from Texas named Jayce Decoud who is fascinated by science and would like to see other younger people driven by science. Mr. Decoud believes that the “testing of the envelopes for DNA will get lots of kids of all ages interested in undertaking science as a career...” (See Plaintiff’s Exhibit P-32).

55. Plaintiffs have standing, as does any other member of the public who has had their access to copy, inspect and examine these documents restricted.

56. The “interest” of a party seeking government records can be a “wholesome public interest or a legitimate private interest.” Higg-A-Rella v. County of Essex, 141 N.J. 35, 47 (1995). Plaintiffs represent both. Their private interests are aligned with the public interest. Plaintiffs and scores of others are interested in both preserving these artifacts while also seeking the DNA contained on the envelopes for the public. There remain countless unanswered questions regarding the Lindbergh case and there remains a huge public interest in the case. One

of the obtainable facts from this case can be answered in identifying who sent the ransom notes. The pursuit of significant historical truth is the Plaintiff's aim. Any attempt to claim that the DNA contained on the ransom envelopes is private to an individual interest of the Plaintiffs is plainly an error.

COUNT THREE – OVERALL LEGAL ARGUMENT

57. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege Paragraphs 1-56 as if fully set forth at length.

58. This case is about transparency. The purpose of the Open Public Records Act is transparency. Sussex Comman Assocs., llc v. Rutgers, 210 N.J. 531, 541 (2012) states, “The law (OPRA) was designed to create transparency in the operation of government.”

The purpose of Governor's Byrne's Executive Order 110 was about transparency. Plaintiffs neither wish to broaden the scope of OPRA, nor expand the legal definition of specific terminology. They merely seek to apply the logic and purpose of OPRA to the logic and purpose of EO 110 while also considering that Anna Hauptmann's lawsuit Hauptmann v. Wilenz, 570 Supp. 351 (D.N.J. 1983) was filed the same week as EO 110 was published. Aside from the logical connections of applying EO 110 to OPRA in the context of 2025, the matter the Plaintiffs have raised is about two words: “Inspection” and “Examination.” What do the words “Inspection” and “Examination” mean in 2025 as they pertain to the Lindbergh documents?

Applying the purpose of EO 110 and the purpose of OPRA to the Lindbergh case in 2025, leaves no doubt that modern-day forensics should be allowed to analyze the DNA contained on the adhesive on the backs of the ransom envelopes and the stamps attached to the front of the envelopes ensuring full and complete government transparency to serve the public interest. The DNA contained on those envelopes will ensure Government transparency, thereby

serving the Legislative intent behind OPRA, and the Executive intent behind Governor's Byrne's EO 110, making it very clear that the Lindbergh Kidnapping documents are open to the public for examination and inspection. When the Judicial Branch applies those words today with the knowledge of modern-day forensic tools, and the knowledge behind the intentions of the Executive and Legislative Branch, the Court should draw only one legal conclusion. That conclusion is that the State of New Jersey's goal in opening this case up to the public and serving the public's continual interest, was, has been, and is to ensure justice was served and that the State is being fully transparent in this case. Accordingly, the Court should apply the two words "inspection" and "examination" to allow for a forensic DNA analysis. That DNA will be sent to the lab, which will analyze it to produce data. That data will be analyzed to produce a DNA profile to determine who the kidnapper or kidnappers were, while also noting that this records request for testing is for common law public records as determined by Governor Byrne while signing EO 110.

It appears the State believes this request exceeds the limitations of OPRA and may be concerned that granting this request will somehow open future OPRA requests up to a similar request for DNA. Absent an Executive Order, that is not possible. Plaintiffs request is only possible and should only be granted because of Executive Order 110. In other words, if a New Jersey Governor opened another criminal case up to the public so that the public could copy, inspect and examine all documents and evidence, then forensic DNA analysis would also be subject to collection in that case, but without another Executive Order, the State must be compelled to comply with the Legislative and Executive intentions.

59. "Any analysis of OPRA must begin with the recognition that the Legislature created OPRA intending to make governmental records 'readily accessible' to the state's citizens 'with

certain exceptions for the protection of the public interest." Gilleran v. Twp. of Bloomfield, 227 N.J. 159, 170 (2016)(quoting N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1). "OPRA's purpose is 'to maximize public knowledge about public affairs in order to ensure an informed citizenry and to minimize the evils inherent in a secluded process.'" Mason v. City of Hoboken, 196 N.J. 51, 64 (2008) (quoting Asbury Park Press v. Ocean Cnty. Prosecutor's Off., 374 N.J. Super. 312, 329 (Law Div. 2004)).

"Determinations about the applicability of OPRA and its exemptions constitute legal conclusions, and are therefore subject to de novo review." In re N.J. Firemen's Ass'n Obligation, 230 N.J. 258, 273-74 (2017); Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLP v. N.J. Dep't of Law & Pub. Safety, 421 N.J. Super. 489, 497 (App. Div. 2011). None of the OPRA exemptions apply in the case at hand, and therefore the State has no basis to reject this OPRA request.

"OPRA places the burden of proof on the government to show that a requested record may be withheld under an exemption or exclusion from the disclosure requirement." Asbury Park Press v. Cnty. of Monmouth, 406 N.J. Super. 1 (App. Div. 2009) affirmed, 201 N.J. 5 (2010), (citing N.J.S.A. 47:1A-6).

Although "[t]he statute broadly defines the term 'government record,'" it "also calls for a careful balancing of competing interests -- the right of access to government records versus the need to protect personal information." Libertarians for Transparent Gov't v. Cumberland County (Libertarians II), 250 N.J. 46, 54 (2022) (citing Burnett v. Cnty. of Bergen, 198 N.J. 408, 414 (2009)).

In assessing the sufficiency of the Plaintiff's proofs submitted in support of its claim for nondisclosure, "a court must be guided by the overarching public policy in favor of a citizen's right of access." Courier News v. Hunterdon Cnty. Prosecutor's Office, 358 N.J. Super. 373, 383 (App. Div. 2003) (citing N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1). Absent the necessary proofs, "a citizen's right of

access is unfettered." Ibid. If it is determined that access has been improperly denied, the access sought shall be granted. See N.J.S.A. 47:1A-6.

The Legislative intent of OPRA is directly linked to the Executive's language in EO 110. While Plaintiffs do not dispute that to date, they have been unable to cite a New Jersey court case which addresses DNA testing in OPRA requests; Plaintiffs are specifically arguing that the word selections of "examination" and "inspection" implies that contemporary methods of examination, including DNA testing, should be allowed if a causal connection is made between the intentions of OPRA and EO 110. Forensic DNA technology did not exist until later in the 1980's and therefore could not have been contemplated by EO 110 or the original OPRA.

60. In *Sudhakar*, MER-1706-22, The Court stated that "the physical examination...is not a records request. Appellant provides no authority in either statute or case law for the extraordinary remedy she seeks..." (Pa152). Plaintiffs dispute this and counter this argument with a two-pronged analysis. First, "the right to inspect and copy governmental records under OPRA is without limitation as to the reasons for which the access is undertaken." See MAG, 375 N.J. Super at 546. Plaintiffs have demonstrated in this brief that testing is in the public's interest with citizens signing their petition from seven (7) countries and over twenty-five (25) US States. They have further demonstrated that the Legislative and Executive intentions of OPRA and EO 110 to obtain DNA is in accordance with government transparency. Second, in *Sudhakar*, neither the Respondents nor the Court cited any reference to the use of the word "examination" as it pertains to OPRA requests. Ignoring the question raised by *Sudhakar* about the definition of "examination" as it pertains to EO 110 and OPRA shows defiance and ineptitude on the part of the State. This term needs to be linked to the purpose and intent of Governor Byrne's Executive Order and because the Defendant has failed to do that, the Judicial branch must define it for

them. While failing to address the meaning of the word “examination” as it applies to linking OPRA to EO 110, the Court in *Sudhakar* also failed to state a proper exemption denial, thus the Court avoided a significant part of Sudhakar’s argument altogether.

The fact that the Plaintiffs cannot cite a case on this point does not mean case law cannot and should not be modified as the application of the Legislative and Executive intent behind transparency in this case has been made clear.

In *Sudhakar*, the Court erred when applying *MAG* asserting that the aim of OPRA remains subject “to reasonable controls...to prevent abuse and protect the public officials involved.” See *MAG*, 375 N.J. Super at 546. As stated by Appellant, all public officials involved in this matter are deceased. There are no public officials to “protect.” Moreover, there is no potential for such abuse. Plaintiffs are making a specific request on a specific case which received enough interest and attention to compel the changing of State and Federal Laws. The case is so significant to New Jersey that a significant portion of the New Jersey State Police Museum is devoted to preserving these documents and exhibits and the State hired a full-time archivist with a significant portion of his job description devoted to protecting and maintaining the Lindbergh archives. Lastly to this point, Executive Order 110 specifically explains the reasonable controls intended in this case by Governor Byrne, noting that the public has the right to examine and inspect these documents “...during regular business hours to the extent that such access is compatible with the economic and efficient operation of his division...” (See Plaintiff’s Exhibit P-1).

61. The OPRA denial of Plaintiff Hagel (see Exhibit H) is short-sighted and incorrectly states that all Professor Hagel is looking for is “information.” He is looking for historical truth. Citing Burke v. Brandes, 429 N.J. Super. 169, 555 (App. Div. 2012)(citing Bent v. Twp. Of

Stafford Police Dep't, 381 N.J. Super. 30, 37 (App. Div. 2005) falls extremely short from the request and appears to entirely miss what Professor Hagel's OPRA request is about. Professor Hagel accurately linked EO 110 to the scope, purpose and intent of OPRA by stating,

"It is of vital public interest to resolve or confirm historical injustices, particularly in cases that have shaped American history and culture...We are living in fascinating times where modern forensic science allows us to revisit history with tools that past generations could never have imagined...This effort does not merely seek to resolve an old mystery; it demonstrates a commitment to accuracy, accountability, and transparency in historical inquiry...we must embrace every opportunity to illuminate history with the best available evidence" (See Plaintiff's Exhibit P-8).

62. The OPRA denial of Plaintiff Downie (see Plaintiff's Exhibit P-10) is also short-sited and incorrectly states that the request is not an OPRA request for records. While the Court did note in *Sudhakar* that, "OPRA is a records law, 'not the vehicle by which a citizen can march up to a museum and demand that the custodians of historical artifacts and documents surrender the State's treasures for analysis, alteration, and destruction,'" it incorrectly addressed Ms. Downie's argument linking OPRA to EO 110. Ms. Downie indicated exactly what request she was making, which was to link those and bring her forensic team to the State Police Museum "to perform forensic testing in a non-destructive manner on camera" (See Plaintiff's Exhibit P-10). The experts referenced by the Plaintiffs, Dr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Hellwig and Dr. Corthals all note that this testing can be done in a minimally invasive manner without causing destruction of the historic documents (See Plaintiff's Exhibits P-3, P-5, and P-16).

63. The OPRA denial of Plaintiff Read (see Plaintiff's Exhibit P-12) appears to mirror a portion of the language used in Professor Hagel's denial. What the denial fails to note is both Ms. Read's deeply personal and professional interest along with the State of New Jersey's public interest in transparency, which is proudly proclaimed on the Attorney General's homepage.¹²

¹² <https://www.njoag.gov/> - Of note, the New Jersey Attorney General's Homepage as of the date of this filing states in part, "Transparency and Reliability Uniting to Secure Trust Commission" signed Matthew J. Platkin, Attorney General.

Ms. Read has correctly linked EO 110 with OPRA and notes that the forensic team she has been in touch with (See Plaintiff's Exhibits P-3, P-5, and P-16), have the ability to examine and inspect these documents in a minimally invasive manner to obtain the DNA samples that a person in 2025 would understand includes examination of documentation in a criminal case. Like Plaintiffs Hagel and Downie, the State Police appear to be blocking Ms. Read's request in a similar manner preventing members of the public from copying, inspecting or examining the records they are lawfully entitled to copy, examine and inspect.

64. These are old documents. They are not in their original state and are becoming older by the day in the New Jersey State Police Museum. If the Defendant is legitimately concerned with damage, then they should agree to comply with Executive Order 110 and allow the Plaintiffs to conduct a full and complete DNA examination of these envelopes and stamps.

CONCLUSION

Plaintiffs have been seeking truth in this case for many years. Based upon the clear and undeniable historical and public interest in this matter, the purpose of Government transparency served by OPRA and the purpose and intent of Executive Order 110, thanks to modern forensic technology, a full and complete examination of the envelopes can be accomplished in a minimally invasive and extremely low-risk manner. Connecting the dots with the causal connection behind the legislative intent of OPRA, the executive intent of Governor Byrne's Executive Order 110, makes it obvious that the statutory authority and the Governor's Executive Order should entitle the Plaintiffs access to conduct a forensic examination of these documents to obtain the DNA contained on these documents. For these reasons, the Court should permit the Plaintiffs to conduct forensic testing as requested, pursuant to OPRA and with their complete cooperation and participation of the Defendant.

Perhaps most troubling in this case is that the Defendant is intentionally violating Executive Order 110. Why? Why would they not want to ensure they correctly convicted and executed the right person? Why are they blocking journalists and members of the public from accessing the archives? They are hiding behind the last paragraph of Executive Order 110 claiming that they are working on a standard operating procedure. Is that at all credible after nearly fourteen (14) months?

This act of intentional public harm should not be tolerated! It is time to hold the State Police of the State of New Jersey accountable to the public and since they refuse to do what is obvious and right by the public, compel them to comply with Governor Byrne's Executive Order 110 by applying its logic, purpose and intent to the New Jersey Open Public Record Act.

As noted, Plaintiffs wish to obtain the forensic DNA in the State Police Museum, on camera and in the presence of the Defendants ensuring both sides are satisfied that the evidence has not been tainted with. It is time for the Courts to compel compliance.

Kurt Perhach

Kurt W. Perhach

Elm Ridge Legal Consulting LLC

VERIFICATION

I have read the aforesaid complaint and certify that the factual statements made therein are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, that I am subject to punishment.

Jonathan Hagel

Jonathan Hagel

Michele Downie

Michele Downie

Catherine Read

Catherine Read

Dated: April 24, 2025

DESIGNATION OF TRIAL COUNSEL

Pursuant to the provisions of R. 4:25-4 and R. 4:41(c), while Plaintiff and interested parties are Pro Se, they are designated as trial counsel, we respectfully reserve the right to have Kurt Perhach serve as our legal representative to speak before the Court on our behalf and request that he be compensated at a reasonable rate for his efforts.

Jonathan Hagel

Jonathan Hagel

Michele Downie

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Catherine Read

Catherine Read

RULE 4:5-1 CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to Rule 4:5-1, we certify that within this matter in controversy is subject to no other action pending in any Court or arbitration proceeding and that the names of all parties who should be joined in this action are set forth in the Complaint and joined in the action and request our attorney Mr. Kurt Perhach be reasonably compensated for his efforts.

Jonathan Hagel

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Michele Downie

Michele Downie

Catherine Read

Catherine Read

**PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT P-1 – EXECUTIVE ORDER 110 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
BRENDAN T. BYRNE ON OCTOBER 9, 1981**

ferred to the Records Storage Center after being placed on a records retention schedule as required by P. L. 1953, c. 410 (C. 47:3-15 et seq.) and N. J. A. C. 6:66. All employees currently working with semicurrent records will be transferred to the Bureau of Archives and History.

5. The State Treasurer may exempt any of the above facilities from this executive order or he may subject any other State facilities in the executive branch to this executive order if he determines that such action is in the financial interest of the State.

6. The Bureau of Archives and History may exempt all or a portion of the records of a facility (whether named in this order or by the State Treasurer) from the provisions of this executive order if the Bureau determines that its microfilming and warehousing procedures cannot adequately serve the facility's need for security, confidentiality, immediate access to or preservation of records.

7. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Given, under my hand and seal this 8th day of October,
[SEAL] in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and eighty-one, and of the Independence of the United States, the two hundred and sixth.

/s/ BRENDAN BYRNE,
Governor.

Attest:

/s/ HAROLD L. HODES,
Chief of Staff, Secretary.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 110

WHEREAS, Chapter 73, P. L. 1963, finds and declares it to be the public policy of this State that public records shall be readily accessible for examination by the citizens of this State for the protection of the public interests, except as otherwise provided in said law; and

WHEREAS, Said law provides that all records which are required by law to be made, maintained or kept on file by State and local

governmental agencies are to be deemed to be public records, subject to inspection and examination and available for copying, pursuant to said law; and

WHEREAS, Said law provides that records which would otherwise be deemed to be public records, subject to inspection and examination and available for copying, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 73, P. L. 1963, may be excluded therefrom by Executive Order of the Governor or by any regulation promulgated under the authority of any Executive Order of the Governor; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 48, issued by Governor Richard J. Hughes, excluded State Police investigative files from public scrutiny and prohibited the disclosure of the contents of such files unless ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or by the Governor of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 9, issued by Governor Richard J. Hughes, provided that certain records including fingerprint cards, plates and photographs and other similar criminal investigation records should not be deemed public records subject to inspection; and

WHEREAS, The State Police are in custody of voluminous records and exhibits relating to the investigation of the kidnapping and death of the Lindbergh child which took place in 1932, and the apprehension of Bruno Hauptmann who was convicted and executed as the perpetrator of that crime in 1936; and

WHEREAS, For the past several years repeated requests have been made by legal scholars, historians, biographers, members of the news media, and other individuals for access to records relating to the investigation and trial which took place over 45 years ago; and

WHEREAS, The Lindbergh case was and continues to be of extraordinary interest to the legal community and the public at large;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brendan Byrne, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Chapter 73, P. L. 1963, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. The Superintendent of the State Police to make the investigative files, records and exhibits within his custody relating to the investigation of the Lindbergh kidnapping available to the public, and subject to inspection and examination and available for copying 45 days from the promulgation of this order.

2. The Superintendent is empowered in accordance with the provisions of section 2 of P. L. 1963, c. 73 (C. 47:1A-2) to establish procedures to insure that there is no risk of damage or mutilation of such files, records and exhibits and to insure that public access and right to copy such files, records and exhibits shall be during regular business hours to the extent that such access is compatible with the economic and efficient operation of his division and the transaction of its public business and to provide and assure payment of such costs as permitted by law.

3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Given, under my hand and seal this 9th day of
[SEAL] October, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine
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/s/ BRENDAN BYRNE,
Governor.

Attest:

/s/ HAROLD L. HODES,
Chief of Staff, Secretary.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 111

I, Brendan Byrne, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT that:

1. November 27, 1981, the day following Thanksgiving, shall be granted as a day off to employees who work in the executive departments of State government and who are paid from State funds, whose functions, in the opinion of their appointing authority, permit such absence.

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT P-2 – DR. COLLEEN FITZPATRICK CV



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Team leader and strategist on potential Holocaust literary fraud *The Mascot* by Mark Kurzem based in Adelaide, Australia.

Sep 2008 Forensic Genealogist, Herman Rosenblat Holocaust Fraud Exposure

Strategist and researcher for team that exposed Herman Rosenblat's soon-to-be-published and Oprah-touted best-selling "apple over the fence" Holocaust memoir as a fraud

- Mar 2008** **Chair and Organizer,** Forensic Science Workshop and Panel Discussion, Defense and Security Symposium, SPIE Optical Society, Orlando, FL
- Feb 2008** **Forensic Genealogist Misha Defonseca Holocaust Fraud Exposure**
Strategist and researcher for team that exposed Misha Defonseca's best-selling Holocaust memoir *Surviving with Wolves* as a fraud
- 2008-Pres** **Forensic Genealogist, Independent Consultant, the Search for Amelia Earhart**
Located a family reference for Fred Noonan, Amelia Earhart's navigator for DNA testing the remains found on Gardner Island in the Pacific.
- 2007-2008** **Forensic Genealogy Consultant, US Armed Force DNA Id'n Laboratory, Rockville, MD**
- **Identification of the Unknown Child on the Titanic**
- **The Hand in the Snow (Northwest Flight 4422) Project** - Identification of remains of a merchant mariner killed in crash of Northwest Airlines Flight #4422, Alaska, Mar 18, 1948
- Mar 2007** **Chair and Organizer,** Forensic Science Workshop and Panel Discussion, Defense and Security Symposium, SPIE Optical Society, Orlando, FL
- 2006-2008** **Forensic Genealogy Consultant, Hebron Investments, Scottsdale, AZ**
Locating owners of unclaimed property based on a name and a last known address sometimes over 20 years old. Specializing in international locations including Taiwan, Japan, Hong Kong, Venezuela, Argentina, Panama, Guatemala, the US, Canada, the Netherland Antilles, Estonia, Lebanon, Morocco, France, Italy, and England.

EDUCATION

PhD	Duke University	Nuclear Physics	1983
MS	Duke University	Physics	1983
BA	Rice University	Physics	1976

MEMBERSHIPS AND HONORS

2024	Achievement Award, Vidocq Society
2023	Fellow, American Academy of Forensic Science
2022	Finalist, Gordon, Thomas, Honeywell Cold Case DNA Hit of the Year
2022	Sarah Yarborough homicide honored at International HID Conference via Zoom
2022	Affiliate, Victoria Institute of Forensic Medicine, Victoria, Australia
2022	Member, Australia New Zealand Forensic Science Society (ANZFSS)
2021	Member, TX Off of the Att'y Gen Cold Case and Missing Persons Unit Advisory Committee
2020	5 th Place, Gordon, Thomas, Honeywell Cold Case DNA Hit of the Year
2020	Member, Vidocq Society
2019	Citizen of the Year, US Marshal of N. Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force
2015	5 th Place, Gordon, Thomas, Honeywell Cold Case DNA Hit of the Year
2011 - 2014	Adjunct Professor, Boston University
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Forensic genealogist advisor on DNA analysis and obtaining project funding to investigate Abraham Lincoln's extended family for DNA testing.

Mar '09-Pres Forensic Genealogist and Co-Director, *The Mascot*, Potential Holocaust Fraud

Team leader and strategist on potential Holocaust literary fraud *The Mascot* by Mark Kurzem based in Adelaide, Australia.

Sep 2008 Forensic Genealogist, Herman Rosenblat Holocaust Fraud Exposure

Strategist and researcher for team that exposed Herman Rosenblat's soon-to-be-published and Oprah-touted best-selling "apple over the fence" Holocaust memoir as a fraud

- Mar 2008** **Chair and Organizer,** Forensic Science Workshop and Panel Discussion, Defense and Security Symposium, SPIE Optical Society, Orlando, FL
- Feb 2008** **Forensic Genealogist Misha Defonseca Holocaust Fraud Exposure**
Strategist and researcher for team that exposed Misha Defonseca's best-selling Holocaust memoir *Surviving with Wolves* as a fraud
- 2008-Pres** **Forensic Genealogist, Independent Consultant, the Search for Amelia Earhart**
Located a family reference for Fred Noonan, Amelia Earhart's navigator for DNA testing the remains found on Gardner Island in the Pacific.
- 2007-2008** **Forensic Genealogy Consultant, US Armed Force DNA Id'n Laboratory, Rockville, MD**
- **Identification of the Unknown Child on the Titanic**
- **The Hand in the Snow (Northwest Flight 4422) Project** - Identification of remains of a merchant mariner killed in crash of Northwest Airlines Flight #4422, Alaska, Mar 18, 1948
- Mar 2007** **Chair and Organizer,** Forensic Science Workshop and Panel Discussion, Defense and Security Symposium, SPIE Optical Society, Orlando, FL
- 2006-2008** **Forensic Genealogy Consultant, Hebron Investments, Scottsdale, AZ**
Locating owners of unclaimed property based on a name and a last known address sometimes over 20 years old. Specializing in international locations including Taiwan, Japan, Hong Kong, Venezuela, Argentina, Panama, Guatemala, the US, Canada, the Netherland Antilles, Estonia, Lebanon, Morocco, France, Italy, and England.

EDUCATION

PhD	Duke University	Nuclear Physics	1983
MS	Duke University	Physics	1983
BA	Rice University	Physics	1976

MEMBERSHIPS AND HONORS

2024	Achievement Award, Vidocq Society
2023	Fellow, American Academy of Forensic Science
2022	Finalist, Gordon, Thomas, Honeywell Cold Case DNA Hit of the Year
2022	Sarah Yarborough homicide honored at International HID Conference via Zoom
2022	Affiliate, Victoria Institute of Forensic Medicine, Victoria, Australia
2022	Member, Australia New Zealand Forensic Science Society (ANZFSS)
2021	Member, TX Off of the Att'y Gen Cold Case and Missing Persons Unit Advisory Committee
2020	5 th Place, Gordon, Thomas, Honeywell Cold Case DNA Hit of the Year
2020	Member, Vidocq Society
2019	Citizen of the Year, US Marshal of N. Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force
2015	5 th Place, Gordon, Thomas, Honeywell Cold Case DNA Hit of the Year
2011 - 2014	Adjunct Professor, Boston University
2007 - 2010	Fellow SPIE optical society (retired)
1985 - 2010	Member, SPIE optical society

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 2010-Present Founder, Identifinders International, Fountain Valley, CA**
Pioneer in the application of forensic genetic genealogy to cold case violent crimes and the identification of unidentified human remains. Development of innovative DNA analysis techniques applied to low template and highly degraded DNA. Cold case work for numerous police departments, sheriff offices, and medical examiners throughout the US and Australia.
- 2017-2020 Executive Director & Co-Founder, DNA Doe Project, Orange County, CA**
Pioneer in the identification of John and Jane Does using genetic genealogy and in the development of innovative methods of DNA identification. DDP was the first to make forensic identification using genetic genealogy, weeks before the Golden State Killer identification was announced.
- 2005-2016 Author and Consultant, Andrew S. Yeiser & Associates, Huntington Beach, CA**
Consultant on forensic identification projects such as The Hand in the Snow (Crash of Northwest Flight 4422), the Identification of the Unknown Child on the Titanic, and the Amelia Earhart project. The exposure of two international Holocaust literary frauds, and assisting Holocaust survivors in discovering lost relatives Publishing, marketing, and book sales relating to Forensic Genealogy. Independent consultant for international searches for owners of unclaimed property.
- 1989 – 2005 Founder and Partner, Rice Systems, Inc., Huntington Beach, CA**
Independent contractor to NASA, the Department of Defense, the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, DARPA, and other government and civilian agencies on the development of high resolution laser and optical measurements techniques. Subcontractor on sensor system design to Northrup Grumman on the Jupiter Icy Moon Orbiter (JIMO) project.
- 1987-1989 Senior Scientist and Project Manager, Spectron Development Laboratories, Costa Mesa, CA**
Principal Investigator, NASA Lite Laser, the first laser on the Space Shuttle, to be used for lidar spectroscopy off cloud tops; Development of innovative high resolution laser measurement system for aero optic measurements on the High Endoatmospheric Interceptor (HEDI) program and for nondestructive testing of the Tow missile warhead rocket motor body.
- 1984-1987 Member of the Technical Staff, Rockwell International, Seal Beach, CA**
Task leader, Coherent Optical Radar Amplifier (CORA) program. Bi-Directional Reflection Function (BRDF) test station development. Software modeling of re-entry vehicle reflection geometries; micro array processing.
- 1982-1984 Lecturer, Division of Chemistry and Physics, Sam Houston State U, Huntsville, TX**
Developed new courses and laboratories in graduate and undergraduate physics. Taught all levels of coursework from introductory physics to graduate level quantum mechanics.

LIST OF LECTURES, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, AND TRAINING ORGANIZED BY INDUSTRY

Law Enforcement

13 Dec 2023	2023 FusionCon, Southwest TX Fusion Center, San Antonio
6 Dec 2023	TX Attorney General Cold Case and Missing Persons Advisory Unit Conference
	Investigative Tools for Solving Cold Cases, Horseshoe Bay, TX
23 Nov 2023	IAFS-ANZFSS, Sydney, Australia – FGG Panel Discussion
23 Nov 2023	IAFS-ANZFSS, Sydney, Australia – Oral Presentation on FGG
23 Nov 2023	IAFS-ANZFSS, Sydney, Aus – Digital Poster on FGG
20 Nov 2023	IAFS-ANZFSS, Sydney, Aus Workshop on FGG
8 Nov 2023	Southeast Homicide Investigators Association (SEHIA), Pittsburgh, PA
Apr 11, 2023	National Association of Medical Examiners Webinar
Feb 16, 2023	American Academy of Forensic Science – Last Word Society, Denver, CO
	The Identification of the 1961 Bibb County Teenage Hitchhiker using FGG
Feb 16, 2023	American Academy of Forensic Science – Last Word Society, Denver, CO
	The Somerton Man - Australia's Coldest Case Solved!
Feb 16, 2023	American Academy of Forensic Science Oral Presentation – After the OMG Era
Jan 31, 2023	Blue Line Training Group Webinar with Joe Kennedy
Dec 2, 2022	North Carolina Special Bureau of Investigation, Tryon, NC
Sep 13, 2022	Australia New Zealand Forensic Science Society, Brisbane, Australia
Sep 7, 2022	Victoria Institute of Forensic Medicine
Aug 4, 2022	Texas Innocence Project, Austin, TX
Jul 25-36, 2022	Idaho State Police Headquarters, Meriden, ID
Jun 25, 2022	CA Association of Investigators, Palm Springs, CA
May 17-Jun 17, 2022	Third Australian FGG Training Workshop, Australian Federal Police
Apr 26, 2022	Wilmington University Violent Crime Training Seminar, Wilmington DE
Apr 5-19, 2022	Second Australian FGG Training Workshop, Australian Federal Police
Jan 31, 2022	Blueline Training Group (Virtual)
Nov 18, 2021	South East Homicide Investigator's Association, San Antonio, TX
Oct 27, 2021	North Carolina Homicide Investigations Association, Carolina Beach, NC
Oct 19, 2021	California Association of Criminalists, Scotts Valley, CA
Jun 7-8, 2021	North Carolina Special Bureau of Investigation, Raleigh, NC
May 12-13, 2021	Blue Line Training Group, Myrtle Beach, SC
Feb-Mar 2021	Pilot Workshop on FGG, Australian Federal Police
Feb 15, 2021	American Academy of Forensic Science – Forensic Genealogy Workshop (Virtual)
Dec 2, 2020	Blue Line Training Group Forensic Science Training Seminar (Virtual)
Sep 22, 2020	Idaho National Forensic Science Webinar
Jun 11, 2020	Vidocq Society Webinar
Mar 9-13, 2020	Rocky Mountain Information Network, Pocatello, Meridian, Coeur d'Alene, ID
Dec 18, 2019	Ventura County Forensic Genealogy Training Seminar
Dec 4-6, 2019	National Forensic Academy, Knoxville, TN
Nov 20, 2019	Forensic Genealogy Training Seminar, Seattle WA
Oct 31, 2019	Institute for Forensic Science, Houston, TX
Oct 28, 2019	Blue Line Group Forensic Science Training Seminar, Georgetown TX
Aug 27-28, 2019	Arizona 2d Annual Cold Case Training Seminar, Phoenix, AZ
Sep 15-18, 2019	Missing and Unidentified Persons Conference, Las Vegas, NV
Aug 27, 2019	Arizona Homicide Investigators Association, Chandler, AZ
Jul 31-Aug 1, 2019	Governor's Council on Public Safety, Las Vegas, NV
Jul 21-25, 2019	International Asso of Coroner's & Medical Examiners Conf, Las Vegas, NC
Jun 6, 2019	Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Grantees Meeting, Washington DC
May 7, 2019	Washoe County Sheriff's Office Seminar, Reno, NV
May 3, 2019	Arizona Forensic Science Academy, Chandler, AZ

Apr 5, 2019	Nevada State DNA Analyst Meeting, Las Vegas, NV
Jan 31, 2019	Orange County Homicide Association, Santa Ana, CA
Jan 22, 2019	National Forensic Academy Webinar
Dec 11, 2018	Orange County, CA District Attorney's Training Workshop, Santa Ana, CA
Dec 10, 2018	San Diego County District Attorney's Office Training Workshop
Dec 4, 2018	2018 Palm Beach County Homicide Conference, Palm Beach, CA
Oct 25, 2018	Northeast Association of Forensic Scientists (NEAFS), Bolton Landing, NY
Oct 10, 2018	National Forensics Academy Webinar
Sep 6, 2018	San Diego Law Enforcement Lunch Seminar
Aug 8, 2018	California Dept of Justice, Richmond, CA
Jun 15, 2018	National Sheriff's Association Conference, Washington DC
Jun 12, 2018	Florida Sheriff's Association Cold Case Advisory Committee, Pasco Co., FL
May 7, 2018	National Forensic Academy Webinar
Feb 5-6, 2018	Arizona Cold Case Conference, Phoenix, AZ
Sep 25, 2017	Arizona Forensic Science Academy Genetic Genealogy Webinar
Apr 24, 2017	Simsbury, CT Police Department and Forensic Science Academy
Jan 26, 2017	National Forensics Academy Symposium, Knoxville, TN
Jan 12, 2017	San Diego Co. Cold Case Homicide Investigators, San Diego, CA
Oct 21, 2016	Enfield, CT Police Department
May 21, 2015	Phoenix Police Department, Phoenix AZ

Scientific Organizations

Sep 20, 2023	International Symposium on Human Identification (ISHI), Denver, CO
Jul 27, 2023	JFS Forensic Lab Talks Seminar: Two-part Series on Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy (FIGG) (Aired No 8, 2023)
Nov 8, 2022	New South Wales Health Pathology Forum (Virtual)
Nov 1, 2022	International Symposium on Human Identification, Wash DC, Two Posters
Nov 1, 2022	International Symposium on Human Identification, Wash DC, Oral Presentation
Oct 30, 2022	International Symposium on Human Identification, Wash DC, Workshop
Oct 5, 2022	TX Attorney General Cold Case Advisory Commission, Austin, TX
Sep 13, 2022	Australia New Zealand Forensic Science Society
Sep 6, 2022	Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine, Melbourne, Victoria
May 11, 2022	International HID Conference via Zoom
Mar 25, 2022	Cyril H. Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law
Feb 25, 2022	American Academy of Forensic Sciences – Oral Presentation
Feb 24, 2022	American Academy of Forensic Sciences – Last Word Society
Feb 22, 2022	American Society of Forensic Odontology
Feb 22, 2022	American Academy of Forensic Sciences Workshop on Silent Disaster
Feb 16, 2022	Verogen Webinar on FGG Toolkit and Approaches to Genealogical Training
Dec 8, 2021	New Jersey Academy of Forensic Science (Virtual)
Oct 21, 2021	SAKI Conference (Virtual)
Oct 19, 2021	California Association of Criminalists
Sep 16, 2021	International Symposium on Human Identification (ISHI), Orlando, FL
May 19, 2021	ANZFSS and the Australian Federal Police (Virtual)
Feb 14-18, 2021	American Academy of Forensic Science (Virtual)
Dec 4, 2020	Henry C Lee Institute of Forensic Science, Keynote Speaker, Forensic Genealogy
Sep 14-16, 2020	International Symposium on Human Identification (ISHI) Virtual Conference
Feb 16-21, 2020	American Academy of Forensic Science, Anaheim, CA
Dec 9, 2019	University of North Texas Invited Lecture, Denton, TX
Oct 18-20, 2019	Banbury Conference, Cold Spring Harbor Landing, NY
Sep 25, 2019	Best Practices for Cold Cases
	International Symposium on Human Identification, Palm Springs,

Sep 24, 2019	Genetic Genealogy as a Tool for Solving Cases Tabletop Discussion International Symposium on Human Identification, Palm Springs, CA
Sep 23, 2019	Family Ties: Using Genetic Genealogy to Solve Violent Crimes International Symposium on Human Identification, Palm Springs, CA
Feb 21, 2019	American Academy of Forensic Science, Baltimore, MD
Sep 23-27, 2018	International Symposium on Human Identification (ISHI), Phoenix, AZ
Feb 22, 2018	American Academy of Forensic Science, Seattle, WA (Three talks)
Oct 4, 2017	International Symposium on Human Identification (ISHI), Seattle, WA
Feb 16, 2017	American Academy of Forensic Science, The Last Word Society, New Orleans, LA
Oct 24, 2016	West Virginia University Dept of Forensic Science, Morgantown, WV
Sep 28, 2016	International Symposium on Human Identification (ISHI), Minneapolis, MN
Feb 26, 2016	American Academy of Forensic Science (Chaired Session), Las Vegas, NV
Nov 7, 2015	Triangle Universities Nuclear Lab 50 th Anniversary Celebration – Durham, NC
Oct 14, 2015	International Symposium on Human Identification (ISHI), Grapevine, TX
Sep 30, 2014	International Symposium on Human Identification, Phoenix Poster, AZ
May 29, 2014	New Zealand Forensic Society, Wellington, NZ
Apr 23, 2014	Louisiana Association of Forensic Scientist, Baton Rouge, LA
Feb 20, 2014	American Academy of Forensic Science, Seattle, WA
Jan 16, 2014	N Texas State University Center for Human Identification Fire Talk, Ft Worth, TX
October 9, 2013	International Symposium on Human Identification, Atlanta, GA
April 26, 2011	SPIE Defense Security Symp, Women in Optics Featured Speaker, Orlando., FL
Apr 6, 2011	Hartford Police Dept, Hartford, CT
November 7, 2010	5th Eur. Bioinformatics Inst Conf on Cheminformatics, Goslar, Germany (Keynote)
October 11, 2010	International Symposium on Human Identity, San Antonio, TX
June 8, 2010	Forensic Consultants Association, San Diego, CA
October 2009	International Symposium on Human Identity, Las Vegas, NV
March 2009	Annual Meeting of the American Chemical Society, Salt Lake City, UT
April 24, 2008	Triangle Universities Nuclear Laboratory (TUNL), Duke University
March 2008	RUSAL Co., Aughinish Island, Co. Limerick, Ireland
March 2007	Defense Security Symposium, Orlando, FL
March 2008	Defense Security Symposium, Orlando, FL
July 11, 2006	Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, CA
January 2004	41 st Aerospace Scis Meeting-Amer Inst Aeronautics & Astronautics, Reno, NV
January 2003	40 th Aerospace Sciences Meeting-AIAA, Reno, NV
June 2001	35 th Thermophysics Conference, AIAA, Anaheim, CA
November 2000	Army Science Conference, Baltimore, MD
September 2000	AIAA Space 2000 Conference and Exposition, Long Beach, CA
November 1999	Joint Services Data Exchange, Norfolk, VA
November 1998	Joint Services Data Exchange, Anaheim, CA
September 1997	International Conference on Optical Holography and its Applications, Kiev, Ukraine
September 1997	Fringe '97, Bremen, Germany
June 1997	European Symposium on Lasers and Optics in Manufacturing, Munich, Germany
November 1996	Joint Services Data Exchange, Orlando, FL
May 1992	International Conference on Lasers and Optoelectronics, Beijing, China
1991-2003	Annual presentations given at Laser & Optics Society for Photoinstrumentation Engineers (SPIE), San Diego, CA
1991-2003	Annual presentations given at Photonics West Society for Photoinstrumentation Engineers (SPIE), San Jose, CA

Historical Societies

Apr 30, 2016	Titanic Historical Society, Boston, MA
April 25, 2015	Mayflower Society of Orange Co., Fountain Valley, CA

July 13, 2013	MacGiolphaddraig Historical Society, Kilkenny City, Ireland
July 10, 2010	MacGiolphaddraig Historical Society, Kilkenny City, Ireland
October 14, 2008	Garway Historical Society, Garway, Herefordshire, United Kingdom
May 10, 2008	Sons of the American Revolution, Orange Co., CA
November 17, 2007	Orange Co., Mayflower Society, Orange Co., CA
October 15, 2007	Mojave Chapter, DAR, Fullerton, CA
July 4, 2007	County Louth, Ireland, Historical Society
July 7, 2007	MacGiolphaddraig Historical Society, Kilkenny City, Ireland
June 17, 2007	Scottish Highland Games, Oak Brook, IL
June 16, 2006	Scottish Highland Games, Oak Brook, IL
January 28, 2006	American History Society of Germans from Russia, Long Beach, CA

Nonprofit Organizations and Education and Religious Groups

Feb 5, 2024	Ebell Women's Group, Orange Co., CA
Oct 26, 2023	San Jose State University Anniversary Talk
Sep 14, 2023	Grand Jurors' Association of Orange County
Jun 1, 2023	Rotary Clue, Orange Co, CA
May 18, 2023	Women's Fellowship, Covenant Presbyterian church
Apr 12, 2023	Women in Forensics, Loyola University, MD (Virtual)
Jan 26, 2023	Rotary Club of Orange County, CA
Aug 15, 2022	PEO Women's Club, Orange County, CA
Jun 9, 2022	Rotary Club of Orange County, CA
Mar 4, 2022	Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi (Virtual)
Mar 2, 2022	PEO Women's Club, Orange Co., CA
Jan 19, 2022	NUN Jewish Study Group, Montreal
Jan 17, 2022	PEO Women's Club, Orange Co., CA (Virtual)
Oct 14, 2021	Rotary Club of Orange County, CA
May 27, 2021	Rotary Club of Orange County Webinar
Mar 21, 2021	Mensa of Orange County Webinar
Mar 14, 2021	PEO Women's Club, Huntington Beach, CA Webinar
Nov 6, 2020	New Jersey Institute of Technology, Forensic Science Guest Webinar
Oct 13, 2020	Univ of South Florida, Cold Case Guest Lecture of Forensic Genealogy Webinar
Jul 7, 2020	Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, Montreal, Canada Webinar
Mar 17, 2020	PEO Women's Group, Huntington Beach, CA
Feb 27, 2020	International Committee of the Red Cross Webinar, Tbilisi, GA Webinar
Feb 23, 2020	Orange County Sisters in Crime, Irvine, CA
Jan 26, 2020	Orange County MENSA Speaker's Forum
Oct 17, 2019	Rotary Club of Orange County, Anaheim, CA
Oct 12, 2019	Family History Center of Orange County Keynote, Orange, CA
Oct 2, 2019	Forensic Institute for Research & Education, Middle TN State U, Murfreesboro, TX
Sep 28, 2019	PEO Women's Group, Costa Mesa, CA
Aug 9, 2019	PEO Women's Group, Costa Mesa, CA
April 16, 2019	PEO Women's Group, Huntington Beach, CA
Mar 29, 2019	Duschesne University, Pittsburgh, PA (Keynote)
Feb 4, 2019	Evolutionary Anthropology Program, California State University, Fullerton
Jan 17, 2019	Covenant Presbyterian Church Women's Fellowship Luncheon & Prog, Orange, CA
Sep 21-22, 2019	Kin Finder Symposium, Washington DC
Aug 2, 2018	Rotary Club, Orange Co., CA
May 11, 2018	Truckee Valley Community College Webinar
Apr 26, 2018	Orange Co Public Library, Rossmore, CA
Mar 30, 2018	Truckee Valley Community College Webinar
Mar 16, 2018	San Clemente Library, San Clemente, CA

Nov 9, 2017	Women's League of Orange County, CA
Aug 10, 2017	Rotary Club of Orange Co., Tustin, CA
Apr 2, 2017	Patchogue-Medford Library, Patchogue, NY
Mar 1, 2017	SPEO, Villa Park, CA
Feb 22, 2017	Patrick F. Taylor Science and Technology Academy, Avondale, LA
Feb 14, 2017	Fountainbleu School, Mandeville, LA
Feb 13, 2017	Louisiana State Archives, Baton Rouge, LA
Jan 26, 2018	National Forensic Academy, Oak Ridge, TN
Sep 9 2016	Sunshine Club, Leisure World, Seal Beach, CA
July 24, 2016	Sunshine Club, Leisure World, Seal Beach, CA
July 17, 2015	Sunshine Club, Leisure World, Seal Beach, CA
Jun 18, 2016	Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois Webinar
Jun 9, 2016	Rotary Club of Orange Co., Tustin, CA
May 1, 2015	Learning is for Everyone (LIFE), Oceanside, CA
April 20, 2015	Auckland Central Library, Auckland, New Zealand
April 14, 2015	National Trust of Australia, Adelaide, Australia
October 14, 2014	Aviara Women's Society, Carlsbad, CA
October 1, 2014	Phoenix Police Department
June 28, 2012	Rotary Club of Orange Co., Costa Mesa, CA
July 18, 2011	Southwestern Manuscripters, Manhattan Beach, CA
March 19, 2011	Los Angeles Public Library, Los Angeles, CA
October 26, 2010	Santiago Canyon College, Orange, CA
June 24, 2010	Temple Beth Emet, Anaheim, CA
December 28, 2009	Temple Beth Emet, Anaheim, CA
November 12, 2009	Rooster's Club, Costa Mesa, CA
November 5, 2009	Coto de Caza Rotary Club, Coto de Casa, CA
October 20, 2009	Paine Elementary School, Garden Grove, CA
October 17, 2009	Los Angeles Archives Bazaar
September 12-14, 2008	Mensa Education and Research Foundation Conference, Salt Lake City
June 18, 2007	St. Andrew's Society, Scottish Hall, Chicago, IL
October 15, 2006	Los Angeles Public Library, Los Angeles, CA
August 5, 2006	Bluebonnet Library, Baton Rouge, LA
June 14, 2006	Scottish Hall, Chicago, IL
April 24, 2006	Louisiana State Archives, Baton Rouge, LA
April 19, 2006	Jefferson Women's Auxiliary, Metairie, LA
April 18, 2006	Jefferson Parish Public Library, Metairie, LA

Genealogical Societies

2023

Oct 8, 2023	Le Comite des Archivs de la Louisiane Webinar
Jun 17, 2023	North San Diego Genealogical Society DNA Special Interest Group

2021

Jul 17, 2021	Friends of the Plano Library Webinar
Apr 11, 2021	Czech Area Genealogy Club Webinar
Jan 26, 2021	North San Diego Genealogical Society

2020

Jan 26, 2021	North San Diego Genealogical Society Webinar
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Sep 15, 2020	Conejo Valley Genealogical Society Webinar
Jul 18, 2020	South Orange County Genealogical Society Webinar
Jun 20, 2020	North San Diego Genealogical Society DNA Group Webinar
Jan 28, 2020	North San Diego Genealogical Society, Carlsbad, CA
2019	
Nov 4, 2019	Chicopee Public Library, Chicopee, MA
Nov 3, 2019	Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston, Boston, MA
Nov 2, 2019	Polish Genealogy Society of Massachusetts 30 Anniversary, Chicopee, MA
Oct 6, 2019	Czech Area Genealogical Society, Anaheim, CA
May 15, 2019	Genealogy Society of North Orange County CA, Yorba Linda, CA
2018	
Sep 21-23, 2018	Kin Finders Seminar, Arlington, VA
Sep 15, 2018	Friends of the Plano Libraries, Plano, TX
Aug 18, 2018	Fitzpatrick Clan Society International Gathering, Portlaoise, Laois, Ireland
May 23, 2018	Leisure World Genealogy Club, Seal Beach, CA
Apr 18, 2018	Genealogical Society of N Orange Co, CA, Yorba Linda, CA
2017	
Oct 17, 2017	Placentia Library and Orange Co. CA Genealogical Society, Placentia, CA
Oct 9, 2017	Laguna Village Genealogy Club, Laguna Woods, CA
May 20, 2017	Los Angeles County Public Library, Los Angeles, CA
May 6, 2017	Orange County, CA Genealogical Society, Huntington Beach, CA
Mar 18, 2017	Southern Orange Co CA Genealogical Society, Mission Viejo, CA
Mar 12, 2017	Jewish Genealogical Society of San Diego, San Diego, CA
Feb 14, 2017	New Orleans Genealogical Society, Jefferson Parish, LA
Jan 29, 2017	Czech Area Genealogical Society, Santa Ana, CA
Jan 18, 2017	Georgia Genealogical Society Webinar
Jan 4, 2017	Western MA Genealogical Society Webinar
2016	
Oct 22, 2016	Polish Genealogical Society of CT and NE
Oct 20, 2016	Polish Genealogical Society of MA
Sep 19, 2016	Laguna Woods Village Genealogy Club, Laguna Woods, CA
May 18, 2016	South Bay Cities Genealogical Society, Torrance, CA
May 7, 2016	Orange County California Genealogical Society, Huntington Beach, CA
Apr 23, 2016	Qualcum Genealogical Society, Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada
Feb 17, 2016	Georgia Genealogical Society Webinar via Internet
2015	
Sept 26, 2015	Finlandia University Webinar, via Internet
June 24, 2015	Seal Beach Genealogy Club, Seal Beach, CA
June 9, 2015	Family History Library, Salt Lake City, UT
April 22, 2015	An Afternoon with Colleen Fitzpatrick, Forensic Genealogist, NZSG, Auckland, NZ
April 19, 2015	New Zealand Society of Genealogists, Auckland, New Zealand
April 18, 2015	Queensland Fam Hist Soc & Genealogical Soc of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia
April 15, 2015	S. Australian Society of Genealogy and Heraldry, Unley, Australia

April 12, 2015	VICGUM and the Genealogical Society of Victoria, Melbourne, Australia
April 9, 2015	Botany Bay Genealogical Society, Botany Bay, Australia
April 7, 2015	Australian Society of Genealogists, Sydney, Australia
Mar 31, 2015	Heraldry and Genealogy Society of Canberra, Canberra, Australia
Mar 26-30, 2015	14 th Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry, Canberra, Australia
Mar 8, 2015	Jewish Genealogical Society, San Diego, CA
Feb. 8, 2015	Czech Area Genealogy Club, Anaheim, CA
Jan 31, 2015	Southern California Genealogical Society, Burbank, CA

2014

October 3-4, 2014	Lincoln-Lancaster County Genealogical Society, Lincoln, NE
June 20, 2014	Auckland, NZ Chapter Society of New Zealand Genealogists
June 18, 2014	Hamilton, NZ Chapter Society of New Zealand Genealogists
June 17, 2014	Rotorua, NZ Chapter Society of New Zealand Genealogists
June 14, 2014	Invercargill, NZ Chapter Society of New Zealand Genealogists
June 12, 2014	Dunedin, NZ Chapter Society of New Zealand Genealogists
June 10, 2014	Oamaru, NZ Chapter Society of New Zealand Genealogists
June 8, 2014	Christchurch, NZ Chapter Society of New Zealand Genealogists
June 5, 2014	Nelson, NZ Chapter Society of New Zealand Genealogists
May 30 – June 2, 2014	New Zealand Society of Genealogists, Wellington (Keynote)
April 16, 2014	South Bay Cities Genealogical Society, Torrance, CA
March 29, 2014	North San Diego Genealogical Society, Carlsbad, CA
March 22, 2014	Clark County Genealogical Society, Las Vegas, NV
March 18, 2014	Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Webinar
March 15, 2014	Williamson County Genealogical Society, Round Rock, TX
March 1, 2014	Orange County, CA Genealogical Society, Huntington Beach, CA
February 19, 2014	Association of Professional Genealogists, Heartland Chapter Webinar
February 14, 2014	New Orleans Genealogical Society, New Orleans, LA

2013

November 2, 2013	Orange County California Genealogical Society, Huntington Beach, CA
September 16, 2013	Los Angeles Jewish Genealogical Society, Los Angeles, CA
August 5, 2013	International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies Conference, Boston, MA
July 13, 2013	Fitzpatrick Clan Society International Gathering, Kilkenny, Co. Kilkenny, Ireland
June 2, 2013	Czech Area Genealogical Society, Anaheim, CA
May 8-11, 2013	National Genealogical Society National Conf, Las Vegas, NV – Featured Speaker
April 25-27, 2013	Ohio Genealogical Society Conference, Cincinnati, OH - Featured Speaker
April 17-21, 2013	New England Regional Genealogical Conf, Manchester, NH - Featured Speaker
January 22, 2013	North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Carlsbad, CA

2012

October 27, 2012	St. Tammany Parish Genealogical Society, St. Tammany, LA (webinar via Skype)
October 7, 2012	Czechoslovak Area Genealogical Society (CAGS), Anaheim, CA
June 1-3, 2012	Ontario Genealogical Society, Kingston, Ontario, Canada – Keynote Speaker
May 6, 2012	Jewish Genealogical Society of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
April 2, 2012	VicGum Genealogical Society, Melbourne, Australia
March 31, 2012	Port Adelaide Nautical Museum, Port Adelaide, South Australia
March 28-31, 2012	13 th Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry, Keynote Speaker, Adelaide,
February 24, 2012	North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Carlsbad, CA
February 11, 2012	Pinellas County Genealogical Society, Pinellas, FL

February 4, 2012 Hill County Genealogical Society, San Antonio, TX

2011

October 29, 2011 Louisiana Book Festival, Baton Rouge, LA
October 25, 2011 St. Tammany Genealogical Society, St. Tammany, LA
September 24, 2011 Permian Basin Genealogical Society, Odessa, TX
September 17, 2011 RELIC Genealogical Society, Manassas, VA
July 18, 2001 Southwest Manuscripters, Los Angeles, CA
June 10, 2011 Friends of the Cornette Library, West Texas A&M University, Amarillo, TX
May 21, 2011 Seattle Genealogical Society, Seattle, WA
April 30, 2011 Milwaukee Genealogical Society, Milwaukee, WI
April 17, 2011 Genealogical Society, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
April 6-10, 2011 New England Regional Genealogical Conference, Springfield, MA
March 22, 2011 North San Diego Genealogical Society, Carlsbad, CA
March 19, 2011 Los Angeles County Public Library, Los Angeles, CA
February 5, 2011 Orange County California Genealogical Society, Huntington Beach, CA
January 8, 2011 Jewish Genealogical Society of San Diego, San Diego, CA

2010

October 9, 2010 Amarillo Genealogical Society, Amarillo, TX
October 6, 2010 Durham-Orange Genealogical Society, Durham, NC
September 17-19, 2010 Saskatchewan & Manitoba Genealogical Societies, Yorkton, Saskatchewan, Canada
September 9, 2010 Roots Cellar Genealogy Society, Sacramento, CA
July 27-29, 2010 Brigham Young University Family History & Genealogy Conference, SLC, UT
July 11, 2010 Fitzpatrick Clan Society International Gathering, Kilkenny, Ireland
June 6, 2010 Czechoslovakian American Genealogical Society, Anaheim, CA
May 22, 2010 North Arizona Genealogy Society, Prescott, AZ
May 8, 2010 Alberta Family Histories Society, Calgary, Alberta, Canada
March 23, 2010 North San Diego Genealogical Society, Carlsbad, CA
February 6, 2010 Orange County, CA Genealogical Society, Huntington Beach, CA
January 21, 2010 Palmia Genealogical Society, Mission Viejo, CA

2009

October 17, 2009 Los Angeles Archives Bazaar, Los Angeles, CA
October 10, 2009 Amarillo Genealogical Society, Amarillo, TX
Sep 18-19, 2009 British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada
July 15, 2009 South Bay Cities Genealogical Society, Torrance, CA
June 20, 2009 Santa Barbara Genealogical Society, Santa Barbara, CA
June 19, 2009 Los Angeles Westside Genealogical Society, Marina del Rey, CA
May 30, 2009 Kootenai County Genealogical Society, Hayden, ID
April 23-25, 2009 The New England Regional Genealogical Society Conference, Manchester, NH
April 20, 2009 New Orleans Genealogical Society, New Orleans, LA
April 18, 2009 Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society, Baton Rouge, LA
March 13, 2009 Conference on Computerized Family History and Genealogy, BYU, Provo, UT
February 27, 2009 St. George Family History Expo, St. George, UT
February 24, 2009 North San Diego County Genealogical Society, San Diego, CA
February 8, 2009 Jewish Genealogical Society of San Diego, San Diego, CA
January 31, 2009 Palm Springs Genealogical Society, Palm Springs, CA
January 15, 2009 Saddlebrooke Genealogical Society, Tucson, AZ

2008

November 16, 2008	Questing Heirs Genealogical Society, Long Beach, CA
November 14, 2008	Mesa Family History Expo, Mesa, AZ
October 23, 2008	RTE Ireland television network Nationwide television program interview
October 6, 2008	Temecula Valley Genealogical Society, Temecula, CA
September 20, 2008	Littleton Colorado Genealogical Society, Littleton, CO
August 17-22, 2008	International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies, Chicago, IL
August 3, 2008	Czech Genealogical Society, Anaheim, CA
Jun 27-29, 2008	Burbank Genealogical Jamboree, Burbank, CA
June 19, 2008	Palmia Genealogical Society, Mission Viejo, CA
May 29-June 1, 2008	Ontario (Canada) Genealogical Society Conference, Toronto, Ontario
April 26, 2008	Quad Cities Genealogical Society, Rock Island, IL
April 19, 2008	Lancaster Family History Conference, Lancaster, PA (Keynote Speaker)
April 5, 2008	Whidbey Island Genealogical Society, Whidbey Island, WA
March 15, 2008	Arizona State Genealogical Society, Tucson, AZ
February 27, 2008	Leisure World Genealogy Club, Seal Beach, CA
February 26, 2008	North San Diego County Genealogical Society, San Diego, CA
February 23, 2008	Oregon Genealogical Society, Eugene, OR
February 16, 2008	San Diego Computer Genealogy Society, San Diego, CA
January 24, 2008	Leisure World Genealogy Club, Seal Beach, CA

2007

November 18, 2007	Questing Heirs, Long Beach, CA
October 8, 2007	Murietta Hot Springs Colony Genealogical Club, Murietta, CA
October 6, 2007	San Luis Obispo Genealogical Society, San Luis Obispo, CA
September 29, 2007	Detroit Soc for Gen Research, 2d Annual Family History Festival, Detroit, MI
September 20, 2007	Napa Genealogical Society, Napa, CA
August 15, 2007	South Bay Cities Genealogical Society, Torrance, CA
August 11, 2007	Lafouche Heritage Society, Lafouche Parish, LA
July 27, 2007	Fitzpatrick Clan Society International Gathering, Portlaoise, Co. Laois, Ireland
July 20, 2007	Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society
June 19, 2007	Conejo Valley Genealogical Society, Thousand Oaks, CA
June 9, 2007	Southern California Genealogical Society, Burbank, CA
May 31, 2007	Southern California Genealogical Society DNA Special Interest Group, Panel Discussion, Burbank, CA
May 16, 2007	North Orange County Genealogical Society, Yorba Linda, CA
May 12, 2007	Santa Barbara Genealogical Society Annual Spring Seminar, Santa Barbara, CA
April 28, 2007	New England Regional Genealogical Conference, Hartford, CT
April 25, 2007	Wayne County PA Historical Society, Honedale, PA
April 24, 2007	New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, New York, NY
April 21, 2007	Friends of the Plano Library Annual Spring Seminar, Plano, TX
March 25, 2007	British Isles Genealogical Society, Santa Monica, CA
March 19, 2007	Jewish Genealogical Society of Portland, Portland, OR
March 20, 2007	Genealogical Forum of Oregon, Portland OR
March 19, 2007	Seattle Jewish Genealogical Society, Seattle, WA
March 17, 2007	Whittier Area Genealogical Society, Whittier, CA
March 10, 2007	Family History Society of Arizona Annual Spring Seminar, Tempe, AZ
February 27, 2007	North San Diego Genealogical Society, Carlsbad, CA
February 24, 2007	California African American Society of Los Angeles Genealogical Event
January 27, 2007	Santa Barbara Genealogical Society, Santa Barbara, CA
January 19, 2007	Los Angeles Westside Genealogical Society, Marina del Rey, CA

2006

November 28, 2006	North San Diego County Genealogical Society
October 21, 2006	POINT Sacramento Chapter, Sacramento, CA
October 19, 2006	Napa Genealogical Society, Napa, CA
October 15, 2006	Los Angeles County Public Library, Los Angeles, CA
October 6, 2006	POINT Italian Genealogy Conference, Hermosa Beach, CA
September 20, 2006	North Orange County Genealogical Society, Yorba Linda, CA
September 10, 2006	Village Books, Bellingham, WA
September 9, 2006	Whatcom Genealogical Society Annual Genealogical Seminar, Bellingham, WA
September 7, 2006	Bend Genealogical Society, Bend, OR
June 29, 2006	Southern California Genealogical Society DNA Special Interest Group Burbank, CA
June 18, 2006	Conejo Valley Genealogical Society, Thousand Oaks, CA
May 13, 2006	San Diego Genealogical Society, San Diego, CA
May 6, 2006	Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree, Burbank, CA
April 29, 2006	Chula Vista Genealogical Society, Chula Vista, CA
April 20, 2006	Lafayette Genealogical Society, Lafayette, LA
April 18, 2006	St. Tammany Parish Genealogical Society, Covington, LA
April 15, 2006	Friend of the Plano Library, Plano, TX
March 18, 2006	Ventura County Genealogical Society, Ventura, CA
February 18, 2006	South Orange County Genealogical Society, Mission Viejo, CA

2005

November 12, 2005	Southern California Genealogical Society, Burbank, CA
October 23, 2005	British Isles Family History Society, Santa Monica, CA
October 15, 2005	Whittier Genealogical Society, Whittier, CA
October 13, 2005	Jefferson Genealogical Society, Metairie, LA
October 11, 2005	St. Tammany Parish Genealogical Society, Covington, LA
September 24, 2005	Antelope Valley Genealogical Society, Lancaster, CA
September 21, 2005	South Bay Cities Genealogical Society, Torrance, CA
August 21, 2005	Questing Heirs, Long Beach, CA

Forensic Genealogy Workshops

April 23, 2017	Holocaust Survival and Reunion Stories, Boston University, Funded by a grant from the Elie Wiesel Center for Jewish Studies, Boston University.
Jul 28-Aug 1, 2014	Advanced Forensic Genealogy Workshop, Boston Univ, Genealogy Certificate Prog
Aug 5-9, 2013	Advanced Forensic Genealogy Workshop, Boston Univ, Genealogy Certificate Prog
Jan 14-18, 2013	Advanced Forensic Genealogy Workshop, Salt Lake City Institute of Genealogy
July 30-Aug 3, 2012	Advanced Forensic Genealogy Workshop, Boston Univ, Genealogy Certificate Prog
June 1, 2012	DNA Workshop, Ontario Genealogical Society
June 1, 2012	Photograph Identification Workshop, Ontario Genealogical Society
March 2008	Chair and Organizer, Forensic Science Workshop and Panel Discussion, Defense and

Security Symposium, SPIE Optical Society, Orlando, FL

March 2007 Chair and Organizer, Forensic Science Workshop and Panel Discussion, Defense and Security Symposium, SPIE Optical Society, Orlando, FL

COURT TESTIMONY

Nov 16, 2023 The State of Massachusetts vs Marvin McClendon, Expert Witness Pretrial
Sep 26, 2023 The State of Michigan vs Garry Artman, Expert Witness Trial Testimony
Apr 24, 2023 The State of WA vs Patrick Nicholas, Expert Witness Trial Testimony
Mar 28, 2023 The State of WA vs Patrick Nicholas, Expert Witness Pretrial Testimony

GENEALOGY AWARDS

Spring 2010 International Society of Family History Writers and Editors (ISFHWE) First Place, Article Category, "One Man, Two Names, Three Families", *Ancestry Magazine*, July/August 2009

Spring 2008 International Society of Family History Writers and Editors (ISFHWE) First Place, Article Category, "Clues Around the House", *Ancestry Magazine*, May/June 2007

Sept 2007 Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory Service Medal for success in identifying the remains of a serviceman found in the wreckage of the 1948 Alaskan plane crash of Northwest Flight 4422

Spring 2007 International Society of Family History Writers and Editors (ISFHWE) Second Place, Article Category 2006, "Genealogy Meets CSI", *Family Tree Magazine*, April 2006

TELEVISION SERIES

February 2021, Blood Relative, Paramount Studios – Model for main character Louise Kelley

PRESS CONFERENCES

Apr 17, 2023 East Haven Jane Doe, East haven, CT
Dec 8, 2022 Boy in the Box Press Conference, Philadelphia, PA
Nov 1, 2021 Bibb County Teen Doe Press Conference, Centreville, AL (via Zoom)
Jan 14, 2020 Baby David Paul Press Conference, Meriden, CT
Jul 29, 2019 Belle in the Well Press Conference, Ironton, OH
Jun 17, 2019 Gwen Miller Homicide Press Conference, Rapid City, SD
May 7, 2019 Sheep Flats Jane Doe, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, Reno, NV
Jun 21, 2018 Joseph Newton Chandler III, US Marshal N Ohio, Cleveland, OH
Apr 11, 2018 Buckskin Girl, Miami Co Sheriff's Office, Troy OH
March 2008 Hand in the Snow Press Conference, Georgetown U, Washington DC

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Odile M. Loreille, Ryan L. Parr, Kevin A. McGregor, Colleen M. Fitzpatrick, Chriss Lyon, Donya Y. Yang, Camilla F. Speller, Michael R. Grimm, Michael J. Grimm, Jodi A. Irwin, Edward M. Robinson, "Integrated DNA and Fingerprint Analyses in the Identification of 60-Year-Old Mummified Human Remains Discovered in an Alaskan Glacier", *J. Forensic Sci.*, April 2010.

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Dead Horse Investigation: Forensic Photo Identification for Everyone, ISBN 0-9767160-5-4, Rice Book Press, April 2008

Forensic Genealogy Revised Edition, Rice Book Press, ISBN 978-0-9767160-7-5, May 2013

The DNA Detective, Rice Book Press, ISBN 978-0-9767160-6-8, May 2013

NEWS ARTICLES

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“The Mascot” – Truth or Fiction
September 16, 2012

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CSI Meets Roots, *Games Magazine*, November 2007

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Where When Why Who? CSI Meets Photography, *Games Magazine*, July 2009

Fake Photos in Your Family Tree, *Ancestry Magazine*, July/August 2009

The Dead Horse Investigation, *Family Chronicle*, May/June 2009

Spotting the Missing Children in Your Family Tree, *Ancestry Magazine Online*, January 26, 2009

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Forensic Genealogy Celebrates Its 100th Photo Quiz!, *Dead Fred Newsletter* (March 2007)

Exploring Age Progression using Forensic Genealogy, Dead Fred Newsletter (October 2006)

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Are Those Fakes in Your Shoebox?, *Ancestry Magazine*, July/August 2009

Children of the Battlefield, *Ancestry Magazine*, May/June 2009

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Parley Vous Francais?, *Ancestry Magazine*, January/February, 2009

Crossing the Bridge, *Ancestry Magazine*, November/December 2008

Where Were You?, *Ancestry Magazine*, September/October 2008

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Hosted by Loyola University, Maryland

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Fox10 News Phoenix, 9/30/2022
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PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT P-3 – STATEMENT OF DR. COLLEEN FITZPATRICK



March 8, 2025

Subject: DNA Testing on the Lindbergh Ransom Envelopes

Dear Sir or Madam:

It is a well-known fact that the Lindbergh kidnapping is one of the most significant forensic cases in American history, a crime that continues to captivate and haunt the public imagination to this day. Police who investigated the scene the night of the kidnapping believed more likely than not that the crime was both an inside job and involved more than one party.

While the thirteen ransom notes received by either Lindbergh or his go-between Dr. John Condon have always been important clues to the identities of the kidnappers, it has only been recently that DNA testing and analysis have evolved with the potential of testing those envelopes to produce definitive investigative leads that could resolve lingering uncertainties.

As the pioneer in the development of forensic genetic genealogy (FGG) for human identification, I have been involved in many forensic and historical identifications that have depended on the successful analysis of very low amounts of highly degraded DNA. I am therefore knowledgeable about the methods involved in testing artifacts such as the Lindbergh ransom letters, along with the associated risks. In general, the lower the amount of DNA available, the higher the risk.

The areas between the sealed envelope flaps and on the underside of the stamps have remained protected and unexposed to contamination over the decades, which suggests these areas as the best for obtaining DNA.

Even so, there are still challenges to obtaining enough DNA to develop a profile for FGG analysis. Although the DNA in the unexposed areas has not been contaminated by human DNA, it has still experienced ambient temperature and humidity conditions. Not only can DNA degrade when not kept in a controlled environment, it can also be affected by bacterial contamination. While the amount of human DNA will naturally decrease over time, the amount of bacterial contamination will continue to increase, accelerating the degradation process, while possibly overwhelming the small amount of remaining human content. For these reasons, it is important, and even urgent, to carry out the proposed DNA testing; if it is left for the future, there will come a time, if it has not already come, when the DNA will become undetectable and the hope of identifying who is responsible for the ransom notes will no longer be possible.

I agree with the assessment of Resolve Forensics that to obtain a sample of DNA from the envelopes, it is best to open the flaps and to remove the stamps, swab them, and then replace both flaps and stamps in their original positions. This nondestructive method will recover DNA from the interior, non-exposed surfaces, while allowing them to be restored to their original configuration.

In closing, I'd like to express my opinion that testing the Lindbergh ransom envelopes will rejuvenate a story that has been frozen in time for the past 90 years. The technology now exists with the potential to resolve the speculation about Lindbergh Sr.'s role in his son's kidnapping and death. Even if it is necessary to test more than one envelope flap or stamp in the process, and even if the results are null, DNA testing on the ransom envelopes will give the story of the Lindbergh kidnapping new life. History is fluid, and continues to add to itself. The display of an envelope that has been tested will draw renewed attention to "The Crime of the Century", a story that was once front-page news around the world, but which will otherwise remain a "not quite solved" mystery for the history books.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at 714-296-3065.

Sincerely,



Colleen Fitzpatrick, PhD
President
Identifinders International LLC

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT P-4 – MR. DANNY HELLWIG CV

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science Degree, Viterbo University, La Crosse, Wisconsin, 1997

Major: Biology/Chemistry

Masters of Science Degree, Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia, 2003

Major: Forensic Science

WORK EXPERIENCE

December 2024-Present

Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Resolve Forensics, Salt Lake City, UT

- Founded Resolve Forensics to advance Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy (FIGG) for solving law enforcement cold cases and human identification.
- Oversee operational and business development strategies, ensuring sustainable growth and technological advancements in forensic DNA testing.
- Develop and maintain key partnerships with law enforcement agencies, forensic professionals, and industry leaders to expand the reach and impact of FIGG.
- Lead a multidisciplinary team in laboratory innovation, casework processing, and forensic research to optimize case resolution success.
- Guide financial planning, grant acquisition, and funding strategies to support forensic casework in both U.S. and international markets.
- Provide expert testimony as a forensic investigative genetic genealogy specialist in legal proceedings involving forensic DNA analysis.
- Serve as a subject matter expert, presenting at forensic conferences, law enforcement symposiums, and industry events to advance the understanding and application of FIGG.
- Implement forensic technology solutions to streamline laboratory efficiency, enhance investigative capabilities, and drive forensic case resolutions.

July 2024-Present

Forensic Director, Intermountain Forensics, Salt Lake City, UT

- Advise on forensic DNA and FIGG laboratory processing, providing education, consultation, and outreach to support cold case investigations and public engagement.
- Establishing and maintaining relationships with potential partners, vendors, and collaborators as needed with the forensic, law enforcement and genetic genealogy community.

July 2024-Dec 2024

Director of Research and Innovation, DNA Labs International, Salt Lake City, UT

- Research, direct acquisition and propose testing plans for potential new forensic technologies to enhance the production and capabilities of the laboratory.
- Assist with preparation of validation plans, testing and summaries for novel technologies
- Coordinate and present publication and distribution of the results, findings and conclusions of novel technology testing and implementation.
- Attend and present at forensic symposiums, meetings and conferences
- Assist in transition after laboratory was purchased

June 2022-July 2024

Director of Laboratory Development, Intermountain Forensics/Keepsake DNA, Salt Lake City, UT

- Strategic planning of laboratory executive management, purchases, forensic validations, technology upgrades, process modification and lean/six sigma quality and efficiency projects
- Establishing and maintaining business development relationships with potential partners, vendors, and collaborators within the forensic community
- Consulted with law enforcement, criminal justice personnel, direct to consumer clients and other forensic laboratory staff on evidence/item submission, testing and DNA results, conclusions and statistics
- Provide off site technical training to inform, update and enhance knowledge to the criminal justice community

- Perform forensic DNA examinations on evidentiary items and write reports regarding the result of that testing
- Maintain competency and proficiency in relevant forensic DNA examinations
- Responsible for testifying as an expert witness in court

October 2019 – June 2022

Laboratory Director

Forensic DNA Technical Leader, Intermountain Forensics/Cold Case Coalition, Salt Lake City, UT

- Was responsible for the laboratory operation and technical oversight of DNA casework operations and personnel
- Established initial successful assessment of ISO 17025 and Federal Bureau of Investigation Quality Assurance Standards
- Maintained adherence to regulatory and accreditation requirements
- Developed and evaluated all laboratory methods and protocols for forensic DNA casework
- Planned, provided oversight and implementation of forensic validations, technology upgrades, process modification and lean/six sigma quality and efficiency projects
- Ensured all technical staff are properly trained on existing and new technical procedures
- Performed forensic DNA examinations on evidentiary items and write reports regarding the result of that testing
- Maintained competency and proficiency in relevant forensic DNA examinations
- Was responsible for testifying as an expert witness in court
- Established and maintained business development relationships with potential partners, vendors and collaborators within the forensic community
- Direct supervision of laboratory staff members
- Managed the evaluation, interview and hiring of potential employees
- Consulted with law enforcement, criminal justice personnel and other forensic laboratory staff on evidence submission, testing and DNA results, conclusions and statistics
- Provided off site technical training to inform, update and enhance knowledge to the criminal justice community

June 2019 – October 2019

Principal Professional Services Consultant, Sunquest Information Systems, Salt Lake City, UT

- Collaborate with and mentor other Professional Services Consultants to expand own and others depth & breadth of product knowledge
- Act as voice of the client to review product requirements, development progress and testing protocols for new software versions
- Assist sales team in review of RFPs, custom quotes, and technical workflow discussions
- Facilitate the development of client training materials and implementation staff training on new functionality during software development cycles
- Possess master level competency of the application and act as the escalation point for issues identified during implementation
- Responsible for the coordination of initial client(s) for new version/release implementation

December 2017 – June 2019

Senior Professional Services Consultant

Senior Forensic Specialist, Sunquest Information Systems, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

- Act as a process consultant for forensic science, public health scientific services and pathology laboratory specialized testing workflows
- Implement electronic laboratory information management systems across eighteen departments in thirty-one hospital, public health and forensic science site locations
- Conduct onsite analysis of client workflows and recommend modifications to improve quality, productivity and efficiency
- Participate in design, development and implementation of laboratory information management software to effectively facilitate the laboratory processes
- Recommend, organize and facilitate project planning
- Train hospital staff in concepts, use and management of laboratory information management software

July 2013 – December 2017

Lab Director, Sorenson Forensics, Salt Lake City, UT

- Direct supervision of senior DNA staff members
- Manage the evaluation, interview and hiring of potential employees
- Responsible for the operation and oversight of DNA casework operations and personnel
- Budget management and oversight for DNA casework operations
- Provide both in-house and offsite technical training

- Assist with laboratory development consulting projects (Lagos, Nigeria; Dakar, Senegal)
- Consult with law enforcement, prosecutors and other forensic laboratory staff on evidence submission, testing and DNA results, conclusions and statistics
- Planning and implementation of technology upgrades, process modification and lean/six sigma quality and efficiency projects
- Establishing and maintaining business development relationships with potential partners, vendors and collaborators within the forensic community
- Provide and report forensic DNA case reviews for the defense law community

January 2012 – July 2013

Associate Lab Director – Operations, Sorenson Forensics, Salt Lake City, UT

- Direct supervision of senior DNA staff members
- Manage the evaluation, interview and hiring of potential employees
- Responsible for the operation and oversight of DNA casework operations and personnel
- Provide both in-house and offsite technical training
- Assist with laboratory development consulting projects (Lagos, Nigeria; Dakar, Senegal)
- Consult with law enforcement, prosecutors and other forensic laboratory staff on evidence submission, testing and DNA results, conclusions and statistics
- Planning and implementation of technology upgrades, process modification and lean/six sigma quality and efficiency projects
- Establishing and maintaining business development relationships with potential partners, vendors and collaborators within the forensic community
- Provide and report forensic DNA case reviews for the defense law community

June 2009 – January 2012

Forensic DNA Technical Leader, Sorenson Forensics, Salt Lake City, UT

- Responsible for the technical operation and oversight of DNA analytical operations
- Developed and evaluated all laboratory methods and protocols for forensic DNA casework
- Ensured all technical staff is properly trained on existing and new technical procedures
- Oversaw, participated in and evaluated all in-house forensic validations
- Performed forensic DNA examinations on a variety of evidentiary items and write reports regarding the result of that testing
- Responsible for testifying as an expert witness in court
- Provided and reported forensic DNA case review for the defense law community
- Consulted with law enforcement, prosecutors and other forensic laboratory staff on evidence submission, testing and DNA results, conclusions and statistics
- Provide both in-house and offsite technical training

December 2008 – June 2009

Professor, New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas, New Mexico

- Instructed forensic science related coursework in the Chemistry department of the university
- Developed class curriculum for several forensic science classes
- Assisted the department in their pursuit of a Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission (FEPAC) accredited B.S. Forensic Science degree offering
- Provided forensic DNA case review for the New Mexico defense attorney community

July 2003 - November 2006; October 2007 - September 2008

Forensic Scientist - Advanced, New Mexico Department of Public Safety, Santa Fe, New Mexico

- Performed forensic serology and DNA examinations on a variety of evidentiary items and wrote reports regarding the results of that testing
- Responsible for testifying as an expert witness in court
- Assisted with validation, development of standard operating procedures and performance checks on various new technologies
- Quality assurance and quality control laboratory duties, including FBI DNA quality assurance internal auditing
- Instructed various law enforcement personnel on forensic science and crime scene investigation techniques
- Acted as safety officer of the DNA section

November 2006 - October 2007

Forensic Scientist/Crime Scene Investigator, Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, Bemidji, Minnesota

- Performed forensic serology and DNA examinations on a variety of evidentiary items and wrote reports regarding

- the results of that testing
- Responsible for testifying as an expert witness in court
- Responded to and processed homicide crime scenes as a member of the Bemidji regional Crime Scene Team.
- Quality assurance and quality control laboratory duties
- Acted as the safety officer for the Bemidji regional laboratory

January 2004-November 2006

Part-time Faculty, Santa Fe Community College

- Instructed coursework for Forensic Science I and II
- Responsible for developing and instructing the forensic science curriculum in the Criminal Justice program of the college

May 2002 - August 2002

Intern, Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory, Rockville Maryland

- Assisted with validation and development of several Mitochondrial DNA extraction techniques
- Assisted AFDIL staff in the compilation and reporting of findings for future publication

COURT TESTIMONY

- Qualified as an expert in Forensic Serology/DNA Analysis on multiple occasions in several different jurisdictions throughout the state of New Mexico (2004-2008)
 - Qualified as an expert in Forensic DNA Analysis in the state of Texas (2010, 2014)
 - Qualified as an expert in Forensic DNA Analysis in the state of Utah (2010-2011, 2014-2015)
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PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

NDIS Panel Member, National DNA Identification System (FBI), 2008

Member, American Academy of Forensic Sciences, 2001-2019

Member, International Association for Identification, 2001-2003

Regular Member, American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors 2015-2019

CERTIFICATES

FBI DNA Quality Assurance Auditor	March 3, 2006
ASCLD/LAB-International Assessor	March 17, 2006
Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Certification	November 27, 2009
Six Sigma Black Belt Certification	July 29, 2013
US Synthetic Corp.	Orem, UT

TRAINING

American Academy of Forensic Sciences Annual Meeting

Chicago, Illinois	February, 2003
New Orleans, Louisiana	February, 2005
Seattle Washington	February, 2006
Seattle Washington	February, 2010
Chicago, Illinois	February, 2011
Washington, DC	February, 2013

Reflective Ultra Violet Imaging System (R.U.V.I.S)

Sirchie Finger Print Laboratories

January 26, 2004
Santa Fe, NM

Basic Forensic Serology

Serological Research Institute

February 9-13, 2004
Richmond, CA

ABI Prism 310 Genetic Analyzer/AmpFLSTR training

Applied Biosystems Inc.

June 1-4, 2004
Foster City, CA

Instructor Development Law Enforcement Academy	July 12-16, 2004 Santa Fe, NM
ABI 3100 Capillary Electrophoresis, GeneMapper ID Data Analysis and Real Time PCR Training Module Marshall University	June 12-17, 2005 Huntington, WV
DNA Auditor Training Federal Bureau of Investigation	February 20-21, 2006 Seattle, WA
Decoding DNA: Train the Trainer Texas Regional Community Policing Institute	March 8-10, 2006 Salt Lake City, UT
ASCLD/LAB Introduction to ISO/IEC 17025:2005 Federal Bureau of Investigation	March 13, 2006 Stafford, VA
ASCLD/LAB-International Assessor Federal Bureau of Investigation	March 13-17, 2006 Stafford, VA
Court Room Testimony Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension	September 27-30, 2007 St. Paul, MN
Bode Technologies Technical Workshop - East	May 19-22, 2008 Captiva Island, FL
Lean Six Sigma Laboratory Efficiency Improvement Sorenson Forensics Presenter: Dirk Hooiman (Lean Six Sigma Master Black Belt)	August 2009-November 2009 Salt Lake City, UT
SWGDM Mixture Interpretation Guidelines Utah State Bureau of Forensic Science Presenter: Bruce Heidebrecht (SWGDM)	August 5, 2010 Salt Lake City, UT
Microsoft Excel: Beyond the Basics/Advanced Excel Fred Pryor Seminar	August 11-12, 2010 Salt Lake City, UT
Genemapper ID-X User Training Sorenson Forensics Presenter: Catherine Caballero (Forensic Training Network)	November 3-4, 2010 Salt Lake City, UT
National CODIS Conference	November 15, 2010 Salt Lake City, UT
California Association of Criminalists Spring Meeting DNA Workshop	May 18, 2011 Long Beach, CA
Promega Powerplex 18D System Workshop Promega Campus	June 1-2, 2011 Madison, WI
International Society for Applied Biological Sciences Meeting	June 20-24, 2011 Bol, Croatia
Green Mountain DNA Conference	July 25-27, 2011 Burlington, VT
Power to Solve Workshop Sorenson Forensics Promega DNA IQ/Plexor HY/PP16HS/PP18D	August 8-9, 2011 Salt Lake City, UT
Cold Case Conference	September 26-30, 2011

Vidocq Society/Unified Police Department	Salt Lake City, UT
Bullet Proof Manager	
Crestcom Management Training	Salt Lake City, UT
Time Management - The 70 Minute Hour	November 18, 2010
Plan Management - Effective Planning: A 7 Step Formula	December 16, 2010
Customer Loyalty - How to Exceed Customer Expectations	January 20, 2011
Stress Management - How to Survive and Thrive Under Stress	February 17, 2011
Negotiation - Negotiating to Win	March 17, 2011
Creativity - Tap the Creativity of Your Team	April 21, 2011
Motivation - Increasing Productivity through Motivated People	June 16, 2011
Employee Recognition - Recognition: The Key to Higher Performance	July 21, 2011
Louisiana Association of Forensic Sciences Annual Meeting	April 18, 2012
Louisiana State Crime Laboratory	Baton Rouge, LA
International Symposium on Human Identification	
Nashville, TN	October 15-17, 2012
Grapevine, TX	October 12-15, 2015
Orlando, FL	September 12-16, 2021
Washington, DC	October 31-Nov 6, 2022
Denver, CO	September 18-21, 2023
San Antonio, TX	September 23-26, 2024
Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientists Annual Meeting	May 6-7, 2013
	Roanoke, VA
Forensic DNA 101/Trends in Forensic DNA	May 13, 2014
2014 Cold Case Summit, Unified Police Department	Salt Lake City, Utah
American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors Symposium	
Washington, DC	April 27-30, 2015
Bellevue, WA	April 24-28, 2016
Austin, TX	April 23-24, 2023
2015 Sexual Assault Kit Summit for Cities	October 19-20, 2015
	Memphis, TN
The Five Languages of Appreciation in the Workplace	April 25, 2016
2016 ASCLD Symposium Workshop	Bellevue, WA
Bridging the Generational Gap in Forensic Organizations	April 25, 2016
2016 ASCLD Symposium Workshop	Bellevue, WA
2016 Forensic DNA Science Forum	April 13-14, 2016
	Nantong, China
2021 Qiagen Virtual Investigator Forum	Jun 30-Jul 2, 2021
	Virtual Conference
2021 Midwest Academy of Forensic Sciences Annual Meeting	November 2, 2021
	Chicago, IL
2023 Southern Association of Forensic Scientists Annual Meeting	April 24-28, 2023
	Gulf Shores, AL
2024 Ontario Forensic Investigators Association Conference	April 30 – May 3, 2024

PRESENTATIONS/POSTERS/PUBLICATIONS

Overview of Forensic DNA Techniques (presenter) King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office	February 27, 2010 Seattle, WA
Y-STR Interpretation and Statistics Workshop (presenter) Onondaga County Crime Laboratory	April 27-28, 2010 Syracuse, NY
Lean 6 Sigma Efficiency Improvement Project (team lead) Monroe County Crime Laboratory – Forensic DNA Section	August 17-18, September 14-15, 2010 Rochester New York
Y-Screening: An alternative to Microscopic Examination (presenter) Michigan State Police Laboratory Conference, Traverse City, MI California Association of Criminalists Conference, Long Beach, CA Green Mountain DNA Conference, Burlington VT Genetic Identity Webinar – Promega @cademy Louisiana Association of Forensic Sciences, Baton Rouge, LA 2016 Forensic DNA Science Forum, Nantong, China	August 20, 2010 May 18, 2011 July 27, 2011 August 25, 2011 April 18, 2012 April 13-14, 2016
STR Wars: A comparison of Powerplex 16HS and Identifiler Plus International Symposium on Human Identification (poster)	October 12, 2010 San Antonio, TX
Forensic Investigative Law Enforcement Ancestry Test (ILEAD) (presenter) Cold Case Summit, Unified Police Department, Salt Lake City, UT International Society for Applied Biological Sciences, Bol, Croatia Green Mountain DNA Conference, Burlington VT Louisiana Association of Forensic Sciences, Baton Rouge, LA	April 25, 2011 June 24, 2011 July 27, 2011 April 18, 2012
Lean 6 Sigma: Efficiency and Quality Improvement (presenter) Promega Powerplex 18D Workshop	June 1, 2011 Madison, WI
Basic Y-STR Interpretation and Statistics Workshop (presenter) New York State Police Crime Laboratory, Albany, NY Monroe & Erie County Crime Laboratories, Syracuse, NY	September 20-22, 2011 May 4, 2012
SWGDM Mixture Guidelines/Y-STR Interpretation (presenter) Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory	December 13-14, 2011 Maynard, MA
Advanced Y-STR Interpretation Workshop (presenter) New York State Police Crime Laboratory, Albany NY Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory, Maynard MA Oregon State Police Forensic Lab, Clackamas OR West Palm Beach County Sheriff's office, West Palm Beach FL Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory, Maynard MA Monroe County Crime Laboratory, Rochester NY Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, New York NY	April 30, 2012 June 25-28, 2012 (2 days, 2 classes) January 15, 2013 July 22-23, 2013 May 20-21, 2015 January 11-13, 2016 January 21, 2016
Y-STR Interpretation and Statistics Workshop (presenter) OCME, Westchester, Suffolk County, Nassau County Laboratories	May 2, 2012 Westchester, NY
Bringing Y-STRs into Your Laboratory (workshop chair/speaker) International Symposium on Human Identification	October 15, 2012 Nashville, TN
Estimating Genetic Ancestry Using SNP Analysis (presenter) American Academy of Forensic Sciences Annual Meeting	February 8, 2013 Washington, DC
Y-STR Workshop (presenter) Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientists Annual Meeting	May 7, 2013 Roanoke, VA
Forensic DNA 101/Trends in Forensic DNA (presenter) 2014 Cold Case Summit, Unified Police Department	May 13, 2014 Salt Lake City, Utah

Y-STR Workshop/SWGDAM Mixture Guidelines/Statistics (presenter) Metropolitan Nashville Police Department	Nov 4-6, 2014 Nashville, TN
PowerQuant vs. Quantifiler Trio Results & Discussion (presenter) Promega Technical Tour 2015	March 24, 2015 Walnut Creek, CA
Y-STR Workshop (presenter) Northwestern Association of Forensics Scientists Annual Meeting	September 15, 2015 Spokane, WA
State of Forensic DNA: Present and Future Trends 2015 Sexual Assault Kit Summit for Cities	October 19, 2005 Memphis, TN
YSTR 101: An introduction for investigators and prosecutors Public Safety Training Facility	January 14, 2016 Rochester, NY
NicheVision Forensic Workshop: Combating Inconclusive Bode Virtual Conference	May 5, 2021 Virtual Conference
Workshop: Operationalizing NGS 2021 Qiagen Virtual Investigator Forum	June 30, 2021 Virtual Conference
Bonecrusher: Using the Tissuelyser II for easier and more effective bone pre-processing 2021 Qiagen Virtual Investigator Forum	Jul 2, 2021 Virtual Conference
Workshop: Technological Considerations for Responsibly Implementing Forensic Genetic Genealogy Workflow with NGS 2021 International Symposium on Human Identification	September 16, 2021 Orlando, FL
Workshop: Next Generation Sequencing in the Laboratory Setting 2021 Midwest Academy of Forensic Sciences Annual Meeting	November 2, 2021 Chicago, IL
Part 3: Decoding the Laboratory Options for Genetic Genealogy Forensic Genetic Genealogy Webinar Series (ISHInews)	May 25, 2022 Webinar
Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy: Decoding the Laboratory Options for Law Enforcement Violent Crimes Conference	September 14, 2022 Salt Lake City, UT
Cold Cases and Sex Crimes DNA Strategies Utah Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers	September 25, 2022 Salt Lake City, UT
How to Build a Passion and Purpose Driven Career 2022 Utah Business Women's Forum	October 28, 2022 Salt Lake City, UT
Workshop: Investigative Genetic Genealogy : A Comprehensive Review International Symposium on Human Identification	October 31, 2022 Washington, DC
The Road So Far: Forensic DNA Update in the 1921 Graves Investigation International Symposium on Human Identification	November 1, 2022 Washington, DC
Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy Webinar Part 1: Introduction to Forensic Genetic Genealogy Part 2: FGG: Forensic Laboratory Perspective National Association of Attorney's General	November 7, 2022 November 9, 2022 Webinar
Workshop: Investigative Genetic Genealogy : A Comprehensive Laboratory Review	April 26, 2023

2023 Southern Association of Forensic Scientists Annual Meeting	Gulf Shores, AL
Tulsa Race Massacre / Tulsa Race Massacre DNA Identification Project: Update and Lessons Learned	April 27, 2023
2023 Southern Association of Forensic Scientists Annual Meeting	Gulf Shores, AL
Workshop: Turning Next Generation Sequencing Into “Now” Generation Sequencing	April 30, 2023
American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors Symposium	Austin, TX
Fully Accredited for Forensic Genetic Genealogy – What Does that Actually Mean for Laboratories	June 10, 2024
2 nd Annual BJA Forensics Program Grantees Meeting	Webinar
1921 Tulsa Race Massacre Graves Project: A New Model for Mass Grave DNA Investigation Using FIGG	September 11, 2024
International Homicide Investigators Association Summit	Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT P-5 – STATEMENT OF MR. DANNY HELLWIG



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Salt Lake City, Utah



March 4, 2025

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to express my full support for the efforts to conduct Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy (FIGG) on the Lindbergh ransom envelopes. The Lindbergh Kidnapping remains one of the most historically significant cases in American history, and the potential to recover meaningful DNA evidence from these artifacts is an exciting and important scientific endeavor.

At Resolve Forensics, we are committed to applying forensic DNA technologies in a way that maximizes both investigative value and historical preservation. Given the irreplaceable nature of these materials, it is critical that any DNA analysis adheres strictly to **non-destructive** methodologies. The most viable approach for DNA recovery should focus on sampling from protected, unexposed areas—such as the sealed interior flaps of the envelopes or the undersides of affixed stamps—where biological material may be preserved while minimizing the risk of contamination or degradation.

I want to emphasize that **destructive testing methods, such as cutting or dissolving portions of the envelopes or stamps, should not be pursued under any circumstances**. While such techniques might increase DNA yield, they would irreversibly alter these valuable historical artifacts. Instead, proven forensic techniques should be employed that allow for the careful extraction of potential DNA without compromising the structural integrity of the evidence.

This collaboration with our esteemed colleagues at Identifinders International represents an exciting opportunity to apply modern forensic science to a case that has captivated the public for nearly a century. By adhering to a strict non-destructive testing approach, we can ensure that these artifacts remain intact for future study while pursuing investigative leads that may provide new insights into this historical mystery.

If I can offer any additional guidance on best practices for non-destructive forensic methodologies, please do not hesitate to reach out. I look forward to supporting your efforts as you move forward with this important work.

Sincerely,

Danny Hellwig
Chief Executive Officer
Resolve Forensics

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT P-6 – STATEMENT OF MARGARET SUDHAKAR

Statement of Margaret Sudhakar, of full age, hereby certifies and says:

My name is Margaret Sudhakar. I was the Plaintiff in MER-L-001706-22 and the Appellant in A-001764-22. Sadly, neither the Superior Court, nor the Appellate Court rendered a decision on the merits of my argument. Rather, the Courts chose to rule on the procedural issues that my team and I had. The merits of the argument are quite simple. The Open Public Records Act exists for Government transparency. Governor Brendan Byrne signed Executive Order 110 on October 9, 1981 the week that Bruno Richard Hauptmann's widow, Anna Hauptmann sued the State of New Jersey for wrongful death. To prove the State of New Jersey was not hiding anything, Executive Order 110 opened the entire Lindbergh case file including all physical evidence up to the public mirroring the language of the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) so that the public could copy, examine and inspect those documents and physical pieces of evidence. DNA analysis did not exist in 1981 and was therefore not considered at the time of Executive Order 110.

There is little doubt that the intention behind Executive Order 110 was to provide the public with full and complete transparency of all Lindbergh documents in this case. Therefore, if DNA evidence was known about in 1981, the stamps and envelopes would surely have been tested to find the information contained on the backs of those. That is what I have been seeking for many years now. I have been seeking the information on those pieces of paper. That information should be accessible to the public for the public to know whose DNA information is on those stamps and envelopes. I do not understand why the State is opposed to this. This request is limited in scope to one case, which happens to be the only case in New Jersey's criminal law history that a Governor signed an Executive Order opening the case file to the public. Accordingly, any precedent set by this case is limited in scope to a criminal case in which the Governor signs an Executive Order or if the Legislature passes a bill which becomes law authorizing forensic information to be obtained in OPRA requests.

The court may recall that I am a researcher who spent over a decade with these documents. I assisted in preserving, protecting and creating a detailed inventory of those documents. I am aware that on or about March 24, 2022, there was a significant leak in the New Jersey State Police Museum archives. The archives are almost entirely composed of over 200,000 records from the Lindbergh Kidnapping case. The idea of water damaging or destroying some of these records is very disturbing to me especially since there are still so many unanswered questions in this case including who licked the envelopes, stamps and who constructed the kidnapping ladder.

This is part of the reason why I was so upset that there was a water leak in the archives in March of 2022 and no one even thought to move any of the collection out of harm's way. Instead, they placed a garbage can and a garbage bag below the water. I can authenticate that the attached are photos

showing a water leak in March of 2022 in the archives at the State Police Museum. I can further authenticate and confirm that the material surrounding this water leak as well as the material below the water leak are a part of the Lindbergh kidnapping evidence Governor Byrne opened to the public in 1981.



I am also aware that at least 1 year later in March 2023, the ceiling panel had not yet been replaced. See attached photos taken in March 2023.



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After spending so many years caring for these documents and speaking to countless public citizens who care about these documents, I cannot understand why the State Police did not move the documents out of the way when a water leak occurred, and why they did not fix the ceiling tile more than one year after the leak occurred. The public wants these documents preserved and New Jersey tax payers are paying the salary for an archivist to protect these documents. This makes me very sad and conflicted

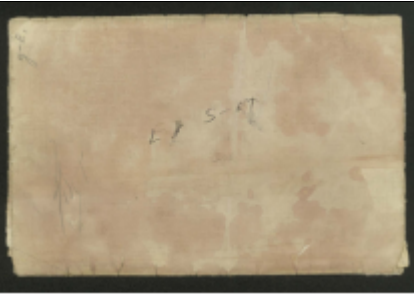
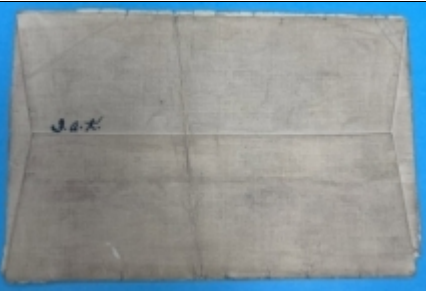
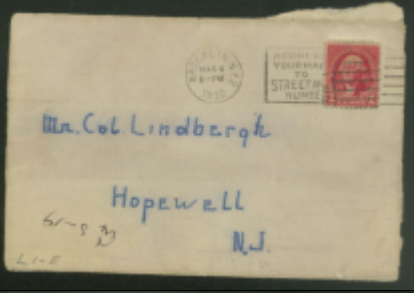
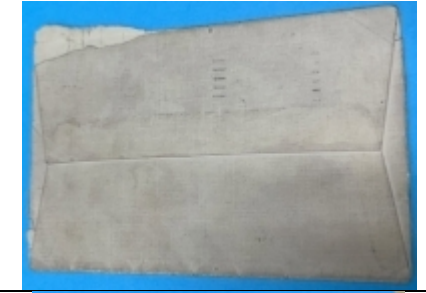
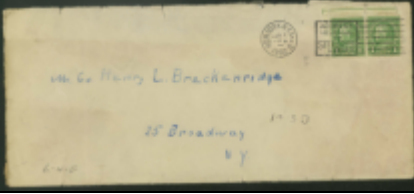


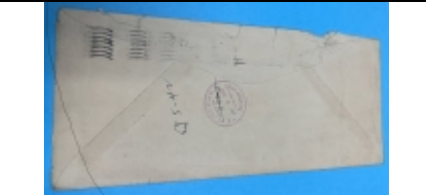
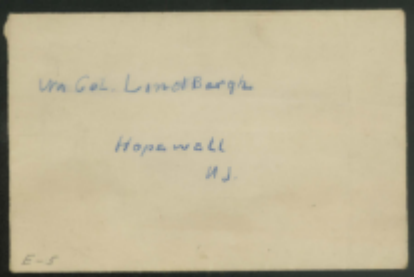

about what the State is actually scared or afraid to allow the public to become aware of. I do not believe any one of the noble and brave heroes who work at the State Police Museum have any type of conspiracy about this case. I also believe after getting to know many of them over the years, that many of our brave heroes who work for the State Police would want to know who sent the ransom envelopes to Lindbergh and his intermediaries. This is why I was so confused why the State claimed they do not want to allow a forensic DNA analysis to obtain the information from the stamps and envelopes in this case. Their rationale that they are concerned that the envelopes or stamps may be damaged or altered is misleading and inaccurate at best, as my team demonstrated to them. There is a simple and easy procedure to obtain the information on the back of the stamps and envelopes and test that information for DNA. These photos demonstrate a clear example of how obtaining further historical information in this case that will never die may be lost to something as simple as a water leak. To me, this water leak showed a callous disregard for the keeping and protecting of every single document in the collection in range of that water, and the State Police appear to not have moved any of those records out of the range of the water when the leak occurred.

I am passionate about New Jersey. I am passionate about New Jersey's history, and I am grateful to the brave men and women who serve our State as members of the State Police. Regardless of whose DNA is on those stamps and envelopes, New Jersey's State Police will still be seen as amongst the bravest and finest heroes in our great State.

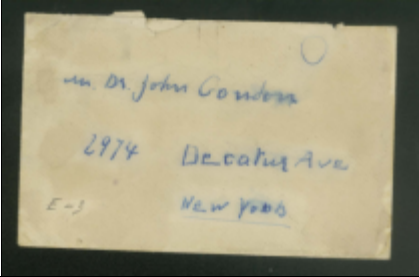


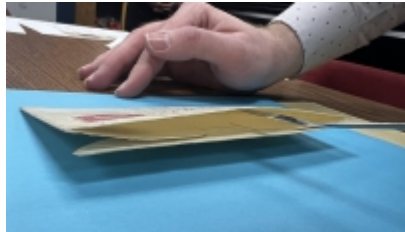
Because I have spent many years examining the documentation in the Lindbergh case file including the ransom notes and the envelopes those ransom notes were sent in, I can authenticate that the attached are photos showing those envelopes in the archives at the State Police Museum. Below are images of the front and back of thirteen (13) of the fifteen (15) envelopes sent by the kidnapper or kidnappers to either Charles Lindbergh or his intermediaries. The fourth (4th) envelope is not in the collection, as I believe Charles Lindbergh gave it to a friend, and the fifteenth (15th) envelope was the envelope with the note explaining to Charles Lindbergh where his baby could be found. I believe more likely than not that the frantic father likely discarded that envelope as he tore it open to try and find his son. Accordingly, there are only thirteen (13) envelopes instead of fifteen (15). I can also verify and authenticate that the first non-ransom envelope below is the front and back of what is known as the "Begg" letter, which is in the State Police Museum, and is a verifiable letter sent by Bruno Richard Hauptmann to Mrs. Begg. In all likelihood, Bruno Richard Hauptmann's DNA will be on the stamp of this envelope. Lastly, I can verify and authenticate that the last envelope are images of the front and back of a letter sent by Bruno Richard Hauptmann to Pinkas Fisch and also likely contains Hauptmann's DNA information.

For the preceding reasons, I believe that it is in the public's interest to obtain the information on these stamps and envelopes and allow a modern-day forensic DNA analysis to occur.

Ransom Notes & Envelopes that likely have information for the public good on them

No. of Ransom Envelope	What to test	Envelope (front)	Envelope (verso)
#1 (March 1) (g-E) (S-17)	Flap		
#2 (March 4) (L1-E) (S-19)	Flap 1 Stamp		
#3 (March 7) (L4-E) (S-21)	Flap 2 Stamps		
#4 (March 7) (E-6)	(There is no Envelope #4 at the museum, CAL likely gave it to a friend)	There is no Envelope #4 at the museum, as Charles Lindbergh likely gave this envelope to a friend	
#5 (March 9) (S-24) (S-42) (L-11-E)	Flap 2 Stamps		
#6 (March 9) (E-5) (S-45)	Flap		

#7 (March 12) (S-47)	Flap		
#8 (March 12) (E-1) (S-50)	Flap		
#9 March 16 (received) (S-53)	Flap 1 Stamp		
#10 (March 19) (J-E) (S-55)	Flap 2 Stamps		
#11 (March 29) (L-2-E) (S-60)	Flap 1 Stamp		
#12 (April 1) (L-9-E) (S-64)	Flap 1 Stamp		
#13 (April 2) (E-4) (S-67)	Flap		

#14 (April 2) (E-3) (S-69)	Flap		
#15 (April 2)	(This envelope is not at the museum)	Boad Nelly note Envelope was likely discarded.	
		ADDITIONAL ENVELOPES to be tested	
Letter that Hauptmann wrote to Mrs. Begg on 12/9/1933	Flap 1 Stamp		
Letter that Hauptmann wrote to Pinkas Fisch 5/4/1934	Flap 1 Stamp		

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

MARGARET SUDHAKAR

Margaret Sudhakar

DATED: March 22, 2025

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT P-7 – STATEMENT OF PLAINTIFF JONATHAN HAGEL

Statement in Support of DNA Testing of the Lindbergh Kidnapping Ransom Letter

My name is Jonathan C. Hagel. I am an Assistant Teaching Professor at the University of Kansas. After graduating from Middlesex High School in Middlesex, New Jersey, I earned a B.A. in History and an M.A. in American Studies from Lehigh University before completing my Ph.D in History from Brown University in 2012. I have been teaching history at the University of Kansas since 2012.

As a historian of the United States with expertise in the Great Depression, World War II, and American politics and culture, I write to emphasize the immense historical significance of the Lindbergh kidnapping case and to advocate for the necessity of pursuing truth and accuracy in our understanding of the past. The kidnapping and subsequent murder of Charles Augustus Lindbergh, Jr., son of Charles Lindbergh and Anne Morrow Lindbergh, remains one of the most scrutinized criminal investigations in American history. Given the enduring interest in this case and its profound impact on American legal and cultural history, it is in the public interest to ensure that all available evidence is thoroughly examined using modern forensic techniques, including DNA analysis of crucial documents.

More than just a prominent American, Charles Lindbergh was perhaps the most famous and admired person in the world in the 1920s and 1930s. His solo transatlantic flight in 1927 captured the imagination of people across the globe, elevating him to the status of an international icon. The Lindbergh kidnapping case erupted into a international sensation—and tragedy—in 1932, one that thrust Lindbergh back into the national spotlight under very different circumstances. The public sympathy gathered by the Lindbergh's during this ordeal gave Charles new gravity, reinforcing his status as a figure of immense influence.

That influence proved vital when Charles emerged in the late 1930s as the figurehead of the America First Movement. The presidential election campaign of 1940, which turned on the question of U.S. involvement in the ongoing war in Europe, became an extended debate about ideas that Charles Lindbergh himself interjected into American politics. The political and cultural impact of Lindbergh's views, and his role in shaping isolationist sentiment during those pivotal years before American entry into the Second World War, further underscore the need to fully understand his life, career, and the major events that defined him—including the tragic kidnapping of his son.

Historians, legal scholars, and the general public share a vested interest in ensuring the accuracy of our historical narratives. It is of vital public interest to resolve or confirm historical injustices, particularly in cases that have shaped American history and culture. The possibility that DNA evidence could shed new light on this case is of profound significance. If testing can provide insights into the authorship or handling of the ransom letter, it could either reinforce or challenge longstanding conclusions, thereby refining our understanding of one of the most pivotal criminal cases in American history.

We are living in fascinating times where modern forensic science allows us to revisit history with tools that past generations could never have imagined. The ability to apply cutting-edge scientific methods to historical documents is not just an academic exercise—it is a necessary step

in the pursuit of historical justice. DNA testing of the ransom letter has the potential to clarify lingering questions about the case, reaffirm or challenge past conclusions, and ultimately contribute to a fuller, more accurate account of our collective past.

In the interest of historical truth, which is the bedrock of a functioning justice system and democracy, I strongly urge that officials make the evidence of this case available to further scrutiny. This effort does not merely seek to resolve an old mystery; it demonstrates a commitment to accuracy, accountability, and transparency in historical inquiry. The public deserves the clearest possible understanding of its past, and we must embrace every opportunity to illuminate history with the best available evidence.

JONATHAN HAGEZ

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT P-8 – OPRA RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF JONATHAN HAGEL

State of New Jersey
Government Records Request
Receipt

Requestor Information

Jonathan Hagel

2100 Carolina St
Lawrence, KS 66046

jonathan.hagel@gmail.com
914-582-7852

Request Date: March 5, 2025

Maximum Authorized Cost: \$100.00

Email

Request Number: W231282

Request Status: Denied Closed

Ready Date:

Custodian Contact Information

Division of State Police

Records Custodian

PO Box 7068

State Police HQ, 1040 River Rd, Bldg. 15

West Trenton, NJ 08628

njspopra@njsp.gov

609-671-7888

By _____

Status of Your Request

Your request for government records (# W231282) from the Division of State Police has been reviewed and has been Denied Closed. Detailed information as to the availability of the documents you requested appear below and on following pages as necessary.

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If you have any questions related to the disposition of this request please contact the Custodian of Records for the Division of State Police. The contact information is in the column to the right. Please reference your request number in any contact or correspondence.

Cost Information

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Balance Due:	\$0.00
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Document Detail

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SP	001	As a historian of the United States with expertise in the Great Depression, World War II, and American politics and culture, I write to emphasize the immense historical significance of the Lindbergh kidnapping case and to advocate for the necessity of pursuing truth and accuracy...	N		N	N	
		Denial: 39.Improper and Overbroad ---					

State of New Jersey
Government Records Request
Receipt

Jonathan Hagel,

The Division of State Police is in receipt of your OPRA request.

We are in receipt of your correspondence regarding the Lindbergh matter including your request for the Division to "make the evidence of [the Lindbergh case] available to further scrutiny."

Please be advised your request made under the Open Public Records Act does not seek and specific identifiable records. OPRA is a records law, not an "information" law. "The statute 'only allows requests for records, not requests for information'." *Burke v. Brandes*, 429 N.J. Super. 169, 555 (App. Div. 2012)(citing *Bent v. Twp. of Stafford Police Dep't*, 381 N.J. Super. 30, 37 (App. Div. 2005)). As your request does not seek a specific identifiable record, it is hereby denied and closed.

The Division reserves the right to claim additional grounds for denial not raised in this response.

Sincerely,

Tpr. I Patrick McManus
New Jersey State Police

Your request for government records (# W231282) is as follows:

As a historian of the United States with expertise in the Great Depression, World War II, and American politics and culture, I write to emphasize the immense historical significance of the Lindbergh kidnapping case and to advocate for the necessity of pursuing truth and accuracy in our understanding of the past. The kidnapping and subsequent murder of Charles Augustus Lindbergh, Jr., son of Charles Lindbergh and Anne Morrow Lindbergh, remains one of the most scrutinized criminal investigations in American history. Given the enduring interest in this case and its profound impact on American legal and cultural history, it is in the public interest to ensure that all available evidence is thoroughly examined using modern forensic techniques, including DNA analysis of crucial documents. More than just a prominent American, Charles Lindbergh was perhaps the most famous and admired person in the world in the 1920s and 1930s. His solo transatlantic flight in 1927 captured the imagination of people across the globe, elevating him to the status of an international icon. The Lindbergh kidnapping case erupted into a international sensation, and tragedy, in 1932, one that thrust Lindbergh back into the national spotlight under very different circumstances. The public sympathy gathered by the Lindberghs during this ordeal gave Charles new gravity, reinforcing his status as a figure of immense influence. That influence proved vital when Charles emerged in the late 1930s as the figurehead of the America First Movement. The presidential election campaign of 1940, which turned on the question of U.S. involvement in the ongoing war in Europe, became an extended debate about ideas that Charles Lindbergh himself interjected into American politics. The political and cultural impact of Lindbergh's views, and his role in shaping isolationist sentiment during those pivotal years before American entry into the Second World War, further underscore the need to fully understand his life, career, and the major events that defined him, including the tragic kidnapping of his son. Historians, legal scholars, and the general public share a vested interest in ensuring the accuracy of our historical narratives. It is of vital public interest to resolve or confirm historical injustices, particularly in cases that have shaped American history and culture. The possibility that DNA evidence could shed new light on this case is of profound significance. If testing can provide insights into the authorship or handling of the ransom letter, it could either reinforce or challenge longstanding conclusions, thereby refining our understanding of one of the most pivotal criminal cases in American history. We are living in fascinating times where modern forensic science allows us to revisit history with tools that past generations could never have imagined. The ability to apply cutting-edge scientific methods to historical documents is not just an academic exercise; it is a necessary step in the pursuit of historical justice. DNA testing of the ransom letter has the potential to clarify lingering questions about the case, reaffirm or challenge past conclusions, and ultimately contribute to a fuller, more accurate account of our collective past. In the interest of historical truth, which is the bedrock of a functioning justice system and democracy, I strongly urge that officials make the evidence of this case available to further scrutiny. This effort does not merely seek to resolve an old mystery; it demonstrates a commitment to accuracy, accountability, and transparency in historical inquiry. The public deserves the clearest possible understanding of its past, and we must embrace every opportunity to illuminate history with the best available evidence.

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT P-9 – STATEMENT OF PLAINTIFF MICHELE DOWNIE

My name is Michele Downie. I have lived in Hopewell for 25 years. I retired from teaching in New Jersey after teaching students for 30 years. When my husband and I moved into our old house in Hopewell Borough, we were very surprised to find newspaper articles pasted on the garage walls. These were original 1932 newspaper clippings from the Lindbergh kidnapping case.

Growing up in Trenton, I have been intrigued by the Lindbergh case for several decades. I find DNA testing and the evidence it holds relevant to solving some of history's greatest stories. The Lindbergh case is a story that appeals to me as a retired teacher and resident of Hopewell to be a story that will never die.

A few years ago, I came across more than one article written about the Lindbergh case that continued to pique my curiosity. I read an article in NJ Spotlight and a similar article in New Jersey Monthly about the DNA left by the kidnapper on the ransom envelopes sent in the Lindbergh case. I have followed Margaret Sudhakar's research and became friendly with other people involved in her request.

I attempted to resolve this two years ago by going through the New Jersey Government Records Council process and was stalled in my attempts. Recently, I revisited the New Jersey State Police Museum and was denied access to view the letters and envelopes connected to the Lindbergh case with no explanation.

A few days after my visit, I contacted Gregory Farrara, the archivist, and asked why I was denied access to the letters and envelopes. He explained that due to increased interest in the case and an upcoming documentary those items were no longer available to the public.

Due to my ongoing interest in the Lindbergh case, Margarit Sudhakar's legal matter and my conversation with Greg Ferrara, I researched the Open Records Public Act and Governor Byrne's Executive Order 110. It states that the Lindbergh case is open for copying, inspecting and examining the case file, which includes the letter and envelopes.

As an interested member of the public, I feel that my rights have been violated by the denial of my request. This has made me more determined to find out who sent the ransom notes in this case.

For the following reasons, I am requesting the information contained on the backs of the stamps and seals of the envelopes be forensically tested. Over the last two years, while my GRC request has been pending, I have become acquainted with a group that can do this in a non-destructive manner in the public's interest. It is very clear to me that Governor Byrne's executive order was for the complete transparency of this case and his

executive order was signed before modern forensic technology existed. I believe that if this technology existed during the time Governor Byrne wrote this executive order, he would have asked for non-destructive forensic testing, like I am asking, to occur. The forensic experts that I have become acquainted with, and I would like to come to the NJ State Police Museum to perform forensic testing in a non-destructive manner on camera of the stamps and envelopes. I have no doubt this request is fully compliant with the New Jersey Open Records Act.

MICHAEL DOWDA

**PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT P-10 – OPRA RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF MICHELE
DOWNIE (W230232)**

State of New Jersey
Government Records Request
Receipt

Requestor Information

Michele Downie

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Hopewell, NJ 08525-1715

mrsdownie@yahoo.com

609-558-2164

Request Date: February 23, 2025

Maximum Authorized Cost: \$1.00

Email

Request Number: W230832

Request Status: Denied Closed

Ready Date:

Custodian Contact Information

Division of State Police

Records Custodian

PO Box 7068

State Police HQ, 1040 River Rd, Bldg. 15

West Trenton, NJ 08628

njspopra@njsp.gov

609-671-7888

By

Status of Your Request

Your request for government records (# W230832) from the Division of State Police has been reviewed and has been Denied Closed. Detailed information as to the availability of the documents you requested appear below and on following pages as necessary.

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If you have any questions related to the disposition of this request please contact the Custodian of Records for the Division of State Police. The contact information is in the column to the right. Please reference your request number in any contact or correspondence.

Cost Information

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		Denial: 39.Improper and Overbroad --- See narrative					

State of New Jersey
Government Records Request
Receipt

Michele Downie,

The Division of State Police is in receipt of your OPRA request.

Please be advised that your request to have DNA testing conducted on the Lindbergh evidence is denied as it is not a proper request for records. OPRA is a records law, "not the vehicle by which a citizen can march up to a museum and demand that the custodians of historical artifacts and documents surrender the State's treasures for analysis, alteration, and destruction." See *Margaret Sudhakar v. New Jersey State Police et al*, MER-L-1706-22, Order (N.J.Super. 01/05/2023)(Order denying plaintiff's request to perform DNA analysis on several items from the Lindbergh case, which are maintained within the Division of State Police museum); N.J.S.A. 47:1A-9(a)-(b). Your request is hereby denied and closed.

The Division reserves the right to claim additional grounds for denial not raised in this response.

Sincerely,

Tpr. I Patrick McManus
New Jersey State Police

Your request for government records (# W230832) is as follows:

My name is Michele Downie. I have lived in Hopewell for 25 years. I retired from teaching in New Jersey after teaching students for 30 years. When my husband and I moved into our old house in Hopewell Borough, we were very surprised to find newspaper articles pasted on the garage walls. These were original 1932 newspaper clippings from the Lindbergh kidnapping case. Growing up in Trenton, I have been intrigued by the Lindbergh case for several decades. I find DNA testing and the evidence it holds relevant to solving some of history's greatest stories. The Lindbergh case is a story that appeals to me as a retired teacher and resident of Hopewell to be a story that will never die. A few years ago, I came across more than one article written about the Lindbergh case that continued to pique my curiosity. I read an article in NJ Spotlight and a similar article in New Jersey Monthly about the DNA left by the kidnapper on the ransom envelopes sent in the Lindbergh case. I have followed Margaret Sudhakar's research and became friendly with other people involved in her request. I attempted to resolve this two years ago by going through the New Jersey Government Records Council process and was stalled in my attempts. Recently, I revisited the New Jersey State Police Museum and was denied access to view the letters and envelopes connected to the Lindbergh case with no explanation. A few days after my visit, I contacted Gregory Farrara, the archivist, and asked why I was denied access to the letters and envelopes. He explained that due to increased interest in the case and an upcoming documentary those items were no longer available to the public. Due to my ongoing interest in the Lindbergh case, Margaret Sudhakar's legal matter and my conversation with Greg Ferrara, I researched the Open Records Public Act and Governor Byrne's Executive Order 110. It states that the Lindbergh case is open for copying, inspecting and examining the case file, which includes the letter and envelopes. As an interested member of the public, I feel that my rights have been violated by the denial of my request. This has made me more determined to find out who sent the ransom notes in this case. For the following reasons, I am requesting the information contained on the backs of the stamps and seals of the envelopes be forensically tested. Over the last two years, while my GRC request has been pending, I have become acquainted with a group that can do this in a non-destructive manner in the public's interest. It is very clear to me that Governor Byrne's executive order was for the complete transparency of this case and his executive order was signed before modern forensic technology existed. I believe that if this technology existed during the time Governor Byrne wrote this executive order, he would have asked for non-destructive forensic testing, like I am asking, to occur. The forensic experts that I have become acquainted with, and I would like to come to the NJ State Police Museum to perform forensic testing in a non-destructive manner on camera of the stamps and envelopes. I have no doubt this request is fully compliant with the New Jersey Open Records Act.

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT P-11 – STATEMENT OF PLAINTIFF CATHERINE READ

My name is Catherine Read. I am a developmental psychologist who studies language and cognitive development. I got a BA in Psychology from the University of Colorado, a Masters in Pediatric Psychology from CU Denver, and a Ph. D. In Developmental Psychology from UCLA. I have taught and conducted research at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, Miami University of Ohio, the University of Connecticut, and Rutgers University. I also homeschooled my two children with the Waldorf curriculum and published a book on that topic (The Genius of Home).

I have been interested in the Lindbergh Kidnapping case for many years. It is my understanding that there is saliva DNA on the envelopes and stamps sent by the kidnapper or kidnappers to Charles Lindbergh, and his intermediaries. As you likely know, saliva DNA is tangible DNA that is very well preserved. I would like to know who sent these envelopes to Charles Lindbergh and his intermediaries and believe we have an opportunity to uncover who did that to potentially correct a historical injustice.

A few years ago, I began reading several articles about the case and the possibility of obtaining DNA and the information contained on those stamps and envelopes. It is also my understanding that after this effort made national news in the New York Times, that Governor Byrne's Executive Order 110 has not been complied with and that the State Police Museum is currently blocking members of the public from accessing the Lindbergh documents despite the fact that the Open Public Records Act and Executive Order 110 allow members of the public to copy, examine and inspect those documents. It is also my understanding that this is the only criminal case in New Jersey's history that a Governor opened up the case file to the public in an Executive Order allowing members of the public to access all information in the case. My research led me to realize that the date the Executive Order was signed, October 9, 1981, was the same week that Bruno Richard Hauptmann's widow sued the State of New Jersey for wrongful death of her husband. I can only conclude that the Governor opened the case file to the public with the full intentions of demonstrating to the public that the State of New Jersey is not hiding any information from the public. However, DNA information was not known about in October 1981 and could not have been tested.

I have further learned that the State of New Jersey is denying access of the documents to the public on the basis of the last paragraph in the Executive Order, which allows the Superintendent of the State Police to create a Standard Operating Procedure to determine who can access the information. I don't know how long it takes to write an SOP, but the New York Times article came out 1 year ago and members of the public still cannot access the information on those envelopes. Why?

I have now read many articles about the case and believe learning the information from the saliva is in the public best interest. I have become associated with a group of forensic experts who can performed non-destructive tests on the stamps and envelopes to learn whose DNA information is on those envelopes and stamps, and I am convinced granting my request is well within the spirit, purpose and intent of Governor Byrne's Executive Order.

The New Jersey Attorney General's Office's homepage proudly proclaims that it supports and is all about transparency. Blocking my request denies transparency. The group of experts I have been in touch with can take simple swabs in front of the State Police, and test those samples at no cost to New Jersey taxpayers. Given that we have the forensic ability to conduct these tests in a non-destructive manner and given that this case is the only one opened to the public to copy, examine and inspect, which are the same three words written in the New Jersey Open Public Records Act, there is no reason at all to deny this request, as I believe it is fully compliant with the purpose and intent of the New Jersey Open Records Act and of Governor Byrne's Executive Order 110.

CATHERINE READ

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT P-12 – OPRA RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF CATHERINE

READ (W231182)

State of New Jersey
Government Records Request
Receipt

Requestor Information

Catherine E Read

1112 General Saint Claire Road
Washington Crossing, PA 18977

catherine@carter-read.net
215-378-2108

Request Date: March 3, 2025

Maximum Authorized Cost: \$100.00

Email

Request Number: W231182

Request Status: Denied Closed

Ready Date:

Custodian Contact Information

Division of State Police

Records Custodian

PO Box 7068

State Police HQ, 1040 River Rd, Bldg. 15

West Trenton, NJ 08628

njspopra@njsp.gov

609-671-7888

By _____

Status of Your Request

Your request for government records (# W231182) from the Division of State Police has been reviewed and has been Denied Closed. Detailed information as to the availability of the documents you requested appear below and on following pages as necessary.

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Document Detail

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SP	001	My name is Catherine Read. I am a developmental psychologist who studies language and cognitive development. I got a BA in Psychology from the University of Colorado, a Masters in Pediatric Psychology from CU Denver, and a Ph. D. In Developmental Psychology from UCLA...	N		N	N	
		Denial: 39.Improper and Overbroad --- See narrative					

State of New Jersey
Government Records Request
Receipt

Catherine Read,

The Division of State Police is in receipt of your OPRA request.

Your request, as submitted, seeks information and not a specific, identifiable government record. OPRA is a records law, not an "information" law. "The statute 'only allows requests for records, not requests for information'." *Burke v. Brandes*, 429 N.J. Super. 169, 555 (App. Div. 2012)(citing *Bent v. Twp. of Stafford Police Dep't*, 381 N.J. Super. 30, 37 (App. Div. 2005)). To the extent that your request seeks to have DNA testing conducted on the Lindbergh evidence, it is denied as it is not a proper request for records. OPRA is a records law, "not the vehicle by which a citizen can march up to a museum and demand that the custodians of historical artifacts and documents surrender the State's treasures for analysis, alteration, and destruction." See *Margaret Sudhakar v. New Jersey State Police et al*, MER-L-1706-22, Order (N.J. Super. 01/05/2023)(Order denying plaintiff's request to perform DNA analysis on several items from the Lindbergh case, which are maintained within the Division of State Police museum); N.J.S.A. 47:1A-9(a)-(b). Your request is hereby denied and closed.

The Division reserves the right to claim additional grounds for denial not raised in this response.

Sincerely,

Tpr. I Patrick McManus
New Jersey State Police

Your request for government records (# W231182) is as follows:

My name is Catherine Read. I am a developmental psychologist who studies language and cognitive development. I got a BA in Psychology from the University of Colorado, a Masters in Pediatric Psychology from CU Denver, and a Ph. D. in Developmental Psychology from UCLA. I have taught and conducted research at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, Miami University of Ohio, the University of Connecticut, and Rutgers University. I also homeschooled my two children with the Waldorf curriculum and published a book on that topic (*The Genius of Home*). I have been interested in the Lindbergh Kidnapping case for many years. It is my understanding that there is saliva DNA on the envelopes and stamps sent by the kidnapper or kidnappers to Charles Lindbergh, and his intermediaries. As you likely know, saliva DNA is tangible DNA that is very well preserved. I would like to know who sent these envelopes to Charles Lindbergh and his intermediaries and believe we have an opportunity to uncover who did that to potentially correct a historical injustice. I have now read many articles about the case and believe learning the information from the saliva is in the public best interest. I have become associated with a group of forensic experts who can performed non-destructive tests on the stamps and envelopes to learn whose DNA information is on those envelopes and stamps, and I am convinced granting my request is well within the spirit, purpose and intent of Governor Byrne's Executive Order. The New Jersey Attorney General's Office's homepage proudly proclaims that it supports and is all about transparency. Blocking my request denies transparency. The group of experts I have been in touch with can take simple swabs in front of the State Police, and test those samples at no cost to New Jersey taxpayers. Given that we have the forensic ability to conduct these tests in a non-destructive manner and given that this case is the only one opened to the public to copy, examine and inspect, which are the same three words written in the New Jersey Open Public Records Act, there is no reason at all to deny this request, as I believe it is fully compliant with the purpose and intent of the New Jersey Open Records Act and of Governor Byrne's Executive Order 110.

**PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT P-13 – LETTER FROM FORMER NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR
BRENDAN T. BYRNE DATED OCTOBER 18, 2010**



Brendan T. Byrne

October 18, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

Based on strong and compelling evidence, Robert Zorn's book *Cemetery John* identifies the two undiscovered German immigrant brothers who teamed with Bruno Richard Hauptmann to kidnap the Lindbergh baby. Long before I signed the executive order that released 250,000 police and FBI files on the murder of Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr. to the public, I had been fascinated by the case, which a respected friend prosecuted. I've always believed that Hauptmann was guilty, but that he worked with accomplices. *Cemetery John* validates that conclusion. This is a one-of-a-kind story about a nationally respected economist who uncovers the secret mastermind after an article about the case triggers his memory of a rendezvous among three German men at an amusement park during the summer of 1931.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brendan Byrne", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the left.

BRENDAN T. BYRNE
FORMER GOVERNOR
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT P-14 – STATEMENT OF SIGI RACH

Statement of Siglinde Rach, of full age, hereby certifies and says:

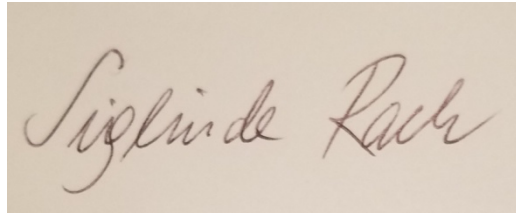
1. I am a researcher of the Lindbergh Kidnapping Case from Solebury, Pennsylvania.
2. I am aware that on or about March 24, 2022, there was a significant leak in the New Jersey State Police Museum archives. The archives are almost entirely composed of over 200,000 records from the Lindbergh Kidnapping case. The idea of water damaging or destroying these records is very disturbing to me especially because there are still so many unanswered questions in this case including who licked the envelopes, stamps and who constructed the kidnapping ladder. I can authenticate that the attached are photos showing water damage in the archives at the State Police Museum.





After spending so many years caring for these documents and speaking to countless public citizens who care about these documents, I can not understand why the State Police did not move the documents out of the way when a water leak occurred, and why they did not fix the ceiling tile more than 1 year after the leak occurred. The public wants these documents preserved and New Jersey tax payers are paying the salary for an archivist to protect these documents. This makes me very sad especially when I learned from the Sudhakar case that the State is claiming they do not want to allow forensic information to be obtained from the stamps and envelopes in this case because they are concerned that the envelopes or stamps may be damaged or altered. This water leak showed a callous disregard for the keeping and protecting of every single document in the collection in range of the water, and the State Police appear to not have moved any of those records out of the range of the water.

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.



Siglinde Rach

Siglinde Rach

DATED: March 13, 2025

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT P-15 – DR. ANGELIQUE CORTHALS CV

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- Stijn Deborggraeve, Diagnostics Advisor Infectious Diseases, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), Rue de l'Arbre Bénit 46 |1050 Brussels|Belgium; Tel. +32 2 4747 526; stijn.Deborggraeve@msf.org
- Dr. Patricia Wright, Professor, SBS Building, 2nd Floor, Room N-203, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY 11794-4364 Cell: 631-882-2812 Email: patchapplewright@gmail.com
- Sharonann Lynch, Georgetown University, Senior Scholar, Global Health Policy & Politics Initiative | O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law | sl1903@georgetown.edu; Senior Visiting Fellow, Yale Global Health Justice Partnership | sharonann.lynch@yale.edu; sharonann.lynch@gmail.com, +1 646 824 3066

Experience

2018 - Present Associate prof. 2009 - 2018 Assistant prof.	City University of New York (CUNY) John Jay College of Criminal Justice Associate Professor in Forensic Anthropology and Biomedical Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology of Gender and Sexuality (BIO 255); Human and Forensic Pathology (BIO 360 & 364), Molecular Biology (BIO 412) • Graduate courses: Forensic Anthropology (FOS 761); Advanced Genetics (FOS 704) • Course coordinator for BIO 255 and BIO 412 <p><i>Research:</i> Pathogenesis of Neurodegeneration; Origins and pathway of SARS-CoV2 (COVID-19); Detecting the Immune Response of the Host in Infectious Diseases; Pathogenesis of Multiple Sclerosis; Development of biological and bioinformatic specimen-based protocols for archival and assays in laboratory and field conditions; Histomorphology of trauma in highly decomposed and cremated remains; Morphology and Molecules: Skeletal Pathology in TT29, Gurna, Egypt; Evolution host/parasites/diseases</p>
2009 - Present	Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors without Borders); Campaign for Access to Essential Medicines; Geneva, Switzerland – Johannesburg, South Africa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultant on HIV viral load Dx technology, from clinical guidelines to point-of-care technology. Identify new Dx technology and biologics for use in LMICs. • Consultant on integrated COVID, TB, HIV, HBV Dx, including CRISPR solutions for LMICs • Field Missions: South Africa, Mozambique
2014-2016	Stony Brook University, School of Medicine, Department of Pathology and Biomedical Informatics. Voluntary Research Assistant Professor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued advisement on the policies and scientific protocols of the SBU BioBank and Cancer Center • Developing bioinformatics solutions for data acquisition • Clinical research: The Tangled Roots of Multiple Sclerosis: Epidemiology and Epigenetics of MS – The Role of Lipids in Neurodegeneration

- 2012-2014 **Stony Brook University, School of Medicine, Department of Pathology and Biomedical Informatics**
Assistant Professor and Scientific Director of the BioBank
- Developed and built the SBU BioBank facilities
 - Set-up the policies and scientific protocols of the BioBank
 - Identified and developed new bioinformatics solutions for data acquisition, aggregation and standardization, including e-Pathology, for tissue specimens with Dr. Joel Saltz's team.
- 2008 – 2009 **State University of New York at Stony Brook, Department of Anthropology**
Lecturer in Forensic Anthropology
- Courses taught: ANP 391 (Forensic Anthropology) and BIO 150 (Intro Bio)
- 2006 – 2008 **Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Manchester, U.K.**
Lecturer in Biomedical and Forensic Studies
- Courses taught: BIOL60231 - Introduction to Biomedical Theory and Techniques; BIOL60262 - Human Imaging, Anatomical and Forensic Methods; BIOL60420 - Microscopy, Tissue Preparation and Image Analysis
 - Subjects taught: ancient DNA methods, Forensic science, anatomy and osteology, Paleopathology, Phylogenetics and Evolutionary Biology
 - Research: ecology of infectious diseases in ancient and modern times
- 2000 – 2006 **American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY**
Curatorial Associate - Director of the Biobank (April 2003 to May 2006)
Collection Manager of the Biobank (August 2001 to April 2003)
- Launched the Ambrose Monell Collection for Molecular and Microbial Research (Biobank) under the leadership of Drs. DeSalle and Hanner
 - Developed research projects for the NSF-funded programs at the AMNH and other institutions
 - Supervised all activities of the Monell collection from conservation biology and scientific protocols, to grant writing and fund raising Trained new technicians and interns
 - Organized and established administrative and scientific protocols used at the laboratory
 - Help developed the database system "Freezerworks" for use natural history collections. Built administrative database (Access). Built the facilities web site and web database interface (including mysql database)
- 2000 **The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY**
William Kelly Simpson intern in Egyptian Art
- Research assistant to Dr. Catharine Roehrig for the exhibition "Egyptian art at Eton college"
 - Participation with Dr. Diana Craig-Patch (Egyptian Art), Anne Heywood (Conservation), in the biopsy of two Roman mummies
- 1999 **University of Oxford, England**
Researcher
- Field collection for the project on Human Evolution in the Nile Valley based on the analysis of microsatellites on the Y chromosome of ancient and modern population with Dr. David Goldstein, Dept. of Zoology, University of Oxford. Set up collaboration with Dr. Samia, Dept. of Microbiology, University of Cairo
- 1999 **The Metropolitan Museum of Art New York, NY**
Volunteer Intern in Egyptian Art
- Research assistant to Dr. Dorothy Arnold in the administrative organization of the exhibition "Egypt at the Age of the Pyramids"
- 1998 – 2000 **Merton College Library, University of Oxford**
Assistant Librarian
- Conservation and exhibition of rare Medieval manuscripts & invigilation

- 1996 – 1997 **Musée d'Histoire Naturelle, Brussels, Belgium**
Research assistant
- Examination of medieval human skeletons from recent excavations and determination of age, sex and cause of death

Education

2008	University of Manchester, UK	Certificate in Epidemiology, Genetic Epidemiology and Biostatistics
1999-2003	University of Oxford, St. Cross College	DPhil (PhD)
1997-1999	University of Oxford, Merton College	Mphil
1993-1997	Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium	Licenciée (Grade: distinction) Archaeology/Physical Anthropology
1996	Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium	Certificate in Anthropology and Human Palaeontology
1994	University of Cambridge	Certificate of Proficiency
1992-1993	Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium	Candidate in Slavonic Studies
1992	University of Saint Petersburg, Russia	Russian Studies Program
1992	Royal Academy of Music, Aywaille, Belgium	Certificate of Excellence in Theory of Music and Violin

Awards and grants

2022	Fond Christoffel Plantin Prize	Fond Christoffel Plantin is a prize given to Belgians residing abroad, active in the cultural, artistic, scientific or social sector, whose work contributes to the prestige of Belgium abroad.
2020	NSF RAPID: Collaborative Research: Bat goblet cells as immuno-hotspots for infection of coronavirus - #2031926	COVID19 grant NSF IOS Division of Integrative Organismal Systems - in Collaboration with Stony Brook University and Yale University - \$200,000
2020	NSF RAPID: Collaborative Research: Immunological adaptations in bats to moderate the effect of coronavirus infection - #2032011	COVID19 grant NSF IOS Division of Integrative Organismal Systems - in Collaboration with Stony Brook University and Texas Tech University - \$200,000
2016	Office for Advancement of Research (OAR) Seed Money CUNY John Jay	Building a 2D/3D data handling platform (\$2,000)
2016	PRISM (The Program for Research Initiatives for Science Majors) at CUNY	Shared-Equipment grant award with Drs. Rauceo, Rosati, Delgado (\$148,000)
2015	NSF REU: Dimensions Broadening Participation REU (D-BP-REU). Dimensions of Biodiversity in collaboration with Dr. Liliana Dávalos and collaborators (U. Illinois; U. Washington, Seattle; UCL London).	Chiropteran Chemosensing and Mammalian Olfactory Receptors. (Budget: \$2,000,000 – REU/John Jay: \$20,000)
2014	COOK Biotech	Do Adipose Derived Stem Cells Improve Tensile Strength and Wound Remodeling in Hiatal Hernia Repair. Lead PI: Dr. Dana Telem, Bariatric Surgery Center, Stony Brook Medicine Co Investigator (\$250,000)

2013	Long Island League against Cancer (LILaC) Equipment Grant	Equipment Grant (\$21,000)
2011	PRISM (The Program for Research Initiatives for Science Majors) at CUNY (Status: awarded, July 2011)	Equipment grant award for research on multiple sclerosis (\$17,000)
2007	European Research Council grant. Main PI (Friday July 13 th 2007 grant accepted for funding but declined by PI due to relocation to the US)	Wrath of the gods: Diseases, Landscapes and Climate in Ancient Egypt (€ 2,000,000; £1,500,000)
2005	NSF BRC grant (Status: Meritorious)	Development of best practice for archiving microbial communities. (\$300,000)
2004	The Explorers Club	Elected Resident Fellow
2004	Black Rock Forest Consortium Grant	Black Rock Forest Consortium, Cornwall, New York (\$ 3,900)
2001	Employee Recognition Award	American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY
2000	Oxford University Graduate Research Grant	University of Oxford, Wellington Square, Oxford. (£ 400)
2000	St Cross College Research Grant	St. Cross College, Oxford University. (£ 400)
1999-2000	Senior Scholarship	St. Cross College, Oxford University. (Full Tuition)
1997-1999	National Belgian Television (RTBF) Advanced studies Grant.	RTBF, Boulevard Reyers, Bruxelles (50,000 BEF)
1992-1997	Belgian French Community Grant	Communauté Française de Belgique (University Tuition + 20,000 BEF)

Professional Certifications and Memberships

- ❖ FDNY Certificate of Fitness C14 (Charge of Chemical Lab) and G17 (Handling of cryogenic gases)
- ❖ Full driver license (New York State; European Union and International)

Memberships

- ❖ Elected Fellow Resident in 2004 (FR'04), The Explorers Club
- ❖ Member of: the International Society for Biological and Environmental Repositories (ISBER); the American Anthropologists Association (AAA), The Society for Systematic Biology (SSB), the Oriental Institute (Chicago University), the Association of Zoo and Aquaria (AZA)

Computer Skills

- Phylogenetics and biogeography: Autodecay, Beast, Beauti, Blastalign, BLAST, Component, Clustal, Diva, Garli, Muscle, MacClade, Mafft, Modeltest, MrBayes, Paup*, Phylip, PhymI, Sequin, Sequencher, Tracer
- ArcView/ArcInfo GIS and QGIS; AutoCAD and GoogleEarthPro
- FORDISC; Deep-learning coding; MorphoBank
- Coding in C++, Java, PERL/BioPERL and SAS, R, NoSQL, MySQL and GUIs building
- At ease on Unix, Windows, and Macintosh platforms

Laboratory Skills

- **BioBanking, Clinical and Pathology skills**
 - Cryo and dry preservation of tissues, molecules and primary / secondary cultures, organoids
 - Histology and microscopy in the context of anatomic and surgical pathology
- **Molecular lab skills:**
 - DNA and RNA extraction, primer design, forensic protocols; PCR technology and troubleshooting (including RT-PCR and diagnostic PCR)
 - Purification, re-amplification, cycle-sequencing, and automated sequencing of targeted products; new generation sequencing, pyro-sequencing; Nanostring gene expression
 - Proteomics: extraction + GC-MS; LS-MS and establishing automatic database queries and pipelines for data mining and aggregation

Language Skills

Mother Tongue: French

Native-level fluency: English

Good Knowledge of: Russian, Spanish, German, Dutch

Knowledge of: Egyptian Arabic (speaking abilities mainly)

Ancient Languages: Latin, Greek, Ancient Egyptian (Old, Middle, Late and Ptolemaic Kingdom)

Professional Services

Adviser and consultant for:

- ❖ Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors without Borders)
- ❖ American University in Cairo, Egypt
- ❖ Canadian Museum of Nature, Ottawa
- ❖ Institute von Humboldt, Cali, Colombia
- ❖ Museum of High Mountain Archaeology (MAAM), Salta, Argentina
- ❖ National Research Centre, Cairo, Egypt
- ❖ Natural History Museum, London
- ❖ Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, Genetic Resources Board
- ❖ South African National Biodiversity Institute DNA Banking, Cape Town
- ❖ Supreme Council of Antiquities, Egypt

Reviewer for:

- ❖ The Quarterly Review of Biology, PNAS, PLoS One
- ❖ CORDIS: European Union Research Council
- ❖ CNRS: Centre National de Recherche Scientifique (France National Science Foundation)

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- Dr. Amy Russel, Associate Professor, Grand Valley State University, Department of Biology, Grand Valley State University, 1 Campus Dr. Allendale, MI 49401, US; (616) 331-8929; Email: russelam@gvsu.edu
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- Dr. Robert DeSalle, Curator, Co-director of the Museum's molecular laboratories, American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West@79th st, New York, NY 10024. Tel: 212 769 5670 email: desalle@amnh.org
- Dr. Eric Goemaere, Unit 23B, No 14 Waverly Business Park, Wyecroft Road, Mowbray,Cape Town | Tel+27 (0) 21 448 3101; (0) 21 448 1058; E-mail: eric.goemaere@joburg.msf.org
- Dr. Tido von Schoenangerer, Hôpital fribourgeois (HFR) – freiburger spital (HFR), Hospital of Fribourg HFR, Case Postale, Fribourg 1708, Switzerland; email: tido.von.schoenangerer@gmail.com

Teaching Skills - Courses Taught

Prior Teaching (2000-2008):

- Undergraduate core courses: in
 - Biological/physical and forensic anthropology (ANP 391)
 - Biology 101 and 150 (intro bio for both science majors and non-science majors)
 - Introduction to Pathology and Forensic Pathology (BIO 345/FOS 345)
 - Epidemiology BIO 112
 - Introduction to Biomedical Theory and Techniques (BIOL60231)
 - Human Imaging, Anatomical and Forensic Methods (BIOL60262)
 - Microscopy, Tissue Preparation and Image Analysis (BIOL60420)
 - Human evolution and anatomy (including osteology, comparative anatomy, cadaver dissection-based anatomy) (BIO 312)
 - Seminars in demography and biostatistics applied to questions of evolution, ecology and epidemiology (MATH/BIO 355)
- Graduate courses in:
 - Epidemiology (BIO 712)
 - Human anatomy and physiology (BIO 723)
 - Osteology (including labs on human identification), pathology and trauma of the human skeleton (BIO 769)

Courses currently taught at CUNY (2009 – Present)

The courses I have taught, re-developed and created at John Jay since 2009 are:

- *Undergraduate courses:*
 - Natural Sciences (NatSci 107 + lab)
 - Intro to Forensic Science (FOS 108 + lab)
 - Intro Bio (BIO 101; BIO 103)
 - Biology of Gender and Sexuality (BIO 255 + Recitation)[◦]
 - Human Pathology (BIO 360 + Lab)*
 - Forensic Pathology (BIO 364 + Lab)*
 - Molecular Biology (BIO 412 + Lab)[◦]
- *Graduate courses:*
 - Forensic Anthropology (FOS 761)*
 - Advanced Genetics (FOS 704)[◦]
- *Capstones Courses:*
 - FOS 402: Research Laboratory Experience
 - Macaulay Honors Capstone

* = courses I have created

[◦] = existing courses I have helped re-developed

Course coordinator (course director) for Molecular Biology lectures and labs (BIO 412) and for Biology of Gender and Sexuality lectures and labs (BIO 255), as well as for Human and Forensic Pathology lectures and labs (BIO 360, BIO 364).

List of dissertation advisors, committee members, co-authors and co-PIs on funded grants during the preceding five years, as well as a list of graduated students

Collaborators and Other Affiliations:

- Nicholas Petraco, Anthony Carpi, Lawrence Kobilinski, Jennifer Rosati, Elise Champeil, Erin Thompson (CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice, NY)
- Toni Koller, Liliana Davalos, Lina Obeid, Yusuf Hannun, Kenneth Shroyer, Patricia Wright, Mark Talamini, Dana Telem, Maria Altieri, Daniel Dykhuisen (SUNY Stony Brook, NY)
- Amy Russell (Grand Valley State University, MI)
- John Nieland and Søren Nielsen (University of Aalborg, Denmark)
- Yehia Gad (National Research Center, Cairo, Egypt)
- Salima Ikram (American University in Cairo, Egypt)
- Albert Zink (EURAC, Bolzano, Italy)
- Tom Gilbert (University of Copenhagen, Denmark)
- Jane Buikstra (State University of Arizona, Tempe)
- Tom Brown, Rosalie David (University of Manchester, UK)
- Tido von Schoenangerer (Doctors without Borders, Geneva)

Academic Advisors:

- DPhil: Prof. John Baines; Dr. David Goldstein
- MPhil: Prof. John Baines

Graduated Research Students:

Undergraduates	Graduates
<p>CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice (FOS: FOS; CMB: CMB Program) 2009 to present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanah Afzal, Fire Science, BSc • Maria Aviles, CMB BSc • Margarita Bartasunaite, CMB BSc • Erica Brunning, FOS, BSc • Leah Choo-Ying, FOS, BSc • Mircea Commanescu, FOS, BSc Hons, summa • Jessica Covas, CMB, BSc • Dee-Anne Cush, FOS, BSc Hons, summa • Victoria dePrimo, BSc Hons, summa • Laura Duffy, FOS, BSc • Dominique Feliciano, CMB, BSc • Erica Klafehn, CMB, BSc Hons, summa • Julie Kiss, CMB, BSc, summa • Lauren Licari, CMB, BSc • Eliliana Lora, CMB, BSc • Margaret Farmer, FOS, BSc Hons, summa • Roshannah Paulsingh, FOS, BSc Hons, summa • Urte Palilionyte, CMB, BSc • Steven Pineman, FOS, BSc Hons, summa • Laura Singh, FOS, BSc Hons, summa • Carlos Texeira, FOS, BSc Hons, summa • Kyle Zavinsky, FOS, BSc, summa <p>University of Manchester (2006-2008)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christopher Melvin • James Rothwell 	<p>CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice (Masters of Forensic Science) 2009 to present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shannon Talty • Ashley Morgan • Melissa Gaud • Elizabeth Tanaka • Erin Butler • Tatiana Batson • Maryia Bezugly • Kayla Rooney • Laura Pritchard <p>University of Manchester (Masters of Science) - 2006-2008</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephanie Atherton • Nur Farehan M. Asgar • Andrew Briscoe • Juliet Davies • Brittany Dement • Roger Forshaw • Christopher Garwood • Dina Jaidy • Sharen Lee • Oliver Smith • Louise Thomas

Publications in their contribution to science context:

As a cross-disciplinary scientist, I do not limit the application of my research to my specific fields of study. Rather, I seek technologies from a wide variety of fields to achieve my scientific goals. Thus, in my laboratory, rather than doing research within a specific field, we are driven by three main questions: first, how can we best (and at low cost) retrieve scientific information from the field? Second, can the data we gather fit in the greater context of environmental genetic, historical and demographic events contemporary to the material we are studying and how can we accurately automatized the analyses of vast amounts of data? And third, how can these questions and technologies relate and help society nowadays? In effect, research at my laboratory has a common thread: the investigation of processes, whether bio-molecular, taphonomic, evolutionary, conservation or even engineering processes.

A full detailed list of all publications, in chronological order and by publication type is given after this section. Here is a summary of each general subject to provide a better understanding of my multi-disciplinary scholarship.

1. New Molecular and Preservation Protocols for Specimens-Based Research, Biobanking and Field Medicine:

I have developed 3 major BioBanks and laboratories in the US and internationally with the ultimate goal of facilitating molecular and morphological based research. The Protocols I have developed through the years are not limited to physical and molecular integrity, but also extent to the integration of data to their physical specimens through computer machine learning and databasing solutions. The main objective of this research is to keep pushing the limits of technology to preserve (and use) invaluable specimens for any foreseen or unforeseen use in the future; and to push for Point-of-Care technology in the field.

1. Jebb, D., H., Zixia, Pippel, M., Hughes, G. M., Lavrichenko, K., Devanna, P., Winkler, S., Jermin, L. S., Skirmuntt, E. C., Katzourakis, A., Burkitt-Gray, L., Ray, D. A., Sullivan, K. A. M., Roscito, J. G., Kirilenko, B. M., Dávalos, L. M., **Corthals, A. P.**, Power, M. L., Jones, G., Ransome, R. D., Dechmann, D. K. N., Locatelli, A. G., Puechmaille, S. J., Fedrigo, O., Jarvis, E. D., Hiller, M., Vernes, S. C., Myers, E. W., Teeling, E. C. (2020). Six new reference-quality bat genomes illuminate the molecular basis and evolution of bat adaptations. *Nature*, 583, 578-84 (2020)
2. Altieri, M., Pagnotti, G., Shroyer, K., **Corthals, A.**, Telem, D. (2016) Autologous augmentation of hiatal hernia repair with filtered platelet concentrate improves tissue remodeling in a swine model. *Surgical Endoscopy*, December 2016, DOI: 10.1007/s00464-016-5145-x
3. **Corthals A.**, A. Martin, O.M. Warsi, M. Woller-Skar, W. Lancaster, A. Russell, L.M. Dávalos. (2015). From the Field to the Lab: Best Practices for Field Preservation of Mammalian Specimens for Molecular Analyses. *PLoS ONE* 10(3): e0118994. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0118994
4. Hanner, R., **A. Corthals**, and R. DeSalle. (2009). Biodiversity, conservation, and genetic resources in modern museum and herbarium collections. In *Conservation Genetics in the Age of Genomics*. G. Amato, O. Ryder, H. Rosenbaum, and R. DeSalle (eds.). Columbia University Press, NY.
5. Savolainen, V., G. Reeves, K. Davis, M.P. Powell and **A. Corthals** (eds).(2006). *DNA Banking for Biodiversity and Conservation*. Kew Publishing & IUCN
6. **Corthals, A.** and R. DeSalle. (2005). An Application of Tissue and DNA banking for Genomics and Conservation: The Ambrose Monell Cryo-Collection. *Systematic Biology*. 54(5):819–823, 2005

2. New Data Handling and Morphological Protocols for the Study of the Ecology and Evolution of Mammals and Diseases:

With my spouse, Dr. Liliana Dávalos (an evolutionary biologist), I have been investigating evolutionary and ecological processes involved in the spread of diseases, as well as speciation of mammals. Through our study projects, we have discovered new species of mammals (bats), and new dispersion patterns of ecological important pathogens, such as Wolbachia. We have also developed new algorithms to automate data gathering and analyzes of GIS-generated maps and satellite imagery to study patterns of biodiversity depletion in the context of illicit-crop related deforestation. Currently, we are applying our new techniques to two new projects on bats and Eurasian shrews evolution.

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Multiple sclerosis is a complex neurodegenerative disease, thought to arise through autoimmunity against antigens of the central nervous system. The autoimmunity hypothesis fails to explain why genetic and environmental risk factors linked to the disease in one population tend to be unimportant in other populations. Despite great advances in documenting the cell and molecular mechanisms underlying MS pathophysiology, the autoimmunity framework has also been unable to develop a comprehensive explanation of the etiology of the disease. I proposed a new framework for understanding MS as a dysfunction of the metabolism of lipids. Specifically, the homeostasis of lipid metabolism collapses during acute-phase inflammatory response triggered by a pathogen, trauma, or stress, starting a feedback loop of increased oxidative stress, inflammatory response, and proliferation of cytotoxic foam cells that cross the blood brain barrier and both catabolize myelin and prevent remyelination. Understanding MS as a chronic metabolic disorder illuminates four aspects of disease onset and progression: 1) its pathophysiology; 2) genetic susceptibility; 3) environmental and pathogen triggers; and 4) the skewed sex ratio of patients. It also suggests new avenues for treatment.

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I have worked on biotechnological and computer solutions to ensure that both molecular and morphological data can be integrated in the study of human remains and pathogens. As with all my projects, I favor a multidisciplinary approach to this research project. Here, I have pushed the boundaries of commonly used biomedical assays to apply them to study historical human and pathogen samples to elucidate the relationship and ecology between them. Disease detection in historical samples has, in the past, relied solely on DNA extraction and amplification, or immunoassays. These techniques only establish pathogen presence rather than active disease. I have led a team that was the first to report use of shotgun proteomics to detect the protein expression profile of buccal swabs and cloth samples from two 500-year-old Andean mummies. Our study provided positive evidence of active pathogenic infection in an ancient sample for the first time. The protocol I introduced was less susceptible to contamination than DNA-based or immunoassay-based studies. In scarce forensic samples, shotgun proteomics narrows the range of pathogens to detect using DNA assays, reducing cost. This analytical technique can, and has since, been broadly applied to detecting infection in ancient samples to answer questions on the historical ecology of specific pathogens, as well as in medico-legal cases when active pathogenic infection is suspected.

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- 2009 **National Geographic Explorer** – Episode: Child Mummy Sacrifice. Documentary. Pamela Caragol Wells. 110 mins. IMDB: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1447361/>
- 2007 **Mummies: Secrets of the Pharaohs**. IMAX documentary. 40 min. Dir. Keith Melton.
IMDB: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0922522/> GS Film: http://www.gsfilms.com/content/film_details.asp?ArticleSource=297&s=479&s2=&p=
- 2007 **Secrets of Egypt's Lost Queen**. Discovery Channel documentary. Dir. Brando Quilici. 120 min. First aired: Sunday, July 15 2007 at 9 p.m. ET/PT on The Discovery Channel.
<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1063339/>

Mentions in Books

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[GOOGLE Books: Angelique Corthals](#)

- 2019 Walter Wahli, Rachel Tee. [PPARs in Cellular and Whole Body Energy Metabolism](#). MDPI AG.
- 2019 Kerrie Logan Hollihan. [Mummies Exposed: Creepy and True](#). Abrams publishing.
- 2017 Fiona Davis. [The Address: A Novel](#). Dutton - Penguin Books NY
- 2016 Nerissa Balce. [Body Parts of Empire: Visual Abjection, Filipino Images and American Archives](#). University of Michigan Press.
- 2013 Jo Marchant. [The Shadow King: The Bizarre Afterlife of King Tut's Mummy](#). Hachette Books.
- 2012 Pierre Huyghe. [Pierre's Magazine](#). Published by the Artist's Institute. NY
- 2012 Dash Shaw. [Copperman](#). Comic Book. Published by the Artist's Institute. NY
- 2006 Johan Reinhard. [Ice Maiden: Inca Mummies, Mountain Gods, and Sacred Sites in the Andes](#). National Geographic Society.
- 1998 Nigel Nicolson. [Long Life](#). Putnam

Invited Talks and Lectures (Selected from 2003 to Present)

- March 25, 2019 The Art of Making the Dead Tell Their Tales - Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Canada
- June 3, 2018 Beyond Fats: Predicting Multiple Sclerosis. Consortium for Multiple Sclerosis Centers Annual Meeting, Nashville, Tennessee
- May 26, 2017 Fats on your Brain: Multiple Sclerosis and Lipids. Consortium for Multiple Sclerosis Centers Annual Meeting, New Orleans Convention Center, Louisiana
- March 27, 2017 Le Fleaux des Dieux, Morts et Malades. Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Canada
- December 10, 2016 University of British Columbia – Medicine Department – Talk Title: The Fats of Life – The role of Cell Repair in MS December 10, 2016
- November 29th, 2016 World Science Festival – Workshop: Secrets in the Bones -
- September 29, 2016 Forensic Seminar John Jay College: The Diseased Deceased

June 5, 2016	World Science Festival, NYU, June 5: Cool Jobs: Forensic Anthropology – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PnxX2bkfK3o
June 1-4, 2016	Consortium for Multiple Sclerosis Centers Annual Meeting, Washinton DC, Gaylord Convention, June 1 – 4. Talk title: The Fats of Life – MS and Lipids
March 6-7, 2015	Building an Ancient DNA Laboratory in Cairo, Egypt – Hatshepsut, In Search of the Lost Queen, Science North Science North, Science Education Centre, Sudbury, Ontario
October 7, 2014	Proteomics of the Immune System. Department of Anatomy Paleobiology Seminar, Stony Brook School of Medicine, New York
April 3, 2014	Banking Kidney Biopsies and FNAs. Department of Nephrology Grand Rounds, Stony Brook Medicine, Stony Brook, New York
March 7, 2014	Detecting the Immune System Response in a 500 Years old Frozen Body. Stony Brook Emeritus Professors Seminar, Javits Room, Stony Brook University, New York
March 5, 2014	Cancer BioBanking, Cancer Center Retreat, Hilton Garden, Stony Brook, New York
January 10, 2014	Overview of Biobanking Research: Stony Brook Medicine. Veterans Administration, Northport, NY
November 13, 2013	Biomedical Informatics and BioBanking Solution for Research. Pathology Clinical Conference, Stony Brook Medicine, Department of Pathology, NY
May 9, 2013	Mo' Data, Mo' Problems (?). International Society for Biological and Environmental Repositories (ISBER). Sydney, Australia
April 30, 2013	Retrieving Immune System Proteins from a 500 years old Frozen Body. European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Disease (ECCMID). Berlin, Germany
April 8, 2013	The Wrath of the Gods: diseased and deceased in the ancient and modern world. University of Miami, Coral Gables, Miami
March 14, 2013	Infectious Diseases: old plagues, new technology. Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, Michigan
Feb. 19. 2013	The Wrath of the Gods: a Career in Forensic Anthropology. American Academy of Forensic Science. Annual Meeting, Washington DC
Dec. 13, 2012	The Diseased Deceased, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Science Symposia, New York City
Nov.20, 2012	The Deceased and diseased in the Ancient World. Pacific Science Center Special Talks. Town Hall, Seattle
Nov. 7, 2012	Freezerworks Unlimited Data Management Program for BioBanking. European, Middle Eastern and African Society for Biopreservation and BioBanking (ESBB), Granada, Spain
Oct. 12, 2012	BioBanking in the 21 st century. Columbia University Cancer Center, New York City
Sept. 28, 2012	Multiple Sclerosis as a Metabolic Disorder. University of Glasgow, Scotland
Aug. 07, 2012	How Trace Evidence can help Forensic Anthropology. NIJ and FBI Impression and Pattern Evidence Symposium, Clearwater, Florida
Oct. 13, 2011	Mummies: Secrets of the Pharaohs. CUNY Queens Community College Science Seminar, New York City

Aug. 18, 2011	HIV Viral Load in RSL Countries. Pathology Grand Round Seminar Series. Stony Brook University School of Medicine, NY
April 22, 2011	Identifying the Diseased and the Deceased: Forensic Genomics. Caltech, Pasadena
September 27, 2010	Diseases and Landscapes. Pre-Medical Students Society, Baruch College, CUNY, New York
December 11, 2009	The Wrath of the Gods: Forensic Anthropology and diseases. Living world lecture series, Stony Brook University
September 27, 2009	The Wrath of the Gods: diseases in Egypt. Hofstra University Biology seminar.
August 3	HIV viral load: What, why, how... now. MSF headquarters, Campaign for Access to Essential Medicines, Geneva
July 18 th	HIV viral load: What, why, how... now. MSF Johannesburg office, South Africa
July 7, 2009	HIV viral load: What, why, how... now. MSF site B, Khayelitsha, Cape Town, South Africa
March 10, 2009	Forensic Anthropology: gone but not departed. Invited talk at Roanoke College, Roanoke, Virginia
February 18, 2009	The Wrath of the Gods: Historical Ecology of Infectious Diseases. Ecology and Evolution seminar series. SUNY Stony Brook
February 5, 2009	Forensic Anthropology in the 21 st century. Moreton Lecture series, Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi
October 20, 2008	Disease, Landscape, Climate and the search for Egypt's lost queen. Stony Brook University Department of Anthropology Seminar Series
June 24, 2008	The Study of aDNA. Manchester Museum Summer School. University of Manchester, UK.
April 3, 2008	Ancient DNA and the study of ancient Egypt. Continuing Education Lectures, University of Manchester, UK.
November 13, 2007	The Royal Mummies. Egypt Exploration Society, Manchester, UK
October 24, 2007	The Wrath of the Gods: Diseases, Landscapes and Climate in Ancient Egypt. European Research Council, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium
October 17, 2008	Ancient DNA and the Royal Mummies. Bolton Archaeological Society, Bolton Town Hall.
February 20, 2006	Copper Man, Where art thou... from? VI International Congress on Mummy Studies, Lanzarote, Spain
March 16, 2006	Molecules and Morphology: Museums as the backbone of Evolutionary Biology, CUNY – Hunter College
February 15, 2006	Evolutionary Biology. New Jersey City University.
January 20, 2006	Molecules and Morphology: Natural History Museums at a Crossroad. Canadian Museum of Nature, Ottawa – Gatineau
Oct. 11, 2005	Genetic Resources: Answering the Challenge of Changing Technologies in the Academic World. Population Genetics Seminar, Columbia University
Sept. 30, 2005	It's now or never: preserving invaluable genetic resources. Hofstra Seminar in Biology, Hofstra University

Sept. 15, 2005	Building the Library of Life Together: Zoos and Museum. Annual meeting of the Association of Zoos and Aquarium (AZA), Chicago
Sept. 2, 2005	Building the Library of Life: a global network. CIAT (Centre for Tropical Agriculture), Cali, Colombia
June 11, 2005	Organizer of "Better Tools for Systematics" workshop, Evolution 2005, Fairbanks, Alaska
June 7, 2005	Tissues and DNA Banking as the backbone of Barcoding, FISH-BOL, University of Guelph, Guelph, Canada
May 19, 2005	Report of activities for the Wolbachia FIBR NSF grant, AMNH, Southwestern Research Station, Portal, Arizona
May 2, 2005	ASCEND lecture: Preserving the Library of Life, AMNH, New York
March 4, 2005	Forensic Examination of frozen mummies, Baruch College (CUNY) Bio-medical Society, New York
Feb. 7, 2005	Barcoding as quality control for Genetic Resource Collections, First International Conference of the Barcoding of Life Consortium at the Natural History Museum, London
Jan. 28, 2005	The Mummies of Mount Llullaillaco, Ochman-Moran Lab, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona
Sept.10-19, 2004	DNA banking and its application to Conservation Biology, 2 nd Darwin Initiative Workshop, Cape Town, South Africa
Sept. 2-5, 2004	Now what? Pre and post analysis preservation of human and animal genetic material. Vth World Congress of Mummy Studies, Turin, Italy
June 26, 2004	Saving the Ark, Evolution 2004, Fort Collins, Colorado
May 25, 2004	First Meeting of the Consortium for the Barcoding of Life Symposium, Washington D.C.
May 12, 2004	When Disaster strikes: research on biological repository disaster recovery at the AM-CC, SPNHC-ISBER joint meeting, AMNH, New York
May 11-19, 2004	Co-organizer of the SPNCH – ISBER annual conference, AMNH, New York
Oct. 14-18, 2003	The New Year Procession in the Staircases at Edfu and Dendera. First International Congress of Young Egyptologists in Italy, Chianciano Terme (Siena)
Oct. 14-18, 2003	Dangerous Waters: Schistosomiasis in Ancient and Modern Egypt, poster session for the First International Congress of Young Egyptologists in Italy, Chianciano Terme (Siena)
July 14, 2003	Exploring the Tree of Life: Teaching Genomics, Medicine and Evolution, The Lawrenceville School, Woodrow Wilson Institute, Princeton
June 20, 2003	A splash of DNA on the Rocks, Entomological Society of New York, New York.

Scientific Projects (Ongoing only)

- Ongoing **The tangled Roots of Multiple Sclerosis.** Disease, Diet and Environment in the pathogenesis of Multiple Sclerosis in the United States.
Main PI. In collaboration with Drs. Nieland, Mørkolt and Trabjerg (Aalborg).
- Ongoing **Mammalian Metabolic Adaptations to Climate, Diseases and Aging.**
Chiropterans: in collaboration with Drs. Liliana Davalos (Stony Brook University) and Emma Teeling (BAT1K)
Shrews: in collaboration with Drs. Dina Dechmann (Max Planck Institute) and John Nieland (Aalborg University)
- Ongoing **Building the Biobank for the ValBio Research Center, Ranomafana National Park, Madagascar**
In collaboration with Dr. Patricia Wright, Director of the ValBio Center; Dr. Thomas Gillespie, Emory University; Mark Krasnow, Stanford University
- Ongoing **DANTe and DeCANA: Data Acquisition, Aggregation and Analyses for use in Field Science and Big Data analyses**
Main PI. In collaboration with Margaret Farmer and Dr. Lev Ginsburg (RAMAS, Stony Brook)
- Ongoing **Developing New Protocols for Research and Preservation of Specimens in Molecular and Morphological Forensic Pathology, PoC Medicine, and Wildlife Preservation.**
Main PI. In collaboration with Dr. Nicholas Petraco, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, the NPYD laboratories; Dr. Tido von Shoen Angerer, Medecins Sans Frontieres; Dr. Liliana Davalos and Dr. Patricia Wright at Ranomafana ValBio Research Station and Stony Brook University
- Ongoing **Study of Human Remains, University of Brussels Excavation of TT 29, El Gurna, Luxor, Egypt –**
Dir. Dr. Laurent Bavay, ULB. Forensic Anthropologist-in-residence.
In charge of the analysis of human remains at the site of 3 tombs in the Valley of the Nobles, Gurna, Egypt.

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT P-16 – STATEMENT OF DR. ANGELIQUE CORTHALS

New York, March 5, 2023

To: Wayne McDaniel

Subject: Non-destructive DNA analysis of Envelopes

Dear Mr. McDaniel,

I am writing in reply to your enquiry about the possibility of extracting DNA from a series of historical documents (envelopes) related to the Lindbergh abduction case.

First, I would like to assure you of my credentials in handling precious historical documents. I have been working as a forensic scientist (specifically forensic anthropologist and pathologist) for well over 20 years, including on artifacts considered 'national treasures'.

Indeed, I was involved in the building of the Cairo Museum Ancient DNA laboratory with the purpose of retrieving and analyzing the DNA of Egypt's royal mummies e3. The Supreme Council of Antiquities was confident that my minimally invasive and non-destructive sampling methods would respect the dignity of the bodies in my care. I therefore trained the Egyptian team on these methods for them to take over the work, as it was a request of the Council that such analyses be performed by a native team.

I have also worked on the children of Llullaillaco, three frozen Inca bodies retrieved from a high-altitude volcano in the Argentinian Andes. The three mummies are also considered national treasure and permission to test required an act of parliament from the Argentinian government, which was granted on the strength of my non-destructive sampling techniques.

Beside my work on archaeological objects of high national and international values, I have also developed methods of uninvasive sampling for use in wildlife and conservation biology aiming at respecting the life and well-being of the animals being studied (See Publications here: https://aspcorthals.net/Site/Lab_Publications.html, as well as in [Google Scholar](#)).

With respect to the Lindbergh case, I can indeed confirm that it is possible to retrieve DNA from historically important documents both uninvasively and in a non-destructive manner.

There are many caveats, all of them relating to the quality of the DNA and the conservation of the documents over the years. We can assume that the documents have been handled by multiple people, with little to no care for potential molecular contamination, since the technique did not exist then. Beside a record of the chain of custody, the best we can hope in the case of the Lindbergh envelopes is that care was given in handling the documents originally (i.e. at the time of the original investigation) to prevent contamination of endogenous fingerprints. Therefore, we can assume not only fragmentary DNA, but also a fair amount of contamination through handling over the years.

The technique I would use to retrieve endogenous DNA (i.e. of the person who issued the letters) are non-destructive and consist in swabbing the envelopes' seals with both dry swabs and swabs containing ESDA®-Lite, as well as gently vacuuming ([Plaza et al. 2014](#); [Slack, 2014](#); [Parsons et al. 2016](#); [McLaughlin, 2021](#)). These techniques are well established and approved by the Department of Justice for the use of historical and valuable documents.

I do hope I have demonstrated that retrieval of DNA using non-destructive methods from precious documents is indeed possible, and routine work in modern forensic. For further elaboration or verification of any points made above, or in response to any questions you may have which are not addressed in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dr. Angelique Corthals
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**PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT P-17 – PETITION FROM THE PUBLIC WITH NAMES,
LOCATIONS AND EMAIL ADDRESSES TO CALL FOR DNA TESTING OF THE
LINDBERGH ENVELOPES**

Petition for DNA Testing on the Lindbergh Ransom Envelopes

We respectfully urge the New Jersey State Police to authorize modern DNA testing on the 13 ransom envelopes—and the 10 stamps affixed to 7 of them—connected to the infamous 1932 Lindbergh kidnapping case. These items are currently housed at the NJ State Police Museum in West Trenton, NJ.

Advancements in forensic science now allow for the non-invasive extraction of DNA from unsealed envelope seals without damaging or destroying the envelopes themselves. Testing these envelopes could provide a definitive answer as to whether Bruno Richard Hauptmann, the man executed for the crime, was truly guilty—or if justice was miscarried.

The Lindbergh case remains one of the most debated in American history. DNA analysis could settle lingering doubts once and for all, serving both historical accuracy and the pursuit of truth. We stand with historians, forensic experts, and the general public in supporting this crucial step toward clarity and justice. Every state has an Open Public Records Act, called OPRA for short. OPRA is designed to promote transparency of the Government and public awareness of Government actions and decisions concerning issues. On October 9, 1981, New Jersey Governor Brendan Byrne signed Executive Order (EO) 110, which opened up the Lindbergh kidnapping case file and exhibits to the public. This is the 1st and only criminal case in New Jersey's history in which a Governor opened a criminal case file up to the public with an Executive Order.

The week that he did this, Bruno Richard Hauptmann's widow, Anna Hauptmann filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the State of New Jersey for wrongfully executing her husband.

Governor Byrne opened the case files and exhibits up to the public in EO 110 because he felt that NJ was not hiding anything, and he wanted to demonstrate to the public that Bruno Richard Hauptmann was guilty. Forensic DNA testing was not known in 1981, and would not become known for several years. Had DNA testing existed in October 1981, there is little doubt Governor Byrne would have authorized forensic DNA testing of the stamps and envelopes sent by the presumed kidnapper or kidnappers.

That moment has now come.

We call on the New Jersey State Police or the Courts of New Jersey to authorize forensic DNA testing on these envelopes and stamps to determine once and for all whose DNA is contained on those exhibits.

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**PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT P-18 – STATEMENT FROM RETIRED FBI SPECIAL AGENT
MARY ELLEN O'TOOLE**

Date: April 23, 2025

TO: The New Jersey Courts

RE: Forensic Analysis of Physical Evidence from 1932 Charles Augustus Lindbergh, Jr
Kidnapping Case

Your Honor,

I am writing to you in strong support for the forensic analysis of select items of physical evidence from the Charles Augustus Lindbergh, Jr kidnapping case which occurred on March 1, 1932.

I am a retired FBI Supervisory Special Agent and senior Criminal Investigative Analyst (profiler) and worked in the FBI's Behavioral Analysis Unit (BAU) for fifteen of my 28-year FBI career. While in the BAU, I worked on some of the agency's most high-profile cases including the Unabomber and Zodiac serial murder investigations, and the Elizabeth Smart and Polly Klaas kidnapping cases. I continue to work on cold cases and teach Critical Thinking and Crime Scene Analysis graduate courses at George Mason University, where I am currently the Director of their Forensic Science Program.

For years I have been very interested in the Lindbergh kidnapping case and have had the pleasure of working with historical researcher and author Robert Zorn for the past fifteen years in an effort to better understand the specific and critical aspects of this investigation, including the crime scene behavior and the forensic evidence uncovered from the scene (s). In my opinion, this was a very complex crime, involving multiple motives and very likely multiple offenders, in spite of the identification and conviction of only one offender at the time, Bruno Hauptmann.

At this point, the use of DNA analysis could result in significant, new forensic findings that could shed light on additional suspects involved in the kidnapping. Any new findings would, of course, not result in new indictments or prosecutions, nor would they violate the privacy of the Lindbergh parents, or investigators from the New Jersey State Police or other law enforcement agencies involved in the investigation at the time, as all of these people are deceased. However, the identification and release of new, scientific findings would provide answers and truth to one of the most perplexing and high-profile crimes in our country. The only way to achieve this truth is through the use of DNA technology, considered the gold standard of forensic science today.

DNA technology is now being used on some of the most complex and challenging cold cases throughout the world. Using this technology to analyze some of the remaining evidence from the Lindbergh case, specifically some of the envelopes used to transmit the ransom letters, could reveal the identity of additional offenders, long thought to be involved in the case, but never identified/prosecuted. It is my understanding that currently, these historically significant envelopes are stored in a box on a shelf in a closet at the New Jersey State Police Museum and despite their potential value, they remain unexplored by most researchers. Given the accuracy of DNA testing methods today, and considering that DNA degrades over time, there is every compelling reason to act now, before there is nothing to test. Removing a small portion of an envelope flap for testing would not interfere with future study or preservation. According to my


DNA expert here at George Mason University, current DNA testing methods can recover DNA from as little as 1 nanogram or less of biological material or about 100 cells. To recover this tiny amount of DNA, forensic DNA analysts can work with samples as small as 1 to 2 square centimeters, or even smaller. Also, it is important to point out that it is a common practice to extract DNA from envelopes including licked stamps, envelope seals, and handled surfaces, with minimal to no visible damage to the evidence. For example, some labs may simply swab the adhesive side of envelopes without cutting the material at all.

Your honor, as you know the public's interest in the Lindbergh case has remained very strong over these past decades. Charles Lindbergh was one of most compelling, and high-profile figures of the 20th century, and to have this case continue to be shrouded in mystery and controversy, in spite of the advances in Forensic Science, is historically regrettable, and continues to preclude the public's right to know what really happened in the case and who the responsible parties are in the death of the Lindbergh child. Applying advanced DNA analysis to this evidence presents an extraordinary opportunity. The scientific community has the expertise, technology, and means to conduct this critical work responsibly and with care.

This may well become one of the most historically significant DNA investigations in the last century, and, in my opinion, it deserves to move forward in an effort to honor the public's right to know and to shine light on a world-famous mystery from ninety- three years ago.

I am honored to submit this letter to you. As a forensic scientist and someone who values transparency and complete and accurate crime scene analysis and interpretation no matter how old the case, I look forward to your opinion and the possibility of finally seeing this case resolved in its totality.

Sincerely


Mary Ellen O'Toole, PhD

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PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT P-19 – STATEMENT FROM MR. PATRICK BAMBURAK

PATRICK BAMBURAK

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April 13, 2025

To the Courts of New Jersey:

I am the great-grandnephew of New Jersey Governor Harold G. Hoffman, who served from 1935 to 1938. The Lindbergh kidnapping—with its many unresolved questions and my great-granduncle's decision to order the New Jersey State Police to continue investigating the case even after Bruno Richard Hauptmann's conviction—has been a deeply personal and enduring part of my life. I have devoted many years to researching this case, including making dozens of visits to the New Jersey State Police Museum. Unfortunately, the State's refusal to allow me continued access to pursue that research has significantly hindered my efforts to uncover the full truth.

Governor Hoffman believed that Bruno Richard Hauptmann was involved in the kidnapping of Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., but he was also convinced that Hauptmann did not act alone. He believed that other accomplices remained unidentified and unpunished. Hoffman also feared that rushing to execute Hauptmann would destroy the last opportunity to persuade him to confess and reveal the names of his co-conspirators.

Over the past thirteen years, I have conducted extensive research, including the design and execution of scientific experiments. These investigations included an acoustics study at the Lindbergh home and a field study at the site where Charlie Lindbergh's body was discovered—3.3 miles from the family's residence. The latter was carried out in collaboration with professors and graduate students from the forensic science department at George Mason University. My findings consistently point in one direction: while the State was correct to convict Hauptmann, he did not act alone—and he was not the leader of the kidnapping gang.

My experiments have included climbing a replica of the kidnap ladder. Based on its design, it is clear to me that it was intended to be used with someone standing beneath it, providing support. With a person bolstering it from underneath, the ladder transforms into an entirely different apparatus—one that feels stable and secure. This added support gives the climber a sense of safety and confidence while ascending.

The sketch that follows illustrates how I believe the baby was removed from his second-story nursery. He could not have been carried down the ladder—not even in the burlap bag found near his body, which contained traces of his blond hair. The climber would have needed both hands on the ladder to descend safely, making it impossible to carry the child at the same time.

You will note that the ladder was positioned to the side of the nursery window—I believe this was intentional, to keep it out of the way while the burlap bag was lowered to an accomplice waiting on the ground. Crucially, the ladder was placed to the right of the window. Upon reaching the top, the climber opened the unlocked window. He then reached over with his

dominant hand to grasp the window jamb, pulling himself inside while pushing off the ladder with his feet for leverage. Hauptmann was right-handed, as evidenced by how he carried a rifle in his right hand. (If he had been left-handed, it likely would have been noted when he was compelled to provide handwriting samples.) It is therefore logical to conclude that a left-handed individual climbed the ladder and entered the nursery. Significantly, the suspect I believe masterminded the crime, with Hauptmann as an accomplice, was a German immigrant from the Bronx named John Knoll. Knoll was left-handed.



Governor Hoffman understood that continuing the investigation would come at great personal and political cost. Once a leading contender for national office—including the vice presidency—he watched his political career unravel because he chose to pursue what he believed was right.

In that same spirit, I respectfully ask the Court to allow DNA testing of the Lindbergh ransom envelopes. Had the technology been available in his time, I believe Governor Hoffman would have championed its use in the pursuit of truth and justice. The public deserves answers that only modern science can now provide.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Patrick Bamburak

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT P-20 – STATEMENT FROM MR. ROBERT ZORN

ROBERT ZORN
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April 12, 2025

To the Courts of New Jersey:

I have long been a serious scholar of the Lindbergh kidnapping and of Charles Lindbergh himself. My book *Cemetery John: The Undiscovered Mastermind of the Lindbergh Kidnapping* was the basis for a PBS *NOVA* documentary. I currently have two additional books in progress—one a follow-up to *Cemetery John*, describing how the crime was planned and carried out, the other a biography of Charles Lindbergh.

Over the course of my work, I've made approximately 130 visits to the New Jersey State Police Museum, where key archival materials on the case are housed. My scholarship—and more broadly, the public's right to historical truth—has been significantly harmed by the State of New Jersey's refusal to allow me continued access to these materials.

After relocating from New Jersey to Texas, I returned to the museum to meet its new archivist, Greg Ferrara. I identified two specific files I wished to examine—files I had previously accessed and whose location I knew down to the shelf, box, and folder.

Mr. Ferrara informed me: "I'm sorry, but we're devising a new, streamlined system for requesting materials in the museum that's going to be of great benefit to researchers, and we haven't finished doing that yet. Sorry, but we can't give you access to any materials before we have the new system in place."

I was stunned. I had traveled across the country at significant personal expense, only to be denied access to files that Governor Brendan T. Byrne had explicitly opened to the public. Governor Byrne, who became a friend and supporter of my work, would have been extremely upset.

Only later did I come to recognize that I had been given the run-around. A scholar who has spent thousands of hours investigating this case deserves honest and straightforward treatment. On a subsequent trip, I again asked Mr. Ferrara for access to the files. He told me he would check with his superiors and get back to me. He never did. In a phone conversation, I asked Mr. Ferrara whether the Lindbergh baby was a healthy and normal child, seeking his perspective on a foundational question in the case.

He replied, "I haven't researched that yet."

I was shocked. The archivist overseeing one of the most significant crime archives in American history could not answer one of its most basic questions.

Why is the State of New Jersey no longer supporting meaningful, good-faith research into one of the most consequential crimes of the 20th century? What value is currently being added to the public?

The Scientific Opportunity Before Us

DNA testing, which has already played a critical role in uncovering the truth in countless cold cases, represents an unprecedented opportunity to apply modern science to a case that continues to raise serious unanswered questions. It offers a way to uncover knowledge that was once unattainable—a way to derive new information from old evidence.

I have a specific interest in determining whether DNA from the Lindbergh ransom envelopes matches that of John Knoll, my late father's former Bronx neighbor, whom I have identified as a likely co-conspirator of Hauptmann's in the crime.

By allowing these envelopes to be tested for DNA, the State of New Jersey has an opportunity to:

- Advance science
- Enhance historical accuracy
- Uphold public trust and show that it values the pursuit of truth
- Inspire students and future scientists nationwide

This is not theoretical: I've seen hundreds of students—from junior high to graduate school—light up with intellectual curiosity and purpose as they engage with the Lindbergh case.

These envelopes are not on display. They have sat for years, rarely examined, in a box on a shelf in a closet. It's time they be used to serve truth and be put to high purpose.

Historical Evidence Suppressed

Governor Byrne once told me that New Jersey Attorney General David T. Wilentz—the lead prosecutor in the Hauptmann trial—privately admitted to him that he believed that Hauptmann had accomplices. However, Wilentz presented Hauptmann to the jury as a lone actor because, as Byrne put it:

“It was the easiest path to a conviction. And what did the trial do for Wilentz? Why, it made him a celebrity!”

Wilentz, who never even visited the crime scene, fiercely protected this lone-wolf narrative for the rest of his life. Meanwhile, Harold G. Hoffman, the governor of New Jersey at the time of the trial, believed Hauptmann did not act alone. After leaving office, Hoffman launched a self-

funded, independent investigation, the records of which were donated by his family to the East Brunswick Museum in 1984.

When the donation was publicized in the papers, the New Jersey State Police were alarmed. They reached out to John Runyon, president of the East Brunswick Museum Corporation, and seized possession of all Lindbergh-related materials.

“They want the records after all this time because they’re hysterical about the fact that everyone was wrong,” Runyon said. “They are very concerned—and a lot of people are concerned—that the governor’s papers and all his materials could prove substantially that this fellow either didn’t act alone or wasn’t responsible for the kidnapping.”

Among the Hoffman documents were reports from state troopers and memos from Hoffman’s private investigation. One file describes a critical detail: when Dr. Condon (“Jafsie”), the ransom intermediary, viewed a police lineup after Hauptmann’s arrest, he asked each man to show his palms—searching for a distinct deformity in the left hand of the man he had met in Woodlawn Cemetery. Hauptmann had no such deformity. “He is not the man,” Condon said.

A July 27, 1934 report by Special Agent T.H. Sisk notes: “Dr. Condon furnishes pencil sketch of kidnapper’s left hand, together with his impressions of same—called it the ‘mutton chop’ hand.”

Hauptmann had no such feature.

Suppression of the Truth Continues

On the morning of the press conference pertaining to the Hoffman documents, the State Police were heard asking:

“Have you cleared it with the general?”

When Runyon asked who “the general” was, the response shocked him: David Wilentz, then an elderly man, was still being consulted about how to handle Lindbergh case materials—nearly half a century after the trial.

“Doesn’t that blow your mind?” Runyon asked.

Even basic physical trial evidence contradicts the State’s narrative. A photo shown at the Hauptmann trial—depicting a crisp footprint at the base of the ladder—suggests that the man descending the device landed firmly on the soft mud and in full control. This, of course, contradicts the State’s theory that the baby was fatally injured as the result of a man’s accidental fall from the ladder used to abduct him. This directly challenges the State’s long-held version of events.



This photograph served as an exhibit at the Hauptmann trial. No one in nearly a century has understood the critical importance of the footprint's crispness—how it clearly shows that Wilentz and the State of New Jersey got it wrong about Hauptmann's supposed fall from the kidnap ladder. There was no fall from the device when its side rails cracked.

My Personal Appeal

I have had respectful and cordial conversations—both over the phone and in person—with Lt. Gerard Tibbs, who has always been professional. However, I came away with the impression that protecting every square millimeter of every ransom envelope takes priority over justice, science, education, healing, illumination of the truth, and the public's right to know it.

The Lindberghs' daughter Reeve Lindbergh and their granddaughter Kristina Lindbergh continue to suffer under the weight of baseless conspiracy theories—including multiple horrific accusations that Charles Lindbergh orchestrated the crime. A week ago, I discussed over the phone one of these theories with Reeve—that her father had vivisected his son. To say the least, the tone of her voice in her response was that of a person who could not have been more sickened. DNA testing could help lay such sensationalistic speculation to rest and bring clarity and peace to the family. It is for this reason, more than any other, that I ask the Court to allow the ransom notes to be tested for DNA.

I am asking the Court to put principle over policy. The stakes are high—not just for history, but for truth, science, and public trust. This is a moment where New Jersey can lead the nation by allowing science to speak.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,


Robert Zorn

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT P-21 – STATEMENT FROM MR. GREG AHLGREN

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April 16, 2025

Dear Sirs:

In the early 1990's I, along with Stephen Monier, became interested in the Lindbergh case. The interest ultimately resulted in our 1993 book.

By way of background I am a 47-year career criminal defense attorney. Mr. Monier is a career law enforcement officer who has served the public as a detective, a chief of police, the President of the National Police Chiefs Association, and a U.S. Marshal. He's also written protocols for law enforcement organizations for methods in dealing with reports of missing children. You may remember him as the U.S. Marshal who handled the longest stand-off in U.S. Marshal history and brought it to a peaceful conclusion.

Prior to our 1993 book there appeared to be two schools of thought in the Lindbergh crime orbit. There were those who supported the verdict, and those who thought that someone else had done the kidnapping and that Hauptmann was wrongfully convicted.

We took a different tack. We approached this case as we believed that modern investigators would who received a report of a missing person, the presence of a ransom note, and a claim a child had been kidnapped. That means that nothing was discounted as a possibility.

By starting our analysis from scratch we came to the conclusion that the most likely explanation was that there had not been a stranger abduction, but rather that some domestic issue had transpired in the house, and that everything that happened subsequently was the result of the assumption at the get-go in the integrity of the original kidnapping claim. Law enforcement would not act that way today. No one, and no theory, would be discounted out of hand.

In the years since I have appeared on many documentaries on the case, ranging from ABC, Fox, The Travel Channel, the History Channel, the BBC, etc. etc. I am always asked the same question: What happened in the house that night? I always give the same answer, often to the disappointment of the interviewer: "No one knows."

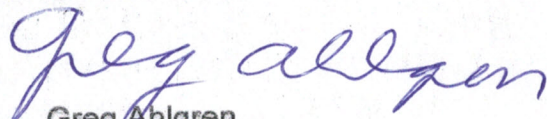
"But," I go on, "we are fairly confident that we know what probably did not happen. We don't find it likely that a kidnapper drove to a house where his target was not living only to find his target just happened to be there based on a parental decision made just hours earlier that day, placed a ladder against the side of the house at 9:15 pm. when everyone was up and about rather than waiting until everyone was asleep, just by luck

happened to put the ladder up to the room where the child was sleeping, just by luck placed the ladder adjacent to the only window in the house with a malfunctioning lock so that access to the house was gained, decided on his way out to meticulously wipe down the room eliminating all fingerprints, and then left behind a hand written note that no one found when they extensively searched the room looking for the baby. (It was later "found" propped on the window sill where earlier no note had been seen.)

Is it possible that there was a stranger abduction? Absolutely. Is it likely? Not in our opinion.

Students of this crime know that ransoms by three different groups were demanded, and that ransoms to two separate claimants were made. Could Hauptmann have been one of these extortionists? Well, we know someone was, so yes, it's possible.

However, the real question is what happened in the nursery on March 1, 1932 and who sealed the nursery ransom note? I hope that DNA analysis will finally provide the answer.


Greg Ahlgren

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT P-22 – STATEMENT FROM MR. STEPHEN MONIER

Stephen R. Monier

April 16, 2025

To the Honorable New Jersey Courts –

My name is Stephen Monier and I am a retired law enforcement officer with more than 38 years active-duty experience. I spent 30 years with the Goffstown, New Hampshire Police Department, the last 15 of which I served as the Chief of Police. Following my retirement from municipal law enforcement, I served for eight years as the Presidentially appointed U.S. Marshal for the District of New Hampshire.

In the early 1990's, Attorney Greg Ahlgren and I became very interested in the Lindbergh case. Greg Ahlgren is an esteemed and highly regarded criminal defense attorney with more than 47 years of trial work. During his tenure as a member of NH's citizen legislature, he helped author the revision of New Hampshire's Criminal Code.

While Greg focused on the evidence presented at the trial of Bruno Richard Hauptmann, both he and I also closely examined the investigation into the "kidnapping" and demands for ransom of baby Lindbergh. I also carefully analyzed the many biographies written about Charles Lindbergh, and importantly, his behaviors towards others, including his wife Anne. At the end of this process, I concluded that it was quite improbable that on the night of March 1, 1932, in a remote area of Hopewell, NJ, that this was a stranger abduction. Far more plausible was that it was an "inside" act of negligence that led to the death of the 20-month-old child of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. There are many theories and conflicting evidence in this case, which has been called, "The Crime of the Century," the eventual title of our 1993 book.

I urge the Court to allow the advanced, minimally invasive, DNA testing of the nursery ransom note, which will help answer a threshold question in this case. Who entered the nursery that night, and who took the child?

Respectfully,



Stephen R. Monier
U.S. Marshal (Ret)
District of New Hampshire

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT P-23 – STATEMENT FROM MR. CHUCK BRAVERMAN

To Whom it may concern:

I am a television producer and director working in both scripted and documentary for over 50 years. I have won a couple of Emmys, an Oscar nomination, and won the Best Feature film from the Directors Guild of America.

I was introduced to producer writer Wayne McDaniel about eight years ago and started discussing potential projects. It turns out Wayne is very well informed about everything regarding Charles Lindbergh. As a history buff, I thought I knew history, but nothing compared to Wayne and his Lindbergh researcher compatriots. I very quickly started reading books and learning everything I could. I visited the NJ State Police museum in 2018 and was amazed by the quantity of the Lindbergh exhibits. I became very interested in producing a film about Lindbergh and all the history surrounding him and his story.

As a part time adjunct professor at California State University Northridge, I was shocked to learn that most 20 year olds have no idea who Lindbergh was and what he accomplished. Most older adults know that Lindbergh was one of the best known people in the 20th century. But they have no idea how difficult or dangerous his flight across the Atlantic was or his other accomplishments and history.

Why is the NJ State Police museum not letting legit researchers into their museum to investigate documents for the sake of history? They spend thousands of dollars every year to maintain the exhibitions, but won't let us in to do our work?

Chuck Braverman

Chuck Braverman

April 12, 2025

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT P-24 – STATEMENT FROM MR. WAYNE MCDANIEL

To the Courts of New Jersey:

My name is Wayne McDaniel. I am a writer and producer who has dedicated the past eight years to a both documentary film and scripted series examining the Lindbergh kidnapping case. I have visited the New Jersey State Police Museum over 20 times to study key archival materials.

In 2017, I partnered with Emmy-winning, Oscar-nominated director Chuck Braverman.

On March 2, 2022, I contacted the NJSP Museum and spoke with the supervising Lieutenant. I explained that Chuck and I were doing a documentary and that we would like to test the DNA on the 13 Lindbergh ransom envelopes and the 10 stamps still attached to 11 of the envelopes.

I explained that we would be using a state-of-the art DNA laboratory and a world-renowned forensic genealogist to obtain the DNA from the envelope seals and stamps. I explained this would be done non-invasively as not to damage or destroy either. I also assured them that the total cost would be covered by us and that the NJSP would be the first to get the results of the DNA testing.

The Lieutenant heard me out and readily agreed that the DNA testing should be done, that we should have a definite answer after all these years. He conferred with another Lieutenant and their Captain and they even said that if it was up to them, they would allow us to do this the next day. But they said they would have to send our proposal up the chain of command.

A week later, I received an email from the NJSP which simply read: "Request denied."

When I called the Lieutenant he said he was not privy to the meeting and had no idea why our request was denied.

That's the last we have heard from them.

To summarize, we have the best DNA labs and genealogists willing to test the envelopes and stamps to find an answer to this case once and for all.

It is becoming increasingly strange—the Lindbergh archive at the NJSP Museum has been closed to all research for the last 13 months. In fact, if you call the current archivist at the museum today and ask him, "Who was the NJSP Colonel in 1985?" he is not allowed to answer.

Because of this, I ask the Court to prioritize scientific inquiry and transparency over bureaucratic policy. New Jersey stands at a crossroads where truth, history, and public trust must prevail.

Perhaps more than anything, what baffles me about this case is the lack of intellectual honesty by the State Police in their efforts to block truth. They are aware that at least three of the envelopes can be tested for DNA with absolutely no potential for harm to the documents at all. For example, this is the 11th ransom envelope. The State Police who know the facts of this case know that this envelope has a stamp on it which appears to have moved. They also know that the stamp can be swabbed for a forensic analysis without any possible damage. They refuse to allow

this to happen. I cannot understand why, as they are clearly violating the purpose and intent behind the New Jersey State Open Public Records Act and the Executive Order signed by Governor Byrne on October 9, 1981.



Additionally, I feel that the State has been dishonest in efforts for years now to have this conducted. In the Sudhakar case, the State told the Superior Court Judge that they would be open to testing at some point in the future. Their exact words from the trial transcript are below and include, "The State Police is not wholesale against any possible testing of these items in the future, but the State Police has made clear that they're unwilling to risk this form of potential damage to get this testing done. Maybe one day in the future, if the right test is proposed, the State Police would consider it and probably agree to it, but such is a collaborative effort and not one that we feel is inappropriate for the Court to compel us to do under OPRA."

1 interest as opposed to the public in general and,
 2 because it's a historical item, the interest of the
 3 future generations who may have -- also have an
 4 interest in this item.
 5 The State Police is not wholesale against any
 6 possible testing of these items in the future, but the
 7 State Police has made clear they're unwilling to risk
 8 this form of potential damage to get this testing
 9 done.
 10 Maybe one day in the future, if the right
 11 test is proposed, the State Police would consider it
 12 and probably agree to it, but such is a collaborative
 13 effort and not one that we feel is appropriate for the
 14 Court to compel us to do under OPRA or the common law.
 15 THE COURT: Thank you, sir. Anything
 16 further?
 17 MR. MEHTA: No, Your Honor. That's --
 18 THE COURT: And I didn't mean to encourage --
 19 I didn't mean to squelch.
 20 So if you have any further comments, please
 21 do let me know.
 22 MR. MEHTA: No, Your Honor.
 23 I believe our papers sufficiently addressed
 24 it and I do rely on them to the extent that -- if I
 25 haven't addressed anything here.

When I heard the attorney for the State, Vivek Mehta say these words, I was very excited to cooperate. I and many of the named people in this case sent photos and images and told the State exactly which letters could be sampled without any possibility of damage including the stamp on envelope 11. I also became excited by continued improvements in forensic testing, such as those of the three named expert in this case: Dr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Hellwig and Dr. Corthals.

I and many others did exactly what we thought the State Police wanted so that this could be resolved amicably, and they did not help us at all. Rather, the State continued and continues to block this effort every chance they get.

Their actions are unfair, and against the intentions of EO 110 and OPRA. They are preventing the public access to the only case which a Governor signed an Executive Order about for no reason at all.

I kindly ask that you rule in favor of the Plaintiffs, Jonathan Hagel, Michele Downie and Catherine Read.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Wayne McDaniel
 Wayne McDaniel

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT P-25 – STATEMENT FROM MR. RICH MCCLAUGHLIN

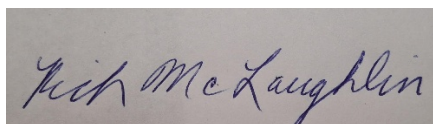
To Whom it may concern:

My name is Rich McLaughlin and I am a entrepreneur, small business coach, father and engaged citizen with an undergraduate degree from The College of New Jersey and a Master's degree from Ohio State university.

I have been interested in the Lindbergh Kidnapping case for a few years especially after finding out there is DNA evidence that can be pulled from the envelopes and stamps sent by the kidnappers. As you likely know, saliva DNA is tangible DNA that is very well preserved. I would like to know who sent these envelopes to Charles Lindbergh and his intermediaries and believe we have an opportunity to uncover who did that to potentially correct a historical injustice.

A few years ago, I began reading articles about the case and the possibility of obtaining DNA and the information contained on those stamps and envelopes. It is also my understanding that after this effort made national news in the New York Times, that Governor Byrne's Executive Order 110 has not been complied with and that the State Police Museum is currently blocking members of the public from accessing the Lindbergh documents despite the fact that the Open Public Records Act and Executive Order 110 allow members of the public to copy, examine and inspect those documents. It is also my understanding that this is the only criminal case in New Jersey's history that a Governor opened up the case file to the public in an Executive Order allowing members of the public to access all information in the case. I don't know how long it takes to write an SOP, but the New York Times article came out 1 year ago and members of the public still cannot access the information on those envelopes. Why?

I have now read articles about the case and believe learning the information from the saliva is in the public best interest The New Jersey Attorney General's Office's homepage proudly proclaims that it supports and is all about transparency. Blocking my request denies transparency. Given that we have the forensic ability to conduct these tests in a non-destructive manner and given that this case is the only one opened to the public to copy, examine and inspect, which are the same three words written in the New Jersey Open Public Records Act, there is no reason at all to deny this request, as I believe it is fully compliant with the purpose and intent of the New Jersey Open Records Act and of Governor Byrne's Executive Order 110.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rich McLaughlin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

April 12, 2025

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT P-26 – STATEMENT FROM MS. BARBARA JENSEN

Hello!

My name is Barbara Jensen, and I live at 106 Ingleside Ave, Pennington, NJ and teach English at Princeton University. I grew up outside Chicago. My dad was born in 1924 and was obsessed with Lindbergh.

My whole life, he talked about his amazing feat. When I moved to Hopewell 20 years ago, he also told me about the kidnapping (and urged me not to put my infant daughter on our screened-in porch to nap- Ha!). My father also taught me that he was just a man and human- and humans make mistakes. He also taught me that to be a good human, you are held accountable for your mistakes.

I know that there is evidence at the Police Museum that could undergo DNA testing that could reveal important information about what really happened to that little baby.

Please do the right thing and authorize DNA testing on the stamps and envelopes.

Thank you.

Barbara Jensen
Barbara Jensen

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April 12, 2025

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT P-27 – STATEMENT FROM DR. MARTIN DOLAN

FROM THE DESK OF

MARTIN JOSEPH DOLAN III, M.D.

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April 13, 2025

To the Courts of New Jersey:

I am a great-nephew of Michael Francis Malone, a special agent, of the United States Treasury Department's, Bureau of Internal Revenue's (IRS in 1953), Intelligence Unit (IRS Criminal Investigation Division in 1978) who worked on and was intimately connected to the Lindbergh Baby kidnapping case. I inherited my great uncle's files that have never been made publicly available. His documents, which remain in my possession, have provided me with keen and special insights into the crime.


As a matter of record, it was my uncle who for 18 months lived undercover with and "took down" Al Capone in October 1931. Lindbergh requested from his friend, the then Secretary of Treasury, Ogden Mills, to have that Capone team come help solved the kidnapping.

I have meticulously researched and examined the Lindbergh case over the years. I believe that Bruno Richard Hauptmann was guilty of involvement in the kidnapping. However, the evidence has convinced me that he did not act alone—and was not the leader of the kidnapping gang. For one thing, Hauptmann did not have a "fleshy mass" on his left thumb that was noted by intermediary Dr. Condon as the most prominent identifying physical feature of the kidnapper who became known as "Cemetery John."

I respectfully ask the Court to allow the Lindbergh ransom envelopes to be tested for DNA. The public has a right to know the full truth about this "Crime of the Century."

Thank you very much for your thoughtful consideration of my request.

Sincerely,



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**PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT P-28 – STATEMENT FROM RETIRED IRS SPECIAL AGENT
MARY FRANCIS MARTIN**

April 15, 2025

To the Courts of New Jersey:

I devoted twenty-seven years of my career as a Special Agent with IRS–Criminal Investigation. Over time, I’ve developed a deep professional interest in the Lindbergh kidnapping case. Under the leadership of Elmer R. Irey, the Treasury Department’s Investigative Unit played a pivotal role in developing the strategy that ultimately led to the arrest of Bruno Richard Hauptmann.

The jury’s verdict in the Hauptmann trial was just—he was, without question, guilty. However, compelling evidence also suggests that he did not act alone. For instance, the physical description of the man who collected the ransom money—the figure who became known as “Cemetery John”—does not match Hauptmann’s appearance. Most notably, Dr. John Condon, the intermediary during the ransom negotiations, specifically observed a deformity on Cemetery John’s left thumb. Hauptmann had no such deformity. In fact, when Condon first encountered Hauptmann in a New York jail following his arrest, his immediate reaction was, *“He is not the man.”*

For the sake of history and justice, I respectfully urge the Court to authorize DNA testing of the envelopes used in the Lindbergh ransom communications. This tragic event not only devastated Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh but also left a lasting mark on American criminal justice. After more than ninety years, the public deserves to know the full truth.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request.

Respectfully,


Mary Frances Martin

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PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT P-29 – STATEMENT FROM MR. JEFFREY BOYARSKY



Boyarsky, Jeffrey

I support the requirement to allow current DNA testing on all the Lindbergh kidnapping historical documents at the State Police Museum.

Advancement in DNA technology will allow the accurate information on whose DNA appears on the evidence/items not formerly tested. This is important case for all current and future criminal kidnapping cases. I am a long-term philatelist and mail history collector.

I am a member of the American Philatelic Society, and a professional Financial Consultant with Equitable Financial Advisors, LLC for over 45 years. I have gladly served over 1,000 NJ families in the financial planning objectives and needs for themselves and their loved ones. I am considered a Retirement Planning Specialist with a certificate from Wharton U of Pa. I have a BS in Accounting from Long Island University and have the credentials of CLU, ChFC, and RICP.

I live in Princeton Junction, NJ with my wife Diane of 54 years. We have 4 successful adult children all raised in NJ. We are also grateful for our three grandchildren!

History needs to be recorded and corrected wherever possible.

Diane and I are active - members of Congregation Beth Chaim in West Windsor NJ for over 45 years. I am also proud to be an officer in Trenton Cyrus Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

Jeffrey M. Boyarsky

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PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT P-30 – STATEMENT FROM MR. KYLE DEVLIN

To the New Jersey Courts,

My name is Kyle Devlin and I am a 2009 graduate of Hopewell Valley Central High School in Pennington, NJ and attended Temple University in Philadelphia, PA. I am employed at a small, family owned business that is rooted in Hopewell, NJ. I have worked there for 18 of the 19 years they have been in business. In the early 1900's, my great grandfather settled in Hopewell after completing his service as a merchant marine on the Lusitania. Since then, my family have dug their roots into the bedrock of this town. In continuation of my family's legacy and building my own life in this town, I write to you as a concerned citizen seeking truth.

Having a vested interest in this town, this state, this country and its history, I believe it is imperative that modern DNA technology is utilized to test the stamps on the envelopes to continue the discovery of new facts in the Lindbergh kidnapping case. Those licked stamps contain valuable information that rightfully belongs to the public by virtue of New Jersey Governor Brendan Byrne's signed Executive Order 110. I have read Governor Byrne's Executive Order and see no reason for this testing to not be done. If you read the Executive Order, it is abundantly clear that the purpose of EO 110 was to make any and all evidence in "the Lindbergh case" available to the public as an appeal to the wife of Bruno Richard Hauptmann, who filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the State of New Jersey after her husband was executed.

In the interest of the pursuit of truth, which is the pinnacle of our justice system and due process, it is necessary that DNA testing of the stamps on these envelopes is performed.

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**PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT P-31 – STATEMENT FROM MAYOR RONALD DANTZ,
KAMENZ, GERMANY**



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To the Courts of New Jersey

Petition for DNA Testing on the Lindbergh Ransom Envelopes

Dear Sir or Madam,

My name is Roland Dantz, and I am the Mayor of the city of Kamenz in Germany. Bruno Richard Hauptmann, who was convicted of the murder of Charles Lindbergh's son, hailed from our city. The case caused a huge interest already in the 1930s. This attention has remained present over the decades up to today. In November 2011, we organized a discussion forum at the town hall regarding the kidnapping case, as there was significant interest among the residents of Kamenz in the history of the Lindbergh family, the murder of their son, and the fate of the immigrant Bruno Richard Hauptmann.

In early 2012, a documentary titled "The Lindbergh Case – Crime of the Century" was produced by a major German news magazine, DER SPIEGEL, as part of a broadcast format. For that filming also took place here in Kamenz.

Naturally, this has sparked a strong interest on our part to revisit this case and any questions that may still remain open.

We have learned that there is an initiative in your state seeking permission to conduct DNA tests on the Lindbergh ransom notes. We would very much welcome the use of modern scientific methods to potentially gain new insights. I approach this with an open mind, considering three possible outcomes:

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1. The DNA of B. R. Hauptmann is not detected on the ransom notes.
2. Conversely, the evidence supports active involvement of B. R. Hauptmann.
3. Or, due to methodological or scientific reasons, the investigation yields no result.

As mentioned at the outset, Bruno Richard Hauptmann was from Kamenz. However, our city also has a perhaps even more renowned son: the Enlightener Gotthold Ephraim Lessing. It would surely be in the spirit of this great poet to eliminate prejudices and question judgments.

We kindly ask for your support regarding the concerns outlined in the attached documents, and we thank you in advance for your efforts.

Sincerely,



Roland Dantz
Mayor of the City of Kamenz,
birthplace of Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

Attachment: Petition Support



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To the Courts of New Jersey

Petition for DNA Testing on the Lindbergh Ransom Envelopes

Dear Sir or Madam,

I respectfully urge the New Jersey State Police to authorize modern DNA testing on the 13 ransom envelopes—and the 10 stamps affixed to 7 of them—connected to the infamous 1932 Lindbergh kidnapping case. These items are currently housed at the NJ State Police Museum in West Trenton, NJ.

Advancements in forensic science now allow for the non-invasive extraction of DNA from unsealed envelope seals without damaging or destroying the envelopes themselves. Testing these envelopes could provide a definitive answer as to whether Bruno Richard Hauptmann, the man executed for the crime, was truly guilty—or if justice was miscarried.

The Lindbergh case remains one of the most debated in American history. DNA analysis could settle lingering doubts once and for all, serving both historical accuracy and the pursuit of truth. We stand with historians, forensic experts, and the general public in supporting this crucial step toward clarity and justice. Every state has an Open Public Records Act, called OPRA for short. OPRA is designed to promote transparency of the Government and public awareness of Government actions and decisions concerning issues. On October 9, 1981, New Jersey Governor Brendan Byrne signed Executive Order 110, which opened up the Lindbergh kidnapping case file and exhibits to the public. This is the 1st and only criminal case in New Jersey's history in which a Governor opened the case file up to the public.

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The week that he did this, Bruno Richard Hauptmann's widow, Anna Hauptmann filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the State of New Jersey for wrongfully executing her husband.

Governor Byrne opened the case files and exhibits up to the public in EO 110 because he felt that NJ was not hiding anything, and he wanted to demonstrate to the public that Bruno Richard Hauptmann was guilty. DNA testing was not known in 1981, and would not become known until 1986. Had DNA testing existed in October 1981, there is little doubt Governor Byrne would have authorized DNA testing of the stamps and envelopes sent by the presumed kidnapper or kidnappers.

That moment has now come.

I call on the New Jersey State Police to authorize DNA testing on these envelopes and stamps to determine once and for all whose DNA information is contained on those exhibits.

Kind regards from the City of Kamenz



Roland Dantz
Mayor



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An die Gerichte von New Jersey

Petition für DNA-Tests an den Lindbergh- Erpressungsumschlägen

Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren,

mein Name ist Roland Dantz und ich bin Oberbürgermeister der Stadt Kamenz in Deutschland. Der für die Ermordung des Sohnes von Charles Lindbergh Verurteilte Bruno Richard Hauptmann stammte aus unserer Stadt. Der Fall sorgte bereits in den 1930er Jahren für großes Aufsehen. Diese Aufmerksamkeit ist über die Jahrzehnte bis zum heutigen Tag immer noch gegenwärtig. So veranstalteten wir im November 2011 eine Gesprächsrunde zum Entführungsfall im Rathaus, da in der Kamenzer Bevölkerung ein großes Interesse an der Geschichte der Familie Lindbergh, der Ermordung ihres Sohnes und dem Schicksal des Auswanderers Bruno Richard Hauptmanns bestand. Anfang 2012 entstand durch ein großes deutsches Nachrichtenmagazin „DER SPIEGEL“ in einem Sendeformat die Dokumentation „Der Lindbergh-Fall – Ein Jahrhundertverbrechen“, bei der auch hier in Kamenz gedreht wurde. Daraus resultiert vielleicht verständlicher Weise unsererseits ein großes Interesse, dass diesem Fall und den womöglich offen gebliebenen Fragen nachgegangen wird.

Wir haben verfolgt, dass es eine Initiative in Ihrem Bundesstaat gibt, die die Erlaubnis erwirken soll, DNA-Tests an den Lindbergh-Erpresserumschlägen durchführen zu lassen. Wir würden es sehr begrüßen, wenn wissenschaftliche Methoden der heutigen Zeit genutzt werden, um eventuell neue Erkenntnisse zu gewinnen.

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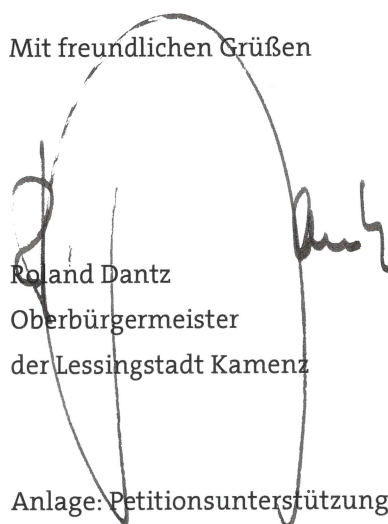
Dabei gehe ich unvoreingenommen davon aus, dass drei mögliche Ergebnisse eintreten können:

1. Die DNA von B. R. Hauptmann wird an den Briefumschlägen nicht nachgewiesen.
2. Das Gegenteil ist der Fall und die aktive Mittäterschaft von B.R. Hauptmann erhärtet sich.
3. Oder die Untersuchung bringt aus methodischen, naturwissenschaftlichen Gründen kein Ergebnis.

Wie eingangs erwähnt, stammt Bruno Richard Hauptmann aus Kamenz. Doch unsere Stadt hat einen noch durchaus bekannteren Sohn; den Aufklärer Gotthold Ephraim Lessing. Es wäre sicher im Geiste des großen Dichters, Vorurteile zu beseitigen und Urteile zu hinterfragen.

Wir bitten Sie, dass in der Anlage enthaltene Anliegen zur unterstützen, und bedanken uns schon im Voraus für Ihre Mühen.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen



Roland Dantz
Oberbürgermeister
der Lessingstadt Kamenz

Anlage: Petitionsunterstützung



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An die Gerichte von New Jersey

Petition für DNA-Tests an den Lindbergh-Erpressungsumschlägen

Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren,

ich bitte respektvoll die Polizei von New Jersey, moderne DNA-Tests an den 13 Erpressungsumschlägen sowie den 10 Briefmarken, die an 7 von ihnen angebracht sind, im Zusammenhang mit dem berühmten Lindbergh-Kidnapping-Fall von 1932 zu genehmigen. Diese Gegenstände befinden sich derzeit im Museum der Polizei von New Jersey in West Trenton, NJ. Fortschritte in der forensischen Wissenschaft ermöglichen heute die nicht-invasive Extraktion von DNA aus unversehrten Umschlagverschlüssen, ohne die Umschläge selbst zu beschädigen oder zu zerstören. Das Testen dieser Umschläge könnte eine endgültige Antwort darauf liefern, ob Bruno Richard Hauptmann, der für das Verbrechen hingerichtete Mann, wirklich schuldig war – oder ob die Gerechtigkeit falsch ausgelegt wurde.

Der Lindbergh-Fall bleibt einer der am meisten diskutierten in der amerikanischen Geschichte. DNA-Analysen könnten Zweifel endgültig ausräumen und sowohl der historischen Genauigkeit als auch der Wahrheitsfindung dienen. Wir stehen hinter Historikern, forensischen Experten und der Öffentlichkeit, um diesen entscheidenden Schritt in Richtung Klarheit und Gerechtigkeit zu unterstützen. Jeder Bundesstaat hat ein Gesetz namens OPRA (Open Public Records Act), das Transparenz der Regierung und das öffentliche Bewusstsein für Regierungsmaßnahmen und Entscheidungen fördern soll. Am 9. Oktober 1981 unterzeichnete Gouverneur Brendan Byrne in New

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Jersey die Exekutivverordnung 110, die die Akten und Beweismittel des Lindbergh-Kidnapping-Falls für die Öffentlichkeit zugänglich machte. Dies ist der erste und einzige Kriminalfall in der Geschichte New Jerseys, bei dem ein Gouverneur die Akten für die Öffentlichkeit geöffnet hat.

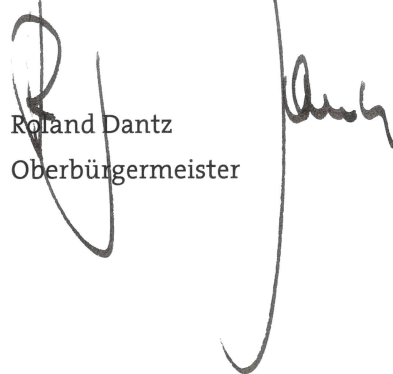
In der Woche, in der er dies tat, reichte die Witwe von Bruno Richard Hauptmann, Anna Hauptmann, eine Klage wegen falscher Todesursache gegen den Staat New Jersey ein, weil ihr Ehemann ungerechtfertigt hingerichtet wurde.

Gouverneur Byrne öffnete die Akten und Beweismittel für die Öffentlichkeit in EO 110, weil er der Meinung war, dass New Jersey nichts zu verbergen hatte, und er wollte der Öffentlichkeit zeigen, dass Bruno Richard Hauptmann schuldig war. DNA-Tests waren 1981 noch nicht bekannt und wurden erst 1986 allgemein zugänglich. Hätte es im Oktober 1981 DNA-Tests gegeben, zweifelt kaum jemand daran, dass Gouverneur Byrne die DNA-Tests an den Briefmarken und Umschlägen, die vom mutmaßlichen Entführer oder den Entführern verschickt wurden, genehmigt hätte.

Dieser Moment ist jetzt gekommen.

Ich rufe die Polizei von New Jersey auf, DNA-Tests an diesen Umschlägen und Briefmarken zu genehmigen, um endgültig festzustellen, wessen DNA auf diesen Beweisen enthalten ist.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen aus der Lessingstadt Kamenz


Roland Dantz
Oberbürgermeister

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT P-32 – STATEMENT FROM MR. JAYCE DECOUD

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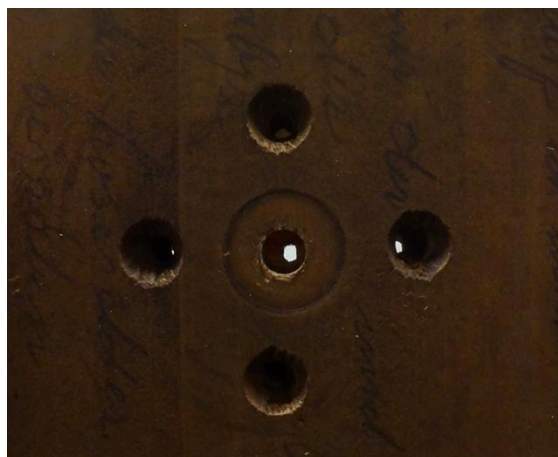
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To the Courts of New Jersey:

My name is Jayce Decoud and my mom is helping me write this letter. I am seven years old and have been fascinated by science for as long as I can remember. I am going to be a scientist. My main interest is in planetary science. I can tell you about constellations that most grown-ups have never heard of and tell you all about them and why they are important and so interesting.

I want kids like me to get interested in science. The DNA testing of the Lindbergh ransom envelopes would be fascinating and could end up showing kids and people of all ages how amazing it is to watch science work.

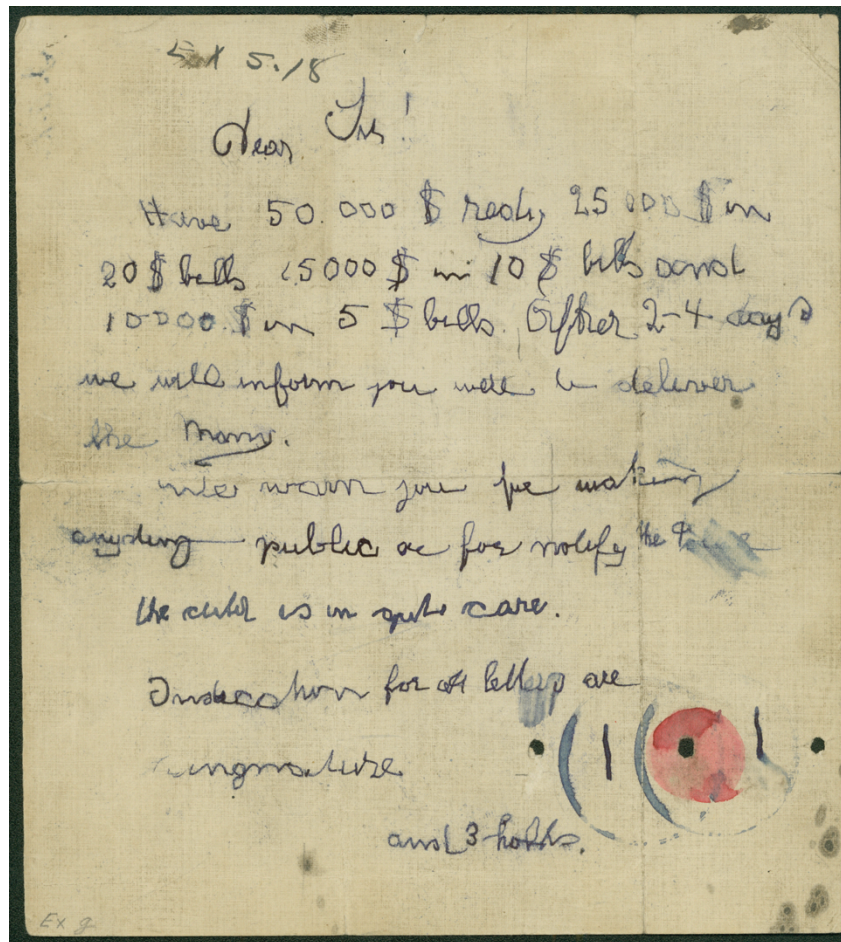
There was a big article in *The New York Times* years ago about a table board that became the source of controversy and speculation. People who had written books about the kidnapping claimed it was used to make the three holes that were a prominent feature in the ransom notes. As the image on the next page shows, the holes appear in the lower right-hand corner of the note. Several weeks ago, I conducted an experiment with a to-scale replica of the first ransom note. In this experiment, I measured the distance between the three holes, which are in a straight line. I carried out this experiment under the guidance of a friend who has studied the crime for a long time.



The first ransom note was placed on top of a light table, and then the table board was placed on top of the note. There are five holes in the board—one in the middle, and four others at 12, 3, 6, and 9 o'clock.

To the naked eye, the holes appear to be spaced equally apart, with the center hole appearing to be about an inch away from the ones on the left and the right. But when I took out my ruler, I discovered that the holes are not spaced equally apart after all. The center hole is 1 1/8 inches from the left hole and exactly 1 inch from the right hole. The table board has a big hole in the center with smaller holes equally spaced away from it at 12, 3, 6, and 9 o'clock. On one side of the board someone wrote in German that they were the real kidnapper of the Lindberghs' baby, not Hauptmann.

My experiment proved that the table board could not have been used to make the holes in the ransom notes—therefore, it was a hoax. This is an example of how science works in proving whether something is true or not.



The holes in the ransom note are not spaced equally apart. This proves that the table board could not have been used to make them. It was a hoax.

I am respectfully asking the Court to allow the Lindbergh ransom envelopes to be tested for DNA. The science of DNA will help us learn the truth about the crime, just as I have used an experiment to reveal the truth about the table board. And I think that the testing of the envelopes for DNA will get lots of kids of all ages interested in undertaking science as a career as I have decided to do.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Jayce Decoud

Jayce Decoud