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REPORT SUMMARY // DETECTIVE MANDY L. SCHWARTZ #8526 / CAD 9416

In Custody Death of Nicholas J. Sonsthagen [REDACTED]

This report will serve as the summary of the in custody death investigation of Milwaukee County Criminal Justice Facility (CJF), Inmate Nicholas Sonsthagen, which occurred on 03/14/2021 at 23:59 hours.

Sonsthagen had been assigned to Housing Unit 3A, Cell 7, at CJF. He was found unresponsive in his cell on 03/14/2021 at approximately 23:31 hours. Staff observed Sonsthagen from the exterior of the cell, hanging from a bunk bed with a sheet tied around his neck as ligature, with his back toward the bunk bed. Responding officers obtained the proper key, at which time they were able to enter into the cell. Staff utilized a 911 tool to cut the ligature and ultimately determined that he was in a pulseless non-breathing status. Staff from the CJF and the Milwaukee Fire Department (MFD) attempted life resuscitating efforts. CPR and an AED were used to provide patient care, in addition to other medical attention. The Milwaukee County Medical Examiner performed an autopsy on Sontshagen on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at approximately 08:30 hours.

The Waukesha County Sheriff's Department (WKS0) was contacted and was requested to respond as the lead investigative agency per Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) policy.

WKS0 responded with Captain Frank McElderry (Supervisor in Charge) and the following additional staff:

Lieutenant Nicholas Ollinger, Lead Investigator Detective Tim Loberg, Lead Investigator Detective Mandy Schwartz, Co-Lead Investigator Detective Daniel Coats, Detective Kohl, Detective Schroeder, Detective Conrad, Detective Roeglin, Detective Herrmann and Detective Rarick.

Investigators present from the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office:

DA Investigator Thomas Meverden

DA Investigator Anna Linden

Investigator present from the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office:

Jail Commander Inspector Aaron Dobson
Detective Brian Conte
Detective Brian Morgan

Assigned Milwaukee County Assistant Medical Examiner:

Assistant Medical Examiner Jacob B. Smith, MD

Briefing upon arrival:

Upon arrival at CJF, all listed investigators were briefed by Jail Commander Dobson. Dobson advised the CJF Inmate Nicholas J. Sonsthagen [REDACTED] had been housed at that facility, conveyed there previously by the Milwaukee Police Department, for two counts of felon in possession of a firearm, one count of possession with intent to deliver controlled substance(s), and one count of possession of THC. Dobson advised that Sonsthagen had been at the facility since 03/10/2021, where he was originally admitted into POD 3C, at roughly 03:42 hours. Sonsthagen was later reassigned to POD 3A, cell 7, the same location in which Sonsthagen was found earlier in the evening with a bed sheet tied around his neck as a ligature. Lastly, Dobson was aware that Correctional Officers had last checked on Sonsthagen on 03/14/2021 at 22:56 hours, and that the Milwaukee Fire Department had pronounced Sonsthagen deceased at 23:59 hours the same evening.

Surveillance Video:

The following information of evidentiary value was located while reviewing surveillance video:

21:09:42 thru 21:09:51; Appears medical staff and correctional staff are at Sonsthagen's cell
21:29:26 thru 21:31:52; Correctional officer responds to a red light alarm above cell 11
21:45:38; Correctional officer walks by cell
21:56:55; Correctional officer walks by cell
22:27:17; Correctional officer walks by cell
22:54:43; Correctional officer walks by cell
22:55:01; Second camera view begins in which cell 7 can be observed. The light in cell 7 is off
23:20:46; Correctional officer and medical staff enter Housing Unit and speak with inmate in cell 1
23:22:08; Second correctional officer enters the Housing Unit
23:22:21; Second correctional officer begins walking towards Cell 7, gets stopped by inmate from Cell 5; video cuts out at 23:22:27
23:22:55; Correctional officer at Cell 7 can be seen yelling towards initial correctional officer and medical staff
23:23:12; Medical staff arrives at Cell 7
23:23:31; Door to Cell 7 is opened
23:23:34; Correctional officer enters Cell 7
23:23:35; Correctional officer turns the light on in Cell 7 and exits
23:23:36; Correctional officer and medical staff stand outside of cell door
23:23:41; Correctional officer at officer station can be seen transmitting his radio, which is on his left shoulder
23:24:21; Correctional officer at Cell 7 appears to point inside of the cell and

look towards the correctional officer at the officer station, at which point the correctional officer at the officer station puts his hands up in the air
23:24:25 thru 23:24:50; Correctional officer at the officer station begins walking towards Cell 7. As he is approximately halfway there, he turns back and can be seen transmitting on his radio before returning to the officer station.
23:24:53; A third correctional officer enters the Housing Unit and can be seen running directly to Cell 7
23:24:59; Third correctional officer enter Cell 7
23:25:00; Correctional officer who was standing at Cell 7 and medical staff enter the cell
23:25:11; An additional three correctional officers enter the Housing Unit as the correctional officer who was standing by at Cell 7 begins running toward the exit
23:25:15; The correctional officer previously standing by at cell door exits the Housing Unit
23:25:20; Correctional officer, possibly a supervisor based on the shoulder patch, enters into Cell 7
23:25:21; Two additional correctional officers enter Cell 7
23:25:31; An additional correctional officer enters the Housing Unit and runs directly to Cell 7
23:25:46; The correctional officer who previously left returned to the Housing Unit, re-entering Cell 7 at 23:25:50
23:25:58 thru 23:26:20; Video cuts out
23:26:22; An additional supervisor, as well as additional medical staff arrive to the Housing unit and respond directly to Cell 7
23:28:35 thru 23:28:38; Video cuts out
23:28:55; Additional staff with orange medical bag and what appears to be an AED enter the Housing Unit
23:29:08; Item believed to be an AED enters Cell 7
23:29:43 thru 23:29:57; Video cuts out
23:30:21; Additional medical staff individual and correctional officer carrying a dark colored bag enter the Housing Unit and responds directly to Cell 7. The bag is placed on the nursing cart
23:31:23 thru 23:31:41; Video cuts out
23:32:08; Staff can be seen utilizing orange medical bag
23:32:11 thru 23:32:55; Video cuts out
23:33:20 thru 23:33:24; Video cuts out
23:33:34 thru 23:33:45 Video cuts out
23:34:46 thru 23:35:23; Video cuts out
23:35:33 thru 23:36:25; Video cuts out
23:36:42; Milwaukee Fire Department personnel enter the Housing Unit and respond directly to Cell 7
23:37:02; Milwaukee Fire Department Personnel enter Cell 7
23:37:03 thru 23:38:25; Video cuts out
23:38:25; Sonsthagen has been removed from the cell and CPR is in progress by Milwaukee Fire Department Personnel
23:39:24 thru 23:39:42; Video cuts out
23:39:42; Lifesaving efforts still ongoing by Milwaukee Fire Department personnel
23:40:16 thru 23:40:32; Video cuts out
23:40:32; Lifesaving efforts are still ongoing by Milwaukee Fire Department personnel
23:41:04 thru 23:41:36, Video cuts out

23:41:36; Lifesaving efforts are still ongoing by Milwaukee Fire Department personnel and additional Milwaukee Fire Department personnel enters the Housing Unit with an ambulance cot

23:45:20 thru 23:46:17; Video cuts out

23:46:17; Lifesaving efforts are still ongoing by Milwaukee Fire Department personnel

23:47:44 thru 23:57:34; Video cuts out

23:57:34; It appears as if lifesaving efforts have been exhausted as Milwaukee Fire Department personnel are no longer conducting CPR and are cleaning up equipment

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00:00:05; Door to Cell 7 is closed

00:02:01 thru 00:02:30; Video cuts out

00:03:01; Sonsthagen is covered by a sheet

00:03:36 thru 00:04:00; Video cuts out

00:04:16 thru 00:05:40; Video cuts out

00:06:16 thru 00:06:39; Video cuts out

00:06:56; Milwaukee Fire Department personnel exit the Housing Unit

00:07:06 thru 00:09:32; Video cuts out

00:20:35 thru 00:23:27; Video cuts out

00:25:10; Video ends. Sonsthagen remains covered up, laying on his back on the floor, and the door to Cell 7 remained closed.

Crime Scene - Pod 3A, Cell 7:

Detective Rarick was assigned to process and photograph Sonsthagen's cell. Detective Rarick did take photographs of the interior of Cell 7 and the body. Detective Rarick did locate a white bed sheet, which appeared to have been knotted, lying on the floor directly below the bottom bunk. Also located were bloody tissues, a fork with traces of blood, and there were also additional items located within the cell that were not of evidentiary value. Detective Rarick did complete a report regarding the processing of Sonsthagen's cell.

Interviews Conducted:

Correctional Officer Hall, Correctional Lieutenant Dingman, RN Market, RN Redd, Correctional Officer Clark, Correctional Officer Smith, Nurse Supervisor Lee, Correctional Officer Kallie, Correctional Officer Abramowski, RN Schnoebelen, Correctional Officer Knox, Correctional Officer Hont, Correctional Officer Trello, Correctional Officer Nowak, Correctional Officer Ramsey, additionally several inmates housed within the same housing unit were also interviewed.

Summary of interview with Correctional Officer Hall:

CO Hall was assigned to third-floor control, his duties included monitoring the housing units and assisting with the 30 minute checks. CO Hall indicated that he believed he began his last check of the housing unit at approximately 2316 hours. CO Hall indicated that when he arrived at Cell 7, he observed inmate Nicholas Sonsthagen hanging from a bed sheet with his back placed up against the bunk. CO Hall stated that he immediately radioed Master Control for assistance. As well as advised his partner CO Knox that he needed the key from Master Control to open the cell door. CO Hall stated that CO Knox was able to obtain the correct key and assist with opening the cell door. CO Hall indicated that due to the appearance of the coloration of the skin and face, the inmate was

beyond help. CO Hall stated that he was eventually able to utilize a 911 tool to cut the bedsheet and remove the inmate from the cell and begin CPR. CO Hall stated that he assisted with life saving measures until Milwaukee Fire Department arrived on scene. CO Hall also indicated that he did not have any notable contact with the inmate or any issue within the pod prior to the incident.

Summary of interview with Correctional Lieutenant Dingman:

Lieutenant Dingman indicated that he was assigned to oversee the Housing Units. His duties were to include tour of each unit, ensure that the rounds have been completed, keys are accounted for, and to respond to incidents occurring within the jail. Lieutenant Dingman heard the radio transmission of an inmate self-harming in pod 3A. Lieutenant Dingman indicated that upon his arrival to pod 3A, the nurse was already present and was assisting two additional correctional officers lift the inmate to the floor to begin life saving efforts. Lieutenant Dingman indicated that an AED was applied and no shock was advised. When the Milwaukee Fire Department arrived on scene they then assumed the life saving efforts until approximately 2359 hours. Lieutenant Dingman stated that he did not have any interactions with the deceased inmate, there were also no issues within the pod prior to this incident.

Summary of interview with RN Market:

RN Market indicated that she works for a contracted company, Wellpath. RN Market stated that her duties for her assigned shift was as the detox nurse. RN Market's duties included that of medicating inmates suffering from various withdrawals. RN Market was already in the housing unit at cell 1 at the time of this incident providing care to the inmate housed within that cell. RN Market observed CO Hall yelling for assistance and Officer Knox running. RN Market stated that upon her arrival to cell 7, she was able to tell that the inmate was deceased. RN Market entered into the cell with CO Abramowski to assist the inmate. RN Market stated that after the bedsheet and the inmate had been cut down and lowered to the ground, she noted that there was no pulse and assisted with CPR.

Summary of interview with RN Redd:

RN Redd indicated that she works for a contracted company, Wellpath. RN Redd stated that her shift assignment was to the booking room area. RN Redd stated that she heard a radio transmission for assistance as well as a 911 tool. RN Redd was listening for the need for additional staff and assistance. When RN Redd heard that CPR had been started, she and another nurse left the booking area to the third floor to assist. RN Redd stated that she had prepared oxygen and brought it with them. RN Redd stated that she arrived to the scene at approximately 2333 hours. Upon RN Redd's arrival, she did recognize the inmate and had contact with him during his jail pre-screening. RN Redd stated that the inmate's demeanor was calm and he advised her that he would withdrawal from Xanax and heroin. RN Redd also stated that the inmate did not make any suicidal statements during the pre-screening process.

Summary of interview with CO Clark:

CO Clark stated that she was assigned to the booking area to classify inmates during her shift. CO Clark stated that she was in the booking office when she

heard a radio transmission she believed sounded like an inmate was self-harming. CO Clark left the booking area at approximately 2325 hours, then meeting Lieutenant Dingman and Co Ambramowski, taking the elevator together to pod 3A. Co Clark stated that upon her arrival to the scene, she entered into the cell and assisted by attempting to lift the inmate's legs. CO Clark stated the inmate was already in a seated type position, with a bedsheet wrapped around his neck, which was suspended from the upper bunk. CO Clark attempted to lift the inmate's legs in an attempt to help take the weight off of the sheet wrapped around his neck. While CO Clark was assisting with holding the inmate CO Hall returned to the cell equipped with a 911 tool. CO Clark stated that the cell became crowded as a result she backed out. CO Clark stated that she responded to the fourth floor to obtain an additional 911 tool, upon her arrival back to the housing unit, the 911 tool she retrieved was not needed. At that time, CO Clark observed a male inmate on the floor with nothing around his neck. CO Clark observed other staff members conducting CPR life saving measures on the inmate. Co Clark indicated that she did not have any contact with Inmate Nicholas Sonsthagen.

Summary of interview with CO Smith:

CO Smith stated that she was assigned to the AFIS room located in the booking area for her assigned shift. CO Smith stated that at approximately 11:27pm she heard a radio transmission for an inmate causing self-harm. CO Smith stated that she arrived in Pod 3A, and observed the door to cell #7 opened. CO Smith stated that when she arrived at the cell, she observed nurse China attempting to hold the inmate up off of the ground. CO Smith stated that LT Dingman took over the place of nurse China. CO Smith then placed herself between the two bunks and attempted to untie the knot form the bedsheets. CO Smith was not able to loosen or untie the knot. CO Smith stated that on the night Sonsthagen arrived into the jail she did have brief contact with him. CO Smith was assigned to the classification section in the booking area and reviewed the area of the jail in which Sonsthagen had been placed. CO Smith stated that other than Sonsthagen asking her for a pin number to place telephone calls, she did not have any additional contact with Sonsthagen. CO Smith stated that during the duration of the emergency call she assisted in the pod with cell checks on the other inmates housed within the pod, as well as documented the staff on scene assisting with the emergency call.

Summary of interview with Nursing Supervisor Choua Lee:

Nursing Supervisor Choua Lee stated that he responds to all medical emergency calls within the jail along with other nurses on staff. Lee indicated that he had heard a radio transmission that an inmate was self-harming in pod 3A. Upon Lee's arrival, he observed the door to cell #7 open and officers inside of the cell with nurse China. Lee stated that nurse China was performing CPR and he had begun placing the AED pads on the inmate. Lee stated that the AED analyzed the inmate two times, and each time there was no shockable rhythm. Lee stated that he requested an oxygen bag to administer the rescue breaths. Lee indicated that the inmate was motionless and he never observed the inmate regain consciousness. Lee did not have any other contact with Sonsthagen.

Summary of interview with CO Kallie:

CO Kallie responded from the fourth floor of CJF when he heard the radio

transmission of an inmate self-harming in pod 3A. CO Kallie indicated that his assignment for his shift was known as breaks and med pass. CO Kallie described this position as being available for the needs of the jail at any time for the duration of his shift. When CO Kallie arrived on scene he observed an inmate hanging from a bunkbed with a sheet around his neck. CO Kallie took a position to the side of the inmate and assisted with lifting him to take pressure off of the bedsheets tied around the neck of the inmate. CO Kallie stated that when the inmate and the bedsheets had been cut down off of the bunkbed, everyone present lowered the inmate's body to the ground to begin life saving measures. CO Kallie stated that his role was securing the inmate's head. CO Kallie then administered rescue breaths when he was provided a mask to do so, later breaths were administered with a breathing bag. CO Kallie had taken over chest compressions at some point during the process of CPR cycles. CO Kallie had made mention of the appearance of the inmate's skin being a blue/gray, and the aroma of fecal matter while assisting with life saving measures.

Summary of interview with CO Abramowski:

CO Abramowski indicated that he had heard a call for a medical issue in pod 3A. CO Abramowski stated that upon his arrival he observed a male inmate hanging with a sheet around his neck. CO Abramowski stated that he and a nurse entered into the cell and attempted to hold the individual up to relieve pressure off of his neck. CO Abramowski described the life saving measures being performed by many different CO's and medical staff members. CO Abramowski stated that at some point he was relieved of his duties and went to prepare himself to travel with transport of the inmate to the hospital. CO Abramowski stated that when he returned to the housing unit, he was present when the inmate was pronounced deceased and he no longer needed to assist with a transport of the inmate to the hospital.

Summary of interview with Nurse Schnoebelen:

Nurse Schnoebelen stated that she had heard a call for medical assistance to pod 3A. Nurse Schnoebelen stated that her assignment for her shift was in the booking area. Nurse Schnoebelen stated that upon her arrival to pod 3A she observed life saving measures being performed. Nurse Schnoebelen stated that she had stood by and was available to assist with taking over life saving measures if requested to do so. Nurse Schnoebelen stated that she was familiar with the inmate from the time he entered into the jail on Thursday morning. Nurse Schnoebelen stated that she conducted a second screening on him in the booking area. Nurse Schnoebelen was able to recall that the inmate's name was Nicholas Sonsthagen. Nurse Schnoebelen was able to recall that Sonsthagen was on watch for detox and appeared to be sleepy while answering her screening questions.

Summary of interview with CO Knox:

CO Knox had been in housing unit 3A at the time of the medical emergency call. CO Knox stated that he was performing detox checks with a nurse. At the time of the call CO Knox and the nurse were at cell #1. CO Knox stated that from the position he was at in the housing unit, he could not see into cell #7. CO Knox took a position at the officer's station and made a radio transmission for medical assistance, inmate self-harm. CO Knox indicated that he remained at the officer's station to allow access to all responding staff to the housing unit.

CO Knox stated that once staff was inside of the housing unit, Sonsthagen was removed from the cell and medical attention was provided to him. CO Knox did not have any contacts with Sonsthagen while he was housed at CJF.

Summary of interview with CO Hont:

CO Hont stated that at the beginning of her shift she had performed a check of the pod. CO Hont was able to recall that she started her pod check at cell #1. CO Hont recalled at the time of her initial pod check, Sonsthagen was standing at the door to his cell. CO Hont did not have a reason to believe that Sonsthagen was in distress or required any assistance. CO Hont stated that she conducted another pod check and at that time Sonsthagen was seated on his bed, there was no communication between the two of them. It was when CO Hall had conducted a pod check that Sonsthagen was located within the cell at approximately 2316 hours. CO Hall indicated that Sonsthagen was self-harming. CO Hont's shift assignment required her to periodically be in and out of the housing unit to conduct her other shift assignments. CO Hont remained at the floor control station during the duration of the medical emergency call for service. CO Hont did not have any additional knowledge other than that of her two pod checks.

Summary of interview with CO Trello:

CO Trello was assigned to unit 4B on an overtime shift during the medical emergency call for service in unit 3A. CO Trello recalled hearing the call for service. CO Trello stated that he had responded to unit 3A when a different officer returned to unit 4B. CO Trello stated that he obtained a 911 tool, which is a cutting tool needed when responding to this type of call for service. Upon CO Trello's arrival to the unit, he observed Sonsthagen had already been cut down. CO Trello remained in the area for approximately ten minutes incase additional assistance was needed. CO Trello stated that the area was small and there was already a lot of staff members present. CO Trello stated that he did not take any action, nor did he touch any items of evidentiary value. CO Trello stated that he did not have any interactions with Sonsthagen while he was in the custody of CJF.

Summary of interview with CO Nowak:

CO Nowak stated that he was assigned as a med pass officer and also provided breaks to other staff members. CO Nowak stated that he had heard a frantic radio transmission, as a result responded to the emergency. CO Nowak stated when he arrived on scene there were already staff members on scene attempting to cut the inmate down. CO Nowak stated that due to the number of staff members already inside of the cell and tending to the inmate, he did not enter into the cell. CO Nowak stated that there was a request for an additional 911 tool. As a result, CO Nowak left the unit in an attempt to locate an additional 911 tool. CO Nowak stated that when he arrived back at the housing unit with an additional 911 tool, staff members were already performing life saving measures. CO Nowak also stated that he did not have any contact with Sonsthagen while housed at CJF.

Summary of interview with CO Ramsey:

CO Ramsey indicated that he did recall hearing a call for service transmitted over the radio. CO Ramsey responded to the scene. Upon his arrival, there were

already several staff members tending to the inmate. CO Ramsey remained in the area and awaited additional direction. CO Ramsey stated that he did exit the unit to obtain an additional medical kit. CO Ramsey did not perform CPR or assist with cutting the inmate down. CO Ramsey stated that he remained outside of the housing unit for approximately thirty minutes before returning to his assigned duty post. CO Ramsey did not know who the inmate was and did not have any contacts with the inmate.

EMS Involvement:

Documentation was received from MFD as to their involvement in this matter, which has been attached to this report for reference. Those reports reflect that on 03/14/2021 at 23:30:54 hours, MFD was en route to the Milwaukee County Jail and arrived to the facility at 23:36:53 hours. The call was cleared by their agency on 03/15/2021 at 00:00:28 hours. Sonsthagen was not transported as he was pronounced deceased on the scene.

Autopsy and cause of death:

On 03/16/2021, Detective Kohl did attend the autopsy of Sonsthagen at the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office. Detective Kohl did observe ligature marks on both sides of Sonsthagen's neck, as well as an injury to his left wrist. On 07/21/2021, the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office did provide a final copy of their report, signed by Assistant Medical Examiner, Jacob B. Smith, MD. This report has been included for reference. The report indicates that the manner of death [REDACTED]

Incident/Death notification:

On the morning of 03/15/2021 at approximately 0350 hours, Detectives Coats and Roeglin made contact in person with Melissa Paradowski, the girlfriend of Nicholas Sonsthagen. A brief interview was conducted with Melissa to obtain additional information about Sonsthagen. On 03/15/2021 at approximately 0445 hours, Detectives Coats and Roeglin also made contact in person with Irving and Patricia Sonsthagen, the parents of Nicholas Sonsthagen. A brief interview was conducted to obtain additional information about Sonsthagen. These interviews were audio recorded and have been attached to this report for review in their entirety.

Additional Evidence Obtained/Reviewed:

City of Milwaukee Fire Department run report, Milwaukee County Arrest Detention Report, Wellpath Suicide Watch Initial Assessment, Milwaukee County Emergency Management AED Download Report, #A Door Reports, Daily Shift Assignments, Mail Log List, Inmate Movement History, Visitors Log, Milwaukee County Booking Sheet, Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office Name Detail Log, Diagram of pod 3A, Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department CAD Activity Detail Report, Inmate Communication System Call Records, Sonsthagen's Cellphone extraction, Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Autopsy Report, Pod 3A inmate Assignments, 911 call, Milwaukee County Jail Radio Transmission, and Pod 3A housing unit video.

Facts and summary of the investigation:

On 03/15/2021, the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office contacted the Waukesha

County Sheriff's Department, requesting assistance in investigating the medical emergency of inmate Nicholas L. Sonsthagen, [REDACTED]. While housed in unit 3A Cell #7, Sonsthagen utilized a bedsheet as a ligature, and hung himself from the bunkbed located within the cell. Corrections Staff performed their regularly scheduled pod checks of the unit. Correctional staff located Sonsthagen hanging during the check of the unit. Correctional and medical staff were able to make entry into the cell, confirmation was made that Sonsthagen had self-harmed himself by means of hanging. Correctional staff observed that Sonsthagen had tied a sheet around his neck, while the other end was tied around the bunkbed within the cell. Correctional staff was able to cut the bedsheet and lower Sonsthagen to the floor. Upon lowering Sonsthagen to the floor, life saving measures were administered, to include CPR and an AED. The Milwaukee Fire Department arrived on scene to assist with continued life saving measures. Sonsthagen was pronounced deceased on scene, therefore was not transported to a local hospital. On 03/15/2021, at 0028 hours, Sonsthagen was pronounced deceased, due to his self-inflicted injuries. The Milwaukee County Medical Examiner did conduct an autopsy on Sonsthagen, later determining that he died from [REDACTED]. This investigation has not revealed any obvious signs of criminal wrongdoing related to the death of Sonsthagen, nor has it revealed any violations of Wisconsin State Statute. However, this agency is requesting that the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office review this entire investigation, and provide a legal opinion into those findings, to ensure that this is true and accurate.

Respectfully Submitted,

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