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Sheriff Bill Gore Statement on Jonah Shacknai's Letter to the California Attorney General

I strongly believe that a thorough and professional investigation was conducted by the San Diego County Sheriff's Department, Coronado Police Department and San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office into the deaths of Max Shacknai and Rebecca Zahau. I also believe that our findings that Max's death was accidental and Rebecca's death was a suicide are supported by the forensic and medical examinations that were conducted in this matter.

Having said that, as with any investigation, the department is always open to reviewing any new evidence which could impact our conclusions.

By a letter dated, September 19, 2011, Jonah Shacknai requested Attorney General Kamala Harris to review and evaluate the investigating methods and conclusions of the San Diego County Sheriff's and Coronado Police Departments in an effort to bring badly needed closure to family members who have already suffered enough. This department understands and supports Mr. Shacknai's request and pledges our complete cooperation with the Attorney General should she decide to undertake such a review.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William D. Gore".

William D. Gore, Sheriff
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