



Scientific Advisory Committee Review Subcommittee

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Admissible: Shreds of Evidence



- DFS originally contacted by the podcast reporters in 2019 seeking personnel files under the Virginia FOIA Act.
- Additional FOIA requests were filed through February 2022.
- The podcast reporters interviewed Director Jackson and Brad Jenkins in February 2022.
- Also in February 2022, DFS requested copies of the documents referenced by the podcast host in the interview.
- In March 2022, VPM declined to provide copies or access to the documents. VPM indicated that they would reach out to DFS once they were further along in their investigative process.



PODCAST EPISODES OVERVIEW

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- February 2023: DFS learned of the publication of the podcast.
- May 2023: Podcast reporter asked for an on-the-record interview in exchange for providing the requested documents. DFS declined the interview request but renewed the request for the documents.
- July 2023: VPM provided the documents that you have received for review.

Records that we do not have:



- Personnel file for Mary Jane Burton
- Any documents pertaining to any complaints made concerning Ms. Burton to anyone at the Forensic Science Bureau, the Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services, or the Virginia Department of Health
- Any records from the lawsuits filed by Ms. Demas (only newspaper articles)
- The Central Laboratory serology logbook referenced in the podcast

This is consistent with the Commonwealth of Virginia's Record Retention/Destruction policies.



Documents Provided by VPM

- 75-10986 (Cat case)
 - Allegation—no species typing resulted in loss of case
- 76-16982/76-T-3655 **(Rape case)
 - Allegation—change of suspect's blood type (Item 33) and other discrepancies
- 76-20619 (Fairfax murder case)
 - Allegation—discrepancies, errors, and alterations of test results
- 76-9468 (Hunting case)
 - Allegation—no species typing when requested
- 76-23383**(Inmate felonious assault)
 - Allegation—reported that blood stains on suspect's pants were consistent with victim's typing when testing indicated that they were consistent with suspect's typing

**Only case files requested by VPM.