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Response by Sheriff Bill Gore Dr. Phil Show

After personally reviewing the two-part show by entertainment psychologist Phil McGraw, Sheriff Bill Gore explained, "No new information has been provided by this second autopsy." The case remains concluded.

"To date," Sheriff Gore said, "neither our detectives, nor the Medical Examiner's Office have been presented with any new evidence from this examination. If Dr. Wecht, or Miss Bremner would like to share information they believe is pertinent with our investigators, we would be glad to meet with them, rather than hear their results on television, presented as entertainment."

Sheriff Gore advised those who appeared on the "Dr. Phil" show altered and misrepresented facts, as well as omitted pertinent details all together. For example, the guests on the show referred to mixed DNA underneath Rebecca's fingernails. There were 13 samples taken from fingernails of both hands. Each of the samples was analyzed separately. In twelve of the samples, the DNA results were consistent with the presence of DNA from only one person. The DNA types found in these samples matched the DNA of Rebecca Zahau. In one of the samples, the results indicated the presence of DNA from at least two people. The majority of the DNA present was consistent with Rebecca's DNA. The amount of information obtained from the other contributor(s) was so minute; it was not possible to identify the source.

It is important to understand that small amounts of DNA can be transferred easily through any number of ways including something as ethereal as a breath.

Their 'findings' that 'someone' had logged on to Rebecca's computer had already been investigated by our detectives and it was simply determined to be an automatic computer update.

Further, Dr. Wecht did not reach out to the San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office or the Sheriff's Office to attend the autopsy, as is normal protocol to establish and maintain a clean chain of custody, should new evidence be found.

According to Sheriff Gore, "This is nothing more than sensationalism at its lowest point and the family is only enduring more suffering from this insensitivity."

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