

My name is Karen, originally from Tehachapi, CA. I am the aunt of a deceased woman whose death investigation in Bakersfield, California was handled in a manner inconsistent with equal protection under the law. For over 5-1/2 years, my niece's death has been denied the same fair and thorough investigation routinely afforded to other victims in Kern County. This raises serious equal-protection concerns.

My niece was **Brynia Kayle Harris-Czubko** of Bakersfield, CA. She was deceased at the age of 30 years. Dash cam evidence of her body being carried at the Kern River has consistently been ignored for her investigation, including the eyewitnesses. Her death was initially ruled as an "accidental drowning" by the Bakersfield Police Department, even though the coroner ruled her death as "undetermined", and there was no fluid in her lungs. I'm including her autopsy, which is also available to the public via request to the Kern County Sheriff's Office Coroner. Should anyone request a copy of their own, use her date of death as August 4, 2020.

I am now going public with the primary documents demonstrating my fight for justice has been continuously mishandled by law enforcement authorities. These are the same authorities that the city of Bakersfield – as well as all of Kern County – rely upon for upholding the Constitutional Rights belonging to everyone, and said authorities should be demonstrating integrity while doing so. I am the civilian author of the emails and texts, interacting with public servants at the Bakersfield Police Department and the Kern County District Attorney's Office.

I can be reached at pathblueprint@gmail.com

My credentials are included in this report with the submissions to the BPD's Internal Affairs office— my work and education history. I took early retirement in April 2025.



23ABC News Bakersfield

<https://www.turnto23.com/news/local-news/body-...> ::

[Hwy. 178 reopen following body recovery from Kern River](#)

A body found in the Kern River has led to the closure of Highway 178 in both directions, at the mouth of the canyon, as crews investigate. Kern ... [Read more](#)

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KMPH

<https://kmpf.com/news/local/hwy-178-is-closed-as-...> ::

[Woman's body pulled from Kern River](#)

Aug 4, 2020 — A woman's body was found in the Kern River. Kern County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue personnel responded to assist with recovering the body. [Read more](#)

The body found in the Kern River on August 4, 2020, was that of my niece, Brynia. What I am presenting here primary documents – including emails and text communication - of how her death investigation has been procedurally buried by the Bakersfield Police Department – **three**

times. The key is the refusal to properly address the dash cam video of Brynia's body being carried at the Kern River next to her car on August 3, 2020 – as found in the river downstream on August 4, 2020.

The first time in 2020, date unknown though likely around mid-September when my niece's car was released from impound.

The second time, February 13, 2023 email from BPD.

The third time, October 16, 2025 letter from BPD.

I have asked the Kern County District Attorney's office to assist twice.

The first time they never acknowledged my 45-page fax they received on November 1, 2021.

The second time they sent me back to the Bakersfield Police Department as documented in their email to me dated June 13, 2025.

I reiterate: the case was initially closed as an accidental drowning, which is in stark contrast to the coroner's ruling of Undetermined on November 23, 2020, as finalized on December 30, 2020, per the autopsy report.

If cause of death is listed as "Undetermined", how does it make sense for the Bakersfield Police Department to close the investigation as an "accidental drowning?" Are they legally allowed to go against a Coroner's ruling? There was no fluid in her lungs. And dash cam videos exist indicating a dead body with rigor mortis is being carried next to her car at the Kern River on August 3, 2020.

Scroll to next page for the screenshot used as a visual reference.....

Kern County Sheriff/Coroner

Final Report

3	MODE Undetermined	CASE # C02187-20	Master File	
STATUS Autopsy	DEPUTY Brooke Hood			
MEDICAL				
TRANSPORTED FROM ****	ADMITTED TO? ****	DATE ****	TIME ****	
M/R ORDERED ****	MED REC # ****	BLOOD ORDERED ****		
CAUSE OF DEATH				
CAUSE (A) Undetermined		TIME INTERVAL Unknown	BIOPSY PERFORMED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
DUE TO (B)			AUTOPSY PERFORMED? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
(C)			AUTOPSY # EXAM # A0864-20 YW E0864-20 YW	
(D)			INDIGENT #	
OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO CAUSE GIVEN IN 107				
None				
WAS OPERATION PERFORMED FOR ANY CONDITION IN ITEM 107 OR 112? IF "YES" LIST TYPE OF OPERATION & DATE. ****				
ATTENDING PHYSICIAN	PHONE	DATE LAST ATTENDED	CAUSE GIVEN BY Yulai Wang	
PHYSICIAN TO SIGN D.C.	ADDRESS	PHONE	DATE 08-20-20 TIME 0913	
INJURY				
SPECIFY MODE	PLACE OF INJURY	AT WK?	DATE	HOUR

Attached PDFs for reading online or downloading:

Autopsy

How To See – a helpful visual before watching the dash cam

Links to Videos (Word doc)

Part 1 - ends at Nov 4 2021

Part 2 - ends at July 2023

Part 3 - KCDA and BPD Internal Affairs 2025

To read the case documents in close chronological order:

Start with Part 1, followed by Part 2 to read all communications between me and BPD's Homicide Unit Staff, as well as Eyewitness #1 with the dash cam videos.

Note here, the Nov 1, 2021 fax to the KCDA is in Part 1, as this is in keeping with the chronological order goal of my experience fighting to get my niece's case fairly and impartially investigated.

Part 1 - ends at Nov 4 2021 ← I decided this as a cut-off point before the file became too large

Part 2 - ends at July 2023 ← Picks up from Nov 8, 2021

Part 3 contains May/June 2025 email communications between me and the KCDA, as well as between me and the BPD's Internal Affairs Office in August 2025 and their response in October of 2025.

Dash Cam Video #1 – unlisted link included on Word document

Dash Cam Video #2 - unlisted link included on Word document

There are three links to three different news articles that are extremely important for the public to see regarding the timing of its publicization. In the event that the links do not transfer for some when presented in PDF format, the news article links will also be presented on the Word document.

Further showing my credibility: Screenshot proofs that these are my emails. The screenshots are in no particular order.

What I am presenting publicly are redacted emails to focus on the actions of the Bakersfield Police Department and the Kern County District Attorney's Office. I can print any email, at any time.

And, that's my picture with the Tehachapi Mountains in the background and all those windmills, circa April 2019 when I was visiting from out of state, standing along the edge of Dennison Road. I am who I say I am.

The screenshot shows an email inbox with the following details:

- Subject:** Brynia Harris-Czubko Case
- Search:** Brynia case
- Message 1:** Michael Gerrity (Tue, Nov 2, 2021, 6:32PM)
Greetings Karen, Although the nature of our earlier conversation was unfortunate, I was glad to hear from you. The video you told me about is definitely conc...
- Message 2:** Karen (Thu, Feb 9, 2023, 8:24PM)
Hello Det Juarez & other BPD staff on this email, Can someone please confirm (or advise of otherwise) that Det Juarez is still in charge of overseeing this case
- Message 3:** Karen [REDACTED] @gmail.com> (Sat, Feb 11, 2023, 3:02PM)
to Felipe, Michael, [REDACTED] Matthew, Nathan, Jeremy
Would someone at the BPD Homicide Division please respond to my email inquiry and let me know who is in charge of this investigation?

At the bottom, there are buttons for Reply, Reply all, Forward, and a smiley face icon. The toolbar at the very bottom includes icons for Home, Back, Forward, Stop, Refresh, and others.

RE: Brynia Harris-Czubko Case 20-141273 Brynia case



Summarize this email

**Michael Gerrity**

Sat, Feb 11, 2023, 7:40 PM

Ms. [REDACTED] apologize for the delayed response but there have been many personnel changes within the Homicide Detail. Brynia's case has been investigat...

**Karen** <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

to me, Felipe, [REDACTED] Nathan, Nathan, James

Wed, Jul 12, 2023, 5:02 PM

Dear Detective Juarez and the BPD,

I believe this case can be reopened with the following evidence.

Harris-Czubko homicide case with Word doc attachment - Aug 4 body pulled from Kern River Brynia case



Summarize this email

**Karen**

Fri, Nov 27, 2020, 12:03PM

Hi Detective Juarez, Would you please confirm (if possible) that you have received this email with the attachment? Apparently several of my texts haven't go...

**Karen** <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

[REDACTED]fmcintyre, me

Mon, Aug 9, 2021, 1:41PM

Hi Detective McIntyre,

[REDACTED]	Fwd: Dash am - This is coming up Sent from my iPhone Begin forwarded message: From [REDACTED] 10/27/21
[REDACTED]	Fwd: Dash am - Sent from my iPhone Begin forwarded message: From: [REDACTED] 10/27/21
me 2	Harris-Czubko homicide case with Word doc attachment - Aug 4 body pulled from Kern Ri... 8/9/21
me	Harris-Czubko homicide case statement- Aug 4 body pulled from Kern River - Hi Detective ... 11/27/20

[REDACTED] Brynia Kayle
Harris-Czubko's Death Brynia case x

Summarize this email



Karen

Dear Ms. Zimmer, Mr. Smith, and Mr. McKillop, I'm Karen [REDACTED] from Tehachapi, living in [REDACTED] writing to you regarding the suspicious deat...

Fri, Jun 13, 2025, 6:25 PM



Eric Smith

Ms. [REDACTED] wanted to advise that I have received your emails about the death of Brynia Kayle Harris-Czubko. The Kern County District Attorney's office has...

Fri, Jun 13, 2025, 6:54 PM



Karen

Hello Mr. Smith, I appreciate your acknowledgement. My allegation includes documented information that BPD buried my niece's homicide case, not once, b...

Fri, Jun 13, 2025, 8:39 PM



Karen [REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Sun, Jun 15, 2025, 12:29 PM

Reply

Reply all

Forward

