
Bryn timer Harris-Czubko Case

Karen [REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 8, 2021 at 11:17 AM

To: Felipe Juarez <fjuarez@bakersfieldpd.us>

Hi Detective Juarez,

I'm including more pics, in case they may be helpful to you.

[REDACTED] (with the dash cam videos) had sent a picture to me on Oct 27, which I don't think I sent yet. [REDACTED] took a screenshot of the white truck at the Kern River where Bryn timer's car was. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thank you, Karen

[REDACTED]

2 attachments



201K [REDACTED]



Also, I think there are more BPD working on the case now....maybe supervisors...because of the oversight of your videos sent to them 8/5/2020.

Hopefully this helps get it going! I'm glad we can help!

11/25/21, 12:26 PM

no news yet.

I'm sorry I haven't gotten back to you already! I did not get to meet with the detective yet...the first day we had scheduled we had [REDACTED] then he got sick and I haven't heard back from him, so I'm thinking Covid or because he was sick he had to quarantine or something!

There is only one cell tower that pings the area. Do you recall the time you drove by and how much time between your passing?

From the times on my camera it was only like an hour or hour a

[REDACTED]

From the times on my camera it was only like an hour or hour and a half...it was [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] birthday [REDACTED] I don't
have text messages back that far because I upgraded phones about 3 [REDACTED]

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

1/23/22, 6:07 PM

[REDACTED]



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Brynna Harris-Czubko Case

Karen [REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 5:36
PM

To: Felipe Juarez <fjuarez@bakersfieldpd.us>

Hi Detective Juarez,

I understand you were out for a bit. I'm wondering if you are back? I am drafting more information to send to you by tonight or tomorrow. I'm not sure if you want it in an email or a Word document via email or via an evidence drop box. Just more things to relay to you about Brynna's case.

[REDACTED]



Karen [REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Brynia Harris-Czubko Case

Felipe Juarez <fjuarez@bakersfieldpd.us>

Tue, Nov 30, 2021 at 11:55
AM

To: Karen [REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Good morning Karen. I am back. You can send whatever information you have through this email thread. Thank you

[REDACTED]

Brynna Harris-Czubko Case

Karen [REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Tue, Nov 30, 2021 at 12:53
PM

To: Felipe Juarez <fjuarez@bakersfieldpd.us>

Detective Juarez,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Brynia Harris-Czubko Case

Karen [REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Wed, Dec 1, 2021 at 12:10 PM

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Thank you, Karen

[Redacted]



Karen [REDACTED]@gmail.com>

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Karen [REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Thu, Dec 2, 2021 at 6:33 PM

To: Felipe Juarez <fjuarez@bakersfieldpd.us>

Detective Juarez,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thank you, Karen

[REDACTED]



Karen [REDACTED]@gmail.com>

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Karen [REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Tue, Jan 4, 2022 at 4:31 PM

To: Felipe Juarez <fjuarez@bakersfieldpd.us>

Hi Detective Juarez,

I hope all is well. I wanted to wait until after the holidays to ask....is my niece Brynna's death still being investigated, or case closed, or a cold case? Anything you can tell me would be helpful.

Thank you, Karen

[REDACTED]

Brynia Harris-Czubko Case

Felipe Juarez <fjuarez@bakersfieldpd.us>

Wed, Jan 5, 2022 at 3:34 PM

To: Karen [REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Hello Karen. Short answer is yes, it is still being investigated. I still have to meet up with [REDACTED] since we were unable to do because of the holidays. I have reviewed the autopsy report which stated Brynia's body did not have any indication of blunt force trauma, stab or gunshot wounds. There were some chemical compounds associated with drugs found in her system. Her body showed an advanced state of decomposition which leads me to believe she was in the water longer than one day. So the video provided doesn't match up. But I will continue to investigate and hopefully get some information that will lead me to some answers.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



Brynja Harris-Czubko Case

Karen [REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Wed, Jan 5, 2022 at 4:22 PM

To: Felipe Juarez <fjuarez@bakersfieldpd.us>

Detective Juarez,

Thank you for the update. I respectfully disagree. Brynia's body was decomposing since [REDACTED], before her body was dumped on Aug 3rd. Rigor mortis is evident in her body when she was being dumped. A warrant for a tower dump to get the cell phone records would show who was at the location in the video on August 3, 2020. From everything I've found in my research, there's only one cell tower that targets that location.

I have a copy of Brynia's autopsy.

Thank you again, Karen

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Karen [REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Fri, Jan 7, 2022 at 10:33 AM

To: Michael Gerrity <mgerrity@bakersfieldpd.us>
[REDACTED]

Hi Sergeant Gerrity,

It has now been two months since Detective Juarez has once again been assigned to work on Brynia's case. Please know [REDACTED] wanted to give him time. However, he has demonstrated [REDACTED] he may still be approaching this from the perspective of his previous "accidental drowning" closure of Brynia's case. It further appears that he is disbelieving that the woman's deceased body (showing obvious rigor mortis) being carried [REDACTED] less than 10 feet from Brynia's car is in fact Brynia. He indicates the Aug 3, 2020 video does not match up to his belief that Brynia's body was in the water for longer than one day. Her nude body was pulled from the Kern River on Aug 4, 2020.

Detective Juarez appears to be overlooking the possibility that Brynia's body was decomposing in the Bakersfield summer heat from [REDACTED] and through to when her body was dumped in the river on Aug 3, 2020. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] As of his Jan 5, 2022 email to me, Detective Juarez also has not yet interviewed the eyewitness, [REDACTED] had provided the dash cam videos to me on Oct 27, 2021 as well as initially provided them to Detective Juarez on Aug 5, 2020.

Further, if it's not Brynia's [REDACTED] body [REDACTED] being carried right next to her car in said video dated Aug 3, 2020 – the day before her nude body was found on Aug 4, 2020 in the water downstream from her car – then may [REDACTED] please get confirmation, in writing, that the BPD is 100% certain it's not Brynia's body? [REDACTED] respectfully further hope that no time has been wasted for a tower dump of cell records to have been obtained from the cell tower (which [REDACTED] have identified on a map) that specifically targets the area of the scene in the Aug 3, 2020 video.

[REDACTED] have not been made aware whether or not any effort has occurred on locating the owner of the truck. [REDACTED]

Please know, it is now [REDACTED] request that Brynia's case be thoroughly reviewed by a new Detective (or a higher rank) with a fresh perspective and no preconceived notions about either Brynia's character or of her death investigation. When I had called the District Attorney last October, I was advised to request that someone at the BPD be at least at the rank of Captain or higher to oversee Brynia's case. [REDACTED] are not aware of the rank of Nathan McCauley nor Matthew A. Gregory. You had initially cc'd them on your first email to me. May [REDACTED] please have, or be assured in writing, that someone at the rank of Captain or higher at the BPD is aware of all our concerns of the BPD's handling of Brynia's death investigation, beginning with [REDACTED] first contact with the BPD in August 2020 through to the present?

If the BPD is unable to work on Brynia's case, [REDACTED] would most appreciate it if you or someone at the BPD would let [REDACTED] know this in writing as soon as practical. [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for your time.

Respectfully, Karen [REDACTED] (Brynia's aunt)

[REDACTED]

My complaint to the sergeant did not have any other BPD staff cc'd. When he replied, he cc'd the top staff. He also cc'd Det Juarez, the subject of my complaint.

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Michael Gerrity <mgerrity@bakersfieldpd.us>

Fri, Jan 7, 2022 at
11:42 AM

To: Karen [REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Cc: [REDACTED] "Matthew A. Gregory"

<mgregory@bakersfieldpd.us>, Nathan McCauley
<nmccauley@bakersfieldpd.us>, Felipe Juarez <fjuarez@bakersfieldpd.us>,
Jeremy Grimes <jgrimes@bakersfieldpd.us>

Karen-

I can assure you Detective Juarez has done as thorough of an investigation as is reasonably possible given the facts and evidence presented in this case. Because he has not reached the same conclusions as you does not mean he faltered at all in this investigation. To answer a few of the questions you presented, let me first say he did in fact review the [REDACTED] video as did I. Neither of us are satisfied that we could testify in court, under oath as to what is depicted in the video. Detective Juarez did speak with [REDACTED] and arranged to have [REDACTED] meet with us at the police department in November so we could further review the video, and due to unforeseeable circumstances it had to be postponed. In speaking with Detective Juarez he has another appointment set with [REDACTED] next week.

Matthew Gregory is my peer; he is the other sergeant who supervises the Robbery/Homicide Detail. Together we oversee 16 Homicide Detectives. Nathan McCauley is the lieutenant who oversees the Investigations Division to include Sergeant Gregory and myself.

Despite any advice you may have been given by attorneys this case will not be assigned to a higher ranking police officer. However; the investigation has been and will be overseen by two Investigations Division Sergeants, an Investigations Division Lieutenant, and a Captain, (Jeremy Grimes) who commanded the Investigations Division at the time this case was received.

Now, our greatest challenges exist in a lack of evidence that creates the necessary probable cause we need to arrest someone for a criminal death. The biggest of those challenges are an absence of trauma, and absence of lethal toxicology, and the pathologist's findings that the cause and manner of death were undetermined. So from a law enforcement standpoint we are far from having sufficient cause to arrest anyone in this case. Furthermore, a prosecuting attorney would have insufficient evidence at this point to prove beyond a reasonable doubt, as is the legal standard, that anyone is responsible for Brynia's death. This does not mean this case is not solvable, nor does it mean we will not uncover additional evidence that tends to prove what happened one way or another. The case remains open. Our goal remains to determine exactly what happened to Brynia without a shadow of a doubt. I think you and the people of the Bakersfield Police Department are united in that goal. But we will go where the facts lead us, and we will do so in compliance with all aspects of our policies, procedures and legal requirements.

We'll be in contact with you when we have more information. I thank you for your continued patience.



Mike Gerrity #943 | Police Sergeant

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Fri, Jan 7, 2022 at 12:59
PM

To: Michael Gerrity <mgerrity@bakersfieldpd.us>

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Jeremy Grimes <jgrimes@bakersfieldpd.us>

Thank you so much for the information.

[REDACTED]