

I filed a complaint with the Bakersfield PD – Internal Affairs office on Aug 16, 2025, for Brynia's homicide being buried. I did this after the Kern County District Attorney's office told me via email on June 13, 2025 to take my complaint back to BPD. But before I went back to the BPD, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Bakersfield Police Department Submission Received Brynia case x Brynia case x

 **Bakersfield Police Department** <cloudadmin@ci-technologies.com> to me ▾ Sat, Aug 16, 9:00PM ☆ 😊 ↶ ⋮

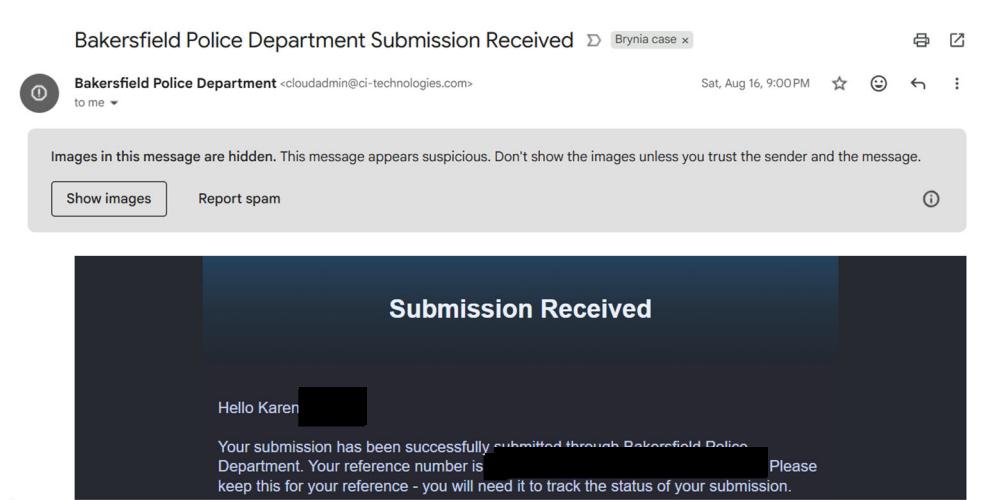
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**Submission Received**

Hello Karen [REDACTED]

Your submission has been successfully submitted through Bakersfield Police Department. Your reference number is [REDACTED] Please keep this for your reference - you will need it to track the status of your submission.



I am submitting documentation regarding the [REDACTED] investigation by the Bakersfield Police Department (BPD) [REDACTED]. The victim is my niece, Brynia Kayle Harris-Czubko [REDACTED], whose death was wrongfully closed as an "accidental drowning" despite clear forensic inconsistencies and dashcam evidence showing her body being carried near her vehicle.

[REDACTED] BPD [REDACTED] received this evidence—[REDACTED] [REDACTED] reassigned the case back to the same detective who [REDACTED] it, and ultimately relegated it to "cold case" status. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

For purposes of this submission, I am attaching:

1. My full complaint letter to the BPD Public Integrity Unit
2. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Respectfully,  
Karen [REDACTED]

Badge/ Identification Number  
[REDACTED]

First Name

Last Name  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Description/Additional Information

(List the description of this employee and any additional facts/information specific to this employee)

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[REDACTED] my niece's homicide. Botched investigation. [REDACTED] ignored forensic evidence [REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Karen [REDACTED], born [REDACTED] Tehachapi, CA. I am speaking for my niece, Brynia Kayle Harris-Czubko, born [REDACTED] deceased [REDACTED] in Bakersfield. [REDACTED]

I am submitting this correspondence in accordance with proper chain-of-command protocol to report the burial of a homicide investigation by [REDACTED] Bakersfield Police Department (“BPD”) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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On August 4, 2020, my niece’s body was recovered from the Kern River. Her vehicle was parked along Highway 178. [REDACTED]

BPD [REDACTED] closed the case as an “accidental drowning,” despite the autopsy’s failure to determine an official cause of death and the absence of fluid in her lungs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In October 2021, I found an eyewitness, [REDACTED] provided me with two dash cam videos:

1. The first video going down Highway 178 canyon shows my niece’s vehicle parked along the river on Highway 178 and a white truck with a distinctive camper and dirt bike mounted on the back. Two men are in the background.
2. The second video, recorded while returning up the canyon, shows a human body being carried face down, a few feet from my niece’s car. There is obvious rigor mortis [REDACTED] [REDACTED] located only a few feet from my niece’s vehicle.

The dash cam videos are dated August 3, 2020. [REDACTED] also forwarded two emails to me dated August 5, 2020, proving that [REDACTED] had sent Detective Juarez the videos. On November 2, 2021, Detective Frank McIntyre confirmed via text message that Detective Juarez already had been in possession of the videos prior.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Michael Gerrity of the BPD Homicide unit assigned Detective Juarez back to the case to address the very error he committed. This was an obvious conflict of interest [REDACTED]

Months later,

[REDACTED] I requested of Michael Gerrity to have a new investigator assigned to the case. In his e-mail reply, Michael Gerrity copied Detective Juarez on the email so that the detective could see my complaint against him. This was highly inappropriate and violation of my confidentiality, [REDACTED]

Throughout the email exchanges through July 2023,

If the communications were not retained by the BPD, then I have them all to give upon request.

Respectfully,

Karen [REDACTED]

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2 attachments follow

Attachment of the email list between me and the BPD

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

In 2020: November 27, November 27

In 2021: August 9, November 2, November 3, November 3, November 3, November 3, November 3, November 3, November 4, November 4, November 4, November 4, November 8, November 29, November 30, December 1, December 2

In 2022: January 4, January 5, January 7, January 7, March 4, March 4, September 7, September 7, September 7, September 9, September 9, November 22

In 2023: February 9, February 11, July 12

**Emails received from BPD staff:**

In 2021: November 2, November 3, November 3, November 3, November 4, November 4, November 4, November 4, November 30

In 2022: January 5, January 7, September 7

In 2023: February 11

[REDACTED]

Attachment of my background for credibility

My work credentials and record of public service are available for review at the Office of Personnel Management in Washington, D.C. I served four years in the United States Air Force as a Law Enforcement Specialist, receiving an Honorable Discharge. I was employed as a U.S. Postal Service City Letter Carrier for nearly seven years in Modesto and Tehachapi, California. I had a career of nearly 21 years with the Securities and Exchange Commission, as an SK-301 Research Specialist, where I worked in a FOIA-related field involving upholding the integrity of government transparency.

My Educational Credentials:

- Associate of Arts in Sociology, Modesto Junior College (1998)
- Bachelor of Science in Sociology, Colorado State University–Pueblo (2003)
- Master of Arts in Liberal Studies, Excelsior College (2007)
- Master of Public Administration, Walden University (2009)
- Master of Science in Occupational Safety and Health, Columbia Southern University (2015)
- Master of Science in Environmental Policy and Management, American Public University (2021)
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Columbia Southern University (2024)



Karen <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

**Karen [REDACTED] - Reference ID [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] - Buried Homicide**

1 message

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

**Sun, Aug 17, 2025 at 12:44  
PM**

To: internalaffairs@bakersfieldcity.us  
Cc: Karen [REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Hello,

Please see attached. This is in the event the attachments didn't go through the online system.

I would like to reiterate again:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thank you,  
Karen [REDACTED]

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**2 attachments**

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