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RE: RTK Request # 18-46

Dear Ms. Ratchford:

Thank you for writing to Luzerne County with your request for information pursuant to the Pennsylvania Right-To-Know law. My email is Jackie.Carroll@luzernecounty.org.

On March 5, 3018, the Luzerne County Office of Law received a request for documents from you described in the attached Right to Know request. Your request is both granted and denied.

It is granted as to the cause and manner of death for Samantha Smith as an accidental overdose.

It is denied as to Diane Pepe as it was not a case reported to the Luzerne County Coroner. It is also denied as to Georgetta Boltz as results are not yet available.

It is denied as to the Coroner's reports.

Your request is denied pursuant to 65 P.S. Section 67.708 ((b)(20) "Except as provided in Subsections (c) and (d), the following are exempt from access by a requester under this act:

(20)An autopsy record of a coroner or medical examiner and any audiotape of a postmortem examination or autopsy, or a copy, reproduction or facsimile of an autopsy report, a photograph, negative or print, including a photograph or videotape of the body or any portion of the body of a deceased person at the scene of death or in the course of a postmortem examination or autopsy taken or made by or caused to be taken or made by the coroner or medical examiner. This exception shall not limit the reporting of the name of the deceased individual and the cause and manner of death."

You have a right to appeal this denial of information in writing to Office of Open Records, Commonwealth Keystone building, 400 North Street, 4th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

If you choose to file an appeal for any reason, you must do so within 15 business days of the mailing date of the agency's response. Section 1101. If you have further questions, please contact me. Please be advised this correspondence will serve to close this request with our office as permitted by law.

Very truly yours,

Jacqueline Musto Carroll

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