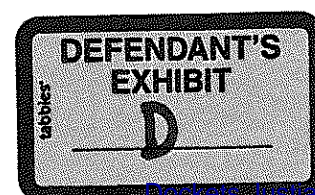


Adelman vs. BSA, SFC
Case No. 1:10-CV-22236-ASG

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CASE INFORMATION

Schaury-Adelman

DATE: 5/10/09
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approx late morning
Time

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I received a call from Dr. Borges. He explained the details about the 17 year old Jewish boy who was on a 20 mile hike with his Boy Scout Troop and became ill, vomited and collapsed. He was transported and died. He is an Eagle Scout who needed this one medal. He is a computer-oriented boy who is a very good student. No history of drug use and nothing at parents suggest drug use. Dr. Borges spoke to Det. O'Neill, who interviewed scout leader and other scouts. Parents have told Incheville that they are Orthodox Jews and are adamantly opposed to an autopsy and wish to speak directly to Dr. Borges. I asked Dr. Borges to fully explain to the family why we recommend that an autopsy be done and that without one, ~~we~~ we are not able to definitively determine if the child died of heat/dehydration except by symptoms, terminal event and lack of other medical history. I also asked that they be made aware that hereditary diabetes or Encephalitis

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that procedure would not be appropriate, some
may be important for the family to know for the
sake of other children, if they have any other, or
will have. Finally, without ~~litigation~~ ^{an autopsy},

litigation may be problematic. I asked
Dr. Broge to check with Det O'Neill to
make sure that no issues have surfaced which
would make ~~it~~ ^{us obtain a} ~~a~~ ^{required} autopsy
and to ascertain other medical info from
medical records, if available. I also
asked Dr. Broge to obtain blood and
urine.

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5/10/09 Dr. Broge called back after speaking
to family. He told me what he told the family
regarding litigation - to which mom asked? What
regarding litigation? - and also about cogent and
hereditary diseases - to which she answered
"I don't care." They wanted ~~for~~ the Rabbi to sit
with the body until the Funeral Home arrived. I
advised that he may do so while Jacobelli is
present in the building, but must leave when
she leaves. We cannot leave the Rabbi or
any members of the public unattended in the facility
for

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I spoke to De Baze again - family is agreeable re: Rabbi - they will just try to expedite the funeral home's arrival to remove the body from the ME office.

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I spoke to Det. O'Neil ~~and~~ ^{referred} Sgt Dave _____ (spelling) I explained why we are not able to perform an autopsy over the family's objections. The concern now is whether the parent/master is negligent and culpable for making the body travel 20 miles - I explained that the statute does not state that an autopsy is required, but

For other cases of accidental deaths that have been successfully litigated without an autopsy and that DUF manslaughter cases are litigated as such, even though we certify them as accidents. I also explained that they have the option to present their findings to the State attorney and the State attorney could order me to perform an autopsy, above the parents' objections. I told her that the body left yesterday to the funeral home in Broward and that we had no further information than about criminal charges or criminal behavior regarding this death. *W*

5/11/09 ~ 4:15p Det - O'Neil came by and we discussed facts of case, once again. Then appears to be conflicting stories about whether or not the body was a hiker or not. I explained as I had explained before to her as the medical agent, that we would have wanted an autopsy, but even if we find a congenital problem it would not necessarily mean the death of the problem and that an autopsy also won't solve all problems, but would answer many questions. I told her we discussed

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blood and urine test for drugs. ~~and~~ He also asked Orville for 2 discs with the pictures; one for the SO and one for the federal agents. Det. O'Neill is concerned that the parents will later want to sue the Scout master or will want his prosecuted criminally and we may not have enough information without an autopsy to determine certain things. I told him that his concerns were valid and that while that may become an issue, at this point in time I had no statutory right to hold the body further or to perform an autopsy above the family's objections and he understood.

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