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Jackson County
Grand Jury Report
September 14-18, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
19TH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT**

**IN RE: DEATH INVESTIGATION
OF NOLAN XAVIER WELLS**

GRAND JURY REPORT

The Jackson County Grand Jury was impaneled on April 20, 2026, reconvened on September 14, 2026, and adjourned on September 18, 2026. The Grand Jury finds that the death of Nolan Xavier Wells on or about July 4, 2026, in Jackson County, Mississippi, being of great public concern, is within the Grand Jury's investigative authority. The Grand Jury engaged in a thorough and complete investigation into the death of Mr. Wells. Our sworn duty is to allow or deny issuance of an indictment. As the foreperson of the Grand Jury, I report that the Grand Jury unanimously returns a No True Bill with respect to the death investigation of Nolan Xavier Wells.

Pursuant to Rule 13.6 of the Mississippi Rules of Criminal Procedure, the Grand Jury is authorized to issue a report of its findings related to the death investigation of Mr. Wells, and said report is being filed with the Circuit Clerk of Jackson County, Mississippi.

Pursuant to Rule 13.5 of the Mississippi Rules of Criminal Procedure, a Grand Juror, except when called as a witness in court, shall keep secret the proceedings and actions taken in reference to matters brought before the Grand Jury for six (6) months after final adjournment of the Grand Jury, and the name and testimony of any witnesses appearing before the Grand Jury shall be kept secret. The date of final adjournment of the Grand Jury is unknown as of the date of this report.

The Grand Jury was impaneled pursuant to Rule 13.1 of the Mississippi Rules of Criminal Procedure, consisting of twenty-five (25) Grand Jurors from a cross section of citizens of Jackson County, Mississippi. Two (2) Grand Jurors requested to be excused from this session for unavoidable and urgent reasons. The twenty-three (23) Grand Jurors that heard this matter ranged in age from twenty-seven (27) to sixty-eight (68) years of age and included thirteen (13) males, ten (10) females, twelve (12) Caucasians, five (5) African Americans, one (1) Asian, two (2) Hispanics, two (2) Native Americans, and one (1) individual who preferred "other."

The Grand Jury was expressly charged by the impaneling Circuit Judge with not only being the means of bringing to trial those people who are accused of a crime, but "also to protect persons from unfounded accusations whether presented by legal officers or by others who may be motivated by public clamor or private malice."

The District Attorney advised the Grand Jury as to all relationships and interactions of any kind amongst the various individuals involved in the case, including witnesses, investigators, or prosecutors. The Grand Jury finds no conflicts of interest in the investigation and presentation of this matter.

The Grand Jury issued one hundred thirty-two (132) subpoenas and heard from forty-three (43) witnesses. Seven (7) individuals were invited to testify before the Grand Jury. [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] accepted the Grand Jury's invitation and testified in this matter. [REDACTED] was also invited and wished to testify, but was unable due to circumstances outside of [REDACTED] control. The Grand Jury did consider [REDACTED] recorded statement to law enforcement in its deliberations. [REDACTED] did not accept the Grand Jury's invitation to testify. The Grand Jury did consider [REDACTED] recorded statement to law enforcement in its deliberations.

The Grand Jury, through the District Attorney's Office, made written requests to the family of Mr. Wells and their legal team to produce any evidence collected in their independent investigation into the death of Mr. Wells. [REDACTED], on behalf of Mr. Wells' family, advised that their investigation revealed no witnesses or evidence "whom the legal team reasonably believes possess information germane to potential criminal activity that warrants referral to your office [the District Attorney's Office]." Further, the family did not request that any "additional document, recording, photograph, digital media, report, or other material in the legal team's possession be submitted to the Grand Jury." The Grand Jury received a fourteen (14) page report concerning Mr. Wells' cellular phone prepared by the families' own forensic examiner, Garrett Discovery Inc., entitled "Mobile Device Examination Findings Preliminary Report" that was provided to the District Attorney on August 28, 2026. After the Grand Jury convened to hear this matter, the Grand Jury received a twenty-one (21) page "mobile device examination findings - device lock state, screen activity, messages, calls, location, and application usage...final report"

and a two-hundred sixty-one (261) page "Snapchat Conversation Report." The Grand Jury considered these reports in its investigation into the death of Mr. Wells. The Grand Jury also received copies of all correspondence between the District Attorney and the legal team for Mr. Wells' family.

The Grand Jury had full and open access to the complete investigative file of the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, which included materials from all law enforcement agencies who assisted in the Death Investigation of Mr. Wells. The Grand Jury considered, *inter alia*, the following:

- Testimony of witnesses;
- Physical evidence collected during the investigation;
- Digital evidence collected during the investigation;
- Reports generated during the investigation;
- Interviews and recorded statements collected during the investigation;
- Images collected during the investigation;
- Videos/recordings collected during the investigation;
- Maps collected/generated during the investigation;
- Global Positioning System (GPS) and location data collected during the investigation;
- Cellular phone extractions collected during the investigation; and
- Responses to subpoenas duces tecum.

In addition to the reports from Mr. Wells' family's legal team from their forensic examination of Mr. Wells' cellular phone, the Grand Jury heard sworn testimony of forensic pathologist Dr. [REDACTED]. Dr. [REDACTED] was retained by the Wells family to conduct an independent autopsy. The Grand Jury is aware that Dr. [REDACTED] was provided full and complete access to all investigative materials. Dr. [REDACTED] also visited Horn Island with law enforcement and District Attorney staff and met with the Chief Medical Examiner for the State of Mississippi, Dr. [REDACTED], at the Mississippi Forensics Laboratory. Dr. [REDACTED] was given full access to examine Mr. Wells' internal neck structures retained by the medical examiner and his request for the making of additional slides for histological study was fulfilled. Dr. [REDACTED] confirmed that the retention of this tissue is appropriate and best practice in forensic pathology. Dr. [REDACTED] also dispelled rumors about various other organs, including the lungs and stomach, being retained. Dr. [REDACTED] confirmed that he received all of Mr. Wells' body parts, except for the internal neck structures appropriately retained by the medical examiner. The Grand Jury finds that Mr. Wells did

The Grand Jury finds that Mr. Wells chose to remain at Horn Island on the afternoon of July 4, 2026, after the Triton, the Palm Beach, and the Tideline departed the island. Other individuals, including Mr. Wells, remained at the island to socialize. The Grand Jury finds no credible evidence to support the public allegations that any persons who rode to or from Horn Island on July 4, 2026, on the Triton, the Palm Beach, or the Tideline engaged in any criminal conduct related to the death of Mr. Wells. The allegations against the occupants of the Triton, the Palm Beach, and the Tideline are not based in truth, and are solely the result of public clamor and private malice. Further, the public clamor and malicious allegations against the occupants of the Triton, the Palm Beach, and the Tideline have extended to their family members and friends. The Grand Jury finds that the public attacks on the occupants of the Triton, the Palm Beach, and the Tideline, as well as their family and friends, are malicious, false, and have no truth in fact or evidence.

The Grand Jury received the original Sea Tow call made by occupants of the Triton on July 4, 2026. The Grand Jury finds that the various Sea Tow calls and interpretations of the call circulating on the internet and social media are not true and accurate.

The Grand Jury recognizes that it is common for individuals visiting Horn Island to socialize on boats and in the water. The Grand Jury finds that it is not unusual or suspicious for individuals to return from the island on boats they did not travel to the island on; nor is it unusual for individuals to place their phones and personal items on other boats they visit and socialize on. The Grand Jury finds that Mr. Wells' phone was not the only phone to travel back to the mainland without its owner.

The Grand Jury finds that Mr. Wells attended a pool party on July 3, 2026, and a week prior. The Grand Jury finds that the pool party images widely circulating on social media and other internet platforms were not taken the night of July 4, 2026, and have no evidentiary value to the death investigation of Mr. Wells.

The Grand Jury finds that Mr. Wells purchased his alcohol with his fake identification card. The Grand Jury further finds that no individuals over the age of twenty-one (21) provided alcohol to Mr. Wells or his friends on July 4, 2026.

The Grand Jury finds that the Triton had a bilge pump and motor malfunction on July 4, 2026, and was actively taking on water and sinking. The Grand Jury finds that the Triton was towed for a short distance by the Tideline allowing the water to drain from the boat interior while a passenger manually held the motor trim button down.

The Grand Jury finds that there was a thorough search of Horn Island on July 5, 2026, in advance of the discovery of Mr. Wells' body. The Grand Jury is confident that had his body been on the island at that time, it would have been discovered during the extensive search.

The Grand Jury recognizes there have been public assertions that Mr. Wells was the only African American individual on Horn Island on July 4, 2026. The Grand Jury finds that Mr. Wells was not the only African American on Horn Island that day. These false assertions have led to misidentification, speculation, and rumors concerning the death of Mr. Wells.

The Grand Jury finds that GPS data and security footage confirm the accounts of the passengers on the Triton, Palm Beach, and Tideline.

The Grand Jury finds that Mr. Wells was not in any physical altercation or argument on July 4, 2026.

The Grand Jury finds that the individuals who traveled to or from Horn Island on the Triton, Palm Beach, and Tideline cooperated fully with this investigation, including offering marine GPS devices, surveillance footage, cell phones, and statements to law enforcement officers and Mr. Wells' family during this investigation.

The Grand Jury finds that the position of, the condition of, time of discovery, and location of Mr. Wells' body is consistent with drowning.

The Grand Jury finds that Mr. Wells chose to remain on Horn Island after the boat he arrived on departed, which is common for visitors to Horn Island on holidays and other crowded days.

The Grand Jury conducted a comprehensive inquiry into the death of Mr. Wells and is confident in the extensive investigation done by both Federal and State law enforcement agencies.

The Grand Jury acknowledges that there is no statute of limitations on homicide cases in the State of Mississippi. If credible evidence comes to light in the future that suggests Mr. Wells' death was non-accidental, this matter should be represented to the Jackson County Grand Jury for further consideration.

The Grand Jury wishes to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy to the parents, family members, and friends of Mr. Wells. The evidence received in this matter convinced the Grand Jury of Mr. Wells' outstanding character.

The Grand Jury wishes to thank the Court for the opportunity to serve our community in this important role and encourages citizens to serve when called upon.

COUNTY OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF JACKSON

PERSONALLY, appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, [REDACTED], Grand Jury Foreperson, who after being sworn by me, states on his oath and certifies that, to the best of [REDACTED] knowledge, the foregoing represents a true and correct report of the Grand Jury impaneled April 20, 2026, Grand Jury, being recalled on September 14, 2026.

[REDACTED]
Grand Jury Foreperson

Sworn and subscribed before me on this the 18th day of September, 2026.



Randy Carney, Circuit Clerk

By: [REDACTED]

Deputy Clerk

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CIRCUIT CLERK
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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: DEC 31, 2027

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PERSONALLY, appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, [REDACTED], Grand Jury Foreperson, who after being sworn by me, states on his oath and certifies that, to the best of [REDACTED] knowledge, the foregoing represents a true and correct list of witnesses appearing before the impaneled April 20, 2026, Grand Jury, being recalled on September 14, 2026. [REDACTED]

Sworn and subscribed before me on this 18th day of September, 2026.

~~Deputy Clerk~~



By:

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July 27, 2026

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL: [REDACTED]

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Re: Nolan Wells

Dear Mrs. McIlrath:

Thank you for reaching out last Friday. I enjoyed our visit.

This letter will confirm that I represent the Estate of Nolan Wells. Please forward all written correspondence to me with copy to the individuals listed below my signature.

Eric Hertz and I are available to meet with you at your office any day during the week of August 3-7, 2026. Please let me know which day is most convenient for you.

I appreciate your willingness to share non-publicly available information with us. Eric and I will be prepared to discuss your confidentiality concerns when we meet at your office.

Finally, Dr. Mitchell, our forensic pathologist, would like to visit the state crime lab and examine any materials collected or documented during the state's autopsy. For example, Nolan's hyoid bone. I have asked Dr. Mitchell for dates he is available to travel to Mississippi. I will pass those on to you as soon as I receive them. Please ask the state medical examiner if there are dates within the next thirty days that do not work for her.

Please feel free to call me on my cell anytime if you have any questions. I look forward to meeting you in person.

Sincerely,

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Re: In Re: Death Investigation of Nolan Wells

Dear Mr. Bufkin:

I understand that Nolan Wells' family is conducting its own investigation and that the family wishes for witnesses, documents, recordings, digital media, expert opinions, and other information developed through those efforts to be presented to the Grand Jury. In furtherance of that process, please provide my office with the names and contact information of any witnesses the family wishes to have presented, together with copies of any reports, recordings, photographs, digital media, writings, or other materials the family requests to be submitted to the Grand Jury. Please ensure that all digital evidence and media is in its native format (with metadata) and original form. Dr. Mitchell will have an opportunity to review materials needed to complete his evaluation in advance of his grand jury testimony. We will work out those logistics once the investigation is complete.

I have considered your request of my office to share information. There is no legal authority for a prosecutor to share information publicly or with civil counsel during an active investigation pending grand jury. As I have explained, we have a process, procedure and rules we follow in death investigations and it is not appropriate to deviate from them in this matter.

I also want to reiterate a concern I previously shared with you. The widespread dissemination of unverified information has resulted in hundreds of threats, harassment, intimidation and attempts at intimidation of witnesses, law enforcement, uninvolved individuals with same or similar names as witnesses, and public officials. My staff and I have advised Mr.

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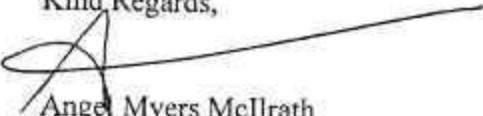
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and Mrs. Wonsley to report any threats, harassment or attempts of intimidation they receive. Any such reports will be thoroughly investigated, but they cannot be investigated if not reported.

Many of the threats, harassment, and efforts of intimidation that we are aware of reference information shared directly or indirectly by the Ben Crump team. Mr. Crump has publicly taken the position that he has and will continue to share information related to this matter without regard to its source or verification. I know you understand that information shared publicly by attorneys carries significant weight with the public. I also know that you understand the foreseeable consequences when unverified or inaccurate information is amplified, particularly in a matter that has generated this level of public attention. The Mississippi Rules of Professional Conduct provide guidance in these matters. I kindly ask that you, as local counsel, review these rules with your out-of-state counterparts.

I look forward to receiving the information gathered in your independent investigation. My Victim Assistance Coordinator continues to be available to Mr. and Mrs. Wonsley should they need assistance or grief support. Nolan's family and friends remain in my prayers.

Kind Regards,



Angel Myers McIlrath
District Attorney

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Cc: Mr. and Mrs. Wonsley (via U.S. Mail)

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August 9, 2026

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Re: Nolan Wells

Dear District Attorney McIlrath:

Thank you for your letter dated July 29, 2026, and for your willingness to include information from the family's investigation in your presentation to the Grand Jury. I have forwarded your letter to the family's attorneys. I understand that someone will be contacting you soon to discuss downloading Nolan's phone, and to coordinate a date for Dr. Mitchell to visit the Mississippi Forensics Laboratory to complete his investigation.

Sincerely,

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Gary Bufkin



August 11, 2026

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Re: Nolan Wells

Dear Ms. McIlrath,

Please be advised that A.R. Smith Law, PLLC has been retained to serve as local counsel for the Estate and family of Nolan Wells. Moving forward, I will be working alongside the legal team at Ben Crump Law in representing our clients and addressing matters arising from Mr. Wells's death.

As the legal team has stated previously, including during our in-person meeting with the Wells family and counsel, we have been—and remain—ready and willing to cooperate in arranging a joint forensic inspection of Nolan Wells' personal cell phone. During that meeting, we specifically discussed having the examination conducted through the Digital Forensics Lab at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, as well as the possibility of FBI involvement in that process.

Our position has not changed. We are prepared to coordinate a mutually agreeable date and procedure for the examination of the phone. Accordingly, to the extent there has been any suggestion that we have been unwilling or have failed to cooperate with the investigation, we want to make clear that this is not the case.

You also previously indicated that Dr. Mitchell would be provided an opportunity to review the materials necessary for him to complete his autopsy review. We remain prepared to facilitate that process. Please provide us with available dates and times for Dr. Mitchell to review those materials, along with any instructions necessary to arrange his access.

We would like to move both of these matters forward promptly and remain available to coordinate with your office.

Very Truly Yours,

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Re: In Re: Death Investigation of Nolan Wells

Dear Mr. Bufkin:

I received your letter dated August 9, 2026, indicating that someone would be in contact with my office soon to discuss the examination of Nolan's phone and Dr. Mitchell completing his investigation. Last night, I received a letter concerning Nolan's phone from attorney Ahmad Smith via email. Smith's letter was contemporaneously released to the media under circumstances of which I am not aware. My office and the investigative team have been waiting since our July 15, 2026, meeting for your team member, Eric Hertz, to contact us to arrange for this examination. During that meeting, Mr. Hertz was provided with the contact information of the investigator who would coordinate the examination. Likewise, Mr. Hertz represented to me in the meeting that he would initiate communication with law enforcement concerning this matter. We have remained available to facilitate this examination. As you know, the State has never had possession of Nolan's phone and access to it is controlled entirely by Mr. and Mrs. Wonsley.

The FBI is assisting in this investigation and has agreed to conduct the examination of Nolan's phone. If Mr. and Mrs. Wonsley still consent to examination of Nolan's phone, the phone must be delivered to the FBI by 9:00 am on Friday, August 14, 2026. We can also arrange for an agent to collect the phone from Mr. and Mrs. Wonsley before Friday. I will provide the FBI TFO's name and cell phone number to you by separate email.

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I want to ensure the Grand Jury considers all information, including information gathered during your independent investigation. The only information derived from the family's investigation of which the State is aware is what has been presented at press conferences and shared by Mr. Crump on social media. Attorney Liza Park stated in a July 30, 2026, press conference that the family's legal team is receiving one hundred tips per day. Additionally, statements made on behalf of the family indicate that your investigation has led to videos, pictures and other digital evidence being received. There have also been representations made to the public that the family has retained audio engineers and other experts in this matter. If anyone on your team believes that your investigation has revealed any evidence relevant to criminal conduct concerning the death of Nolan Wells, you should provide that information to my office so that we can review it, follow-up if needed, and present this information to the Grand Jury when it convenes.

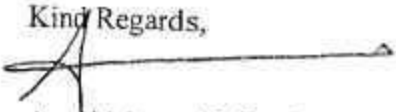
Please provide the names and contact information of any witnesses, together with copies of any reports, recordings, photographs, digital media, writings, or other materials the family and their legal team requests be submitted to the Grand Jury. Please ensure that all digital evidence and media is in its native format (with metadata) and original form. I ask that you provide this information within ten days of this letter. This ten-day period to provide information is not intended to limit the family from providing additional information after that date should additional information become available. Rather, it is intended to ensure that the information presently available is provided to my office in sufficient time for it to be meaningfully reviewed and followed up on prior to presentation to the Grand Jury.

I would like Dr. Mitchell to testify before the Grand Jury. I understand from the autopsy report released by Mr. Crump during the July 30, 2026, press conference that Dr. Mitchell has identified additional information and evidence he would like to review before reaching a final conclusion. As I have previously advised, this information and evidence will be made available to him in his capacity as an expert in forensic pathology. Please provide his direct contact information and I will work directly with him to ensure he has access to what he needs to reach his final opinion.

I am also aware of public statements and social media reports concerning alleged threats and intimidation directed towards members of Nolan's family. From the outset, I have personally instructed the family to report any threats and intimidation efforts to law enforcement and provided information of where and how to make any reports. My office has subsequently repeated that request directly to the family, and I have communicated that request to you. We will not tolerate threats or intimidation of any individual in this case. As of the date of this letter, however, no specific threats or intimidation efforts have been reported in order for an investigation to ensue. Once again, I strongly encourage the family to report to law enforcement any threats, intimidation efforts or other communications they believe constitute criminal conduct.

Finally, given the size of your legal team, I think it is important that we have one consistent point of contact moving forward. This will provide a clear channel for communication and ensure that information is conveyed accurately and consistently. Any questions, concerns or requests from other team members should be funneled through the primary point of contact. Please advise whether you will remain the Mississippi licensed primary point of contact for Mr. and Mrs. Wonsley's legal team. Mr. and Mrs. Wonsley are welcome to reach out to me and have been provided my direct contact information for that purpose.

Kind Regards,



Angel Myers McIlrath
District Attorney

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Cc: Elmore and Christine Wonsley (Via U.S. Mail)
Ahmad R. Smith, Esq. (Via Email)
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August 13, 2026

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Re: Nolan Wells

Dear District Attorney McIlrath:

Thank you for your correspondence dated August 12, 2026. As Mississippi counsel for the Nolan Wells family, A.R. Smith Law will serve as the primary point of contact for the legal team so that communications with your office can be coordinated efficiently.

We agree that examination of Nolan's phone was discussed during the July 15th meeting and that our team undertook to follow up concerning that process. During that discussion, however, we agreed to a jointly coordinated forensic examination of the phone that would include the use of the Digital Forensics Lab at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College as well as possible FBI involvement. Subsequent correspondence with your office reflected our continued willingness to proceed through a mutually agreeable procedure. Additionally, Mr. Hertz contacted you on July 25th, while traveling abroad, and indicated that he would reconnect upon his return. Accordingly, our prior correspondence with your office should not be understood to suggest that our legal team had been unwilling to facilitate a forensic examination of the phone.

To date, Nolan's parents remain willing to facilitate an appropriate forensic examination of Nolan's phone, including FBI involvement, according to our agreement on July 15th. However, your letter sent to Eric Hertz on August 12th at 12:51pm ET set a deadline for the Wonsleys to deliver the phone to your office by August 14th at 9am. This is not practicable for a number of reasons.

First, the date and time you proposed provided less than 48 hours' notice. Moreover, the Wonsleys were outside Mississippi when your letter was sent and are not scheduled to return until after the deadline you unilaterally imposed. Second, the parties never agreed to simply deliver the phone to your office. Instead, the agreement was that we would set a mutually agreeable date and time for the phone to be examined together by your office's forensic professional(s), our forensic professional(s) and possibly the FBI as well. Third, the parties have not yet agreed upon a forensic protocol addressing, at a minimum, the scope and method of the examination, chain of custody, preservation of the forensic extraction, access to resulting forensic data, treatment of information outside the agreed scope, retention of the extraction, and return of the device. We are prepared to promptly address those logistics so that the examination can proceed while preserving the integrity of the

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evidence and the interests of all concerned. Please send us your proposed protocol as soon as possible. As soon as that protocol is agreed on, we will be able to schedule the forensic examination of phone immediately.

With respect to the independent investigation, the legal team has reviewed the tips received and has followed up with persons whose information appeared relevant. At present, that process has not identified additional witnesses whom the legal team reasonably believes possess information germane to potential criminal activity that warrants referral to your office. We continue to follow up and vet these potential witnesses. At present the family is not requesting that any additional document, recording, photograph, digital media, report, or other material in the legal team's possession be submitted to the Grand Jury. This response should not be understood as a representation concerning privileged, confidential, attorney work-product, expert, or other protected materials, nor as undertaking a continuing production obligation beyond what the law requires.

Regarding Dr. Mitchell, we appreciate that you will make available Nolan's body parts that were not previously sent to Dr. Mitchell. As reflected in your July 29th correspondence, your office previously stated that Dr. Mitchell would have an opportunity to examine Nolan's complete body in advance of any Grand Jury testimony. At this time, Dr. Mitchell requests that you provide 3 available dates in which he can examine the body parts that he was not able to access. We are prepared to move that process forward promptly through counsel.

Thank you for following up with us regarding the threats and/or intimidation against Nolan's family. We have collected that information from the family and will be sending that information to your office in the near future.

The family and legal team remain committed to a careful and complete investigation of the circumstances surrounding Nolan's death. We believe the most productive path forward is focused, documented cooperation on matters that will materially advance that investigation while preserving the integrity of the evidence and the legal rights and obligations of everyone involved.

Cordially,

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To: Myers, Angel; Eric Hertz
Cc: Robinson, Christi
Subject: Nolan Wells - Coordination of Forensic Examination of Cell Phone and Completion of Independent Autopsy
Attachments: Nolan Wells corr to MS DA 8.17.26.Final.pdf

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District Attorney McIlrath,

Good morning. Please see attached correspondence regarding the coordinated forensic examination of Nolan's phone and Dr. Roger Mitchell's examination of the remaining portions of Nolan's body. We look forward to coordinating with your office and moving these matters forward promptly.

Cordially,

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August 17, 2026

Angel Myers McIlrath
Office of the District Attorney, Nineteenth Circuit District
3104 Magnolia Street
Pascagoula, Mississippi 39568

Re: Nolan Wells

Dear District Attorney McIlrath:

This letter follows our August 13th correspondence regarding the examination of Nolan's phone and Dr. Mitchell's examination of the remaining portions of Nolan's body.

With respect to Nolan's phone, the family is prepared to make the device immediately available for the joint coordinated forensic examination previously agreed upon by the parties. In the interest of expediency, we request that your office choose any time from Tuesday, August 18th through Friday August 21st to conduct the joint forensic examination. Please provide at least a 12-hour notice of your chosen date and time so that the examination can be scheduled without further delay. Please include whether the examination will still be held at your previously selected location of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

We also hope to promptly move forward with Dr. Roger Mitchell's examination of Nolan's body parts that were not previously made available to him. Dr. Mitchell is available Wednesday, August 19th through Friday August 21st, to complete the independent autopsy. Again, please provide us with at least 12 hours' notice and ensure that Nolan's remaining body parts are available to Dr. Mitchell.

The family and their legal team are actively conducting an independent investigation and remain cooperative with your office to complete a thorough investigation. As agreed on July 15th, all parties share the same goal of determining the circumstances surrounding Nolan's death.

Cordially,

Ahmad R. Smith
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Re: In Re: Death Investigation of Nolan Wells

Dear Mr. Smith:

As you know, if there existed a legal basis to seize and search Nolan Wells' cell phone, the State would have already compelled its production and examined it. However, we must rely upon Mr. and Mrs. Wonsley to cooperate and turn over the cell phone for forensic examination. I recognize you were not present or even a part of the legal team at the time of the July 15, 2026, meeting and it is apparent from your letters that you do not have a clear understanding of what was discussed and agreed upon. During that meeting, Eric Hertz, Esq. of Mr. and Mrs. Wonsley's legal team agreed to directly arrange for the forensic examination of Nolan Wells' cell phone with law enforcement and was provided the lead investigator's contact information. Mr. Hertz has not done so. Therefore, I have arranged for the examination to take place this week. Mr. Hertz represented that he preferred the FBI conduct the forensic examination. Last week you advised that Mr. and Mrs. Wonsley agree to the examination to be conducted at the Mississippi Cyber Initiative (MCI) lab located at MGCCC Harrison County campus.

The FBI has agreed to conduct the forensic examination of Nolan Wells' cell phone. This examination will take place at the MCI lab located at Building 33/V – Mississippi Cyber Security Center on the MGCCC Harrison County Campus, 2226 Switzer Road, Gulfport, Mississippi. Please communicate directly with FBI TFO [REDACTED] whose contact information I have previously provided, to set the parameters of Mr. and Mrs. Wonsley's consent. The cell

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phone should be delivered to FBI TFO [REDACTED] on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 9:00 am outside the MCI lab located at Building 33 on the MGCCC Harrison County Campus. Please provide all passcodes or passwords for the cell phone to FBI TFO [REDACTED]

Since you have agreed to the MCI laboratory location, I presume you are aware that the MCI lab does not allow individuals who are not current law enforcement officers to be inside the lab. My understanding is that your legal and investigative team is comprised of former FBI and CIA agents who are presumably familiar with standard extraction protocols. The FBI will perform the cell phone extraction with consent from Mr. and Mrs. Wonsley in accordance with its standard operating procedure and training.

If Mr. and Mrs. Wonsley, or their legal team, want the FBI examination of Nolan's cell phone to be included in this investigation and presented to the Grand Jury, the phone should be provided to the FBI on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, as outlined above. Otherwise, your team continues to have the capability to extract the cell phone for your own purposes, and I will advise the Grand Jury of the family's decision. If a forensic examination has already been conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Wonsley's legal team, or if you chose to conduct an independent extraction, we request a copy of that report be provided within ten days.

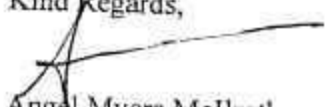
There have been serious threats, intimidation, and harassment of Dr. Turner and the Mississippi Forensics Laboratory staff. In light of these safety concerns and considering that you have released all of your correspondence publicly, I am not comfortable arranging for Dr. Mitchell's grand jury travel and examination of evidence through your legal team. If Mr. and Mrs. Wonsley wish for Dr. Mitchell to testify before the Grand Jury, I will work directly with Dr. Mitchell to accommodate that request and to ensure he has access to what he needs to finalize his opinion. Moreover, there is no legal authority for attorneys, other than prosecutors, to interpose themselves in an investigation pending a grand jury review. Please provide direct contact information for Dr. Mitchell. Otherwise, I will accept that Mr. and Mrs. Wonsley have chosen not to move forward with this particular matter. The autopsy report released by Mr. Crump will be presented to the Grand Jury, regardless of cooperation from Mr. and Mrs. Wonsley.

In your August 17, 2026, letter you stated that your independent investigation has revealed no evidence germane to criminal activity. Mr. Hertz represented in our first meeting that he had witnesses he wanted us to reach out to and information he did not believe we had. Thank you for confirming that nothing in your possession contains evidence of a criminal act with respect to the death of Nolan Wells. If you come into possession of evidence of a crime, I ask that you immediately provide that to investigators.

Ahmad R. Smith
August 17, 2026
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Concerning any threats or intimidation directed toward Mr. and Mrs. Wonsley, I instructed the family in our first meeting and subsequently to report those to the Ocean Springs Police Department to start the investigative process. Those complaints will then be forwarded to the FBI for investigation.

Kind Regards,



Angel Myers McIlrath
District Attorney

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cc: Erick Hertz, Esq. (via email)
Mr. and Mrs. Wonsley (via U.S. Mail)
FBI TFO [REDACTED] (via email)

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From: Ahmad Smith <ahmad@arsmithlaw.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2026 4:10 PM
To: Robinson, Christi; Myers, Angel; Eric Hertz
Subject: RE: Correspondence from DA Angel Myers McIlrath - In Re: Death Investigation of Nolan Wells - Cell phone extraction and Dr. Mitchell

District Attorney McIlrath,

This email is in response to your August 17, 2026 correspondence. The Wonsleys anticipate delivering Nolan's cellphone to TFO [REDACTED] by 9:00 a.m. tomorrow, August 19, 2026, as requested. They will coordinate the delivery directly with TFO [REDACTED] using the telephone number previously provided.

Additionally, Dr. Mitchell may be reached directly at [REDACTED]

Cordially,

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VIA EMAIL

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Re: In Re: Death Investigation of Nolan Wells

Dear Mr. Smith:

I understand that Mr. and Mrs. Wonsley have chosen to have Nolan's cell phone extraction completed by independent examiners Andrew Garrett and Christian Garrett of Garrett Discovery. I will advise the Grand Jury of their decision. Should Mr. and Mrs. Wonsley wish for evidence from Nolan's cell phone to be presented to the Grand Jury, I ask that you provide a complete copy of the raw extraction data, any reports generated therefrom, coupled with responses to the questions below. Please provide this information within ten days of this letter. Again, this ten-day period to provide information is not intended to limit the family from providing additional information after that date should additional information become available. Rather, it is intended to ensure that the information presently available is provided to my office in sufficient time for it to be meaningfully reviewed and followed up on prior to presentation to the Grand Jury.

Please have your independent forensic examiner provide the following information:

1. Complete native VeraKey extraction files (raw extraction data).
2. Device make/model, serial number/IMEI, and OS/version.
3. VeraKey software/version used.
4. Date/time the extraction began and ended.
5. Device state when the extraction began (on/off and locked/unlocked).

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6. Type of extraction performed (Full File System, Category/Targeted, Logical, or other) and any limitations applied.
7. Whether the extraction was successful and if any errors or inaccessible data occurred during the extraction.
8. Extraction logs and available hash/verification information.
9. Software used to process the extracted data.
10. If a report was generated, any filters, date ranges, or categories applied.
11. Confirmation that the files provided are a complete and unaltered copy of the original extraction.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Kind Regards,


Angel Myers McIlrath
District Attorney

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Cc: Elmore and Christine Wonsley (Via U.S. Mail)
Eric Hertz, Esq. (Via Email)

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ANGEL MYERS MCILRATH
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August 20, 2026
VIA EMAIL

Dr. Roger Mitchell
RAM Consulting

Re: In Re: Death Investigation of Nolan Wells

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

It was a pleasure to speak with you today. As we discussed during our meeting, when you arrive in Mississippi you will be permitted full access to tissue collected, photographs taken, and reports generated by the State Medical Examiner at their office. You will be permitted to microscopically view tissue samples. You will also be permitted to inspect the full investigative case file at my office. I have no objection to you taking notes or photographing tissue samples, provided you share your photographs with my office at the conclusion of your inspection of said tissue samples.

To confirm our discussion about scheduling, we understand that you will arrive on the morning of August 31, 2026, at which time we will pick you up at the airport in Gulfport or Mobile and travel directly to the State Medical Examiner's Office where you can conduct your examination of tissue, photographs, and reports. At the conclusion of your examination at the ME's Office, we will transport you to my office where you will have full access to the investigative case file.

In your capacity as an expert retained by Mr. and Mrs. Wonsley and their legal team, I understand that you intend to share your opinions with them and will further share your findings with my office only if Mr. and Mrs. Wonsley permit. If Mr. and Mrs. Wonsley wish for you to testify before the Grand Jury as to your findings, please provide your opinion and finalized report to my office so we may ensure that the Grand Jury has all necessary materials to aid in your testimony. Your initial report will be presented to the Grand Jury should Mr. and Mrs. Wonsley request that you not testify.

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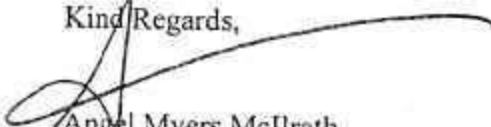
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Dr. Roger Mitchell
August 20, 2026
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As we discussed, upon your arrival in Mississippi, you will be provided full access to the materials which will aid you in rendering your opinion in this matter. You agreed that you will not share the details of any of the materials reviewed until after the Grand Jury convenes in exchange for this full access. Further, you agreed that you will abide by the laws of the State of Mississippi regarding the testimony of witnesses in grand juries. You may wish to consult with Attorney Ahmed Smith regarding the applicable state law.

Kind Regards,



Angel Myers McIlrath
District Attorney

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Cc: Dr. Staci Turner (via email)

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From: Ahmad Smith <ahmad@arSmithlaw.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2026 4:22 PM
To: Robinson, Christi; Myers, Angel; Eric Hertz
Cc: Liza Park
Subject: RE: Correspondence from DA Angel Myers McIlrath - In Re: Death Investigation of Nolan Wells - Cell phone
Attachments: Nolan Wells corr to MS DA 8.28.26.pdf; 20260828 Nolan Wells Phone Examination Preliminary Confidential Prelude.pdf

District Attorney McIlrath:

Please see the attached correspondence and preliminary forensic examination report regarding Nolan Wells' iPhone. As outlined in the letter, the examination is ongoing, and we anticipate providing the final report within the next 48 hours.

Let me know if you have any questions in the interim.

Cordially,

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Please see attached correspondence from District Attorney Angel Myers McIlrath.

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Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2026 8:47 AM
To: Ahmad Smith
Cc: Myers, Angel; Eric Hertz; Liza Park
Subject: RE: Correspondence from DA Angel Myers McIlrath - In Re: Death Investigation of Nolan Wells - Cell phone

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Thank you!

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Good evening, Mr. Smith.

Our physical address and contact are:

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Ms. Robinson,

Good morning. When I initially emailed you on August 28th, we anticipated a 48-hour turnaround for completion of the final forensic report. Unfortunately, the process has taken somewhat longer than initially estimated.

We expect the final report to be completed before the end of this week, and more likely within the next day. Once the materials are finalized and sent via FedEx, I will forward the tracking information to you promptly. Thank you for your patience.

Cordially,

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Re: In Re: Death Investigation of Nolan Wells

Dear Mr. Smith:

As you know, Dr. Roger Mitchell previously reviewed the investigative case file in our office, was transported to Horn Island to inspect the area, and examined the larynx and hyoid bone of Nolan Wells at the Medical Examiner's Office. We have likewise provided the histology slides during his examination at the Medical Examiner's Office. We now understand from Dr. Roger Mitchell that he provided his finalized addendum report of the independent autopsy of Nolan Wells to legal counsel for Mr. and Mrs. Wonsley yesterday evening. If Mr. and Mrs. Wonsley still desire for Dr. Mitchell to testify before the Jackson County Grand Jury, it is imperative that we receive a copy of his addendum report not later than 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16, 2026.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Kind Regards,

Angel Myers McIlrath
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District Attorney McIlrath,

In response to your September 14th correspondence, I have attached Dr. Roger Mitchell's finalized addendum report regarding the independent autopsy of Nolan Wells.

Given the timing and urgency reflected in your correspondence, we understand that this matter may be presented to the Jackson County Grand Jury in the immediate future. The Wells family is understandably anxious to learn the outcome of those proceedings, and we respectfully ask that they be notified of the Grand Jury's decision as soon as practicable following its consideration of this matter. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Cordially,

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See attached correspondence from District Attorney Angel Myers McIlrath.

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District Attorney McIlrath,

Good morning. I have attached the finalized forensic report regarding the extraction and examination of Nolan Wells' cellular phone. The final report includes, among other findings, a summary of the Snapchat communications extracted and reviewed as part of the examination. Please confirm receipt at your convenience.

Cordially,

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