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Subject: MELGAR

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Dear Mr. Carrizal:

Pursuant to our phone conversation earlier today, I am providing information private investigator Juan Jorge and I have discovered in our investigation into the death of Jaime "Jim" Melgar. After extensively interviewing my client, Sandy Melgar, it seems that there are a number of possible suspects (without ruling out the possibility that this was a random burglary):

1. Jim sold several tools and appliances to buyers from Craigslist throughout the past year. He would always meet them in his garage. (This was also confirmed by the neighbor across the street, Sloan).
2. Jim managed several rental properties and had conflicts with some of the tenants. Some had questionable backgrounds, including criminal records.
3. Jim and Sandy's daughter, Elizabeth "Lizz" Rose, used to live in the house with her husband. Both had severe drug problems and had many friends with similar issues who would frequent the home. Some of the friends had stolen items from the house previously, but none of the incidents were reported because the items were returned.

Our interview of the witnesses and walk through of the house suggested that suspect(s) had a knowledge of tools and prescription drugs, as they were able to make subtle distinctions in selecting these items. It is also our opinion that they were not expecting the Melgar's to be home at the time because the restraints used on both victims were make-shift. Lastly, we believe the burglary was ultimately botched because items intended to be taken were left behind.

Two pieces of evidence that you may not have from your initial investigation:

1. A Corona beer bottle found on the workbench in the garage. This was an anomaly - the family does not drink beer and only keep miniature Buds in the pantry for baking/cooking. We dusted the bottle for prints. The family has reported that they did touch the bottle when they first came across it. I do not know if it will lead to anything.
2. Bits of Sandy's memory have returned since your interview. She has a vivid memory of being tied up (the person had his/her knee, or a great deal of pressure, on Sandy's back). Sandy looked up to see a young, Hispanic female in her early to mid-twenties looking at the person tying her up. The female had either short hair or the hair was pulled back. She was wearing a red blouse with a black winter scarf around her neck. The girl's features are consistent with the photo of Claudia James, but Sandy cannot definitively confirm it is her. Also, Sandy believes that the

item used to tie her hands belongs to this female because it does not appear to be a piece from her own wardrobe.

Based on our research, we believe two persons are worthy of further investigation:

1. John Malbro
2. Jared Cox

Juan Jorge has already provided information on Malbro to your team, and I have attached material on Cox to this email. Malbro, one of Jim's rental tenants, has behaved suspiciously since the incident. He has fabricated oral agreements with Jim, which the family knows to be false. He has overreacted to the news of Jim's death, going out of his way to say he knew nothing about it. After being delinquent on his rent for several months, he now wants to give some money to the family while claiming he is in the process of moving out. He lives only a few blocks away from the Melgars and has an extensive criminal record.

Sandy and Lizz have agreed to be fingerprinted. We will take major case prints from them next week. If you need anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me or Juan Jorge (281) 389-9324.

Best regards,

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