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I am writing to formally endorse the Board's decision to mandate Sheriff Chris Nanos's sworn testimony. A professional history characterized by deception is incompatible with leading an impartial search for truth in the Nancy Guthrie investigation.

A History of Brutality and Fraud:

The public is entitled to an explanation regarding the omission of eight disciplinary suspensions from Sheriff Nanos's record. This includes a 1982 incident involving excessive force, where he allegedly assaulted a handcuffed suspect with a flashlight, resulting in the suspect's hospitalization in the ICU. He recently denied these suspensions under oath during a December 2025 deposition. An individual whose own history of violence is likely to misrepresent facts to conceal a flawed investigation.

Purposeful Investigative Failures:

The investigation into the disappearance of 84-year-old Nancy Guthrie has been conducted with a perceived "bias and blindness" that suggests an attempt at narrative control.

The "Obsolete" Scene:

By releasing the crime scene within 24 hours, Sheriff Nanos permitted its contamination. Re-examining the residence at that juncture was unproductive, as the physical evidence had been compromised ten times over.

Forensic Negligence:

Why was the doormat—where the suspect stood with a flashlight (BITE LITE) in their mouth—not immediately secured for DNA analysis? Furthermore, Nancy's blood was right next to the mat! Maybe even on it, but we'll never know. What rationale justified bypassing the FBI's Quantico laboratory in favor of a private facility?

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Narrative Diversion:

Why was the family cleared within 48 hours based on a "cryptic remark" prior to the return of forensic results?

It is regrettable that independent online content creators and streamers are identifying more leads and conducting more boots-on-the-ground searches than the Sheriff's appointed team. I urge the Board to hold Sheriff Nanos accountable for his past misconduct and his current failure to safeguard a vulnerable member of the community.

Sincerely,

Shannon Alvarado