

RE: RE: CSB-2023 [REDACTED] Upstate Bails

From william.fedrau@dfs.ny.gov <William.Fedrau@dfs.ny.gov>

To Kevin Riford <kevinriford1@protonmail.com>

CC Sankey, Laura (DFS) <Laura.Sankey@dfs.ny.gov>, Lester, Warren (DFS) <Warren.Lester@dfs.ny.gov>, Kalota, Robert (DFS) <Robert.Kalota@dfs.ny.gov>

Date Saturday, July 27th, 2024 at 12:02 PM

Mr. Riford –

I have spoken with Inv. Kalota and he has enough information. Depending on how this case progresses, we may need you in the future to testify, etc. When / if that time arises, the Niagara County DA office will contact you.

As for your question, I do not know which ADA is going to be handling this case. We were contacted by their office through one of their DA investigators.

I am sure you can understand, at this time, due to the nature of the investigation, we are unable to share any details of the case with you.

If you have anything that you believe would help the investigation, you can always email it to me.

Thank you

Bill Fedrau

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From: Kevin Riford <kevinriford1@protonmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 26, 2024 4:04 PM
To: Fedrau, William (DFS) <William.Fedrau@dfs.ny.gov>
Cc: Sankey, Laura (DFS) <Laura.Sankey@dfs.ny.gov>; Lester, Warren (DFS) <Warren.Lester@dfs.ny.gov>
Subject: RE: RE: CSB-2023 [REDACTED] Upstate Bails

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Mr. Fedrau,

As of 7/26/2024, 4:00 p.m. EST, I am still waiting for the questions to come through via email from the "criminal" side of the NYS Department of Financial Services. As I originally stated, I am happy and willing to answer any questions via written email. Additionally, my July 25, 2024 question still remains unanswered.

Kevin Riford

On Thursday, July 25th, 2024 at 10:51 AM, Kevin Riford <kevinriford1@protonmail.com> wrote:

Mr. Fedrau,

Please advise which Niagara County District Attorney or Assistant District Attorney is handling this case. Thank you.

On Thursday, July 25th, 2024 at 9:58 AM, Lester, Warren (DFS) <Warren.Lester@dfs.ny.gov> wrote:

Mr. Riford, yes, they work for the Department and are looking at the matter separately.

I recommend you speak with them.

Warren T. Lester

From: Kevin Riford <kevinriford1@protonmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2024 9:41 AM
To: Lester, Warren (DFS) <Warren.Lester@dfs.ny.gov>
Cc: Sankey, Laura (DFS) <Laura.Sankey@dfs.ny.gov>
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Mr. Lester,

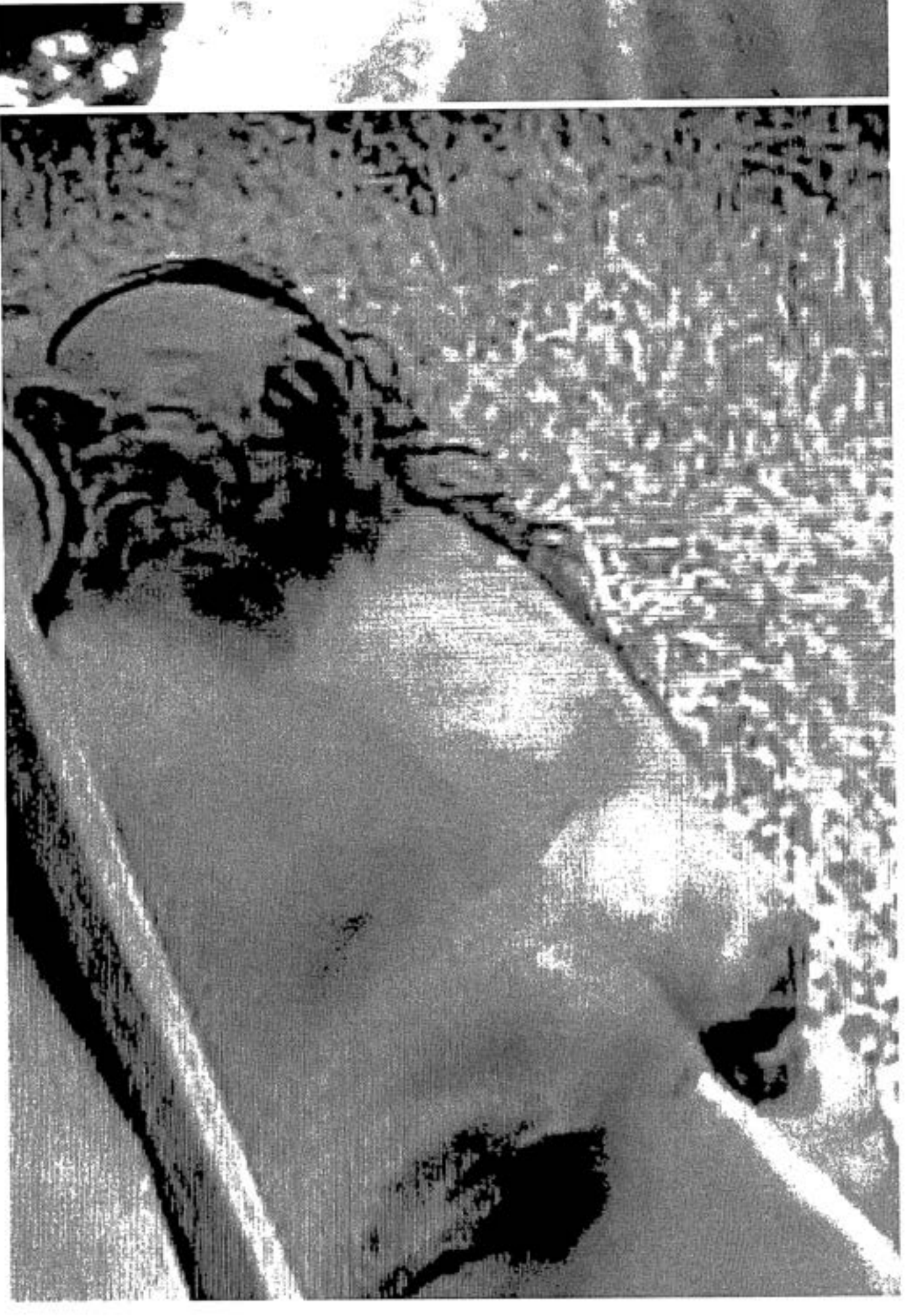
Here are photos of the two individuals who came to my house on 7/23/24.



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On Wednesday, July 24th, 2024 at 3:56 PM, Kevin Riford <kevinriford1@protonmail.com> wrote:

Mr. Lester,

Yesterday, 7/23/2024, two individuals came to my residence, and left a card which contained a NYS Department of Financial Services logo. Can you confirm whom these two individuals were and what the

intent of the unexpected visit was. This is the first time this has occurred from these individuals.

CC: Ms. Sankey

On Wednesday, July 24th, 2024 at 1:30 PM, Lester, Warren (DFS) <Warren.Lester@dfs.ny.gov> wrote:

Yes, that is correct.

Warren T. Lester

From: Kevin Riford <kevinriford1@protonmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 1:18 PM

To: Lester, Warren (DFS) <Warren.Lester@dfs.ny.gov>; Sankey, Laura (DFS) <Laura.Sankey@dfs.ny.gov>

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Mr. Lester,

I am surprised this case has been open for more than a year. **Just to be clear - there is no information you need from me at this point in time, as of today, 7/24/2024?**

Kevin Riford

cc:Laura Sankey

On Wednesday, July 24th, 2024 at 11:32 AM, Lester, Warren (DFS) <Warren.Lester@dfs.ny.gov> wrote:

MR. RIFORD,

No, there are no updates.

We have contacted the insurer and received information.

However, I am unable to provide any details.

Warren T. Lester

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warren.lester@dfs.ny.gov

From: Kevin Riford <kevinriford1@protonmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 10:41 AM

To: Sankey, Laura (DFS) <Laura.Sankey@dfs.ny.gov>

Cc: Lester, Warren (DFS) <Warren.Lester@dfs.ny.gov>

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Ms. Sankey,

As I understand you are Ms. Lester's supervisor. Are there any updates regarding CSB-2023-[REDACTED] Also, did you receive the letter from American Surety Company Gary Logue? I believe his email is glogue@asc-usi.com

Kevin Riford

CC:Warren.Lester@dfs.ny.gov

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From: Kevin Riford <kevinriford1@protonmail.com>
Date: On Tuesday, July 23rd, 2024 at 12:26 PM
Subject: RE: CSB-2023 [REDACTED] Upstate Bails
To: Lester, Warren (DFS) <Warren.Lester@dfs.ny.gov>

Mr. Lester,

Are there any updates regarding CSB-2023 [REDACTED]? Also, did you receive the letter from American Surety Company Gary Logue? I believe his email is glogue@asc-usi.com

Kevin Riford

On Monday, May 13th, 2024 at 1:47 PM, Lester, Warren (DFS) <Warren.Lester@dfs.ny.gov> wrote:

Hello Mr. Riford,

We appreciate you bringing this matter to our attention.

However, I am unable to comment on an open investigation.

You will hear from us when the matter is resolved, or if additional information is required.

Warren T. Lester

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From: Kevin Riford <kevinriford1@protonmail.com>

Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 1:15 PM

To: Lester, Warren (DFS) <Warren.Lester@dfs.ny.gov>

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Mr. Lester,

Hello. Please advise on the status of CSB-2023-[REDACTED]. It has been nearly one year since this case has initially been open. Has the other party sent a letter in response? If so, please provide a copy. Thank you.

Kevin Riford

