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January 26, 2026

Malik Stelly  
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RE: *Public Record Matters Involving the Douglas County Coroner and the University of Nebraska Medical Center DNA Identification Lab*  
Our File No. 20261004

Dear Mr. Stelly:

This letter is in response to your petition received by this office on January 12, 2026, in which you sought our assistance in obtaining certain public records from the Douglas County Coroner and the University of Nebraska Medical Center DNA Identification Lab. We considered your petition under the Nebraska Public Records Statutes, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 84-712 to 84-712.09 (2024). Upon receipt, we forwarded a copy of your petition to the entities' respective counsel, Deputy County Attorney William E. Rooney III and Associate General Counsel and Director of University Records Molly McCleery, and requested the status of your requests. On January 14, Ms. McCleery informed the undersigned that a policy responsive to your request was placed in the U.S. mail on that date. On January 20, Mr. Rooney's office emailed the undersigned a copy of the letter and requested autopsy report for D'Angelo Branch that were mailed to you on January 15.


It appears that in each instance your public records requests were misrouted. Since you now have or will soon receive records which formed the basis for your petition, no further action by this office is necessary and we are closing this file. If

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you disagree with our handling of this petition, you are free to consider the other remedies available to you under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-712.03.

Sincerely,

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