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March 2, 2026

Malik Stelly [REDACTED]

RE: *Public Record Matter Involving the Douglas County Coroner's Office*
Our File No. 20261019

Dear Mr. Stelly:

This letter is in response to your petition dated February 10, 2026, and received by this office on February 13, in which you sought our assistance in obtaining certain public records from the Douglas County Coroner's Office (DCCO). We forwarded a copy of your petition to Deputy County Attorney William E. Rooney III upon receipt and inquired about the status of your request, which Mr. Rooney provided on February 23. We considered this matter under the Nebraska Public Records Statutes, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 84-712 to 84-712.09 (2024). Our findings are set out below.

In an undated letter addressed to Dr. David Jaskierney [*sic*], and as a follow-up to your December 19, 2025, public records request for the autopsy report of D'Angelo Branch, you further requested

the Autopsy Photos of the victim's head wounds for an independent expert witness analysis. This should include but not be limited to : (1) overall and midrange views of all entrance and exit wounds, before and after cleaning, and (2) x-ray photos.

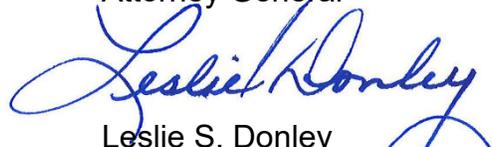
Mr. Rooney informed the undersigned that the DCCO did not receive your request and, even if it had, it is not the custodian of the requested photos. Mr. Rooney represented that his office would provide you correspondence consistent with this information. Finally, Mr. Rooney stated that while Dr. Jaskierney had previously performed services for the DCCO, he is neither the Douglas County Coroner nor employed by that office.

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Since the DCCO is not the lawful custodian of the requested photos, no further action by this office is necessary and we are closing this file. If you disagree with our handling of your petition, you are free to consider the other remedies available to you under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-712.03.

Sincerely,

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c: William E. Rooney III

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