



**LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

CASE 2010-G-1523

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| ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION | |
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| Assignment: Environmental Crimes | Case Investigator Ward, Sr. Inv., 56 |
| Case Name Palmer, Sharon | Legal No. |
| Charge | |
| Purpose of Report Tamara Hanson interview | |

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| WITNESS | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------|------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Last Name Hanson | First Name Tamara | Middle Name Kay | Sfx | DOB | Age | Sex | Race |
| Hair | Eyes | Height | Weight | DL Number | State | Social Security No. | |
| Home Address | | | | | | | |
| Home Phone No | Ext. | Home Email | | [REDACTED] | | | |
| Work Address | | | | | | | |
| Work Phone No | Ext. | Work Email | | [REDACTED] | | | |
| CII No. | FBI No. | Probation No. | Parole | CDCR No. | Prison No. | Pr St. | Booking No. |

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| Report by Ballou, Sr. Inv. | Date 04/05/2011 | LT Approval Carter, Lt. | Date 04/11/2011 | 005 |
| Supv. Approval | Date | | | |

NARRATIVE:

On 1/31/11, at approximately 1340 hours, I interviewed Tamara Hanson at her office. The interview was recorded and the audio CD was stored as evidence in the sound lab as 11-494CDO. The following is a summary of the interview:

In 2003, she was referred to Dr. Vonderplanitz through a nutritionist in the Malibu area. Dr. Vonderplanitz, in turn, referred Hanson to Rawesome as a source for natural organic food products. In 2006, Hanson signed up for a membership agreement at Rawesome at their store in Venice. Hanson said she was interested in these food products because of her chemical sensitivity and wanted to eat only natural, chemical-free food directly from the farmer.

Hanson traveled to the Rawesome store in Venice and bought their products through her membership agreement, which was required in order to buy from them. She bought dairy, meat and vegetable products from Rawesome and believed that they were basically uncontaminated, unadulterated raw products that were otherwise unavailable commercially. In about January of 2010, Hanson began meeting a Rawesome representative at a Whole Foods market in Pasadena, which is a midway point between her home in Mt. Baldy and Venice, where the products would be delivered. Hanson said she remembered seeing this delivery option on a flyer at the Rawesome store.

Hanson began having irregular heart rhythms that became worse around August-September of 2010 and increased in severity to the point that she went to the emergency room in October. Hanson was admitted and spent one night in the hospital. Hanson said her symptoms were heart-related only and were not the result of "food poisoning," with its own associated symptoms. The cardiologist concluded Hanson's symptoms were the result of an overactive thyroid gland; however, because the test results were not that highly elevated and the fact that Hanson's heart tests were normal, the cardiologist ordered a mercury test. Hanson also said the cardiologist asked her about her diet, which may have prompted him to order the mercury test, given that her diet consisted of fish and raw, natural foods. After Hanson was released from the hospital, the blood test for mercury came back, showing high mercury levels. Hanson's cardiologist gave her some heart medication to lower her heart rate and referred her to an endocrinologist for follow-up on her thyroid condition.

Hanson began her own research as to the source of the possible mercury poisoning; however, she was not suspicious of the source coming from any Rawesome product because she had shopped at Rawesome for some time and loved their products, because of their efforts to make food available that is not heated, homogenized, pasteurized, chemically injected or adulterated. She was only concerned about Rawesome's products because of the e-mail she received stating there was reason to believe there may have been mercury and arsenic contamination in the chicken and eggs that were being provided from Sharon Palmer's farm. Hanson believed the e-mail regarding the mercury and arsenic contamination came from Dr. Vonderplanitz.

After her release from the hospital and before meeting with the endocrinologist, Hanson researched overactive thyroid and mercury and found that mercury can cause this condition. Hanson said she was trying to do her own research into how she became ill. She read through an e-mail alert sent out by Dr. Vonderplanitz to his clients, that Jelle and Patricia Gerling's daughter had been diagnosed with high levels of mercury and arsenic. Because of this, Hanson decided to have egg and chicken samples that she had purchased from Rawesome and saved, tested. Hanson had purchased these items the week before she was hospitalized. She researched laboratories that do food testing and found Doctor's Data, Inc. in Chicago, Illinois. Hanson said by that time, she had also been in contact with the Gerlings, who had told her about their own experiences with their daughter having lead and mercury poisoning and of their monitoring and testing of their daughter's food. In late October, 2010, Hanson sent the samples to Doctor's Data and received a lab report that was dated November 5, 2010. The lab results revealed "<detection limit" (less than detection limit) for mercury in both the egg and chicken samples. Hanson did not speak with anyone from the lab about the specifics of the results, but did talk with Patricia Gerlings, who had used the same lab and explained some of the results to her.

Hanson said after receiving the lab results, she did not contact anyone from Rawesome because she had learned that other people had already contacted James Stewart and that she was only concerned about her own health issues and did not want to become involved with issues regarding Rawesome.

Hanson shopped at Rawesome on a weekly basis during 2010. Prior to that, she sporadically shopped at Rawesome, perhaps twice monthly. She has not renewed her membership at Rawesome.

The interview was concluded at 1415 hours.

Copies of Doctor's Data, Inc. laboratory reports for egg sample number U101102-2181, egg sample U101201-2648 and raw chicken sample U101102-2174 accompany this report.