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DATE: 1/11/15

TO: Lisa Peebles, Esq.

FROM: Greg Oakes

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ATTENTION: Lisa Peebles - URGENT

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COMMENTS:

RE: URGENT - BRADY  
 Material

on People v. Gary Thibodeau  
 IND 94-161

CC: Hon. Daniel King (376-1656)  
 Oswego County Court Clerk (266-4519)

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**URGENT -- PLEASE READ IMMEDIATELY**  
**RE: BRADY MATERIAL**

January 11, 2015

Lisa A. Peebles, Esq.  
Federal Public Defender's Office  
4 Clinton Square, Third Floor  
Syracuse, NY 13201

Via Fax

Re: **People v. Gary Thibodeau -- Indictment No. 94-161**

Dear Lisa:

Please see the attached e-mail, which I sent to you a short while ago. I've also sent you a couple of texts and have called twice.

I just learned of an individual who advised a Sheriff's Investigator that Roger Breckenridge admitted that he worked with others to take Heidi Allen to a scrap yard, killed her, burned her, and put the stove containing her remains in a truck that was scrapped and moved off property.

Please call me upon receipt. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
GREGORY S. OAKES  
District Attorney

Enc.

cc: Hon. Daniel King (via fax)  
Oswego County Clerk's Office (via fax)

1/11/2015

O: wego County Mail - Brady Material



Oakes, Gregory &lt;goakes@oswegocounty.com&gt;

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**Brady Material**

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Oakes, Gregory &lt;goakes@oswegocounty.com&gt;

Sun, Jan 11, 2015 at 4:32 PM

To: Lisa Peebles &lt;Lisa\_Peebles@fd.org&gt;

Cc: "klyndake@nycourts.gov" &lt;klyndake@nycourts.gov&gt;, Amy Fox &lt;alfox@courts.state.ny.us&gt;

Bcc: Mark Moody &lt;mmoody@oswegocounty.com&gt;, "Oakes, Greg" &lt;goakes@oswegocounty.com&gt;

Dear Lisa:

I spent several hours with Inv. Pietroski yesterday, going through the case file for every lead, report, and statement from 2013 to today. I wanted to personally make sure that I have everything so that you have everything. At the end of the night, we could not locate Lead 1529.

Today I spoke with the CID Lieutenant so that I could obtain Lead 1529. The CID Lt. called the investigator, who was off-duty. I told them that I needed the lead sheet, but in the interim, I wanted an e-mail from the investigator (Andrew Bucher) detailing what the lead was about and what he did.

Attached is the e-mail that he sent to the Lt., which was brought up to me around 3:30 pm. Upon reading the last line, I pulled the SJS report to see if there were additional details. Attached is a copy of his SJS entry for this lead, with the important information highlighted.

As you can see, a man named Chris Combs claims that Roger Breckenridge admitted that he and others took Heidi to Murtaugh's scrap yard, killed her, burned her, and put the stove containing her remains in to a truck that was scrapped and moved off the property. As you see, the investigator spoke with him on July 28, 2014.

Upon reviewing the report, I drafted up a subpoena for Mr. Combs for tomorrow morning at 8:30 am so that he is available as a witness to you and so that your investigator may speak with him first thing. It's my understanding that the Sheriff's department has located him and will be serving a subpoena upon him tonight. Attached is a copy of the subpoena. As you can see, it directs him to contact you upon receipt. (I'm sorry to give out your cell number, but I know this is urgent.)

Further, it's my understanding that he is willing to come to the Sheriff's Department tonight to speak with investigators. If you would like to have Mr. Hauman present, or if Mr. Hauman would like to speak with Combs privately, I will make any accommodation.

I make no excuses for Investigator Bucher. Although he advised me that he spoke with Mr. Combs by phone a few times since July, he simply did not do his job. His failure to follow through on this important lead, and his failure to advise my office of this important Brady material, is simply inexcusable.

I will work with you and the court to make this matter right. Thank you.

Very truly yours,  
Greg

[Quoted text hidden]

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Oswego County Mail - Case 14-13391 ref: lead 1529



Moskal, Robert &lt;rmoskal@oswegocounty.com&gt;

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**Case 14-13391 ref: lead 1529**

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Sun, Jan 11, 2015 at 1:25 PM

**Bucher, Andrew** <abucher@oswegocounty.com>  
To: Robert Moskal <rmoskal@oswegocounty.com>

LT,

This summer I was approached by Deputy William Taylor who had information regarding an acquaintance named Chris Combs. Deputy Taylor said that Combs had information referencing Heidi Allen. Deputy Taylor supplied with the name and phone number of Combs. I contacted Combs who said that he had in the past worked alongside Roger Breckenridge. Combs said that one time Breckenridge stated to him that Heidi Allen was burned in a stove and the stove was placed into a vehicle that was then scrapped. Combs stated on several occasions that he would meet with me, but never made himself available.

See SJS incident 30400 for more details

Thank you,

Andrew Bucher

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Oswego County Sheriff's Office  
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Oswego, N Y 13126  
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LAWYER	PEEBLES, LISA		4 CLINTON ST SYRACUSE NY 13202	(315) 701-0080
PERSON INTERVIEWED	HAUMANN, RICHARD		4 CLINTON ST SYRACUSE NY 13202	(315) 701-0080
PERSON INTERVIEWED	OBRIEN, JOHN		220 SOUTH WARREN ST SYRACUSE NY 13202	(315) 470-2187
PERSON REPORTING	REEVES, LEAH		4780 EUCKLEY ROAD RIVADA APTS APT 5 LIVERPOOL NY	(315) 530-2375
PERSON INTERVIEWED	WESCOTT, WILLIAM E	08/17/1961	98 SHEEPSKIN RD ALTMAR NY 13031	(315) 480-2192
PERSON INTERVIEWED	POWERS, NICOLE E	01/29/1982	US RT 11 BLDG 2803 PARISH NY	(315) 625-0021 (315) 591-3181
PERSON INTERVIEWED	ELLIS, LISA A	10/23/1970	155 COUNTY ROUTE 35A FULTON NY 13069	(315) 598-7374 (315) 706-1604
PERSON INTERVIEWED	DENNIS, WILLIAM H	12/04/1969	155 COUNTY ROUTE 35A FULTON NY 13069	(315) 598-7374 (315) 436-6808
PERSON INTERVIEWED	BERTOLLINI, MARY K		183 RICE RD PARISH NY 13131	(315) 625-7043
PERSON INTERVIEWED	BERTOLLINI, ROBERT A	08/03/1948	183 RICE RD PARISH NY 13131	(315) 625-7043
PERSON INTERVIEWED	KLISZ, JASON	09/29/1966	MONROSE AVE BLDG 626 SYRACUSE NY	(315) 395-0433
PERSON INTERVIEWED	HAYES, TYLER	03/24/1977	DUTCH HILL RD BLDG 137 WEST MONROE NY 13167	(315) 436-3980
PERSON INTERVIEWED	GRATH, MARK A	05/03/1959	14 ST ANTY CREEK RD CENTRAL SQUARE NY 13036	(315) 676-0065
PERSON INTERVIEWED	CORAZZO, PAULA	10/13/1955	328 EAST AVE EAST SYRACUSE NY 13057	(315) 383-8033
PERSON INTERVIEWED	COMBES, CHRISTOPHER L	02/08/1980	44 M JCK RD H HANNIBAL NY 13074	(315) 529-9082
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	BIRARDI, KEVIN		NY	(315) 442-5200
PERSON INTERVIEWED	DANN, DOUG		NY	(315) 727-1252 (315) 463-6950
PERSON INTERVIEWED	VECCHIO, DEBORAH A		44 RICE RD PARISH NY 13131	(315) 532-2428
PERSON INTERVIEWED	VECCHIO, DAVID A	11/11/1974	26 BIRCH LN BLD 14 APT 4 BLDG 14 APT E OSWEGO NY 13126	(315) 382-6532
PERSON INTERVIEWED	VECCHIO, DORESE A	01/11/1981	833 CO RT 26 WEST MONROE NY 13167	(315) 382-0533
PERSON INTERVIEWED	VECCHIO, DARRON A	11/15/1977	3028 US RT 11 PARISH NY 13131	(315) 532-0429

Rd. T/New Haven, NY.

Interview with the above mentioned person was recorded using my digital voice recorder. On this same date I transferred the interview recording from my digital voice recorder to DMS. From DMS I transferred the recording a CDs marking it original and securing it into evidence this same date. I made an additional 2 copies onto 2 separate CDs for this case file.

On 12-21-14, Inv. James Pietroski and I met with Jonathan Barkley in the parking lot of the Central Square Police Dept. in my car, unit #5046. Prior to meeting with Barkley I activated my digital voice recorder to record mode. Refer to the recorded interview for details.

On 12-23-14 I transferred the interview recording from my digital voice recorder to DMS. From DMS I transferred the recording a CDs marking it original and securing it into evidence this same date. I made an additional 2 copies onto 2 separate CDs for this case file.

On 01-08-15, Inv. James Pietroski and I met with Candy Shortleeve at 416 Sherman F.d. in the Town of Richland. Prior to meeting with Shortleeve I activated my digital voice recorder to record mode. I left the digital recorder in my shirt pocket. Refer to the recorded interview for details.

On 01-08-15, Inv. James Pietroski and I met with Michael West at 2291 US RT 11 in the Town of Hastings. Prior to meeting with West I activated my digital voice recorder to record mode. I left the digital recorder in my shirt pocket. Refer to the recorded interview for details.

On 01-08-15, Inv. James Pietroski and I met with Allen Breckenridge in my car, unit #5046. I was parked in the driveway of his residence located at the S & E Trailer Park lot #4 in the Town of Hastings. Prior to meeting with Breckenridge I activated my digital voice recorder to record mode and left in my shirt pocket. Refer to the recorded interview for details.

On 01-08-15 I transferred the recorded interviews with Candy Shortleeve, Michael West and Allen Breckenridge from my digital voice recorder to DMS in CID. From DMS I transferred each recording to a separate CD marking each one original and securing them in evidence on this same date. I made three additional copies of each CD onto separate CDs for file copies.

Date of Action	Date Written	Officer Name & Rank
07/28/2014	07/29/2014	BUCHER, ANDREW (INVESTIGAT)

**Narrative**

On 07/28/2014 I was asked by LT Moskal to locate and speak to Darron Vecchio, who is a former resident of Rice Rd and is believed to be the builder of the wooden structure found in the woods along Rice Rd in the Town of Mexico. I then contacted Deborah Vecchio and was provided with a phone number for Darron. Deborah is Darron's mother. I then contacted Darron by phone and he stated that he worked for the Housing Authority in the City of Syracuse and that I could speak to him there.

I then, along with Investigator Price, responded to the Syracuse Housing Authority complex on Burt Street in the City of Syracuse. There, we spoke with Darron who stated that he and a childhood friend, Wayne Maichuk, constructed the fort in approximately 1989. Darron said that the fort was made with pallets for a floor, 2x4's for support and covered with available sheets of wood, such as OSB and plywood, for the walls and roof. Darron also said that the roof was covered with rolled roofing and may have had a metal section. Darron said that the fort was two parts, one part was the previously described part and another was a picnic table covered by a roof and having no floor below it. Darron then provided me with a drawing of the fort and it's location relative to Rice Rd and a creek in the woods.

At approximately 0940 hrs I began to take a three page written statement from Darron regarding the same.

I then, along with Investigator Price, responded to the Oswego Behavioral Health facility located at 61 Delano St in the Village of Pulaski. There we spoke to Darron's younger sister Dorese Vecchio. Dorese said that she remembered the fort that Darron had build and that in approximately 1996 or 1997 she went to see the fort and the roof had been collapsed from the center. Dorese said that prior to that she had only been to the fort a few times.

At approximately 1254 hrs I began to take a one page written statement from Dorese regarding the same.

I then, along with Investigator Price, responded to the Oswego Behavioral Health facility located at 7 Bunner Street in the City of Oswego. Upon arrival, we spoke with David Vecchio. David is the oldest brother of Darron and Dorese. David said that he was present for some of the fort's construction and believed it was constructed in approximately 1992. David said that in approximately 1996 he noticed that the bridge that was used to access the fort was no longer there, but he said he could see the fort from the other side of the creek and he believed it to still be intact at that time. David said that he again saw the fort when out in the woods in approximately 2001 he saw the fort from the other side of the creek and he observed the roof to be caved in and the walls to still be standing.

At approximately 1420 hrs I began to take a one page written statement from David.

Later, I was contacted by Deputy Taylor who informed me that "Chris Combs" had contacted him stating that he had some information regarding Heidi Allen. I was then provided with "Chris" phone number and I contacted him. "Chris" told me that more than 7 years ago he was speaking with Roger Breckenridge and that Roger had told him that he was responsible for Heidi Allen's kidnapping and murder. "Chris" said that Roger said that he and other people took Heidi to Murtaugh's scrap yard located on Flood Dr in the Town of Volney and killed her, buried her, and put the stove containing Heidi's remains into a truck that was subsequently scrapped and transported off of the property. "Chris" agreed to meet with me at a later date to discuss this matter in person.

I took no further action on this date.

Date of Action	Date Written	Officer Name & Rank
07/29/2014	07/29/2014	BUCHER, ANDREW (INVESTIGAT)

**Narrative**

On 07/29 I responded to Rice Rd in the Town of Mexico and there was instructed by Investigator Pietroski to take photographs of the scene. At approximately 0830 hrs I completed a report of photos taken and began to photograph the scene which was located southwest of the driveway to 61 Rice Rd in the Town of Mexico.

While on scene, I observed members of the Oswego County Sheriff's Office, Onondaga County Medical Examiner's Office, and the Oswego County District Attorney to all be on scene. The scene was the location of the fort that was constructed by Darron Vecchio and Wayne Maichuk. I observed the fort to now be collapsed. I observed the creek to the west of the fort. I observed no items of evidentiary value while on scene.

After clearing the scene I responded to the Public Safety Center and copied all images to the DMS and to a DVD and secured the DVD in evidence locker D1. I also completed a Photographic Evidence Log regarding the same.

I took no further action on this date.

Date of Action	Date Written	Officer Name & Rank
07/28/2014	07/31/2014	PRICE, WILLIAM (INVESTIGAT)

**Narrative**

CPL §440.10 Hearing

~~TRIAL~~ - SUBPOENA TICKET

tel. 509-9080

In the Name of the People of the State of New York:

To Chris Combs, 44 Muck Road, H, Hannibal, NY 13074

→ Oswego County Courthouse  
35 East Oneida Street

YOU ARE COMMANDED to appear before the County Court of the County of Oswego, at the ~~Public Safety Center~~ in the City

of Oswego, County of Oswego, New York, on the 12th day of January 2015, at

9:20 am o'clock in the (forenoon) as a witness in a criminal action prosecuted by the People of the State of New York against Gary Thibodeau

Dated at Oswego, N.Y., this 11th day of January 2015

GREGORY S. OAKES  
District Attorney of Oswego County

(over)

Please contact Attorney Lisa Peebles  
at 345-1543 upon receipt

**IN THE NAME OF THE  
PEOPLE OF THE  
STATE OF NEW YORK**

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**SUBPOENA**

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**GREGORY S. OAKES**  
District Attorney  
Oswego, N.Y.

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For failure to attend you will be deemed guilty of  
contempt of court, and liable to pay all loss and  
damages sustained thereby to the party aggrieved  
and forfeit **FIFTY DOLLARS** and in addition  
thereto you are subject to having criminal charges  
brought against you.

(FL§ 215.50)

Bring this Subpoena Ticket with you and present  
it to the Sheriff, that your attendance may be known.

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