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**Re: Death of Jo Ellen Savage**

Dear Mr. Eugster:

I am an Assistant Attorney General in the Criminal Justice Division of the Attorney General's Office (AGO). I have reviewed your post to the AGO website of February 2, 2009. There you referenced the death of Jo Ellen Savage, which occurred in April 2006 at the River Park Square Garage. You indicated in your post that it was your understanding that Spokane County Prosecuting Attorney Steven Tucker was referring the case to the AGO for review for criminal charges.

We have received a verbal request from Spokane County to review the case. However, to date we have not received the actual case file and until then we are in no position to comment on it having no real knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the case. When the case is received it will be carefully reviewed. I have saved the information in your post, to include your contact information, and will place it in the file when we receive the case and a file is opened. The prosecutor who is assigned to review the case will have your information available.

I am sorry I could not be of more direct assistance, but until we actually receive the referral we cannot assess it; nor do we have any jurisdiction or authority in the matter until we receive the actual referral.

Sincerely,

John Hillman  
Assistant Attorney General