

State Police Reopens Investigation into Teen's Death

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Citing inconsistencies in the original accident scene investigation, the observations of the coroner at the scene as well as threats of physical harm made against Stone in the days prior to his death, his family hired a private investigator to further examine the evidence. That investigation is near completion and files have been turned over to the Ouachita County prosecutor and the Arkansas State Police's Crime Investigation Division in Camden.

Stone died the night of September 23, 2003 after his car left Arkansas Highway 57 near Chidester. According to the State Police's final report, the car became airborne and rolled three times before slamming into a tree. Stone's lifeless body was found a few feet away.

The coroner, who examined the body at the scene, told the family that Stone's massive head injuries were not consistent with ejection from a roll-over accident. Moreover, the condition of the vehicle did not indicate a roll-over. Photographs recorded the following day show distinctive markings on the ground consistent with the body being dragged away from the vehicle. Personal items were missing from the vehicle and were later found in the possession of one of parties who had threatened Stone previously.

Stone's family finally located the vehicle a week later and observed a small black mark, possibly made by another vehicle's bumper along the rear of the Stone vehicle. Stone's family notified the Sheriff's Office and when police returned several hours later that day the mark had been scratched off. Stone's family now believes he was dragged from the vehicle and beaten to death.

Despite the suspicious findings of the coroner, the State Police investigators and the family's private investigator, Ouachita County officials have steadfastly refused to reopen the case. One Ouachita County official dismissed the family's findings as "irrelevant" and labeled Stone "a druggie and a homosexual."



Once Townsend Investigations turned their reports and findings over to the State Police Investigator, Terrie Smith and County Prosecutor, Jamie Pratt, the case was re-opened.

To date, Stone's family has spent over \$10,000 seeking the truth about Timothy's death. After his family began their own investigation, the home where his grandfather lives and mother visiting was sprayed with bullets and the family has received harassing and threatening phone calls. Stone's mother, Renata Balleza of Houston, Texas, recently made an appearance on a program hosted by COURT TV legal analyst Nancy Grace to discuss the case and the family's quest for justice.

Anyone with information about the death of Timothy Stone is asked to contact the family's investigator, Townsend Investigations at 501-455-4650 or to email the family at their website: www.timothystonefamily.com

"We want to do what we can to get these people who brutally murdered my son behind bars where they belong. We believe they are responsible for multiple murders and will kill again." Renata Balleza said. Townsend Investigations: <http://www.townsendinvestigations.com/>

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