



*Police Chief Robert Kochen*

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The opioid epidemic has wreaked havoc on our country and despite proactive law enforcement efforts throughout the United States to keep fentanyl and other opioids off our streets, we have unfortunately seen an uptick in overdose deaths in the United States. This drug knows no bounds and we grieve with Ms. Bowers and all the families that have lost loved ones in this crisis.

Sadly, our department along with the Pinellas/Pasco Medical Examiner's Office was called upon to investigate the deaths of Ms. Bowers family members. Our department and the medical examiner's office determined after an extensive investigation that the following occurred with these deaths:

George Kotsodis passed away in March of 2023. The Pinellas/Pasco Medical Examiner conducts their own thorough investigation of all nonnatural deaths. In the case of George Kotsodis, the Medical Examiner ruled that the cause of death was multidrug toxicity, and the manner of death was an accident.

New Port Richey Police case detectives canvassed the neighborhood for witnesses and/or camera surveillance footage without success. Ms. Bowers was contacted and interviewed in reference to this case. At the time she did not provide any camera surveillance video to our case detectives. If Ms. Bowers has video footage, she is strongly encouraged to contact Detective Joe Ioppolo at 727-841-4550.

Frances Adams passed away in June of 2023. Life saving measures were taken by officers on scene and she was transported to a trauma hospital where she passed. The Medical Examiner ruled that the cause of death was trauma to the head and the manner of death is a suicide. The evidence collected by the Crime Scene Technician and the detective assigned to the case corroborates the Medical Examiners' findings.

Both sudden deaths are understandably deeply troubling for the family, and we cannot imagine how difficult this period has been for them. We will continue to work with Ms. Bowers through this difficult time. Should they have any additional questions regarding this case, they can reach out to the New Port Richey Police Department at 727-841-4550.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R. Kochen", written over a light blue circular background.

Robert Kochen, Chief of Police