



PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE
DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS
1800 ELMERTON AVENUE
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17110

Mailing Date: June 25, 2024

Thomas Rue
78 Kirks Road
Narrowsburg, New York 12764

PSP/RTKL Request N° 2024-1358

Dear Mr. Rue:

On June 18, 2024, the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) received your request for information pursuant to the Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Law (RTKL), 65 P.S. §§ 67.101 - 3104, wherein you state or request:

Summary or any information available for public release concerning the investigation of the suspected arson and murder on August 28, 1997 of PATRICIA WOLL in her former apartment at Innisfree at 1049 River Road, Milanville, Wayne County. Published news accounts indicate no one was ever charged, but the chief suspect reportedly did while incarcerated for unrelated crimes.

Under the RTKL, a written response to your request is due on or before June 25, 2024.

Under the provisions RTKL section § 67.902(b)(2), you are hereby notified that your request is being reviewed and the PSP will require up to an additional 30 days, i.e., until July 25, 2024, in which to respond to your request. Should your request be granted, the total for the estimated or actual fees owed, if any, will be included in our subsequent response. The reason for requiring additional time for a final response is checked below:

- Compliance with your request may require the redaction of certain information that is not subject to access under RTKL.
- Your request requires retrieval of one or more records that are stored at a remote location.
- A response by the mailing date of this letter could not be accomplished due to bona fide staffing limitations. In particular, _____.
- Your request is under legal review, which is necessary to determine whether a requested record is a "public record" for purposes of the RTKL.

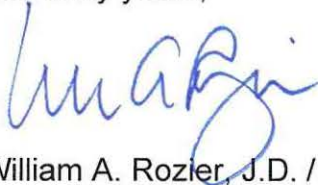
Your compliance with the following agency policies is required for access to the record(s): _____.

You must pay the applicable fees authorized by the RTKL.

The extent or nature of the request precludes a response within the required time period.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W. Rozier', is written over the typed name.

William A. Rozier, J.D. / Agency Open Records Officer
Pennsylvania State Police / Bureau of Records and Identification
1800 Elmerton Avenue / Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110
Phone: 1.877.785.7771 Fax: 717.525.5795
www.psp.pa.gov

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Standard Right-to-Know Law Request Form

Good communication is vital in the RTKL process. Complete this form thoroughly and retain a copy; it may be required if an appeal is filed. You have 15 business days to appeal after a request is denied or deemed denied.

SUBMITTED TO AGENCY NAME: Pennsylvania State Police (Attn: AORO)

Date of Request: June 18, 2024 Submitted via: Email U.S. Mail Fax In Person

PERSON MAKING REQUEST:

Name: Thomas Rue Company (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: 78 Kirks Road

City: Narrowsburg State: NY Zip: 12764 Email: tom@choicesmhc.com

Telephone: 845-828-0299 Fax: 866-428-0282

How do you prefer to be contacted if the agency has questions? Telephone Email U.S. Mail

RECORDS REQUESTED: *Be clear and concise. Provide as much specific detail as possible, ideally including subject matter, time frame, and type of record or party names. RTKL requests should seek records, not ask questions. Requesters are not required to explain why the records are sought or the intended use of the records unless otherwise required by law. Use additional pages if necessary.*

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DO YOU WANT COPIES? Yes, printed copies (default if none are checked)
 Yes, electronic copies preferred if available
 No, in-person inspection of records preferred (may request copies later)

Do you want certified copies? Yes (may be subject to additional costs) No
RTKL requests may require payment or prepayment of fees. See the Official RTKL Fee Schedule for more details.

Please notify me if fees associated with this request will be more than \$100 (or) \$ _____

ITEMS BELOW THIS LINE FOR AGENCY USE ONLY

Tracking: _____ Date Received: _____ Response Due (5 bus. days): 9:29

30-Day Ext.? Yes No (If Yes, Final Due Date: _____) Actual Response Date: _____

Request was: Granted Partially Granted & Denied Denied Cost to Requester: \$ _____

Appropriate third parties notified and given an opportunity to object to the release of requested records.

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From: Thomas Rue <tom@choicesmhc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 9:03 AM
To: SP, PSP RIGHT TO KNOW
Subject: [External] Records request
Attachments: 2024-06-18-PennStatePolice-FOIL-request-on-arson-murder-investigation.pdf;
1997-09-02-[THR]-Fire-claims-one-in-Milanville-Pa.jpg

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Pennsylvania State Police
Bureau of Records & Identification
ATTN: Agency Open Records Officer, Mr. William Rozier
1800 Elmerton Avenue
Harrisburg PA 17110
By Email: RA-psprighttoknow@pa.gov
(Phone: 1-877-785-7771)

Dear Mr. Rozier:

I am writing to request copies of all records that are eligible for public release concerning the fatal apartment fire described in the news clip that I have attached for your reference). Please see the attached Pennsylvania Open Records Request form and advise. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Thomas Rue
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845-828-029 cell
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Fire Claims One In Milanville, Pa.

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By Fred Stabbert III

MILANVILLE, PA. — An early morning apartment fire on Thursday claimed the life of a Milanville, Pa. woman on the grounds of the Upper Delaware Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at Innisfree here.

Patricia Woll, age unknown, a tenant in the three-story, wood-framed apartment, was unable to escape the blaze, which was reported to the Beach Lake Fire Company at 1:49 a.m. Thursday.

The fire, which was termed "suspicious" by authorities, is currently under investigation by Wayne County District Attorney Mark Zimmer, Pennsylvania State Police Investigators and a fire marshal.

Ann Rue, who has owned the property for nearly two decades, said the building, which is located behind the main house, was first a youth hostel, then a school and more recently an apartment building.

The building is located on River Road in Milanville, Pa., overlooking the Delaware River, and reportedly had four apartments.

The fire was first reported to the Beach Lake Fire Dept. at 1:49 Thursday morning and it was reported that all three of the building's occupants had escaped the fire.

Ten minutes later, a call to Wayne County Emergency Services said there was possibly someone trapped in the burning building, according to reports in The Wayne Independent.

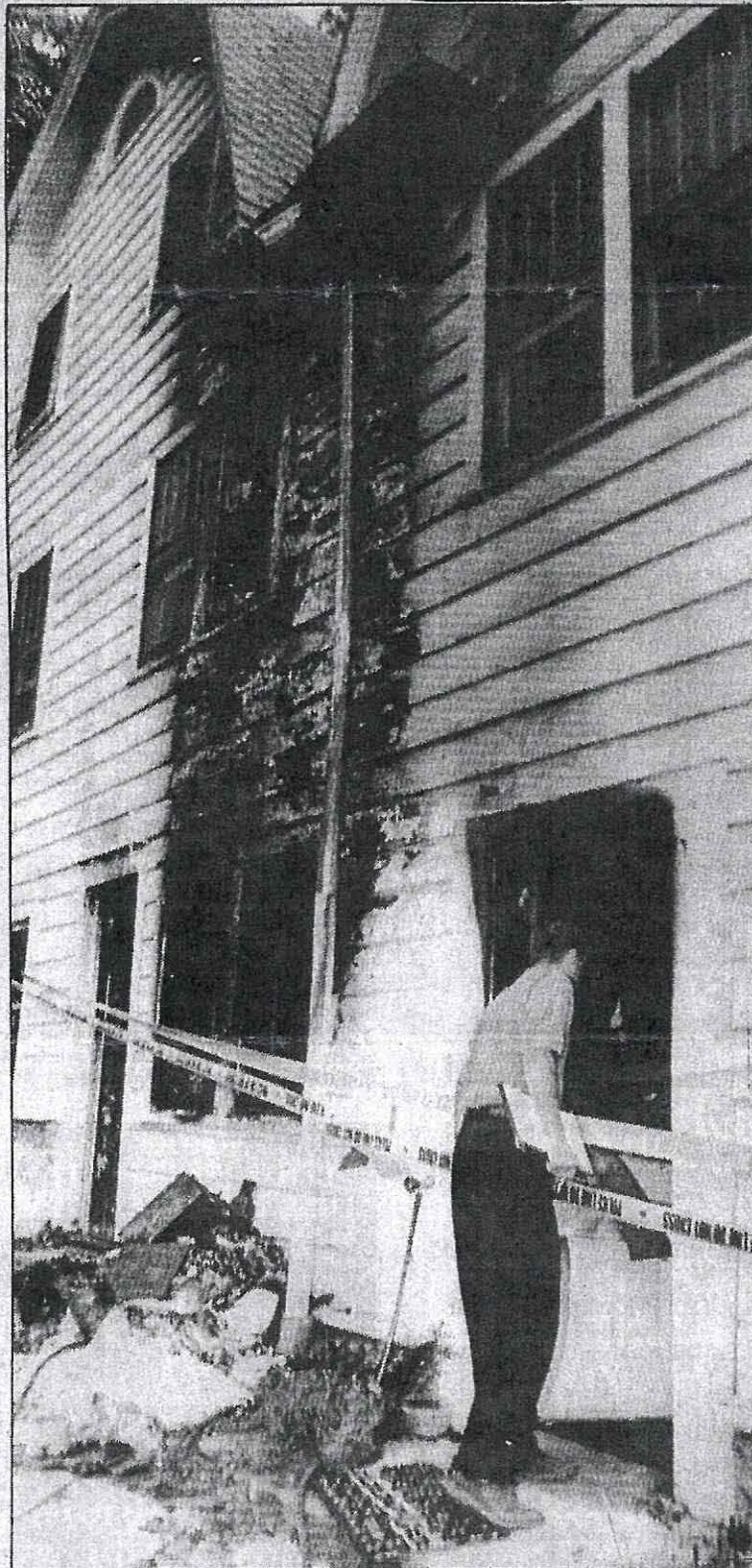
In addition to Beach Lake, the State Police, Welcome Lake Fire Company, Damascus Ambulance Corps, Honesdale Fire Company and Lake Huntington Fire Company all responded to the scene.

According to eye witnesses at the scene, firetrucks could be seen lined up on River Road as thick clouds of smoke wafted across the river.

Following the fire Wayne County Coroner Edward Murray was summoned and an autopsy was performed on Woll by Dr. Ross of Scranton on Friday.

On Friday, insurance adjuster Gerald Williams of Tuscarora Wayne Mutual Insurance Co. arrived at 8 a.m. to provide an estimate on the damage.

Later in the day police investigators and the Wayne County DA also surveyed the scene.



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Democrat Photo by Fred Stabbert III
SURVEYING DAMAGE: Insurance Adjuster Gerald Williams, of Scranton, surveyed the fire damage on Friday.