

I am giving testimony on HB 0183 on February 11, 2021. My name is Kyle Ann Ross. I live in Baltimore City. I want to have more options to get one public record: the autopsy report of Officer Jimmy Dale Halcomb. Officer Halcomb died in Baltimore City on April 16, 1976 and his autopsy report exists at the Maryland Medical Examiners office. I believe Halcomb's autopsy report proves that the man in prison for the past forty-five years is in prison for a murder he did not commit. I want to be wrong. I want to see the autopsy. The man in prison, Mr. John Earl Williams, was convicted by a jury, in 1977, of "murdering" Officer Halcomb. The conviction was thrown out due to procedural error in 2014? and in 2018, Marilyn Mosby's office, the Baltimore City prosecutor, offered a plea bargain or a new trial to Mr. John Earl Williams. In 2018, John Earl Williams, assuming he had caused this murder, assuming his public defender in 1977 had done a good job, pleaded guilty to murder of Officer Jimmy Dale Halcomb. When I told John Earl Williams in 2019 that I thought someone else had shot Jimmy Dale Halcomb and why, John said it was the first time he was hearing this.

The results of my request for Halcomb's autopsy from the Medical Examiners office in Maryland was a denial. I went to the Public Ombudsman of Maryland's Attorney General's office for voluntary arbitration and the request was denied again because the medical examiner said the Baltimore City was "still investigating" Halcomb's death. So I talked to the former detective investigating the case in 1976 and the former prosecutor in the Halcomb murder trial and they said nothing about a continuing investigation. Marilyn Mosby's office told me I could sue the medical examiner's office for the autopsy. When I told her the medical examiner was telling me ( her Baltimore

city office, the prosecutor and police ) were still investigating I got NO answer from Mosby. I went to a lawyer to pursue suing for the record which I believe I have a right to have: Halcomb's autopsy report. I believe the accused also has a right to see evidence used against him during his trial. I believe John Earl Williams deserves also to see this autopsy report. He is still in prison and I believe the report proves his innocence. I want to see transparency. Millions of investment spent on John's time in prison is what I need to understand. The medical examiner is trying to tell me that the Baltimore city prosecutor is telling their office, this case is open. Open for whom? The police officer who stood next to Halcomb when he got killed, seems to think this case is closed. The wife of deceased Officer Halcomb also appears to think this case is closed.

I went to visit a lawyer and get a price quote on going to circuit court and suing for the autopsy report of Halcomb. We already paid for it with our tax dollars. The lawyer said she charges \$425.00 dollars per hour. I don't think I should have to pay thousands of dollars to pay for what we paid for. Is this a cover up? Everything I have researched about this death has pointed me to ask this question. I tried to get autopsy from Maryland Archives in case it was still in trial record but it was not in the archives.

I encourage the options available to me in HB 0183 although the prosecutors in America have a long history of being above any type of action against them. I am not sure how HB 0183 will help me to get to more transparency but I will try to take the next option. I already took the voluntary arbitration and nothing was resolved.

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