

O'Connell Timeline

- **September 2, 2010** - Death of Michelle O'Connell.
 - 911 call at 11:20 p.m.
 - Arrival of law enforcement 11:25 p.m.
 - She is pronounced deceased at 11:48 p.m.

- **September 4, 2010**- Dr. Frederick Hobin of the District 23 Medical Examiner's Office performed the autopsy of Michelle O'Connell and determined her death was caused by a self-inflicted intra-oral gunshot wound, and the manner of death was Suicide.

- **January 18, 2011**- Sheriff Shoar requested the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to conduct an independent review of Michelle O'Connell's death.

- **February 2011** - (specific date unknown) FDLE began their review in conjunction with staff from the State Attorney's Office of the 7th Judicial Circuit.

- **May 4, 2011**- Complaint sent from Attorney Robert L. McLeod to Assistant State Attorney Mark Johnson and FDLE SAS Mark Brutnell detailing significant concerns regarding Rodgers' conduct during the O'Connell Investigation.

- **May 9, 2011**- Deputy Jeremy Banks is placed on Administrative Leave.

- **June 2, 2011**- SA Rodgers had a second meeting with Dr. Hobin. Rodgers presented a PowerPoint presentation containing inaccurate information and false statements related to the Michelle O'Connell investigation.

- **June 7, 2011**- Dr. Hobin amended O'Connell's death certificate from his original finding of suicide to homicide "shot by another." It should be noted this death certificate was never officially filed with the State of Florida.

- **October 11, 2011**- Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Padrag Bulic (District 23) reviewed the death of Michelle O'Connell and concurs that her death was caused by a self-inflicted intra-oral gunshot wound, and the manner of death was Suicide. According to Dr. Bulic, Dr. Hobin was unduly influenced to change O'Connell's death certificate from his original finding of suicide to homicide "shot by another." Dr. Bulic stated the secondary death certificate (June 7, 2011) should not have been released outside of his office and said this amounted to a clerical error.

- **October 12, 2011**- State Attorney RJ Larizza (7th Judicial Circuit) makes a formal request to Governor Rick Scott that the O'Connell investigation be assigned to another State Attorney.

- **December 6, 2011-** Special Prosecutor (Brad King, State Attorney of the 5th Judicial Circuit) was assigned case by the Governor.
- **March 12, 2012-** Special Prosecutor Brad King closed the case, stating “Taken as a whole, the facts as they exist do not support the prosecution of Jeremy Banks for any homicide offense.”
- **March 15, 2012-** SAO Brad King and his staff share their findings with the O’Connell Family. During the meeting, Deputy Scott O’Connell has an inappropriate outburst and as a result is placed on Administrative Suspension pending an Internal Investigation.
- **March 27, 2012-** Deputy Scott O’Connell is separated from the St. Johns Sheriff’s Office, primarily as a result of his outburst.
- **March 28, 2012-** FDLE Special Agent in Charge Dominick Pape delivered a letter to SAO Brad King formally requesting an “Inquest” to determine Michelle O’Connell’s cause of death. Soon after delivering this letter, Pape tried to conceal the letter from the public by asking prosecutors from the 5th judicial circuit to call it a "draft."
- **April 26, 2012-** Complaint sent to FDLE by Lawrence Dixon detailing significant concerns regarding Rodgers’ conduct during the O’Connell Investigation.
- **June 25, 2012-** Deputy Jeremy Banks returned to duty.
- **February 7, 2013-** Sheriff Shoar ordered a comprehensive review to be conducted by the St. Johns County Sheriff’s Office.
- **March 26, 2013-** Sheriff Shoar provided SJSO O’Connell Case Review to FDLE Commissioner Gerald Bailey accompanied by a letter requesting an Internal/Administrative Investigation be conducted against SAC Pape and SA Rodgers.
- **April 2013-** SAC Dominick Pape resigns from FDLE.
- **April 2013-** Agent Rusty Rodgers is placed on administrative leave from FDLE.
- **April 12, 2013-** Sheriff Shoar receives a letter from FDLE Director Cindy Sanz acknowledging receipt of his complaint and that the Office of Executive Investigations is currently investigating the allegations.
- **April 19, 2013-** The Mcleod Firm files “Notice of Intent to File an Action” on behalf of Deputy Jeremy Banks against SA Rusty Rodgers, SAC Dominick Pape and FDLE for misconduct while conducting the O’Connell Investigation.

- **July 9, 2013-** Governor Rick Scott signed an “Executive Order” assigning State Attorney William Cervone of Eight Judicial Circuit to investigate Rusty Rodgers for “Official Misconduct.
- **July 22, 2013-** Scott O’Connell was rehired by the St. Johns County Sheriff’s Office.
- **August 16, 2013-** The McLeod Firm files “Notice of Intent to File an Action” on behalf of Scott O’Connell against SA Rusty Rodgers, SAC Dominick Pape and FDLE for misconduct while conducting the O’Connell Investigation.
- **November 14, 2013-** Attorney Robert L. McLeod filed suit on behalf of Jeremy Banks against Rusty Rodgers and FDLE, citing Unlawful Search and Seizure/Providing False Information to Obtain a Search Warrant (Count 1), Unlawful Detention/Warrantless Arrest (Count II), and Malicious Prosecution (Count III).
- **As of November 22, 2013-** We are currently awaiting the results of the Special Prosecutor's criminal investigation of Rusty Rodgers for the offense of "official misconduct." We are also awaiting the results of FDLE's internal affairs investigation of Rusty Rodgers and Dominic Pape. The civil lawsuits will be ongoing for an extended length of time.