

Independent Review of Medical Examiner's Report

Status: Resolution for consideration by the Issues Committee 5/23/2017

WHEREAS, the Medical Examiner's (ME) report in the death of Darren Rainey was central to the State Attorney's decision not to pursue criminal charges; and

WHEREAS, the Medical Examiner was appointed by Mayor Gimenez and works for Miami-Dade County and is independent from the State Attorney's Office and the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Medical Examiner's report states the death of Darren Rainey was accidental and there were "no burns" on his body which conflicts with eye witness testimony the night of Rainey's death; and

WHEREAS, the new reports of the death Darren Rainey has shocked our community and the world; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Herald has asked the Medical Examiner to allow an independent review but they have not had any success; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to pursue justice for Rainey's family and restore trust and faith in our justice system that the County allow an independent review of the ME report.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Miami-Dade Democratic Executive Committee urges the Mayor and the County Commission to compel the Medical Examiner to allow an independent review of the ME's report in the case of Darren Rainey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED that the Miami-Dade Democratic Executive Committee urges the Independent Review Panel working group to look into this matter and do everything in its abilities to allow an independent review of the ME's report in the case of Darren Rainey.