

Brennan, William

From: Rudy, Harry
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2005 5:11 PM
To: Brennan, William
Cc: Basher, George; McCagg, Harvey
Subject: Interview with SVC Kinn RE: Matie, Charles W.

Bill,

Per your guidance and instructions, the following information and response is forwarded regarding the above stated subject:

I explained to SVC Kinn why Gerry Grace and I were there.

- In response to my question of "how long have you known Mr. Matie" - she answered that "it is none of the Divisions business - he is a personal friend of me and my husband". She claims to have known him for a number of years - at least 5 anyway! She first interviewed the veteran at the Buffalo VAMC office on 4/15/02. States she had a personal relationship with Mr. Matie prior to working for the Division. She met him at the Lakeview Legion?
- SVC Kinn, when asked if she was involved in Mr. Matie's estate in any way shape or form- responded that "at one point she was - but, is not anymore". On 4/1/05 she received a letter from an attorney removing her as his private POA and health care proxy.
- She stated that she became private POA in 2003 and would forward a copy of the letter removing her from such responsibility.
- In response to the question "have you ever done this for any other veteran you represent" - she stated "no".
- SVC Kinn stated that Mrs. Mary Russo is the veterans friend of 40+ years who objected to her having this responsibility. Tracy further stated that " Mrs. Russo never liked me anyway".

Gerry and I went on the explain the appearance of "conflict of interest" this relationship could have with her and the Division. We continued with other examples & small talk and eventually ended the session.

Please advise me of any further conversation or course of action necessary.

Sincerely,

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