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Statement on State Attorney's Office review of Mark Senti death, potential charges

Mr. Senti's survivors asked the State Attorney's Office to take a second look at this case following his death, and we did so. Over several months, our senior trial lawyer for Brevard County examined all evidence, communicated with the Medical Examiner and Melbourne Police investigators, researched options available under Florida Statutes, and kept Mr. Senti's survivors and their attorney informed of our progress.

Based on that good-faith investigation, the State Attorney's Office found insufficient evidence to prove a homicide charge to a jury beyond a reasonable doubt – the standard for filing criminal charges. The Medical Examiner's Office determined that Mr. Senti's cause of death was drowning. It found no conclusive evidence that a seizure caused him to fall from a marina dock and drown, seven months after he was injured.

Our review also found that a lesser charge such as battery would be difficult to prove beyond a reasonable doubt. In his statement to police, Mr. Senti incorrectly identified the man who injured him and, unfortunately, he is not alive today to give a different statement. He also inserted himself into the altercation at the bar, giving potential defendants a plausible claim of self-defense.

We sympathize with the Senti family's loss and understand their frustration with our decision. But any assertion that the State Attorney's Office failed to act responsibly in this case is untrue.