

## KEY POINTS FOR SARASOTA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MEETING

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### Critical Evidence Requiring Reconsideration

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#### Gregory Admitted to Being the Aggressor

- Both Amy and David Gregory admitted in their own testimony that David crossed over to Steven's side of the road.
- Amy Gregory explicitly confirmed this critical fact.
- This admission alone establishes David Gregory as the aggressor, as he encroached into Steven's personal space—fundamentally disqualifying any self-defense claim.

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#### Illegal Concealed Carry Automatically Disqualifies Stand Your Ground

- David Gregory did not have a valid concealed carry permit at the time of the shooting.
- This constitutes a felony under Florida law at the time of the incident (2022).
- Florida Statute §776.012(1) explicitly disqualifies individuals engaged in unlawful activity from Stand Your Ground protection.
- This single fact alone should have precluded any Stand Your Ground consideration.

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#### 911 Call Reveals Fabricated Story

- Amy claims in her interview that she witnessed the “altercation.”
- However, when asked by the dispatcher if David was hit or injured, Amy had to ask David, “*Were you hit?*” before responding.
- This reveals their story was being constructed after the fact rather than reflecting actual events.

- This damning detail demonstrates the fabricated nature of their self-defense claim.

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### **Steven's Character Contradicts Gregory's Claims**

- Steven was 22 years old, wore glasses, and had never been in a fistfight in his life.
- That morning, Steven left the house wearing glasses, earbuds, and sandals for a walk. He was unarmed and remained on his side of the road—hardly the description of someone looking to cause trouble, as the Gregorys portrayed.
- In contrast, David Gregory left his house that morning with an unlicensed gun.
- Steven had no history of aggression whatsoever.
- Police recovered Steven's empty EarPod case, confirming he was wearing earbuds during his walk.
- This contradicts Gregory's claim of a verbal confrontation.

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### **Multiple Witnesses Heard Two Gunshots**

- Gary Osgood (HOA President), Sherry Pazzanese, and Dayna Purcell all testified to hearing two gunshots.
- Only one shell casing was recovered, suggesting possible evidence tampering.
- Firing twice indicates excessive force inconsistent with a self-defense claim.

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### **Forensic Evidence Contradicts Self-Defense Claim**

- The Medical Examiner's report shows “*no soot deposition, gunpowder stippling, or muzzle stamp.*”
- This proves the shot was fired from at least 4 feet away, contradicting claims of a close

struggle.

- Bullet trajectory suggests Steven Paul may have been turning away when shot.

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## **Inconsistencies in the Gregorys' Account**

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### **Contradictory Statements**

- They claimed to fear Steven, yet deliberately walked their dogs in front of Steven's home and followed him down the road rather than taking their usual shortcut.
- They claimed Steven was the aggressor, yet both admit he walked in the opposite direction, passed them on the other side of the road without saying anything—and that David crossed over to confront him.
- Their description of a close-range struggle is contradicted by forensic evidence.
- They claimed David was injured, yet no injuries were documented and no medical attention was sought.
- David's account of the incident contradicted itself between his first and second interviews.
- Amy's description of events contradicts David's.
- These inconsistencies show clear deception and dishonesty.

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### **Deliberate Path Choice**

- The Gregorys deliberately followed Steven Paul rather than taking their usual shortcut.
- They then crossed to Steven's side of the road before the shooting.
- This demonstrates intent to confront, not avoid.

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## **Evidence of Premeditation**

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### **Multiple Witnesses Confirm Prior Threats**

- David Gregory displayed animosity and hatred toward Steven, demonstrated by comments made to neighbors over months, weeks, and days leading up to the shooting.
- Penelope Nichols stated that David said: *"If Steven came at him again like that, he would have his firearm on his person and defend himself."*
- Gary Osgood, Russell Silva, and Tobin Johnston all admitted to knowing David was carrying a gun specifically because of Steven Paul and had expressed intent to use it on him. These individuals reached out to Steven's parents and grandparents, who have provided affidavits to that effect.
- Kelsie Eden also confirmed hearing David Gregory make threatening statements about Steven. She recounted a specific threat in which David stated: *"That kid's got one time with me and I'll put a bullet in him."*
- These prior threats were never thoroughly investigated, despite their critical relevance.

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## **Investigative Failures Requiring Correction**

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### **Witnesses Never Thoroughly Interviewed**

- Linda Kremblas, who lived next door to the Gregorys, was never formally interviewed.
- Kelsie Eden's testimony about prior threats was completely ignored.
- Several key witnesses were not interviewed until weeks after the incident.
- Witnesses were never properly questioned about the Gregorys crossing over to Steven's side of the road.

## **Critical Evidence Not Collected**

- No DNA testing was conducted on David Gregory's clothing despite his claim of being grabbed and punched.
- Ring camera footage was never properly secured, despite a subpoena being issued.
- Family interview recordings mysteriously disappeared due to "audio/visual problems."
- No investigation was conducted into David Gregory's concealed carry permit status.
- The empty EarPod case recovered by police was not properly considered as evidence.

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## **Biased Questioning**

- Detectives used leading questions when interviewing David and Amy Gregory.
- Detectives made statements labeling this a "Stand Your Ground" case just hours after the shooting.

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## **State Attorney's Office Position**

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### **Acknowledged "Miscarriage of Justice"**

- In August 2024, after meeting with the Colon family, the State Attorney's Office strongly agreed with their findings.
- Karen Fraivillig stated verbatim: "*There has been a miscarriage of justice.*"
- The State Attorney's Office cannot proceed until SCSO reopens the case.

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## **Grand Jury Option**

- The State Attorney's Office has the authority to convene a Grand Jury.
- A Grand Jury could review all evidence independently.
- It could issue indictments directly, bypassing the need for SCSO to reopen the case.
- This would allow for a fresh, independent evaluation by community members.

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## **Requested Actions**

1. Immediate reopening of the investigation
2. Proper investigation of the Gregorys' admission that they crossed to Steven's side of the road
3. Investigation into David Gregory's concealed carry permit status
4. Formal interviews of all previously overlooked or insufficiently questioned witnesses
5. Collection and analysis of previously ignored evidence
6. Review of the Stand Your Ground determination, focusing on disqualification due to illegal concealed carry
7. Consideration of convening a Grand Jury if SCSO continues to resist reopening the investigation