

Over the last 3 years in Office my staff and I have conducted many operations, interviews and follow ups on the Homicide Investigation in reference to Marquis Martin. However, no substantial evidence has been developed throughout the various operations. We have even tried getting further forensic evidence examinations done but the labs in the other states such as Texas stated that their results would not detect anything different. When taking Office I requested that the Arkansas State Police take over as primary but that was denied by them due to the time that had passed. However, we have worked closely with them and the Federal Bureau of Investigation but unfortunately the case has not developed any further evidence which would result in an arrest or prosecution. With all of this being said I want to ensure you that we are not done and have some cell phone tower information in which we will be sending to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Quantico, Virginia for further analysis.

This case has been built up on rumors and speculations throughout the years prior to even taking Office and even since then. I want to express that while we want nothing more than to solve this case and bring justice to light we cannot build a case on rumors and speculation, we must have facts. While I have my own personal beliefs on the case those personal beliefs are not facts. Our system is built on the Constitution and rules of law in which we must abide by. So please, if you have information you can submit a tip on the APP and we will follow up on it. The fact is someone out there in our communities or in our prison system is responsible for this homicide and we want to bring them to justice. If we are not able to bring justice to this case while here on earth I know judgment will be cast and justice will be served in eternity.

Sheriff Tim Nichols