

1 and you haven't been able to convince them.

2 MS. DUCHENE: There is no -- There's no  
3 signature on the death certificate. It's an open  
4 verdict. It says autopsy. Says there's no death  
5 certificate by Dr. Plunkett who performed an autopsy.  
6 Dr. Plunkett has been contacted quite a few times. I  
7 believe I'm entitled to an answer: Is this a first  
8 degree murder or not? Have you read these medical  
9 records or not?

10 THE COURT: Let me ask you this question.  
11 Let's assume he were sitting here on the witness stand  
12 and you asked him that question and he said "no."

13 MS. DUCHENE: Fine. I will then go through  
14 the -- the symptoms of diabetes. I think we have to  
15 approach this logically. There has to be a  
16 comprehensive report. There has -- whether it's oral  
17 on the stand or written, but a death that's this  
18 peculiar in a nursing home is something for every  
19 citizen to be concerned about.

20 THE COURT: I guess my question is, that if  
21 you called Dr. Plunkett and you deposed him on this  
22 witness stand and you asked him the series of  
23 questions --

24 MS. DUCHENE: Mm-hmm (Yes).

25 THE COURT: -- that you have in your own mir