



PRESS RELEASE

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**CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY MARK METZ OBJECTS TO
DATA RELEASE ON PRINCE ROGERS NELSON CASE
WHILE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION REMAINS ONGOING.**

On February 9, 2018, the Minneapolis Law Firm of Schwebel, Goetz and Sieben filed a motion in Carver County District Court seeking a court order to compel the release of both law enforcement data and medical examiner data relating to the death of Prince Rogers Nelson.

The Carver County Attorney's Office will object to release of this data because the joint federal and state criminal investigation is ongoing and not completed.

First, because the law enforcement data collected by the Carver County Sheriff's Office remains under active investigation, the data is classified by law as confidential data. This confidential law enforcement data remains confidential until the Carver County Attorney makes the decision to charge or decline any criminal charge.

Second, with respect to the medical examiner data, since the Carver County Attorney cannot presently determine that release would not impede the ongoing investigation, that data remains legally classified as private or nonpublic. Once the investigation is considered closed by the Carver County Attorney's Office, data may be released to legal next of kin.

The Carver County Attorney's Office will have no further comment pending the motion hearing. To date, the Carver County Court Administrator has not yet set a court date.

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