

Proviano chronology

1997

Dec. 23: Anthony Proviano checks into the St. Clairsville, Ohio Days Inn.

Dec. 25: His parents, Carmen and Maryann, seek the help of Baldwin Borough police to locate Anthony.

Dec. 28: Anthony's body is discovered on an abandoned Belmont County, Ohio township road.

Dec. 29: Private autopsy of Anthony by office of Dr. Cyril H. Wecht.

1998

Jan. 1: Funeral home visitation for Anthony.

Jan. 12: Composite drawing of "companion" of Anthony's made public.

Jan. 15: Olen Martin interviews ex-girlfriend of Anthony's in Chicago.

Jan. 17: Memorial service for Anthony at University of Cincinnati Medical College.

Jan. 20: Press conference about Anthony's autopsy results at Dr. Cyril H. Wecht's law office.

July 6: Joint letter from Mike Doyle, D-Swissvale, and Bob Ney, R-St. Clairsville, to Belmont County, Ohio Coroner Manuel Villaverde asking him to review the Proviano case and change his ruling from "suicide" to "could not be determined."

September: The two U.S. congressmen send Dr. Villaverde a second letter, giving him 10 days to change the ruling or face a court-ordered hearing on the cause of death.

1999

October: Lead investigator Olen Martin travels to Frankfurt, Germany to confront Peter van Wordragen, a former co-worker of Anthony's, who is considered a suspect. His alibi is solid, however.

Nov. 4: Dr. Villaverde changes his ruling in Anthony's death from "suicide" to "could not be determined."

March 12: Letter from state prison inmate Richard Mraz arrives at office of Greene County District Attorney David Pollock, claiming that Douglas R. Main shot Anthony Proviano and that Marlene "Slim" Smith knew it.

March 13: Lead investigator Olen Martin and Deputy Bart Giesey interview Mr. Main and Mr. Mraz at their respective prisons.

March 14: The deputies interview Ms. Smith at her prison.

March 16: Lead investigator Olen Martin gets search warrant for hair fibers and samples, plus photographs and fingerprints from Mr. Main.

June: Hair samples from the scene of Anthony Proviano's death do not match suspect Douglas Main.

September: Deputy Bart Giesey becomes lead investigator into Anthony's death.

October: Doug Main paroled from prison.

December: Carmen and Maryann Proviano file suit against Belmont County, Ohio Coroner Dr. Manuel Villaverde for "arbitrarily, recklessly, wantonly and in bad faith" ruling that their son committed suicide.

2000

November: Dr. Gene Kennedy wins election as Belmont County coroner over Dr. Villaverde.

2001

June: Olen Martin leaves Belmont County Sheriff's Office.

July: Proviano lawsuit settled.

Aug. 16: Belmont County Coroner Dr. Gene Kennedy changes Anthony's cause of death from "could not be determined" to "homicide."

2002

June: Retired investigator Bill Fera offers to investigate Anthony's death.

2004

Oct. 22: A Belmont County grand jury indicts Doug Main and Marlene "Slim" Smith for murder and conspiracy to commit murder.

November: Special Prosecutor Thomas A. Hampton appointed.

2005

March: Belmont County Sheriff's Deputy Bart Giesey fired.

November: Murder charges against Doug Main dropped.

2006

Feb. 13: Murder trial of Marlene "Slim" Smith begins.

Feb. 21: Ms. Smith convicted of murder.

March 30: Ms. Smith sentenced to serve 18 years to life.

2007

Feb. 1: Doug Main acquitted of obstruction and perjury charges in the Proviano murder.

April 25: Obstruction and perjury charges against Douglas St. Clair are dismissed.