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The State Attorney's Office has nolle prossed the case against defendant Susan Pinkerton for manslaughter. Our office is forced to do so after the judge granted a Motion to Suppress evidence which precludes the use at trial of the defendant's statements and medical examiner's report.

With no evidence remaining, we are unable to go forward with the case. We have consulted with the Attorney General's Office, which handles appeals for this circuit. They advised the judge's ruling is on firm legal ground and this case is not viable for appeal.

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