

**COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
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Over the past few weeks we have received hundreds of inquiries from members of the media about the accuracy of rumors represented on various websites regarding what is commonly referred to by the media as the Gilgo Beach murder case.

Unfounded, anonymous internet postings or rumors about who may be a suspect should be given the appropriate weight they deserve by those who read them. It should be remembered that this type of unsubstantiated "gossip" can cause substantial harm and emotional trauma, not only to the members of the families mentioned in the internet postings, but also to the families of the victims.

The solving of these murders has been, and will remain, a top priority for the Suffolk County Police Department and the Suffolk County District Attorney's office. All necessary law enforcement resources are being devoted to solving this case.

As with any active investigation, the Suffolk County Police Department and the District Attorney's Office should not and will not comment on who may or may not be a suspect.

Additionally, as far as updates on this investigation are concerned, neither agency will comment further at this time until we have additional information pertaining to the investigation that serves the public or the investigation by its release.

While we are confident that this long, complicated, difficult investigation will eventually be brought to a successful conclusion, it will be the facts and evidence that will lead us to this conclusion.

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