



## News from Senator Phil Boyle

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### STATE SENATOR BOYLE CALLS ON NYS ATTORNEY GENERAL LETITIA JAMES TO APPOINT SPECIAL PROSECUTOR TO REVIEW INITIAL INVESTIGATION INTO GILGO BEACH/LONG ISLAND SERIAL KILLER (LISK) CASE

New York State Senator Phil Boyle (R-Bay Shore) today called on New York State Attorney General Letitia (“Tish”) James to appoint a special prosecutor empowered to review the initial stages of the Gilgo Beach/Long Island Serial Killer (LISK) investigation and the actions of former Suffolk County Police Chief James Burke, former Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota, and Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone.

Boyle stated, *“It has been more than a decade since these tragic victims have been found and there have been no arrests to date. Incredibly, the prime suspect in the minds of many people living in Suffolk County and throughout the entire country has become former Police Chief James Burke himself. We need an objective, outside review of how we got here.”*

Senator Boyle also today delivered letters to current Suffolk County Police Department Chief and Acting Police Commissioner Stuart Cameron,

demanding that he release information to the public about whether former Police Chief Burke was ever questioned and cleared as a potential suspect.

Boyle stated, *“Suffolk County residents have the right to know if their former Police Chief James Burke was ever cleared, or even questioned, about any direct or indirect connection to these crimes. And if Chief Burke was questioned, when and by whom?”*

Finally, Senator Boyle delivered to current Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone a letter demanding that Bellone disclose to Suffolk County residents why he did not remove James Burke as his Police Chief even as it became clear that Burke was hindering progress in solving these heinous crimes by refusing assistance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

Boyle stated, *“County Executive Bellone continually and consistently protected Police Chief Burke, refusing to replace Burke despite Burke’s efforts to derail the investigation into the most horrific crimes in Suffolk County history. According to his own words, Bellone did not fire Burke as his Police Chief even after coming to the realization that Burke was a sociopath. Why?”*

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