

Brother: Kevin gave me info on probe on powerful individuals

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The brother of Anthony Kevin Morais has claimed to be in possession of a pen drive sent to him by the deputy public prosecutor just before he was murdered.

"It is in safe custody in the US with someone who has instructions to release it publicly should anything untoward happen to me for swearing this statutory declaration," said Charles Suresh Morais.

"The contents of this pen drive clearly and unequivocally reveal the investigation Kevin had been tasked with just before his untimely death, which implicates certain personalities who currently walk the corridors of power in Malaysia," he added in a statutory declaration today.

Charles said in his statutory declaration that Kevin told him in August that he would send Charles something via courier for safekeeping.

He told reporters at a press conference in Kuala Lumpur that the pen drive arrived at his home in Atlanta in late October.

Kevin was murdered sometime between Sept 4 - the date he was abducted - and Sept 16, the date when his remains were found in a cement-filled drum.

When asked, Charles declined to divulge the contents on the pen drive.

Charles said he was convinced that Kevin knew something was going to happen to him.

"I could sense this from the conversations I had with him over the phone shortly before he was abducted.

"This perhaps explains why he felt it necessary to travel to London on Aug 3, 2015 and while there, to see solicitors who drew up a will for him dated Aug 13, 2015 in which he specifically bequeathed his apartment to a dear friend of his.

"Why do this when it had always been his intention to retire to London and live in that apartment?" he said.

Charles disputed police's explanation that Kevin was murdered because he was prosecuting a government pathologist for corruption.

"This accused (doctor) is intelligent enough to realise that getting rid of the DPP prosecuting his case will not emasculate the charge he is facing for the simple reason there are many other DPPs who would take over that prosecution.

"Kevin was killed for other reasons and I believe these other motives were due to the fact that he knew too much about the criminal acts of those high up in the echelons of power in Malaysia and he needed to be silenced because of that," he said.

He also told reporters that had made a statutory declaration because he was being bombarded by questions from reporters about the status of Kevin's body which had been retrieved by their younger brother Richard Dilaan Morais two days ago.

This was despite the police, the Kuala Lumpur Hospital holding Kevin's body and the Attorney-General's Chambers all being given notice that he (Richard) intended to seek a second postmortem on Kevin's remains, he said.

He said he was not comfortable with holding an impromptu press conference and therefore opted to lay out the facts surrounding Kevin's murder in his 18-page statutory declaration with the assistance of his lawyer, Americk Sidhu.

Did a '360'

Another reason to make the declaration, he told the press conference, was because he was 'puzzled' by the Attorney-General's Chambers' moves.

He said its officials had initially told him to go ahead and arrange the second postmortem but instead then told him in a subsequent meeting to seek a court order.

"They did a '360' on me. We quickly went to get the court order. When we had it approved, the body had been taken out," he said.

Charles also questioned his brother Richard's motives for retrieving the body.

He claimed that Kevin and been estranged from his two youngest brothers Richard and David Ramesh Morais, and had not spoken to them since 2004 until his death.

He said that Richard may have been instigated by 'high-ranking officials' to retrieve Kevin's body, but added that he does not know who may be behind it.

With the body out of the morgue, it would be moot to track it down for a second postmortem, he said, adding that he does not know the whereabouts of Kevin's remains.

He said he wanted a second postmortem done because the first postmortem merely stated in a single line that Kevin's cause of death was 'probable asphyxiation'.

"I am a layman but I am pretty sure that would be thrown out of court if that was produced as evidence," he said.

On Sept 28, six men were charged with Kevin's murder while two others including the

army pathologist were charged with abetment.

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