

A tragedy that can't go unresolved

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Medical examiners studied toxicity levels in Amanda's body and declared her death accidental, likely a drug overdose.

But her parents, City of Tonawanda residents, don't buy that.

"She was murdered," said Brill, who works two customer service jobs to support her family. "She was violently attacked."

Brill and Ken Fink, her husband, recruited three out-of-town experts to analyze the autopsy. They insist those opinions show the drugs in her system were not enough to have killed her and that someone must have done so. So far, they say, no one in authority in Western New York has looked at their documents.

There are other unanswered questions, as well.

No one has said who put Amanda in the garbage tote. No one is saying who cut off her hair. No one has offered an explanation of where she was for a month.

The man Amanda went to see that fateful night is in jail on an unrelated rape charge.

At Buffalo Police Headquarters, officials wouldn't say if they were talking to him about Amanda's death.

Police also said Amanda's case won't be treated as a homicide unless there's a declaration of intentional death by the medical examiner.

"They are charged with the duty and responsibility of determining causes of death," said Dennis Richards, chief of detectives. Still, he said: "At the end of the day I would like to know who put Amanda Wienckowski upside down in a garbage tote."