

Nolan Wells: Verification and Action Checklist

September 28, 2026. Read the disputed evidence yourself; act on the drowning-data gap today.

1. Read both September 24 statements yourself

- The family legal team's cellphone findings press conference: watch or read the full statement rather than a summary. [2]
- DA Angel Myers McIlrath's on-the-record response disputing that reading. [1]
- Neither side's underlying forensic file is public as of this report; treat both as attributed claims, not settled fact.

2. Check the federal-review request against any DOJ statement

- Read the Congressional Black Caucus's August 12 letter. It requests review; it does not confirm one is underway. [10]
- Look for an actual DOJ or FBI statement defining scope before describing federal involvement as confirmed.

3. Act on the drowning-data gap, independent of this case

- Check whether a child in your life has had formal swim instruction. Black adults report not knowing how to swim at over 5x the rate of White adults (36.8% vs. 6.9%, CDC 2024). [4], [19]
- Look up American Red Cross or USA Swimming Foundation "Learn to Swim" programs and YMCA scholarship-based lessons in your area. [19]

Sources: [1] WLOX, Sept. 24:

<https://www.wlox.com/2026/09/24/stop-playing-games-jackson-county-da-responds-claims-made-press-conference-nolan-wells-phone-data/>

[2] WLOX, Sept. 24: <https://www.wlox.com/2026/09/24/things-were-deleted-ben-crump-forensic-expert-announce-cellphone-findings-state-autopsy-results-nolan-wells-case/>

[4] CDC MMWR Vital Signs, May 2024: <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/73/wr/mm7320e1.htm>

[10] CBC letter: https://cbc.house.gov/uploadedfiles/cbcletter_dojfbi_wells.pdf

[19] American Red Cross (redcross.org/take-a-class) and USA Swimming Foundation (usaswimmingfoundation.org/learn-to-swim)

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