

Investigative Handwriting Comparison Recap

Patricia J. Kasaris Signatures (2013 vs. 2024) and Notary Signature Comparison

A review was conducted of two recorded Mahoning County documents bearing signatures attributed to Patricia J. Kasaris, dated 2013 and 2024, respectively. The later document also includes a notary signature from Senior Assistant Ohio Attorney General Daniel Kasaris, who took ownership of the property and mortgaged the property for \$109,000 on December 18, 2024.

This recap highlights visible inconsistencies between the two Patricia Kasaris signatures and examines whether the later grantor signature shares characteristics with the notary's handwriting, raising questions that warrant further scrutiny.

1. Comparison of the Two Patricia J. Kasaris Signatures

A. Overall Writing Behavior

The 2013 signature appears fluid, confident, and naturally cursive, consistent with an established, habitual signature.

The 2024 signature appears slower, more deliberate, and structurally altered, with reduced continuity and simplified letterforms.

The contrast suggests a shift from automatic writing to constructed writing, which is notable given that signatures typically become more abbreviated with age, not more labored.

B. Letter Formation Differences

Key differences include:

Capital "P"

2013: Rounded, open, smoothly initiated.

2024: Narrower, more angular, with a different entry stroke.

Lowercase sequence (" Patricia")

2013: Consistent height, rounded forms, even rhythm.

2024: Irregular sizing, simplified shapes, broken connections.

Surname construction ("Kasaris")

2013: Clear letter sequencing and proportional balance.

2024: Altered structure, compressed spacing, and inconsistent letter clarity.

These are structural changes, not merely stylistic ones.

C. Rhythm, Pressure, and Flow

2013 shows smooth, continuous movement with natural tapering strokes.

2024 shows hesitation, uneven pressure, and abrupt stops.

This loss of rhythm is significant because it affects the core mechanics of the signature rather than surface appearance.

2. Comparison Between the 2024 Grantor Signature and the Notary Signature

A. Shared Characteristics

When comparing the 2024 Patricia Kasaris signature with the notary signature attributed to Daniel Kasaris, several similarities are observable:

Stroke pacing: Both exhibit a similar hesitant rhythm and deliberate construction.

Angular tendencies: Letterforms in both signatures show sharper angles than those seen in the 2013 Patricia Kasaris signature.

Terminal strokes: Both signatures end with shortened, abrupt finishing strokes rather than flowing exits.

Letter simplification: Complex cursive forms are reduced in both signatures in comparable ways.

These shared traits are not present in the earlier 2013 Patricia Kasaris signature.

B. Structural Alignment

While the names differ, the movement patterns — including how letters are entered, formed, and exited — appear more closely aligned between:

The 2024 grantor signature, and

The notary signature,

than between the 2024 grantor signature and the earlier, undisputed 2013 Patricia Kasaris signature.

This raises the question of whether the later grantor signature reflects the same writing habits as the notary signature rather than those previously exhibited by Patricia Kasaris herself.

3. Investigative Significance

Taken together, the observations show:

The 2013 and 2024 Patricia Kasaris signatures differ in multiple fundamental ways

The 2024 grantor signature shares noticeable handwriting characteristics with the notary signature

The later grantor signature does not closely resemble the earlier recorded example of Patricia Kasaris's handwriting