

State police deny probe of Paisley case resumed

BALTIMORE (AP) — Maryland state police have emphatically denied that they have resumed an active investigation into the death of John A. Paisley, a former CIA strategic weapons expert.

The Baltimore Sun, quoting unidentified state police officials, reported in its Wednesday editions that new information has led state police to question the theory that Paisley apparently committed suicide.

But Sgt. Tom Moore, a state police spokesman, said: "We are not actively, nor do we plan in the immediate future" to actively investigate the Paisley death.

Moore said he asked two Sun reporters Tuesday to identify sources of an April 2 article which raised several questions about the former CIA official's mysterious death.

"They said the sources were confidential; they would not identify them," the sergeant said. "It's a Catch 22 situation; there may be some new information

they developed, but we don't have it and we don't have access to it," Moore said.

State police investigators have no new evidence or information which leads them to believe anything happened other than what has been reported already, the sergeant said.

Moore added, however, that the case has never been officially closed and that if new evidence becomes available, the investigation will be beefed up.

The CIA's public position on the incident has been that there was no evidence of foul play.