

THURSTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Supplementary Report
Paul H. Barclift

DATE: 17 JUNE 1974

CASE NO: 74-9255-6

At approximately 1215 hours, June 17, 1974, I was notified by Captain Bade of the discovery of a dead body. The body was located off of 113th Avenue S. W. (McCorkle Road) approximately one-quarter mile west of the Tilley Road.

I immediately proceeded to the scene, arriving at 1234 hours. While in route, it was observed that the sky was clear, the sun was very bright and the weather was warm. Upon arrival, I was met and briefed by Sergeant Cleland, Deputy Niles and Detective Nelson.

At first^I observed a pickup truck, blue in color, Chevrolet, Washington license GP 9488. I was advised that this vehicle belonged to the complainant, a Mr. Thomas A. Ismay, date of birth 7-28-99; address 4314 Cleveland Ave., Tumwater; telephone 943-7577. It was observed that a lady was also sitting in the vehicle. Identification was not obtained by me.

During the briefing I was advised and shown a small lane leading south from 113th Avenue S.W. I was advised that the body was located down this lane approximately 100 yards. It could be observed that this lane was gravel, with a strip of foliage and grass down the center of the lane, approximately

30 inches wide, which left two areas approximately 24 inches wide, which correspond to vehicle tires. It was also observed that foliage on either side of this lane was quite heavy. As we proceeded south on this lane by foot, we could observe several small trees laying across the roadway and one larger tree. I was advised that the complainant had fallen these trees across the roadway to keep people out of the property. As we proceeded down the lane, an old cedar rail fence was observed east of the lane. I was advised that the lane itself was on the complainant's property, however, east of the fence was Millersylvania State Park. I was further advised that if one proceeded south on the lane far enough, he would eventually come out in the Maytown area on the Maytown Road.

As we approached the location of the body, a strong disagreeable odor could be detected. The body was then pointed out to me where it was laying behind three fallen rails east of the lane. Heavy foliage could be observed all around the area up to the body. A closer look showed that the body was laying on its back with the head pointing south and the feet in a northerly direction. The right arm was laying along side the body. The legs were spread quite far apart. The body was clothed from the waist down in what appeared to be red slacks. The shoes were on her feet, which appeared to be what is commonly referred to as wedgies, with a rather large round toe. They appeared tan in color. The shoestrings were in the shoes and did appear to be tied. Part of the chest was exposed, but the area of the head was covered with what appeared to be wearing apparel. One item of this apparel appeared to

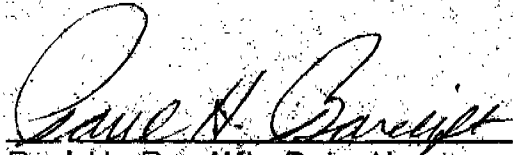
be a jacket of tannish brown corduroy. Another item appeared to be similar to a gray blanket. On the victim's right wrist, two bracelets could be observed. One appeared to be approximately one and one-half inches in width and appeared to have a mesh design. Another bracelet appeared to be two strands of metal twisted together. A ring was also observed on the right hand. The chest area of the victim was quite badly decomposed and was heavily infested with maggots and flies. The stomach area could be partially scene and appeared to be quite swollen.

I then proceeded to take color photographs of the body and surrounding areas. Photographs in black and white were also taken by Captain Bade and Reserve Deputy Joe West. See photo logs for details.

After completion of the photography, reporting officer and Sergeant Cleland prepared a crime scene sketch. See sketch. Upon completion of the photography and sketches, the Lacey Funeral Home was summoned to come to the scene to retrieve the body. Upon arrival, the mortician, assisted by the Undersheriff Jack Crawford, placed the victim in a rubber bag, which was then closed.

At approximately 1930 hours, reporting officer was present during a postmortem autopsy conducted at the Lacey Funeral Home. Some photographs, in color,

were taken of the victim's shoes, slacks and stockings, which were removed by the pathologist. See photolog for details.



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