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February 1, 1978

Sergeant George Brand
Leon County Sheriff's Department
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Re: Margaret Bowman
78P-21

Dear Sergeant Brand:

Enclosed is a copy of my autopsy report performed on the body of Margaret Bowman. In my opinion, death probably resulted from strangulation by the panty hose ligature. The massive wounds of the right side of the head were associated with severe brain contusions. The deceased was in all likelihood rendered unconscious prior to strangulation.

Yours truly,



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PATIENT BOWMAN, Margaret	RACE White	AGE 20	SEX Female	ACCESSION NO. 78P-21
DATE AND TIME OF DEATH 1/15/78 - Approximately 3:15 a.m.	DATE AND TIME OF AUTOPSY 1/15/78 - At 1:00 p.m.			
EMBALMED No	PERMISSION Tallahassee Police Department Leon County Sheriff's Department			
COUNTY DEATH OCCURRED Leon	STATE ATTORNEY Harry Morrison			
IN ATTENDANCE See below -	PATHOLOGIST Thomas P. Wood, M.D.			
EXAMINATION GROSS () COMPLETE (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) CNS (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) TOXICOLOGY ()				

Those present for the autopsy were Evidence Technician Howard Winkler, Crime Scene Technician Bruce Johnson, Investigator Sam Boykin and Officer Henry Newkirk of the Tallahassee Police Department. Also in attendance were Investigator Steve Bodiford and Deputy Carol Hurdle from the Leon County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Katsaris was present later.

- Diagnoses:
- I. Death due to strangulation by panty stocking ligature.
 - II. Severe lacerations and contusions of head with multiple skull fractures; one severely depressed.
 - III. Brain contusions, multiple.
 - IV. Clothing abrasion, left thigh.

EXTERNAL DESCRIPTION

The autopsy specimen is the unembalmed body of a white female of about the stated age. The body is observed on the morgue table after all clothing has been removed. An extremely tight strangulation ligature is present consisting of panty hose and this is present around the midportion of the neck. The knot is tied posteriorly. A small gold chain is also present around the neck and is partially entangled in the stocking ligature. The ligature is severed anteriorly and handed directly to Sgt. Howard Winkler. There are innumerable small petechial hemorrhages over the upper portion of the neck and the entire face. These petechial hemorrhages are not present on the body below the ligature. There is a dark red discrete linear abrasion over the upper anteromedial aspect of the left thigh which appears to correspond to the lower panty line. It appears that the skin was abraded, or "burned", as the panties were forcefully removed. There is a complicated area of trauma involving the anterior portion of the head on the right with a laceration one inch above the right eyebrow which is a double jagged laceration with frayed edges. Surrounding areas of contusion measure approximately four inches in diameter with an overall oval pattern. There is an underlying depressed skull fracture.

Three inches above and behind the right ear is a laceration. This laceration is also irregular and measures 2.5 inches in length and gaps from one-half to three-quarters inch. It extends from up - down and anterior posterior at an angle. A linear fracture of the skull is related to this laceration.

X-rays of the head are obtained. Anal, oral and vaginal swabs are taken and handed directly to Sgt. Winkler. In addition, smears of these areas are made and washings are obtained. After detailed examination of the vagina, cervix and introitus, and the anorectal area, there is no evidence of injury to these areas found. There is some bloody mucoid material within the anal canal.

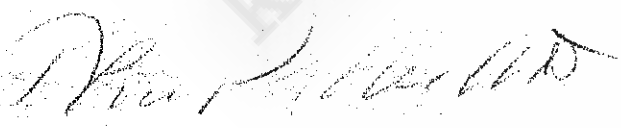
INCISION

The body is opened with the usual Y-shaped incision. There is no evidence of thoracic or abdominal trauma. There is no evidence of ecchymoses within the pelvic area. The abdominal and thoracic viscera are normally situated.

CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM

The scalp is incised with an ear-to-ear incision and reflected. The severe skull fractures on the right with the large area of depressed skull fracture anteriorly show no dural tears. The brain is removed and weighs 1,360 grams. There is minimal evidence of trauma to the surface of the brain on the right, however, the area on the left side of the brain shows considerable evidence of superficial contusion. The brain is placed in formalin fixative for subsequent examination. After formalin fixation, the brain is examined. Contusions involving the right temporal lobe superficially and the left posterior frontal, temporal and parietal area and the right and the left sides of the cerebellum are encountered. Microscopic sections of the cerebral and cerebellar contusions are present and confirm the disruption of the brain matrix with hemorrhage.

Examination of the oral, anal, and vaginal swabs and washings shows no evidence of spermatozoa or significant acid phosphatase activity.


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February 16, 1978

Sergeant George Brand
Leon County Sheriff's Department
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Re: Lisa Levy
78P-20

Dear Sergeant Brand:

Enclosed is my final autopsy report performed on the body of Lisa Levy.

In my opinion, the deceased in all likelihood was rendered unconscious at the time of blows to the head and shoulder. It is my opinion that following this the bites of the right breast and left buttock occurred along with penetration of the vaginal and anal orifices and suffocation by strangulation.

Yours truly,



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PATIENT LEVY, Lisa	RACE White	AGE 20	SEX Female	ACCESSION NO. 78P-20
DATE AND TIME OF DEATH 1/15/78 - Approximately 3:15 a.m.	DATE AND TIME OF AUTOPSY 1/15/78 at 10:00 a.m. at TMH Morgue			
EMBALMED No	PERMISSION Tallahassee Police Department Leon County Sheriff's Department			
COUNTY DEATH OCCURRED Leon	STATE ATTORNEY Harry Morrison			
IN ATTENDANCE See Below	PATHOLOGIST Thomas P. Wood, M.D.			
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Those in attendance were: Investigator Sam Boykin, Sergeant Howard Winkler, Officer Bruce Johnson and Officer Henry Newkirk from the Tallahassee Police Department and Deputy Mary Ann Kirkham and Investigator Steve Bodiford from the Leon County Sheriff's Department.

Diagnoses:

- I. Death due to strangulation.
- II. Severe contusion of right forehead with widespread limited subarachnoid hemorrhage secondary to trauma.
- III. Multiple abrasions of face and neck.
- IV. Bite wounds of right breast and left buttock.
- V. Fracture and contusion, right shoulder.
- VI. Mucosal abrasions and lacerations with ecchymoses of the vaginal introitus and anorectal area.

EXTERNAL DESCRIPTION

The autopsy specimen is the unembalmed body of a young, adult, white female of about the stated age. There are abrasions of the anterior aspect of the chin just to the right of the midline that measure 1.0 x 3/4 inches. There is an ecchymosis on the right lateral aspect of the upper lip. An abrasion under the chin measures one-half x one-half inches in surface area. Abrasions are present over the lower anterior neck region in the midline that measure approximately 1.0 x 1.0 inches. There is an ill-defined transverse crease in the anterior neck skin compatible with strangulation marks. Over the right shoulder, involving the upper deltoid area, is an irregular dark, dry, deep abrasion that measures 1.0 x 1.5 inches. There is a severe underlying contusion. The right nipple is severely lacerated in an irregular fashion. What appear to be surrounding tooth marks are present. This wound is excised and handed directly to Sergeant Howard Winkler. There is a probable bite contusion of the left buttock that measures 1 1/2 x 1 3/4 inches. This is situated 2 1/2 inches lateral to the midline and 2 1/2 inches above the gluteal crease. The tooth marks give the appearance of a double bite. This wound is also excised and handed directly to Sergeant Howard Winkler. Blood is present within the anorectal area and a cotton swab of the anorectal area is taken and handed directly to Deputy Kirkham. In addition, a smear is made and also washings are taken for subsequent examination. Upon detailed inspection, after cleansing, there is evidence of anal trauma consisting of superficial abrasions and lacerations of the anal canal involving the mucosa at the anterior aspect of the anus. The sphincter is very relaxed. A definite mucosal laceration is present anteriorly. Delicate abrasions are present posteriorly.

The introitus and vagina are inspected. A swab of this area is handed directly to Deputy Kirkham. In addition, smears and washings are obtained. There is a superficial laceration of the posterior fourchette and there are small superficial bruises of the introitus. What appears to be foreign material within the pubic hair is handed directly to Deputy Kirkham.

There is a prominent contusion with swelling and a small linear abrasion involving the right side of the forehead. The abrasion is just above the medial aspect of the right eyebrow.

An X-ray of the right shoulder is obtained and demonstrates a fracture of the right clavicle near the acromioclavicular joint.

INCISION

The body is opened with the usual Y-shaped incision. The abdominal and thoracic viscera are not disrupted. Small petechial hemorrhages are present over the pericardium. The heart weighs 270.0 grams and appears grossly normal aside from the petechial hemorrhages. The lungs weigh 410.0 and 450.0 grams on the left respectively. There is a small amount of frothy fluid within the bronchi. The larynx is inspected, and there are delicate mucosal ecchymoses involving the larynx and the supraglottic area. Small hemorrhages are present within the anterior neck muscles. The pelvic organs are inspected, and there are subperitoneal ecchymoses in the area of the cul-de-sac and just lateral to the uterus.

CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM

The brain is removed and weighs 1,350.0 grams. There is congestion of the superficial cerebral vessels with widespread subarachnoid hemorrhage that is very small in amount. The brain is placed in formalin fixative for subsequent examination. The formalin-fixed brain is examined, and the very thin layer of hemorrhage within the subarachnoid space over the cerebral convexities is noted. A very small amount of subarachnoid hemorrhage is present over the base of the brain and is present within the fourth ventricle. H & E stained sections of the brain are examined. These show microscopic evidence of the small amount of subarachnoid hemorrhage. In addition, there is minimal hemorrhage around multiple small vessels within the brainstem.

SPECIAL STUDIES

Examination of the vaginal, anal and oral smears demonstrates no evidence of spermatozoa. Acid phosphatase determination on the washings from the vaginal, anal and oral areas shows no significant acid phosphatase activity.


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