

File No. 89-69-1A95

Date Received 2-28-67

From Dr. H. Chetta
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Coroner's Office
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By D. Hughes
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned Yes No

Receipt given Yes No

Description:

Copy of unsigned
statement found in
Ferris's room.

To leave this life is, for me, a sweet prospect. I find nothing in it that is desirable, and on the other hand everything that is loathsome.

Daily we are propagandized more and more about a rising crime rate. But how do we know it is true? We don't for we Americans have little or no access to the truth. Today I went to the police headquarters to see these "public records" of this rising crime rate and nearly wound up in jail for my trouble. I was searched, interrogated, verbally abused, had my record checked, and finally threatened. Needless to say I did not see the "public records".

Still more irking is to hear a Superintendent of Police, who rose through the ranks (thus proving that Ox=O) stating that the solution to the crime problem was tighter and more stringent laws. A somewhat Messianic District Attorney concurred. Together these men thereby proved themselves utterly unfit for office, just as they proved that an electorate cannot be depended on to pick the right man. The problems of crime rest deep in society. The problems exist in the existence of divorce, and the absence of regulations.

No parents would send him child to an amateur for dental work, nor a quack for an appendectomy. Yet what atrocious negligence in permitting utter amateurs to raise children, Mere kids are allowed to marry because they have the "urge". How stupid can you get? Every expert tells in detail of how children must be cared for physically, emotionally and intellectually. Yet society lets girls and boys, not yet capable of love, begot children who, loved-starved, turn to crime for some sort of identification. However, I don't think we will often see a District Attorney, or a police chief with the brains to realize this.

We pay so much attention to The Law. I have not figured out the reason. I have watched judges, like J. Bernard Cocks, Herbert Christenberry and others of like ilk at work. The various police, D.A.s and the like get to bend the judges ear long before the trial. These judges of today deny defendants due process of the law. They permit the State to try the case in chambers, to have D.A.s form their opinions and decisions long before the Defense gets a chance. Further these same judges (and I am afraid it pertains to nearly all of them) then comment, by word, glance, gesture or remark, on the evidence in front of the jury. If the defendant wins these same judges take it as a personal insult.

When I was a boy my father preached that in the "American Way of Life" you were innocent until proven guilty. No greater lie has been told. The man charged before the court has flat got to prove his innocence. Go witness a criminal trial and watch/ The State is supposed to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. If you read decisions of the various Courts of Appeals, and the Supreme Court, you discover that truth and falsehood, right and wrong have no place in court. All the State needs is "evidence to support a conviction". If this is Justice, then Justice be damned.

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Description:

Copy of Laboratory Report
 on General Analysis

FORENSIC LABORATORY

**Coroner's Office
Parish of Orleans
2700 Tulane Avenue
New Orleans 19, La.
February 24, 1967**

REPORT OF THE LABORATORY

**To: Dr. Nicholas J. Chetta
Coroner, Parish of Orleans**

**Reference Material Received: 2-22-67 Laboratory No.: T-4874-67
Item No.:**

Examination Requested: General Analysis

Description of Investigation: Death of David Ferris

Subjects: David Ferris.

Specimens:

- 1. One sample of blood from deceased.**
- 2. One sample of urine from deceased.**
- 3. One sample of tissue from the lip of deceased.**

RESULTS OF LABORATORY EXAMINATION:

Chemical analysis of above specimens revealed:

Spec. 1 - Negative for the following classes of compounds:

- 1) Common heavy metals.**
- 2) Alcohol and other volatile reducing substances.**
- 3) Cyanides.**
- 4) Barbiturates.**
- 5) Organic acidic compounds which include central nervous system depressants.**
- 6) Organic basic compounds such as alkaloids and central nervous system stimulants.**
- 7) Organic neutral compounds.**

Spec. 2 - Negative for the following classes of compounds:

- 1) Cyanides.**
- 2) Neutral organic compounds, except caffeine.**
- 3) Acidic organic compounds.**

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Spec. 3 - Negative for the presence of acidic and basic caustic compounds.

JK
John Koch
Criminalist

Angela P. Comstock
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Chemist

Reviewed by:

Nicholas J. Chetta, M.D.
Coroner, Parish of Orleans

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Monroe S. Samuels, M.D.
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Description:

Copy of Laboratory Report
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(FORENSIC LABORATORY)

Coroner's Office
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2700 Tulane Avenue
New Orleans 19, La.
February 27, 1967

REPORT OF THE LABORATORY

To: Dr. Nicholas J. Chetta
Coroner, Parish of Orleans

Reference Material Received: 2-27-67 Laboratory No.: T-4874-67
Item No.:

Examination Requested: Identification

Description of Investigation: Death of David Ferris

Subjects: David Ferris.

Specimens:

Identification of medications submitted in connection with the death of the above subject as follows:

1. One plastic pill vial containing 12 yellow capsules marked "Pfizer".

Prescription label as follows:

Broadmoor Drugs
Washington at Broad
New Orleans, La.
Phone 822-2940
672-656 Dr. Bagnetto
Dave Ferris
One every four hours day and night.
Terramycin
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Identified as Terramycin.

2. One empty plastic pill vial.

Prescription label as follows:

Broadmoor Drugs
Washington at Broad
New Orleans, La.
Phone 822-2940
672-657 Dr. Bagnetto
Dave Ferris
One every three or four hours as needed for pain. (1/2 gr.)

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2. (Continued)
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Check of prescription indicated that this prescription was issued for
12 codeine tablets - 1/2 gr.

3. One plastic pill vial containing 21 white tablets marked "Winthrop" on one
side - reverse side scored and bearing two dots.

Prescription label as follows:

Broadmoor Drugs
Washington at Broad
New Orleans, La.
Phone 822-2940
72781 Dr. Bagnetto
Dave Ferris
Two tablets four times daily as needed.
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Identified as Demerol

4. One one-ounce bottle containing a clear yellow liquid (25 ml).

Prescription label as follows:

Broadmoor Drugs
Washington at Broad
New Orleans, La.
Phone 822-2940
#(None) Dr. (None)
Labeled "Paregoric"

Identified as Paregoric.

5. One plastic pill vial containing 6 pale pink capsules marked "Bristol", No
prescription label.

Identified as Prostaphlin.

6. One plastic pill vial containing 5 pale green tablets marked "Bristol" on
one side - reverse side scored. No prescription label.

Identified as Salutensin.

7. One plastic pill vial containing 18 small pink and white capsules. No
prescription label.

Identified as Benadryl.

8. One plastic pill vial containing 7 small white tablets mottled with brown and gray flecks. No prescription label.

Identified as Prolid.

9. One glass bottle containing small amount of white powdered material bearing label "Sal Hepatica".

10. One three-ounce bottle containing dark brown liquid (App. 35 ml).

Labeled as follows:

For External Use Only

Trikresol

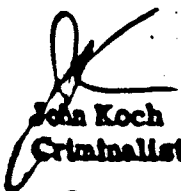
Poison

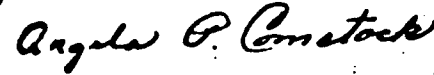
The H. J. Sherwood Co.

2084 E. 9th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

11. One empty plastic pill vial.


12. One empty plastic pill vial.


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