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Psychiatrist's death ruled suicide

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MEXIA, Texas — The death of Dr. John Holbrook, 56, a Dallas psychiatrist who became famous for his testimony in the Jack Ruby trial, was caused by an overdose of alcohol and Valium, an autopsy report by the Dallas County medical examiner said.

His death was ruled a suicide Monday by Limestone County Justice of

the Peace Opaline Bonner.

Holbrook's body was found in a room at the Boots and Saddle Motel in Mexia June 16. Officials said Holbrook left a note beside his body — along with a pill bottle and a bottle of alcohol — and another note at his Dallas home. Jack Ayers, Holbrook's attorney and longtime friend, said the notes contained "no suicidal intentions."