

OFFICE CONTROL

DETECTIVE BUREAU

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Patn. S. Krasnoff (Second District) 6:10 A.M., 8/28/62 Drumm & Howley
Complaint Rec'd From Date & Time Complaint Rec'd By

NATURE OF COMPLAINT APPARENT SUICIDE

ROBERT PERRIN, WM, AGE 41 (deceased) 1713 Calhoun St.
Complainant's Name Address

Arrests
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m No. Date & Time Officers Assigned Car No.

POSITION:

The undersigned officers report of receiving a telephone call while in the Homicide Office, at about 6:10 A.M., Tuesday, August 28, 1962, from Patrolman Sandford Krasnoff of Car #22 of the Second District, to the effect that he wished to notify us that he and his partner Sgt. C. Gueldner had handle an attempt 53 (Attempt Suicide) at 1713 Calhoun St., at about 1:30 A.M., Tues. 8/28/62, and that the victim had expired at 6:05 A.M., this same date, from an apparent overdose of arsenic. Further learned from Officer Krasnoff that the victim was tentatively identified as being:

ROBERT PERRIN, WM, age 41, residing 1713 Calhoun St.

Krasnoff also said that a note, apparently a suicide note was found by the officers and confiscated, along with a mask and cannister, and an empty can of ether. This officer was advised to preserve this evidence and turn same over to the Orleans Parish Coroner's Office, and that since we had not been summoned to the scene of the incident, we would then await the outcome of the autopsy by the Coroner's Office.

From further information received from Sgt. Gueldner & Krasnoff, it was learned that they had originally been contacted by Patn. John Hamilton of Central Communications Division, that he was informed by phone call from Sgt. L. A. Boudreaux of Troop B, Louisiana State Police, that he (Sgt. Boudreaux) received a telephone call from an unknown male who stated "I need help, please send an ambulance right away. I am at 1713 Calhoun St," then it sounded as though this subject telephoning dropped the telephone.

When the officers of the Second District reached this location, they could not arouse anyone, the house being in darkness, but eventually, they gained entrance through an unlocked rear door, after hearing groans coming from the front side windows of the apartment. Upon entering, Sgt. Gueldner found the victim lying on a bed in the second room, then opened the front door and admitted Officers Krasnoff, J. Olsen and T. Parta to the apartment.

The odor of ether was detected and found an empty can of Ethyl Ether lying on the floor, near the bed where the victim was lying, and also found a small rubber face mask, attached to an empty Chocolate Nutrament can, which had been made to appear as a cannister, and which apparently was used to pour the ether into for breathing the fumes (inhaling). Also found on a dresser by the bed where the victim was lying was a piece of white paper containing a note written in longhand, pencil, which stated as follows:

DEAREST SLIM: JUST HAD A CALL FROM ART. YOU HAVE OBVIOUSLY GONE TO BATON ROUGE AND YOU AND I ARE FINISHED. I LOVE YOU DEAR AND WON'T LIVE WITHOUT OFFICERS SIGNATURES