

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 _____

Amount Prop. Rec'd _____

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DISPOSITION:

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 YOU.
OFFICERS SIGNATURES: Sgt. C. Drumm Patn. J. Howley

Desk Sgt. DrummCaptain's Signature Murray M. WrayhamNo. 46042

References _____

Date _____

Ferris used to live on this street

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YOU. I ONLY HOPE THAT YOU CAN BE HAPPY WITH YOUR CAPTAIN. GOODBYE AND ALL MY LOVE ALWAYS. ROBBIE.

The Second District Officers then summoned a Charity Hospital ambulance which arrived and conveyed the subject to the Charity Hospital, where he subsequently expired at 6:05 A.M., 8/28/62.

Efforts to obtain any information as to this subject, or his relative was unsuccessful, as the District Officers questioned the neighbors, who knew nothing, and also, the victim, at the arrival of the police was in a comatose condition, and also secreting fluid from his rectum, lying on the bed in a nude condition.

Also on the scene at 1713 Calhoun was Field Supervisor, Major Wm. Mc Namara, and Sgt. A. Polito of the Second District.

It was learned from the Coroner's Office that this subject had expired from Acute Arsenical Poisoning, following autopsy performed by Dr. Welsh, at 9:30 A.M., 8/28/62.

Further information learned from Coroner's Office to the effect that the body of the victim was identified by one A. E. WISE, (a friend), residing at 1003 Clay St., Kenner, La., and that A.E. Wise is an employee of the La. State Police.

The Coroner's Office was contacted, and the clerk, Ctillo, stated that Pete Schuster, Acting Special Investigator for that office would go to the scene in the morning of 8/28/62, and check for information relative to next of kin, and also for any possible Arsenic compounds.

Upon reporting for duty at 12 Midnight, Wednesday, August 29, 1962, Sgt. Drumm was informed by Det. Nick Chetta that he had been advised by Capt. Weysham to go to the address of 1713 Calhoun St., and make a search for anything which could contain arsenic, and Det. Chetta showed Sgt. Drumm a brown paper bag containing six bottles of various pills and capsules, and one empty can of HUMGO, ethyl ether, which he confiscated from this address. All of these items will be sent to the Coroner's Office for analysis.

To date, two things stand out in this incident. (1) The victim telephoned the State Police, rather than the City Police, and a State Police employee identified the victim's body..... (2) The apparent suicide note addressed to "Slim", who apparently is this subject's wife, stated that she had obviously gone to Baton Rouge, which is Central Headquarters for State Police, and the EZZEK "ART" mentioned in his note, is probably A.E. WISE who identified the body. This appears to be an apparent suicide, however, we are unable to state where or when the subject obtained possession of the arsenic, and pending further tests, will await the classification of the Coroner's Office.

APPROVED:
Myron M. Weysham
CAPTAIN MYRON M. WEYSHAM
COMMANDING.

Respectfully,
Cornelius L. Drumm
SGT. CORNELIUS L. DRUMM

PA TR. JAMES HOWLEY

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If this is the case, then why is there a problem re locating the "next of kin"?