

OFFICE CONTROL

DETECTIVE BUREAU

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Patn. S. Krasnoff (Second District) 6:10 A.M., 8/28/62 Drumm & Howley  
Complain't Rec'd From Date & Time Complain't Rec'd By

NATURE OF COMPLAINT APPARENT SUICIDE

ROBERT PERRIN, WM, AGE 41 (deceased) 1713 Calhoun St.  
Complain't's Name Address

Amount Prop. Rec'd

Arrests

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Item No. Date & Time Officers Assigned Car No.

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 Sanford 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 ~~xxx~~dose 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 WITHOU  
OFFICERS SIGNATURES: Sgt. C. Drumm Patn. J. Howley

Desk Sgt. Drumm

Captain's Signature

*Myron M. Weyssam*  
Myron M. Weyssam

No. 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 relatives 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 car. 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 telephone 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 ~~XXXX~~ "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  
CG-LENDING.

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Respectfully,

*Cornelius L. Drumm*  
SGT. CORNELIUS L. DRUMM

BATN. JAMES HOWLEY

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



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NO.	AGE	NAME	TYPE	DATE	TIME'S
2610	M	Robert Phipps	Homicide	8/26/62	8:50 P.M. 10:05 P.M.
2611	M	Henry Meyer	Suicide	8/21/62	6:15 A.M.
2612	M	William Everhardt	auto fatality	8/22/62	6:30 A.M.
2613	M	Frank Bubrig	auto fatality	8/23/62	6:35 A.M.
2614	M	Charles Hockett	Tree fell on child	8/23/62	8:17 A.M. 9:00 A.M.
2615	F	Joni Williams	Natural	8/23/62	9:30 A.M.
2616	M	Antoff Eversen	Natural	8/27/62	1:21 P.M.
2617	M	Sister Bourg	auto fatality	8/23/62	3:00 P.M.
2618	M	Frank Mc Knight	Drowning	8/24/62	4:30 A.M. 6:30 A.M.
2619	M	Joseph Dick Jennings	Suicide	8/24/62	12:45 P.M. 2:00 P.M.
2620	M	Thomas Deas	Natural	8/24/62	4:00 P.M.
2621	M	Emile H Camp	Homicide	8/25/62	12:15 A.M. 2:30 A.M.
		Robert W. King	Under drug	8/25/62	11:00 P.M.
		Deathly Marks	suicide	8/25/62	1:30 P.M.
		John Merrill	Natural	8/25/62	1:30 P.M.
2625	M	Jimmy Wilson	Beating	8/27/62	8:00 A.M.
2626	M	Samuel M Barber	Drowning	8/27/62	1:50 P.M. 3:20 P.M.
2627	M	Robert Perrin	Suicide	8/28/62	10:00 A.M.
2628	F	Christine Matchler	Natural	8/29/62	10:00 A.M.
2629	M	Charles Kelley	Burned	8/30/62	7:30 P.M.
2630	M	Joseph Ward	Natural	8/31/62	8:45 A.M.
2631	M	Walter Lindrum	Natural	8/31/62	11:00 P.M. 2:00 P.M.
2632	M	Charles Jamblin	Suicide	8/31/62	3:00 P.M. 6:00 P.M.
2633	M	Lawrence Gratin	Homicide	9/1/62	9:50 P.M. 10:50 P.M.
2634	M	Wyble Jeter	Natural	9/2/62	8:00 A.M.
2635	F	Maggie McEnnam	Homicide	9/3/62	1:00 P.M. 2:50 P.M.
2636	M	Kevin Collins	Under drug	9/3/62	12:00 P.M.
2637	M	Albert Scott	Fall	9/4/62	6:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M.
2638	M	Joseph Jones	Natural	9/5/62	7:20 P.M.
2639	M	David Bankster	Natural	9/5/62	40.0000 2:00 P.M.
2640	M	Joseph Rowe	Natural	9/5/62	2:00 P.M.
2641	M	Frank Maschke	Suicide	9/5/62	4:00 P.M. 5:00 P.M.
2642	M	Silas Youngblood	Under drug	9/5/62	5:00 P.M. 6:30 P.M.
2643	M	David Martin	Natural	9/5/62	8:00 P.M.
2644	M	Donald Jones	Under drug	9/5/62	8:00 P.M.



Autopsy Protocol  
Robert Perrin  
41 W/M

**EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:** The body is that of a middleaged, well developed, well nourished, adult white male. The external genitalia are those of a normal adult male. The hair distribution, body fat and muscular development is that of a normal adult male. The skin is generally atrophic, with mild livor mortis over the dorsum of the body. There is a tattoo of a horse head on the left forearm and immediately below this on the left forearm is a tattoo of a cannon. On the dorsum of the left hand there is a 5 cornered star. The left forefinger of the hand shows a healing wound, 1 in. in diameter. On the right upper arm there is a sailing vessel with the words "outer bound" tattooed on the lateral surface of the right upper arm. There are tattoos on the right forearm representing crossed rifles and a horse shoe. There is an old, healed atrophic scar on the medial surface of the left knee 2 in. in diameter. There are multiple vena puncture marks on both forearms. Old depressed, fibrotic surgical scars are seen in the right lower quadrant and just superior to the crest of the right ilium. There is a large thoracotomy scar approximately 1 ft. in length, beginning at the right nipple and extending around to the right posterior chest. There is also a small circular depressed scar, approximately 1 in. in diameter, 4 inches above the right nipple. Six inches inferior and lateral to the right nipple there is a linear depressed scar approximately 3 in. in length below the right nipple. There is a bloody exudate exuding from the mouth. The pupils are dilated, equal bilaterally and measure 5 mm in diameter. The corneas are transparent. The other body orifices are not remarkable.

**BODY CAVITIES:** The body is opened with the usual Y-shaped autopsy incision. On opening the left pleural cavity the lung is seen to be hyperdistended and well aerated. There are no fibrous adhesions in this pleural cavity. There is approximately 5 cc of clear serous fluid in the pleural space. The right pleural cavity is completely obliterated with fibrous adhesions. The right lung is bound down closely and appears to be somewhat smaller in total volume than normal. The mediastinum and its contained organs are shifted slightly to the right. The pericardial cavity contains approximately 15 cc of clear serous fluid. There are no adhesions. The pericardium is smooth. On opening the peritoneal cavity the liver is seen to extend 2 in. below the right costal margin in the midclavicular line. There are multiple fibrous adhesions and scarring about the secum with considerable distortion of the secum and appendical area. The stomach is not distended. The other organs show no gross abnormalities.

**CARDIO-VASCULAR SYSTEM:** The heart weighs 420 grams. The epicardium is smooth. On opening the heart the valves are seen to be intact. The endocardium is smooth and in the left ventricle there is a large area of subendocardial hemorrhage over the upper part of the septum in the left ventricle. There are also smaller areas of subendocardial hemorrhage over the papillary muscles in the left chamber of the heart. Multiple cross sections through the myocardium show that the subendocardial hemorrhage extends superficially into the myocardium. No other evidences of myocardial abnormalities are noted. Multiple cross sections through the coronaries reveal no occlusions, thrombus or emboli. There is only mild atherosclerosis of the aorta.

**PULMONARY SYSTEM:** The left lung weighs 600 grams. The right lung weighs 240 grams. On dissection of the left lung, the parenchyma is hyperdistended and somewhat emphysematous. The major bronchi and secondary bronchioles show a moderate amount of aspirated stomach contents admixed with frothy mucus. Section of the pulmonary arteries reveals no occlusions, thrombi or emboli. There is moderate congestion on multiple cross sections.



Dissection of the right lung shows the parenchyma to be markedly congested and somewhat atelectatic and shows numerous areas of fibrous scarring. There is some evidence of aspiration of gastric contents into the major bronchi on this side. The trachea and larynx are free of obstructions other than a moderate amount of aspirated gastric contents.

**GASTRO-INTESTINAL SYSTEM:** On opening the stomach it is seen to contain approximately 250 cc of thick mucus admixed with curdled white material and small specks of putty like dark green granular material. The mucosa of the stomach is hyperemic and there are multiple small petechial hemorrhages throughout the gastric mucosa. There is considerable edema of the submucosal tissue. On opening the duodenum it is seen to be very hyperemic in the mucosa with multiple areas of petechial hemorrhage and in the second part of the duodenum there is a large bullous approximately 2 in. in greatest diameter, composed of dark green putty like granular material. Toxicologic examinations of the material in both the stomach and second part of the duodenum were positive for arsenic. The remaining portions of the small bowel shows only moderate hyperemia of the mucosa. The large bowel is not remarkable except for the large area of fibrous adhesion in the right lower quadrant about the secum.

**LIVER:** Weighs 1500 grams. The capsule is smooth and there is moderate congestion of the liver parenchyma throughout. The architecture appears intact. There is no evidence of hemorrhage or necrosis.

**PANCREAS:** Weighs 120 grams. It is very firm, yellow-tan in color and otherwise not remarkable.

**SPLEEN:** Weighs 120 grams. The capsule is smooth and there are several areas of fibrous thickening of the capsule. On cross section the parenchyma is soft and there are several small areas of diffuse congestion in a parenchyma that is otherwise not remarkable.

**ADRENALS:** Weigh approximately 15 grams together. The cortex shows no evidence of cortical hyperplasia. There is no evidence of autolysis of the medulla.

**KIDNEYS:** Weigh a total of 480 grams together. The cortical surfaces are smooth. On cross section both kidneys show a moderate congestion of the parenchyma. The pelvis show no evidence of inflammation or hemorrhage. The ureters are intact, and not dilated. The bladder and prostate are not remarkable.

**HEAD:** The scalp is reflected in the usual manner. The calvarium is removed. The brain weighs 1450 grams. There is moderate congestion of the superficial vessels over the surface of the brain. The cerebral arteries show moderate arteriosclerosis and there is no evidence of edema, hemorrhage or tumor formation. Multiple cross sections through the brain reveal no gross abnormalities. Gross examination of the calvarium reveals no hemorrhage or fracture.

**PROVISIONAL ANATOMICAL DIAGNOSIS:**

1. Acute arsenical poisoning.

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Ronald A. Welsh, M.D.  
Pathologist  
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Nancy Perrin

January 23, 1962

Dear Mom Perrin,

Enclosed, you will find two statements, one of which is from the U.A., the other from Social Security. They want a statement to the effect that Bob + I lived under your roof, as man and wife. They also want the dates. I think it was March of 1961. Write this information down on both claims.

Tell who you are, and what your association with Bob + I was. Also that you know that Dickey was and is Bob's and my child. Please put all of this information on both forms.

I am enclosing four (4) extra forms, 2 for Paul + 2 for Bill. Please ask them to put the same information on the forms that you did.

Dickey is fine, but I'm feeling rather poor. My legs are acting up, because of cold and damp weather. They are very painful + stiff. It is 15 degree right now.

Write, and let me know how everyone is. Tell Bill and Jeanie that I am very happy for them as concerning the new baby.

Love to all  
Nancy Perrin

Nancy Perrin  
Trumpet Blvd.  
34  
Louisiana



Mrs. Gertrude Perrin  
317 G. Jefferson Blvd.  
Colorado Springs, Colorado



Robert Perrin

APPLICANT: *Robert L Perrin*      LEAVE THIS SPACE BLANK

LAST NAME: PERRIN      FIRST NAME: Robert Lee      20 M 1 T -01 13  
L 1 T -00 11

SIGNATURE OF PERSON FINGERPRINTED: *Robert L Perrin*

CONTRIBUTOR AND ADDRESS: CHIEF POLICE DEPARTMENT, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.

COMPANY AND ADDRESS: Yellow Cab Co. Colo. Spgs, Colo. Driver

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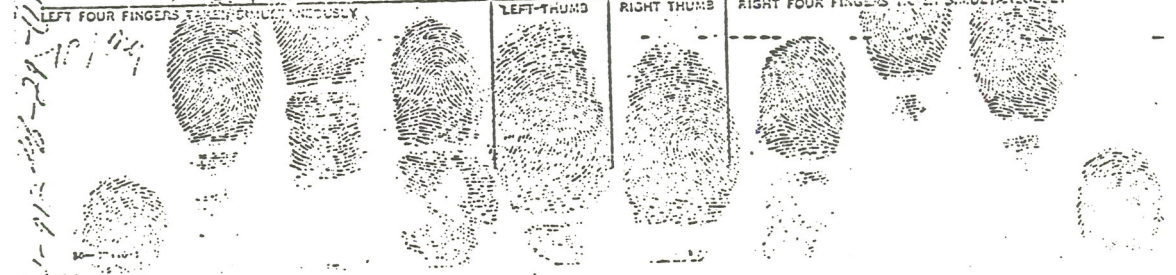
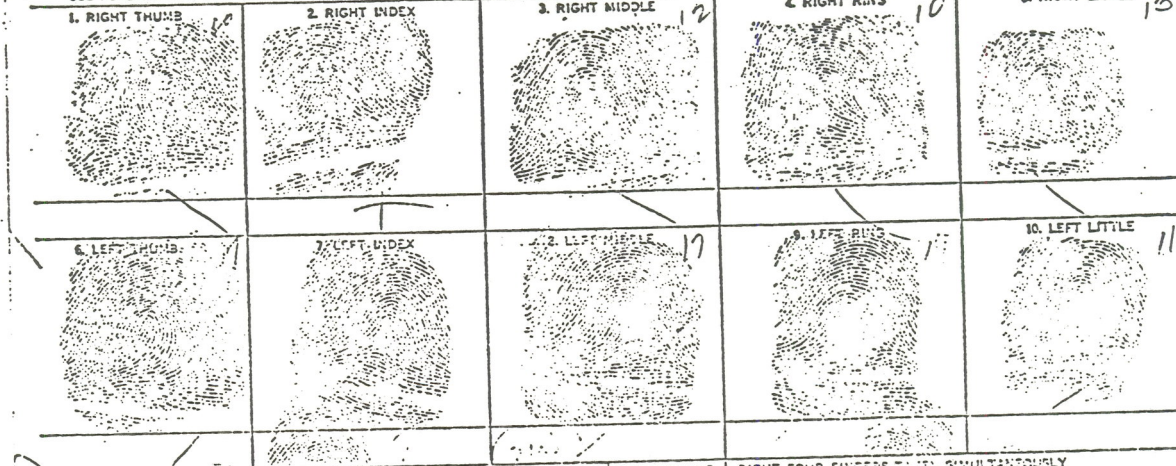
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