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SCENE INVESTIGATION

This case happened on February 16, 1983, approximately 11:02 a.m. - the time of the report. Prior to that on February 15, 1983, our office had been contacted by the State Attorney's Office in reference to two separate burial locations. Supposedly they were separated by several hundred feet apart from a mobile home located on the property. We were advised from recent intelligence information that this area was flooded and the two graves were suppose to be shallow. The possible names on the victims were that of Alesiha Dawn Bryant, white female, D.O.B. January 16, 1964, and and that of a Lawrence Earl Lamberson, 35 year-old, white male. The location would have either been in Glades or Hendry County. The State Attorney's Office had a witness who was present at the time of the crime when committed. They also believe that the white male had been killed by a tire iron bludgeoning and the female supposedly was strangled and the bodies had been buried since 10 days ago prior to February 15, 1983, putting it around February 5, in that vicinity. Upon our arrival on February 16, 1983, we were met there by members of the State Attorney's Office, Hendry County Sheriff's Department and Glades County Sheriff's Department. I will provide a list with all the people present at that time. With me was Dee Hawks who is doing an intern with our office from Edison Community College. Upon our arrival at 1:20 p.m. it is noted that the weather was rainy, cloudy and there is thunder and lightning. It was my observation that the area of the grave site which I identified as body "A" given it our number 070-83, with the victim being Alesiha Dawn Bryant and secured and there was a command post station near to the grave site. The general location of the scene is that of an open area being fenced in being wooded and flooded with water. The directions for the grave, the head area and body "A" would be directed to the East approximately, the area of the feet approximately the west. At approximately 1:40 p.m. entering the marked off perimeter was Investigator Bob Daniels with the State Attorney's Office, Tommy Herne with the Glades County Sheriff's Department at which point they started clearing off the upper surface which was that of dried up pine needles and other debris. Prior to their entering and clearing off the upper surface very carefully, photographs were taken from eye level and waist level. At approximately 1:45 p.m. Carla Mitar then entered the perimeter to assist in removing the debris covering the surface of the grave. Make a notation that the upper left shoulder of the victim exposed some blue fabric material which was later attributed to the shirt the victim was wearing. Also at 1:45 p.m. photo's were taken of human hair found surrounding the head area by this investigator. At approximately 1:47 p.m. then entered the perimeter and assisting using my hands in removing debris

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covering the grave site being, that the grave site was a very shallow grave. At approximately 1:50 p.m. I then collected what is marked as exhibit 1, hair located on the east end which was marked and bagged. Also I collected exhibit #2 which were two pieces of blue cloth material located also in the east end of the grave which was also bagged. At approximately 2:00 p.m. some green vegetation was noted underneath the soil surface which was also photographed. The green vegetation was that of a cabbage palm. It measured approximately 3 inches in length and 3/4's of an inch in width. At approximately 2:05 photographs of the body being exhumed still taken in the grave west facing east and north facing south. In addition south facing north, east facing west and west facing north, total area, the full circumference of the grave. At this time also exhibit #3 was collected which was the vegetation removed from the left leg area and bagged. At 2:07 p.m. photographs were taken, at approximately 2:08 p.m. the determination that the body was face down was made. As far as decomposition it was noted that there was marbling on the back. There was skin slippage and hands were parallel to the body. It was also noted that there was a blue short sleeved shirt on the victim. In addition this blue short sleeve blue shirt was rolled up as though the person had been dragged. In addition she had blue trousers which were pulled below the buttocks. At approximately 2:21 p.m. the victim's legs were uncovered. The right foot overlapped the left foot. Photos were taken head on from south facing north and photos were also taken from the feet east facing west and the right side northwest over the body on the left side. At approximately 2:26 p.m. exhibit #4 was collected and this was a piece of fabric, blue cloth material removed from the upper left shoulder region around the scapula which was also bagged from the head area. At 2:33 p.m. the body "A" was removed from the grave site. At this point it was noted that the victim had brown suede shoes, again the pants were pulled to the mid thighs. She had a blue top pulled over the breast area and she had a see through bra and underneath the bra appearing orange in color. It was noted at this point that the face had the Chinese Dragon effect. The eyes were protruding from the orbital sockets, the tongue was protruding from the mouth and there was extensive skin slippage at this point. It was also noted that on the right side of the victim that there appeared to be more dark coloration as though this area had received some trauma. At approximately 2:38 p.m. this writer then examined the clothing of the body, left front pocket pulled out as though some one had gone into the pocket. In addition the victim was noted to have dark and light pink socks on both feet. Noted also on the victim on the right middle finger was a class ring from LaBelle High School. This ring apparently received a blow due to the fact that the ring had bent considerably to the point to the ring could not be pulled off from the hand. Also on the upper lobe of the right ear there was a tear probably resulting from blunt trauma. Also on my initial observation it appeared that the victim had received some type of trauma to both left and right facial sides in the temporal region. At approximately 2:40 p.m. body "A" then transported to a body bag by this writer assisted by Carla Mitar, Bob Daniels and Tommy Herne. Upon removing the body from the grave then measurements were made of the grave from east to the head measured 5' 10 3/4", the length was 6' 2 1/2", depth at the foot was 10", the width was 1' 7", the depth at the head was 7". These measurements are approximate. At 2:44 p.m. exhibit #6 was obtained. This item was obtained from the same area of the grave site being by the head region. At approximately 2:55 p.m. photographs were then taken of the glasses by the fence post measuring northeast from the fence corner coming south beam pole #41 fence post. The fence posts are approximately 14' apart from each other. In addition east from the fence post number 199.6' was the location of the glasses. At approximately 2:59 exhibit #7 which is that of the glasses was obtained, measured 7' 7" south of the fence post #40 and #41. At approximately 3:20 body "A"

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was removed to the van, sealed and locked. The grave site was then secured with visqueen for a later search for any of the evidence present at the scene.

We arrived at the site at approximately 3:40 p.m. in the afternoon, the location designated as body "B". NOTE: There was a distance between them approximately 200'. At this point the weather had cleared, there was no rain, photos were taken of the surrounding area eye level and waist level. The nearest location for landmark was the fence which runs north and east. At approximately 3:44 p.m. entering the marked off perimeter of grave site #2 was Tommy Herne, Bob Daniels, Bob Kelly and this writer. Shortly after that at approximately 3:45 Bob Kelly leaves the surrounded area designating the grave site "B". At this point it is noted by this investigator that the left scapula region, left back is noted that part of the remains are exposed and there is what appears to be either a stab wound or a wound of some sort exposed to the ambient air with water running over it. At 3:47 p.m. I then proceeded in removing debris. This grave site was covered by pine tree limbs. You could also tell that the grave site was recent. At approximately 3:48 p.m. Carla Mitar enters the perimeter. At 3:55 p.m. the back of the head is exposed, the body "B" is face down. He has a brown tee-shirt rolled back to the mid back. Also indicating that this body was probably dragged in this position. The arms were underneath in a protective gesture. Jeans exposed show the name Calvin Klein jeans. He is noted to have gray socks. The injury noted on the upper back measures approximately 4:05 p.m., the feet were exposed. It was noted that the victim was that of a white male, has deck shoes, canvas type with eyelets uncovered. The left shoe is off the leg, the right leg crosses over the left leg. At approximately 4:15 p.m. body "B" is rolled over to the left side, face up. It is noted that this victim is that of a white male with short brown hair, has a moustache and a couple days beard growth. It is noted that the skull has extensive skull fractures. In addition it is noted that there is some dental work. The two front incisors appear to be that of a prosthesis. Photographs were taken of the victim at this point and noted that none of the pockets rolled out. A search through his pockets reveal some loose U.S. change in his pocket and also a Seiko watch present in his right front pocket. A notation at this point the Seiko, a sports watch, sport 100 had a serial number of 162178 which was later traced to a pawn shop on the East Coast. No other items were found in the pockets. The watch was still keeping time. The time on it was 4:17 p.m. and the date was 2/16/83. Most of the injuries were noted that they were obtained to the head consistent with the report that we had gotten in reference to bludgeoning to death to the victim with a tire iron. At approximately 4:22 p.m., I removed the body to the Medical Examiner's van. Measurements of the grave length was approximately 6'5" the width 2'. The body was lying in a northeast to southwest, the head was northeast and the body's feet was to the southwest. The depth northcast was 10" the depth southwest was 12". A distance from the fence to body "B" from the 11th fence post south of northwest corner measured 54' west of the fence post. At approximately 4:55 p.m. we arrived then at the trailer of Mr. Johnson who was the owner of the property and who also knew the perpetrator and had talked to him previously. At this point we obtained exhibit #1 which was that of a yellow towel with possible blood stains on it a J.C. Penney all cotton fashion manner. Exhibit #2 was a blue tee-shirt with the emblem "Smile I'll Take It From There".

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The towel was hanging from the bathroom and the tee-shirt was also in the bathroom. Photographs were taken of the trailer inside and out. The condition of the trailer was that of a delapidated old rusted out trailer. The surrounding area contained trees, a t.v., stove, nothing but junk, that of garbage. In the front of the trailer was a beige plymouth with a right rear tire flat and a light green Chrysler with a white top. The inside was a mess, there were twin mattresses in the entry. The dining area had a brown, green and red couch pulled out to the center of the room. There was a pot pipe in an ashtray at the northend of the trailer. In the sink there was a soaked spaghetti pot which appeared that somebody had cooked spaghetti in it. The exhibits from the trash can removed and was a burnt partly, personal letters from Florida Power and Light electric bill addressed to a Francis L. Smith general delivery, LaBelle, Florida 33935 and a final notice bill. A National Lite beer and hand crank or a jack were also obtained. Shortly after this then we cleared the area and proceeded onto Fort Myers at which point we then logged the bodies into the Medical Examiner's facility on date 2/17/83. On 2/17/83, body "A" being that of Alesiha Dawn Bryant at approximately 9:00 a.m. we had Lora West from the Forensic Radiology arrive at our morgue to proceed on taking x-rays of the victims. At approximately 9:30 a.m. I proceeded to remove the clothing on the victim for proper x-ray procedures. The clothing removed from body "A" was that of an orange bra, Warner's my skin bra style 1002, size is 36 ABC. Item #2 was a blue half sleeve cow neck top of a turtle neck with no name tag on it. There was a light and dark pink striped socks, two of them, a pair of brown shoes which appear to be that of suede and with brown laces. There is a hard plastic bottom to them with ten eyelets to each. Written on the bottom is made in the U.S.A. Item #5 was a Carvase underpants, bikini type, dirty white. Item #5 was a pair of dark blue polyester slacks, busted zipper and one button. Dr. Schultz performed the autopsy. After the autopsy then this writer removed the mandible and the maxilla for identification purposes. She was identified later on that day by Dr. DiPlacido. I hand carried the x-rays that we had obtained in addition the mandible and the maxilla at which point Dr. DiPlacido confirmed the i.d. that of Alesiha Dawn Bryant. Body "B" was later identified as that of Clarence Edward Moore, Jr., positive i.d. was obtained by fingerprints taken by this writer. He was i.d.'d by Sgt. Jim Drake of the Lee County Sheriff's Office on February 19, 1983 at approximately 4:55 p.m. at his residence 2336 Aldridge in the Villas. Clothing i.d.'d as articles being on victim Clarence Edward Moore was that of a shirt, a long sleeve with the name The French Military Shirt with the holes in the lower back consistent with the wound found on the victim. Also the victim had a pair of gray socks on, a pair of slacks, A Calvin Klein being jeans with the number 1484 in the inside pocket. He also had a pair of grayish deck shoes American cuff. No underpants were present on the victim "B". In addition it was noted that Tommy Herne from the Glades County Sheriff's Department had obtained fingerprints and photographs of the suspected victim. It was noted that there was a scar on the right side consistent with a scar that we had observed in the autopsy. The scar was very prominent in the picture and was consistent with that of our victim. At this point we had no doubt that this was our victim. On evidence obtained by this writer and transferred over to Investigator Bob Daniels there is a separate report. Look at those reports for the items listed.

Sam Johnson, Investigator

SJ:dz

CASE NUMBER _____

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2/16/83

CASE INFORMATION

Sam:

On the bodies from Glades County, Dr. Schultz wants x-rays done tonight so that autopsies can be started first thing in the morning.

X-rays: Definitely AP and lateral of head on both (frontal sinuses and teeth)
Chest
Neck
Abdominal survey
If localizing, need laterals
Only x-ray extremities if evidence of fracture(s)

Fingerprints.

Dr. Schultz wants you to photograph bodies (35 mm) today. Put clothing in a bag and freeze bodies.

Bodies will have to be thawed in morning. If you want me to stop on my way in and put in autopsy room, I will be glad to do so; I can stop by earlier than usual traveling time to work if necessary. Let me know.

Martha
2/16/83

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2/15/83
9:00am

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Carla Nitar - est. 226
SAO

CASE INFORMATION

2 bodies over in Glades + Hendry - buried

FOLE - Tampa

flying witness in today (female) 10 am.
if after interviewing they will know more re credibility of story

Apparently murdered in Hendry Co.
(305) (age 19) Burial site is Hendry or Glades.

Male & female
10 days old

SAO has identity of victims
Couldn't give to me @ this point.

believe C.D. on male is
bludgeoning - tire iron
female: strangled

Any advice as for as
what signs to look for
when trying to locate
graves?

Dr. Naples
Dr. Lavalle

M.E. for investigator to scene?

M. Sherman

2/15/83
12:00 noon

LaBelle - behind a house.

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CASE INFORMATION

de Mitar

2 separate ^{burial} locations
separated sev. hundred feet apart; long distance
from house.

Recent "intelligence" info. that this
area is flooded!

Consent to search property being obtained from
property owner.

Alesha

Alesha Dawn Bryant w/F
DOB 1/16/64

Carl Lambrieston 35 w/M

Polygraph test being administered now
to witness (30yo female); "very convincing."

Witness is married but was w/ her
boyfriend when this occurred.

Carla will be in touch with us after
polygraph is finished.

CASE INFORMATION

pm
Ralph Cunningham called.

8:30am on Wed.

Meet @ SAO @ 8:30am in LaBelle on 2/16

Boots
Camera equip.

Shovel

Body bags

no per
RBS.
They are to call when
bodies found.

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2-17-83 Body A ALEISA DAWW BRYANT

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0900 - Laura phone x Ray arrived
x Rays being taken

CASE INFORMATION

0930 clothing removed from Body A
Blue cord neck short sleeve blouse noted
Orange Bra - (not secured) noted - Warner Bra

X-RAYS COMPLETE

1015 Body B

Clarence Edward Moore Jr - DOB - 12-4-47

release on DOC

Nov-1981 - Monroe arrested.

7:00 P.M.
2-17-82 Call Tommy Horne in reference to Dental Records
& fingerprints. Tommy at La. Belle Sheriff's Office.

Lake Butler - Records coming in tomorrow

Clarence Edward Moore Jr. was id by James Duke of Lee C.S.O.
on 2/19/83 at 4:55pm. at his residence. 2536 Aldridge & Myer H.
Aldridge

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11/10/70 Body A

Articles of Clothing

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CASE INFORMATION

- ① Nursing Bra
Warners My Skin Bra
Style 1000 Fits sizes 36-ABC
- ② Blue half sleeve top - cowl neck (a type of turtle neck)
no name tag
- ③ Light & dark pink striped socks - 2
- ④ 1 Pair brown shoes with Brown laces
Hard plastic bottom with a rubber bottom - made in USA
10 eyelets to each
- ⑤ Kavsey underpants - Bikini-type
dirty white.
- ⑤ 1 pair Dark blue polyester (?) pants
busted zipper - no button

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TOXICOLOGY REQUEST FORM

Case No. 070-83

Name of Deceased BRYANT Alesha D Age 19 Race W Sex F

Place of Death WOODED AREA FERN WOOD Rd GLADES Co. FL

Time & Date Death: Found 1:00 PM 2-16-83
Occurred _____ Med. Investigator R.B. Schultz MD
Pronounced _____

Investigating Agency G.C.S.O

History DECEASED WAS FOUND IN SHALLOW GRAVE IN
ADVANCED STAGE OF DECOMPOSITION.

Primary Cause of Death MANUAL STRANGULATION ?

Due to _____

Time of Autopsy (or blood drawn) 11:30 AM Date 2-17-83

Specimen(s) Taken By R.B. SCHULTZ MD.

List Medicine, etc. taken in 3 days prior to death with time if known. (Submit medicine if available.)

TOXICOLOGY INDICATED: Alcohol, Barbiturate, Carbon Monoxide, Other (specify)

Bile (Alcohol)

Gastric (Drug Screen)

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M.E. # 070-83

DECL. JUR. # _____

FIRST REPORT OF POSSIBLE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S CASE

Informant: Slades Co Sheriff's Office Date: 2-16-83

Telephone No.: 946-0100 Time: _____

Name of Deceased: Bugant Alesha Dawn Age: 19 Race: W Sex: F

Local Address: _____

Permanent Home Address (if different from above): _____

Place of Death: Wabtain Township, Rangeloter Date: 2/16/83 Time: _____

If Hospital: DOA _____ 19 _____ M.
or
Admitted _____ 19 _____ M. Expired: _____ 19 _____ M.

Last seen alive (Date/Time): _____ By whom? _____

Next of Kin: _____ Notified: _____

Address/Phone #: _____

Physician: _____ Sign D.C.: _____

Address/Phone (if out of town): _____

Funeral Home: _____ Authorized by: _____

Terminal Event: W/F was victim of possible manual strangulation

by W/M Lamberson. Apparently the deceased along with

W/M Lamberson, Lawrence Eul, met at a bar in La Belle, Fla

Some time after their drinking, the four people; Bugant, Smith,

Lamberson and Lamberson proceed to the residence

of Lamberson and Smith. The location is at the end of Crescent Place

in La Belle Fla. Then at sometime a conversation ensued in

reference of maybe some marijuana plants, which in reality didn't exist (see

Investigating Agency: _____ Officer: _____

Trauma: _____ Foul Play: _____ Date: _____ 19 _____ Time: _____ M.

DISPOSITION: Declined jurisdiction _____ Released to: _____ By: _____
ME Case: 070 Body Transported to Morgue: Yes By: [Signature]
Medical Examiner to scene: _____ Date: _____ 19 _____ Time: _____ M.
Investigator: [Signature]

Lambert & Lamberson were gone for a few minutes (10 to 15),
(Per witness) at this point Lambert asked Bryant wife if
she want to join, Earl and himself. At time point Smith in
the trailer house cooking spaghetti spaghetti, Lambert
asked Smith to stay and watch the spaghetti so that it
wouldn't burn. During this trip Lambert took longer than
he fore, and upon returning, Smith noted that Lambert had
blood on his hands & shirt and on his face.

Lambert then tells Smith that he has killed both
of them and that she is going to help him bury them, or
else she would be planted between them. Lambert makes
Smith lie down on the ground to measure the grave site or
length, then Lambert dig; Smith holds flashlight.

Once bodies are buried, the weapon used a tire iron, is
thrown in the water by a bridge in La Belle, tire iron is wrap
in a shirt. Bodies were discovered thru the witness Francis
Smith who point out where the bodies were buried.

The witness was arrested in Plant City during the 1966
shut down to the deceased.