

**THE SOUTHWESTERN INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC SCIENCES  
AT DALLAS**

**AUTOPSY REPORT**

Case No. 0892-70-0419

Name: Morton, Rose Marie                      Age: 37      Race: Negro      Sex: Female

Date and time of death: April 21, 1970                      Date and time of autopsy: April 21, 1970  
7:45 A.M.      BID    10:00 A.M.

Organ weights:

Brain	_____ 1090 _____	Gm.
Heart	_____ 225 _____	Gm.
R. Lung	_____ NW _____	Gm.
L. Lung	_____ NW _____	Gm.
Liver	_____ 2350 _____	Gm.
Spleen	_____ NW _____	Gm.
R. Kidney	_____ NW _____	Gm.
L. Kidney	_____ NW _____	Gm.
_____	_____ _____	Gm.
_____	_____ _____	Gm.
_____	_____ _____	Gm.
_____	_____ _____	Gm.

Decomposed = D

Estimated = E

Embalmed = B

Fixed = F

Not weighed = NW

**EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:**

Well developed, fairly nourished, adult Negro female, measured height of 4 feet, 10 inches, approximate weight of 90-95 pounds. The hair is black, curly, and full. The irides are brown, pupils round, equal and normal in size, sclerae and conjunctivae are slightly pale and minimally icteric. The nose and mouth are dry. The teeth are in good condition. No exudates of the ears. The neck is supple. Rigor mortis is diminishing in both the elbows and the knees. The breasts are small. The nipples are dark, no masses or colostrum. The chest cage is intact. An old, 1/4 inch scar is present over the anterior left shoulder. The abdomen is soft and doughy. There is a midline, suprapubic scar of 3 inches. A small, drainage wound scar lies 1 inch above and slightly to the right of the umbilicus. Striae gravidarum are present on the lower abdomen. The abdomen is not tense or distended. Yellow-tan-white material is present over the medial thighs and labia majora and minora. The usual pubic hair configuration is noted. There is a recent abrasion over the right knee. No arthritis or edema noted of ankles or feet. No scars or needle marks of arms, wrists or hands. Fingernails are short. The hands are somewhat roughened. The back shows dark purple dependent lividity which is fixed. The spine is palpably intact. The anus is clean. The posterior legs are normal. There are no posterior head and neck injuries. There are no gross signs of external trauma, other than those described above. There are no obvious tattoos or other marks of identification.

**INTERNAL EXAMINATION:**

The body is opened in the usual Y-shaped incision. The panniculus is 1/4 of an inch in thickness. The abdominal musculature is adequately developed. The organs are in their usual positions in the peritoneal cavity. The

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uterus is of the usual size. Cystic change of both ovaries are noted. A resolving corpus luteum is identified. The liver is moderately to markedly enlarged and diffusely yellow in color. The diaphragmatic leaves are normally spaced. The chest cage is opened and the breast plate is removed. No fractures are present. The lungs completely fill the pleural cavity. Granulating material and fibrinous exudate are noted over the entire right lobe, especially in the upper portions. Approximately 100 cc. of slightly cloudy fluid are present in the right chest space. No fluid is present in the left chest space. No adhesions are present. The pericardial sac is intact. The heart is small in size. About 10 cc. of clear, greenish-yellow serous fluid is present. No adhesions. The thymus is atrophied. The mediastinal structures are in the midline. No neck injuries are present. No spine, rib, clavicular or pelvic fractures are noted.

The heart reveals a normal myocardium and minimal atherosclerosis of the coronary arteries. No evidence of injury or disease is noted. Sectioning of the lungs reveals diffuse lobar pneumonia in the right upper lobe, extending to portions of the right middle lobe. The remaining lung parenchyma is congested and edematous, especially in the right lower lobe. The liver is diffusely fatty and greasy in consistency. It is yellow-gold in color throughout. There is no grittiness or other evidence of fibrous tissue reaction on sectioning. There is no bile stasis or necrosis. No odor is detected. The gallbladder is intact and contains the usual amount of bile. The spleen is spongy and soft. No accessory spleens are present. The splenic vessels are normal. The pancreas shows some fatty infiltration and a slight increase in grittiness on sectioning. There is no evidence of acute change present. The adrenal glands and kidneys are unremarkable on sectioning. The uterus shows no evidence of pregnancy. There are no polyps on sectioning. The myometrium is normal. The ovaries show water filled cysts of small size and a resolving corpus luteum. The cervix is patent to 2 mm. The vagina is clean. The intestinal tract is normal. The stomach contains a minimum of grey-yellow fluid without odor. There is no evidence of gastritis present. No foreign material is present within the stomach. The neck organs are healthy. The thyroid gland is normal in size, shape and consistency. The central nervous system is free from injury. The brain fills the cranial vault. No evidence of pressure changes are noted. The arteries at the base of the brain are normal in caliber and distribution. Sectioning reveals intact structures of the corpus striatum, clear watery spinal fluid and normal size lateral ventricles. The pons, cerebellum and brain stem are normal. No neck injuries. The spinal cord is not performed. The middle ears and sinuses are not opened. Sections of the breast are unremarkable. Bone marrow and muscle are grossly normal. The remainder of the autopsy is without particular note. No evidence of disease or injury is apparent.

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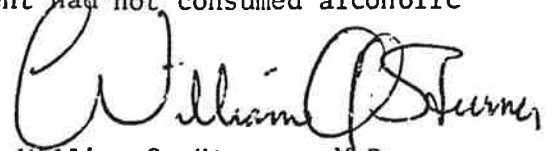
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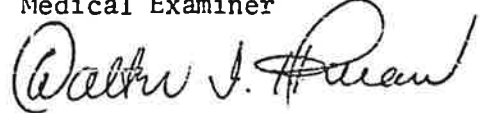
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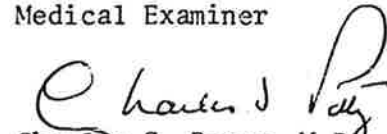
1. Marked fatty metamorphosis of the liver.
2. Lobar pneumonia, especially of right upper lobe.
3. Right pleural effusion.
4. Minimal coronary arteriosclerosis.
5. Focal chronic pancreatitis.
6. Serous cysts of both ovaries; no evidence of pregnancy.
7. Minimal liquid contents of stomach; no distinctive odor or foreign material identified.

CONCLUSION:

It is our opinion that Rose Marie Morton died of lobar pneumonia. Fatty metamorphosis of the liver, which is frequently associated with acute and chronic alcoholism, contributed to the terminal state of the deceased. There is no significant other natural disease present. There are no signs of recent or old injuries noted. The manner of death is classified as natural causes. The decedent had not consumed alcoholic beverages at the time of her demise.

  
William Q. Sturner, M.D.  
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Medical Examiner

  
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Chief Medical Examiner

TOXICOLOGY:

Blood alcohol - negative.

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INVESTIGATION REPORT

Deceased Rose Marie Morton Age 37 Race N Sex F

Address 3722 Dollman Telephone 638-0929

Place of death scene DCA \_\_\_\_\_

Death Occurred: \_\_\_\_\_ In presence of \_\_\_\_\_  
or \_\_\_\_\_

Found Dead \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

M.E. Notified 4-26 7:30am By Hutchinson of Blk & Clk

Pronounced 4-26 7:45am By Hofman at scene

Scene investigation by \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Badge # Agency

Circumstances and pertinent information:

Called by Blk & Clk who were at scene -  
Dr. Hofman close by went to scene -

Name of hospitals/doctors who attended deceased during life:

GMH -

Name of next of kin \_\_\_\_\_ Relation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

If violent death: Date/Time of incident \_\_\_\_\_ At work \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Disposition of weapon \_\_\_\_\_

Disposition of body: 4-20 7:50 am  
Date Time

Certified at Scene

Ordered to Morgue

Body already at PMH

Body taken to PMH by amb. at scene

Black & Clark

Gary Walker  
Field Agent

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Deceased Rose Marie Norbu Age 37 Race N Sex F

Address 3722 Juddman Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Place of death u DCA \_\_\_\_\_

Death Occurred: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ In presence of \_\_\_\_\_  
or

Found Dead \_\_\_\_\_ By 0600 \_\_\_\_\_

M.E. Notified \_\_\_\_\_ By 0825 B&C of \_\_\_\_\_

Pronounced \_\_\_\_\_ By 0735 WCH at scene

Scene investigation by PE Cowart 2723 of DPD  
Name Badge # Agency

Circumstances and pertinent information:

NF lying dead in bed in room 44207  
known alcoholic - heavy

Name of hospitals/doctors who attended deceased during life:  
2 PMH in past 2 weeks "per year"

Name of next of kin Cora Mae Gibson Relation mother

Address 1715 Canada Dr Telephone 218-3920

If violent death: Date/Time of incident \_\_\_\_\_ At work \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Disposition of weapon \_\_\_\_\_

Disposition of body: \_\_\_\_\_ am \_\_\_\_\_ pm  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Certified at Scene  
 Ordered to Morgue  
 Body already at PMH B&C  
 Body taken to PMH by amb. at scene  
Field Agent C.P.H.