

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

This Investigator received a call on February 6, 1982 at 4:00 P.M. from the Moraine City Police Department, advising officers were on the scene of an apparent homicide in a vacant field at the dead end of Kreitzer Road in Moraine City.

Upon arriving at the scene at 4:18 P.M. was met by Ptl. Brun of the Moraine City Police Department who advised he was the first officer on the scene arriving at 3:51 P.M. It was learned that Ptl. Brun was called by the father of the deceased, Bobby Rowell of 2970 Kreitzer Road. At this time Ptl. Brun directed my attention to the vacant field where I observed the deceased lying on his left side in a fetal position, his head pointing toward the west and his legs were pointing to the north-east. There was a brown paper sack lying on top of the deceased. This bag was a grocery-type bag and inside the bag there was what was later identified as being the deceased's penis and part of his scrotum which had been cut off.

There was slight blood from the right nostril of the deceased. The deceased was also completely nude and there was a yellow towel lying on a bush directly to the south of the deceased's body. The deceased's clothing, which consisted of a pair of blue Levi's with a black belt and silver buckle, one pair of white socks with blue and red bands about the top, and one light blue long-sleeved button-up shirt, were in a brown paper bag with "Kroger" on it and the bag was lying 7'4" east of the deceased. The outside temperature was 14°F. Visual examination revealed that the deceased's penis had been severed from the body and portions of the scrotum were still intact. The wound appeared to be a postmortem wound, due to the fact that there was very slight blood present about the wound. There was evidence of apparent manual strangulation about the neck and there were bruises on the face, back and legs of the deceased. There was also noted blood around the rectal area. There were numerous thorn bushes around where the deceased was found and the deceased had scratches on his right side and right arm. There was snow beneath the deceased, but there was no snow on top of the deceased. Snow in this area subsided at about 10:30 P.M. on February 5, 1982.

The deceased was last seen by his parents on February 5, 1982 at approximately 5:30 P.M. The deceased's father stated that the deceased left the residence with his brother stating he was going to the Civic Center, which is about 5-6 houses west of the deceased's residence, and this is the last time the parents saw the deceased. At about 10:55 P.M. on February 5, 1982 the deceased's parents, Bobby and Myrtle Rowell, called the Moraine City Police Department and filed a missing person's report.

Mr. Rowell stated that on February 5, 1982 in the late evening hours he checked the Civic Center, the school near the center and all about the general area trying to locate his son. He stated that on February 6, 1982 at about 3:40 P.M. he again went walking and checking for his son and found the deceased in the above mentioned location.

The body was transported to the Montgomery County Coroner's Office for further examination by this staff. Removal was made by Funeral Representatives Ambulance Service.

Reports from the Moraine City Police Department were requested to be forwarded to the Montgomery County Coroner's Office as soon as available. Any other information obtained pertaining to this investigation will be submitted as it becomes available.

Respectfully submitted,

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