

MERCY-MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER
RECORD OF POST MORTEM EXAMINATION

Autopsy Number: A91-44 Name: MCGINNIS, Eric Ford
Age/Race/Sex: 16/B/M Date of Birth:
Physician: N/A Pathologist: E. Arthur Robertson, M.D.
Assistants/witnesses: M. KLesca/Det. D. Soucek, SJPD
Acct Number: N/A U/N Number: N/A
Place of Death: St. Joseph, MI M.E. Case: yes
Permit Limitations: N/A Signed by: N/A
Date of Admission: N/A Hour: N/A
Date of Death: 5/17/91 Hour: Evening
Date of Autopsy: 5/22/91 Hour: 1430

PATHOLOGICAL DIAGNOSIS

Partially decomposed body without pathological evidence of antemortem disease or injury.

Blood alcohol = 0.04%

COMMENT: The autopsy findings are consistent with drowning.

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PATHOLOGIST

EAR:pk July 9, 1991

INCIDENT SURROUNDING DEATH: The decedent was found in the St. Joseph River near the Coast Guard station, floating down river. He was last seen alive by his father when he dropped him off on Pleasant Street in St. Joseph about 8:30 P.M. on Friday, May 17, 1991. His mother reported him missing to the Benton Township Police Department on May 18, 1991.

EXTERNAL DESCRIPTION: The body is identified as Eric Ford McGinnis by dental record. (See report by Jeffrey S. Schmidt, D.D.S.)

The body is that of a decomposing black male measuring 70 inches in length and weighing approximately 200 pounds. The body is dressed in a sport type shirt with the word "MCGINNIS" printed on the back, bluejeans, blue striped underpants, white athletic socks and high top white tennis shoes. The entire body is bloated and the skin over the body is grey-green. There is skin slippage over the arms, face and trunk. The hair over the head is short and black. The mandibular teeth are misaligned. (See Dr. Schmidt's dental report). There is a small blue stone ring on the 5th finger of the left hand. The fingernail of the 5th finger, left hand is painted red.

Grossly, there are no external injuries seen.

INTERNAL DESCRIPTION: The body and head are opened following standard methods. All of the organs are in a state of decomposition. No disease or internal injuries are found.

X-Rays done at the time of autopsy show no obvious fractures and no metal fragments in the body.

TOXICOLOGY: Blood and urine are sent to the State Laboratory for analysis. They report a blood alcohol of 0.04%. MK 6/6/91

MICROSCOPIC DESCRIPTION: The internal organs are autolyzed. No evidence of preexisting disease or injury is found.