

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

THOMAS T. HOGUCHI, M.D.  
CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER-CORONER

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# AUTOPSY REPORT

No. 83-16219

WILSON, DENNIS C.

I performed an autopsy on the body of

at the DEPARTMENT OF CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER-CORONER

Los Angeles, California

on DECEMBER 29, 1983 @1130

(Date)

(Time)

From the anatomic findings and pertinent history I ascribe the death to:

(A) DROWNING

DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF

(B)

DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF

(C)

OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS-

*Anatomical Summary:*

I. Drowning.

A. Circumstances.

B. Pulmonary edema and congestion.

C. Cerebral edema.

D. Watery gastric contents.

E. Minor trauma to the head and body.

II. Head trauma (recent, less than 1 week, mild to moderate severity, nonlethal).

III. Hepatomegaly with fatty change.

IV. Moderate coronary atherosclerosis.



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## CIRCUMSTANCES:

The decedent is a 39 year old White man whose body was recovered from the ocean water in the vicinity of a pier in the Marina Del Rey area of the Los Angeles County by the harbor patrol a short time prior to 1745 hours. He was found without vital signs and pronounced dead. An investigation was begun. The Medical Examiner's office was notified by the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Homicide Division on the 28th of December, 1983 at 1810 hours, approximately 20 minutes after the decedent's body was recovered. The case was reported as an accidental drowning in the ocean. Investigator Butler was assigned to the case and responded to the scene. She prepared a report to which the reader was referred. She found the body on the dock covered with a body bag from harbor patrol. He was clad in a pair of cut off jeans and minor injuries were noted to the face. The body temperature was 80 degrees Fahrenheit with the temperature of the water being 58 degrees Fahrenheit. The body temperature was recorded at approximately 1945 hours. The body was without rigor and lividity was becoming apparent. The decedent is a musician (drummer) in a rock group known as the "Beach Boys" popular in the 1960's and whose music is currently undergoing revived interest in the 1980's. The decedent was at the pier with a friend. They had been consuming alcohol since 1100 hours on the 28th of December. The exact amounts unknown. The decedent and his friend at approximately 1640 hours began diving from the pier which is located in the 13900 block of Marquesas Way. They were apparently diving for artifacts on the bottom of the pier area. The water is approximately 12 feet deep. The decedent was wearing a face mask but no snorkel. The decedent made 2 successful dives and on the 3rd he did not surface. At that time his friend notified the harbor patrol and they responded, eventually finding the decedent. It should be noted that the decedent has an apartment in the vicinity of the pier. The decedent also is reported by the Sheriff's Department to have been in an altercation on the 25th of December, 1983 during which he sustained facial abrasions and the bruised left eye. He was treated at Marina Mercy Hospital. Apparently no police report was made of the incident. The decedent's death has attracted the interest of local and national news media. Detective Gaynor of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Homicide came to the office following the autopsy and the autopsy findings were explained to him. He has supplied



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additional information essentially substantiating the accounts given to the Coroner's investigator and in addition having a few pertinent details. He indicated that the information supplied to him indicated that the decedent had been in an altercation on the 25th of December, 1983 at the Santa Monica Bay Inn in Santa Monica. The altercation somehow involved the decedent's wife who was staying there. The decedent attempted to receive medical treatment at St. John's Hospital and eventually at Marina Mercy Hospital. He was there approximately 1 day and then left against medical advise. He returned to his residence. The evening prior to his death he was apparently drinking and is reported to have consumed some small quantity of valium. The decedent once had a boat which was docked at the same pier where the decedent's friend was currently docked. The decedent reportedly dove into the water to recover artifacts or memorabilia that were discarded from his own boat in the years prior. It is reported that the decedent recovered items on the previous dives into the water and reported to his friend that he noted a large box underneath the water and requested a rope to tie it and bring it to the surface. It is following this episode that the decedent did not surface again. Apparently the decedent was noted to surface briefly several times and then not resurface. The friends thought that the decedent had possibly resurfaced in a different area and began looking for him. They looked for approximately 15 minutes prior to calling the harbor patrol. The harbor patrol searched the waters for approximately 30 minutes before finding the body. The time that the body was pulled from the water was approximately 1715 hours. This is in slight disagreement to the investigator's report. The Sheriff's investigator gave the impression that there was fairly heavy alcohol consumption in the days preceding the decedent's death.

**DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES:**

There are noted head injuries consistent with the circumstances described above. The head injuries although very visible appear insufficient to cause death. There are findings in the lung, respiratory tract and brain consistent with drowning. The injuries will be described in a head to toe fashion below.



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In the forehead area there is a rectangular shaped area of abrasion and contusion. It measures approximately 1 x 2 inches. It is associated with subcutaneous hemorrhage. The scalp beneath is free of fracture and there are no contusions of the brain noted. The skin about the area has a yellowish-greenish tinge. In the center of this area there is a small rectangular shaped abraded area measuring approximately 1/4 inch. This appears recent. Over the left eye involving the left upper eyelid and the lower left eye lid are areas of contusion. They roughly cover an area of 2 x 3 inches. The centers of them have a purplish-red discoloration while the edges are somewhat yellowish-green. There is noted a small superficial abrasion over the bridge of the nose measuring less than 1/4 inch in greatest dimension. Over the left side of the face over the outer prominence there is noted an area of abrasion and contusion measuring approximately 1-1/2 inches in greatest dimension. It also has somewhat yellowish edges and appears old. There is noted a small abrasion measuring less than 1 inch in greatest dimension over the chin area. In the subcutaneous tissue in the left temporal muscle there is noted a small amount of hemorrhage. This hemorrhage appears associated with injuries to the left eye. The skull is devoid of any fracture and the brain is free of any contusion. Examination of the neck fails to reveal any trauma.

The body is otherwise free of trauma. There is noted a small area of subcutaneous hemorrhage over the right lateral chest wall. This appears unassociated with any skin lesion. It is minute measuring less than 1/4 inch in greatest dimension. There are noted some abrasions over the anterior aspects of the right and left lower legs. There is noted a squared off area of abrasion behind the left knee. It measures approximately 1 inch in greatest dimension. There are noted some healing lacerations or cuts over the soles of the feet. The soles of the feet are very callus and covered with dirt.

In addition to these injuries there are noted a few linear scars over the inner aspect of the right forearm and over the top of the right wrist and right hand. These appear somewhat irregularly shaped. There is also a scar noted over the inner aspect of the right palm. It also appears somewhat irregularly shaped. There are noted a variety of other small scars on the body. Some of these are over the knees. Some over the face.

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The internal evidence of drowning consists of frothy tenacious fluid present in the trachea and bronchi. The right and left lungs were extremely heavy nearly weighing 1000 grams each. They were congested and edematous in a diffuse pattern. There was cerebral edema. The hands and the feet did not show evident water effect usually associated with prolonged exposure to the water. There was vomitus present in the nostrils and in the upper portion of the pharynx.

**CLOTHING:**

The clothing consists of a pair of blue cut off jeans. They are water soaked. There was also a gray colored blanket present with the body. It is also water soaked.

The above description of injuries will not be repeated in the body of the autopsy.

**EXTERNAL DESCRIPTION:**

The body is that of an unembalmed, Caucasian male measuring 72 inches in length and weighing 168 pounds. The hair is light brown with some gray. The eyes are blue. The face is somewhat unshaven and there is approximately 1/8 inch beard present. The eyes, ears, nose and mouth appear otherwise unremarkable. The apparent age is equal to the stated age of 39 years. There are noted some tattoos on the body. There are professional type tattoos over the right and left upper arms. Over the right arm there is a tattoo of a "heart" with the name "Chris". There is a small unprofessional tattoo over the inner aspect of the left lower leg. The external genitalia are that of an adult circumcised male. The back appears unremarkable. There is noted a linear scar present in the right lower quadrant of the abdomen. There is a laceration of the right upper quadrant secondary to a liver temperature probe.

**BODY CAVITIES:**

The abdominal cavity contains a few adhesions in the vicinity of



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the cecum and terminal ileum. The appendix is not identified. The abdominal viscerae appears otherwise in a normal anatomic position and the serosal surfaces are smooth and glistening. The pleural and pericardial cavities contains small amounts of fluid and are free of adhesions. The mediastinum is unremarkable.

**CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM:**

The heart weighs 370 grams. The epicardium is smooth and glistening. The right and left coronary arteries open in their normal anatomic positions. There is some narrowing of the right coronary artery just distal to the right coronary ostia. Here the lumen is narrowed to approximately 30%. The coronary artery distal to this opens up widely and is unremarkable. The coronary artery otherwise shows a mild amount of atherosclerotic change. The left circumflex shows approximate 20 to 30% narrowing at one point. The myocardium is beefy red and firm. The right and left ventricles appear of normal thickness. The endocardium is smooth and glistening. The valves appear unremarkable. The ductus arteriosus is obliterated and the foramen ovale anatomically closed. The superior and inferior venae cavae and pulmonary vessels appear unremarkable. The aorta shows a mild amount of atherosclerotic change.

**RESPIRATORY SYSTEM:**

The pharynx, larynx and trachea and bronchi with the exception of the above described injuries appears unremarkable. The right and left lungs together weigh 2000 grams. The pleura is intact. The cut surface reveals a congested firm red parenchyma. There is pulmonary edema as well.

**GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT:**

The tongue and esophagus appears unremarkable. The stomach is distended. There is approximately 600 cc. of watery fluid containing bits of undigested food. The food appears yellowish and there are noted small bits of what appears to be meat in the

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yellowish gastric contents. The meat appears to be very pale. The mucosa of the stomach is unremarkable. The pylorus, duodenum and small and large bowel appears unremarkable. The appendix is not identified.

**LIVER:**

The liver is large and weighs 2700 grams. The capsule is intact. The cut surfaces reveals a somewhat tan-yellow firm parenchyma.

**GALLBLADDER:**

The gallbladder contains approximately 5 cc. of bile. The serosal wall and mucosa appear unremarkable.

**PANCREAS:**

The pancreas is unremarkable.

**URINARY TRACT:**

The right and left kidneys together weigh 350 grams. The capsules of both kidneys strip with ease revealing a smooth cortex. The cut surface is unremarkable. The pelves and ureters appear unremarkable. The bladder contains approximately 300 cc. of urine. The mucosa and wall appear unremarkable.

**PROSTATE:**

The prostate is unremarkable.

**INTERNAL GENITALIA:**

The testes appear unremarkable.



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**ENDOCRINE GLAND:**

The thyroid, adrenals and pituitary are unremarkable.

**SPLEEN:**

The spleen weighs 100 grams. The capsule is intact. The cut surface reveals a firm, red tissue.

**LYMPH NODES:**

The tracheobronchial and abdominal lymph nodes appear unremarkable.

**BONE MARROW:**

The bone marrow is red and moist.

**MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM:**

The muscle development appears fairly good. There is sparse moderate amounts of subcutaneous adipose tissue.

**SCALP, SKULL AND DURA:**

Examination fails to reveal any evidence of trauma other than that described above.

**BRAIN:**

The brain weighs 1400 grams. There is cerebral edema with flattening of the gyri and narrowing of the sulci. It appears of a mild degree. The cerebral vessels appear unremarkable. The brain on sectioning is unremarkable.



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**TOXICOLOGY:**

Blood, bile, urine, vitreous, liver, kidney and stomach contents are taken for toxicological examination. It should be noted that there was a distinct odor frequently associated with recent alcohol consumption about the body and body fluids.

**HISTOLOGY:**

Routine tissues are placed in the hold jar.

**OPINION:**

The cause of death appears to be drowning. The circumstances suggests this. The finding of marked pulmonary edema and the pulmonary congestion and edema in a uniform fashion appears consistent with inhalation of water. The stomach contents are quite watery and this appears at the time to be solely due to the ingestion of food. In retrospect at the time of dictation this may be the mixture of water and food accounting for the watery appearance of the gastric contents. The head trauma appears to be older than 24 hours and on visual examination and examination of the subcutaneous tissue appears consistent with the altercation on the 25th a few days prior to death. There are minor more recent trauma to various areas of the body which may be associated with the drowning. The head injury although present is not enough to explain the death. The injury although associated with subcutaneous hemorrhage is not associated with any skull fractures or cerebral contusions. Clinically the decedent's head injury may have been sufficient to require treatment but apparently were not of such severity as to render the decedent incapable of signing himself out of the hospital against medical advise or from carrying on his daily activities in a normal fashion. The association of the head injuries with the decedent's death appears merely to be a time associated relationship. The autopsy supplies evidence

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that the 2 events are not causely related. The use of alcohol and possible other drugs may have more bearing on the drowning death since alcohol and drugs are frequently seen in drowning deaths and these drugs are associated with impairment of judgement and physical activity. The presence of the enlarge liver showing some fatty change suggests that there may have been chronic use of alcohol as well. Unfortunately very little is known by the deputy medical examiner of the decedent's life style prior to his death. Following the autopsy the deputy medical examiner had been contacted by the decedent's personal manager Mr. Levine. The autopsy findings were explained to him.

*Lawrence Cogan M.D. 1/11/84*  
 L. LAWRENCE COGAN, M. D.  
 DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER

JLC:ljh:c  
 January 11, 1984

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County of Los Angeles Report of Toxicological Analysis Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner

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	PATHOLOGIST	Cogan	Wilson, Dennis C.	
SPECIMEN	COMPOUND	RESULTS CONC.	Toxicologist	DATE
Blood	Ethanol	0.26%	R. Budd	12-30-83
Blood	Barbiturates	ND	R. Budd	1-6-84
Blood	Neutrals (1)                  Other	ND	Mathis	1-6-84
Blood	Phenothiazines (3)	ND	Mahanay	1-10-84
Blood	Bases (2)	ND	Mahanay	1-10-84
Blood	Morphine	ND	J. Park	1-9-84
Blood	Codéine	ND	J. Park	1-9-84
Blood	Ethchlorvynol	ND	Mahanay	1-13-84
Blood	Trichlorethanol	ND	Mahanay	1-9-84
Vitreous	Ethanol	0.26%	Mathis	12-30-83
Urine	Ethanol	0.33%	Mathis	12-30-83
Blood	Caffeine	0.7ug/ml	Mathis	1-6-84
Blood	Diazepam	ND	Mahanay	1-10-84
Blood	Cocaine	ND	Grieseimer	1-11-84
stria Cont.	Ethanol	5.68g	R. Budd	1-3-84

ND - Not Detected

(1) - carisprodol, ethinamate, glutethimide, meprobamate, methyprylon, etc.

(2) - chlordiazepoxide, diazepam, methadone, methaqualone, propoxyphene, strychnine, etc.

(3) - chlorpromazine, imipramine, promazine, promethazine, thioridazine, trifluoperazine, etc. (also includes amitriptyline)

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INVESTIGATION  AUTOPSY  
Date 12/29/83 Time 11:20 Dr. Cogan  
 FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER  
 MORTUARY  
 PENDING  FINAL ON 12/29/83

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DOD 12 28 83  
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Death was caused by:  
Immediate cause

Bronchitis

Due to:

Due to:

Other conditions contributing but not related to the immediate cause of death:

NATURAL  ACCIDENT  SUICIDE  HOMICIDE  UNDETERMINED  
If other than natural causes -  
HOW DID INJURY OCCUR?

WAS OPERATION PERFORMED FOR ANY CONDITION STATED ABOVE?  Yes  No

TYPE SURGERY \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

WAS BIOPSY PERFORMED?  Yes  No

PERTINENT COMMENTS:

Police Report  
 Med. History 12/28/83  
Memorial Hospital  
 Investigations

Histopathology  Cut in Lab.  
 Cut at Autopsy  Smears  
 Neuropathology  Microbiology  
 Type Blood

Toxicology  Over 24 Hrs.  
 Alcohol  Barbs.  
 Carbon Monoxide  
 Screen Type 2  
 Other - Explain Below

Valium  
Cocaine + Demerol  
Rheumatoid arthritis, ulcers  
and blood.

SPECIMENS SUBMITTED

Blood Sample Taken  
 Yes - by Cogan  
 No - Explain

Bile  Kidney  
 Liver  Urine  
 Stomach Contents  
 Other

EXAMINED DATE & TIME

Body Tag 12/29/83  
Clothing - Pre Photo 12/29/83  
Evidence Tag

James Cogan M.D.  
Deputy Medical Examiner

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION - (COMPLETE ONLY IF CERTIFIED AS OUTSIDE INVESTIGATION)

Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Race \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ In. Weight \_\_\_\_\_ lbs. Hair \_\_\_\_\_ Eyes \_\_\_\_\_ Mustache \_\_\_\_\_  
Tattoo or Deformity \_\_\_\_\_ Scars, Amputations \_\_\_\_\_ Beard \_\_\_\_\_

CERTIFICATE ISSUED MORTUARY: FINAL  PENDING   
12-29-83 WIS

Signed  Not Signed  Explain \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_ INVESTIGATOR

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SPECIMEN	COMPOUND	RESULTS CONC.	Toxicologist	DATE
BLOOD	Ethanol	0.26%	JMaltz	12-30-83
	Barbiturates	ND	R Brnd	1-6-84
	Neutrals (1)			
	Phenothiazines (3)			
	Bases (2)			
	Morphine			
	Codeine			
	Ethchlorvynol			
VITREOUS	ETHANOL	0.26%	JMaltz	12-30-83
LIVER	Bases (2)			
	Phenothiazines (3)			
BILE				
GASTRIC CONTENTS				
URINE	ETHANOL	0.33%	JMaltz	12-30-83

LEGEND:  
 ND - Not Detected  
 (1) - carisprodol, ethinamate, glutethimide, meprobamate, methyprylon, etc.  
 (2) - chlordiazepoxide, diazepam, methadone, methaqualone, propoxyphene, strychnine, etc.  
 (3) - chlorpromazine, imipramine, promazine, promethazine, thioridazine, trifluoperazine, etc. (also includes amitriptyline)

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SPECIMEN	COMPOUND	RESULTS CONC.	Toxicologist	DATE
BLOOD	Ethanol			
	Barbiturates			
	Neutrals (1) <i>other</i>	ND	J. Mathis	1-6-84
	Phenothiazines (3) <i>Caffeine</i>	0.7 $\frac{\mu g}{ml}$		
	Bases (2)			
	Morphine			
	Codeine			
	Ethchlorvynol			
Trichlorethanol				
LIVER	Bases (2)			
	Phenothiazines (3)			
BILE				
GASTRIC CONTENTS				
URINE				

**LEGEND:**  
 ND - Not Detected  
 (1) - carisprodol, ethinamate, glutethimide, meprobamate, methyprylon, etc.  
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 PATHOLOGIST Logan

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SPECIMEN	COMPOUND	RESULTS CONC.	Toxicologist	DATE
BLOOD	Ethanol			
	Barbiturates			
	Neutrals (1)			
	Phenothiazines (3)	ND	L. M. Long	1-10-84
	Bases (2) OTHER	ND	L. M. Long	1-10-84
	Morphine DIAZEPAM	ND	L. M. Long	1-10-84
	Codeine			
	Ethchlorvynol			
	Trichlorethanol			
LIVER	Bases (2)			
	Phenothiazines (3)			
BILE				
GASTRIC CONTENTS				
URINE				
LEGEND:	ND - Not Detected (1) - carisprodol, ethinamate, glutethimide, meprobamate, methyprylon, etc. (2) - chlordiazepoxide, diazepam, methadone, methaqualone, propoxyphene, strychnine, etc. (3) - chlorpromazine, imipramine, promazine, promethazine, thloridazine, trifluoperazine, etc. (also includes amitriptyline)			

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 PATHOLOGIST COGAN 83-16219  
Wilson Dennis

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BLOOD	Ethanol			
	Barbiturates			
	Neutrals (1)			
	Phenothiazines (3)			
	Bases (2)			
	Morphine			
	Codeine			
	Ethchlorvynol			
	Trichlorethanol			
LIVER	Bases (2)			
	Phenothiazines (3)			
BILE				
GASTRIC CONTENTS				
URINE				

LEGEND: ND - Not Detected  
 (1) - carisprodol, ethinamate, glutethimide, meprobamate, methyprylon, etc.  
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PATHOLOGIST: *Cogan*

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SPECIMEN	COMPOUND	RESULTS CONC.	Toxicologist	DATE
BLOOD	Ethanol			
	Barbiturates			
	Neutrals (1)			
	Phenothiazines (3)			
	Bases (2)			
	Morphine			
	Codeine			
	Ethchlorvynol	ND	<i>1-13-84</i>	
Trichlorethanol	ND	<i>1-9-84</i>		
LIVER	Bases (2)			
	Phenothiazines (3)			
BILE				
GASTRIC CONTENTS				
URINE				

**LEGEND:**

ND - Not Detected

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	PATHOLOGIST <u>COGAN</u>	

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BLOOD	Ethanol			
	Barbiturates			
	Neutrals (1)			
	Phenothiazines (3)			
	Bases (2)			
	Morphine			
	Codeine			
	Ethchlorvynol			
	Trichlorethanol			
		<i>Blood: Cocaine</i>	<i>ND</i>	<i>S. Levine</i>
LIVER	Bases (2)			
	Phenothiazines (3)			
BILE				
GASTRIC CONTENTS				
URINE				

**LEGEND:**  
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PATHOLOGIST COGAN

WILSON, DENNIS C.

Rush

DOB 12.28.83

SPECIMEN	COMPOUND	RESULTS CONC.	Toxicologist	DATE
BLOOD	Ethanol			
	Barbiturates			
	Neutrals (1)			
	Phenothiazines (3)			
	Bases (2)			
	Morphine			
	Codeine			
	Ethchlorvynol			
LIVER	Trichlorethanol			
	Bases (2)			
BILE	Phenothiazines (3)			
GASTRIC CONTENTS	Ethanol	5.68g	R. Bristol	1-3-84
URINE				
LEGEND:	ND - Not Detected (1) - carisprodol, ethinamate, glutethimide, meprobamate, methyprylon, etc. (2) - chlordiazepoxide, diazepam, methadone, methaqualone, propoxyphene, strychnine, etc. (3) - chlorpromazine, imipramine, promazine, promethazine, thioridazine, trifluoperazine, etc. (also includes amitriptyline)			



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## INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT

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Information from Deputy Hernandez of  
Lennox Sheriff's Station, Marina Del Rey.  
DR# 083-21030-0360-494. Tel# 823-7762.

Jim Hazelwood-Harbor Patrol-Marina Del Rey.  
Telephone # 822-9053.

Witness: Decedents friend Wintern Oster.

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On 12-28-83 at approximately 1640 hours, this 39 year old male decedent and his friend Oster were on the pier, located at 13929 Marquesas Way C-1104, Marina Del Rey, when the decedent began to dive into the water for artifacts. After the third dive, decedent did not surface, his friend Oster summoned the harbor patrol, Marina Del Rey to the scene. Decedent was observed by the patrol at the bottom of the pier, in approximately 12 feet of water, he was placed on the dock, at 1745 hours by Jim Hazelwood of the harbor patrol, death was pronounced at 1748 hours by Hazelwood.

Mr. Oster states he and the decedent had been drinking alcohol since 1100 hours this date, he states the decedent was diving with a mask only, no snorkel. He watched the decedent dive into the water from the pier.

Decedent was observed in a supine position on the dock, covered with a body bag from the harbor patrol, he was not wearing a mask. He was clad in a pair of cut off jeans, his left eye appeared blue, a small laceration on the bridge of his nose and his forehead. Deputy Hernandez states decedent was involved in an altercation on 12-25-83, where he sustained these facial abrasions and bruised eye. He was treated at Marina Mercy Hospital for same, no police report was made on the incident.

This apparent drowning incident occurred at the rear of the decedents apartment, located at 13929 Marquesas Way Basin C-1100, Marina Del Rey.

Identification made at scene by decedents personal manager. Notify detective Horton/ Gainer of sheriff's homicide one hour prior to autopsy at 974-4341.

No other information available at this time.

Jim Hazelwood of harbor patrol states the water at the pier was 58 degrees when the decedent was pulled from the water at 1745 hours.

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No funeral Plan or Autopsies. History*

*Lorraine Butler*  
INVESTIGATOR

*12-28-83*  
DATE

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### CERTIFICATION OF VITAL RECORD

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES • REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

**AFFIDAVIT TO AMEND A RECORD** 190-058650 840971

BIRTH  DEATH  FETAL DEATH  MARRIAGE

**PART I INFORMATION AS REPORTED ON THE ORIGINAL REGISTERED CERTIFICATE**

TYPE OR PRINT IN BLACK INK ONLY	1. FIRST NAME <b>Dennis</b>	1. M. MIDDLE NAME <b>Carl</b>	1. M. LAST NAME <b>Wilson</b>
	2. SEX <b>Male</b>	3. DATE OF EVENT <b>December 28, 1983</b>	4. PLACE OF OCCURRENCE—CITY AND COUNTY <b>Marina Del Rey Los Angeles</b>
	5. NAME OF FATHER <b>Murry G. Wilson</b>		6. MOTHER NAME OF MOTHER <b>Audree Nora Korthoff</b>

**PART II STATEMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

LIST ONE ITEM PER LINE	7. ITEM NUMBER	8. ERRONEOUS INFORMATION AS STATED ON THE ORIGINAL RECORD	9. CORRECT INFORMATION THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN STATED ON THE ORIGINAL RECORD AT THE TIME OF OCCURRENCE
	36	Entombment	Burial At Sea
	37	January 3, 1983	January 4, 1984
	38	Inglewood Cemetery 720 E. Florence Inglewood, California	U. S. Coast Guard 400 Ocean Gate Long Beach, California

**PART III SUPPORTING AFFIDAVITS**

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that I have personal knowledge of the above facts and that the information given above is true and correct.

FIRST SUPPORTING AFFIDAVIT	10. SIGNATURE OF PERSON COMPLETING THE AFFIDAVIT <i>Geoff Chittles</i>	11. RELATIONSHIP TO PERSON WHOSE NAME IS ENTERED IN ITEM 1 <b>Funeral Director</b>	12. AGE OF PERSON COMPLETING THE AFFIDAVIT <b>Legal Age</b>
	13. DATE SIGNED <b>1-4-84</b>	14. ADDRESS OF PERSON COMPLETING THE AFFIDAVIT (STREET, CITY, STATE) <b>3801 W. Manchester, Inglewood, California</b>	

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SECOND SUPPORTING AFFIDAVIT	10. SIGNATURE OF PERSON COMPLETING THE AFFIDAVIT <i>John B. Bell</i>	11. RELATIONSHIP TO PERSON WHOSE NAME IS ENTERED IN ITEM 1 <b>Funeral Director</b>	12. AGE OF PERSON COMPLETING THE AFFIDAVIT <b>Legal Age</b>
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20. DATE ACCEPTED  
**1-10-84**

21. OFFICE OF THE STATE OR LOCAL REGISTRAR


STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, OFFICE OF THE STATE REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

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CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 0190-058850  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

10. NAME OF DECEDENT—FIRST <b>Donnie</b>		10. MIDDLE <b>Carl</b>		10. LAST <b>Wilson</b>		11. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) <b>December 28, 1983</b>		12. HOUR <b>1748</b>	
1. SEX <b>Male</b>		2. RACE <b>White</b>		3. DATE OF BIRTH <b>December 4, 1944</b>		4. AGE <b>39</b>		5. SEX OF DECEASED <b>MALE</b>	
6. PLACE OF BIRTH <b>California</b>		7. NAME AND BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER <b>Murry C. Wilson Kansas</b>		8. NAME AND BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER <b>Audree Mora Korthoff</b>		9. MARRIAGE STATUS <b>married</b>		10. NAME AND BIRTHPLACE OF SPOUSE (IF DECEASED) <b>Shawn Love</b>	
11. COUNTRY OF BIRTH <b>U.S.A.</b>		12. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER <b>562-60-0767</b>		13. MARITAL STATUS <b>married</b>		14. OCCUPATION <b>musician</b>		15. EMPLOYER (IF SELF-EMPLOYED, SO STATE) <b>self employed</b>	
16. USUAL RESIDENCE <b>9744 Wilshire Los Angeles</b>		17. CITY OF DEATH <b>Los Angeles</b>		18. NAME AND ADDRESS OF INTERMENT <b>Shawn Love Wilson (wife) 9744 Wilshire Beverly Hills, California</b>		19. CITY OF DEATH <b>Beverly Hills</b>		20. STATE OF INTERMENT <b>California</b>	
21. PLACE OF DEATH <b>Ocean, off pier</b>		22. STREET ADDRESS (HOUSE AND NUMBER OR LOCATION) <b>17929 Marguessa Way, Basin C-1100 Marina del Rey</b>		23. CITY OF DEATH <b>Los Angeles</b>		24. COUNTY OF DEATH <b>Los Angeles</b>		25. NAME AND ADDRESS OF INTERMENT <b>Shawn Love Wilson (wife) 9744 Wilshire Beverly Hills, California</b>	
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31. OTHER CAUSES CONTRIBUTING BUT NOT RELATED TO THE IMMEDIATE CAUSE OF DEATH		32. PHYSICIAN'S SIGNATURE AND TITLE <b>[Signature]</b>		33. DATE SIGNED <b>DEC 28 1983</b>		34. PHYSICIAN'S HOME AND ADDRESS		35. PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE NUMBER <b>12-70-83</b>	
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