

Crittenden County Coroner

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WEST MEMPHIS POLICE
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AUGUST 6 1993

On May 6, 1993 at apx. 3:20 P.M. I received a call from the West Memphis Police Dept. that they had found the three boys, and that they needed me to come to the Blue Beacon Truck Wash. With me was Ed Poe and employee of Roller-Citizens Funeral Home. Upon arrival we taken through the woods to a drainage ditch where the bodies of the three youth were found. All bodies had been removed from the water and were on the ditch banks covered in black plastic.

Bodies were listed as they were found.

Body #1

Body is on east ditch bank

Right hand is tied to right ankle by shoe lace, left hand is tied to left ankle by shoe lace.

Lacerations to head

Body lying on side lividity in buttocks and back will blanch with pressure

Rigor is set but can not tell to what degree due to limbs being tied

Body placed in sheet and transported

Body #2

Body is on west ditch bank lying on left side

Right hand is tied to right ankle by shoe lace, left hand is tied to left ankle

Lacerations to face and neck

Lividity in left buttocks and back will blanch with pressure

rigor is set but can not tell to what degree due to limbs being tied

Body placed in sheet and transported

Body #3

Body is on West ditch bank lying on right side

Right hand is tied to right ankle left hand is tied to left ankle

Body has been Emasculated

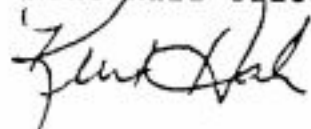
Lividity in buttocks and back will blanch with pressure

rigor is set but can not tell to what degree due to limbs being tied

Body placed in sheet and transported

All three bodies show signs of post mortem staining on face and chest.

Kent Hale Crittenden County Coroner



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BODY #1 FIRST ID AS CHRISTOPHER BYERS

DATE MAY 6, 1993 TIME _____

City/County WEST MEMPHIS Reporting Party _____

Address _____ Telephone # _____

Name of Deceased JAMES MICHAEL MOORE

Age 8 Race WHITE Sex MALE Date of Birth AUGUST 6, 1984

Social Security # 432-73-0794 Occupation STUDENT

Marital Status XX Single Married _____ Divorced _____ Widowed _____

Last Known Alive MAY 5, 1993 6:00 P.M.

Date/Time of Incident UNKNOWN

Date/Time Found MAY 6, 1993 1:30 P.M. By Whom MIKE ALLEN WEST MEMPHIS, P.D.

Address _____ Telephone # 735-1210

Place of Death DITCH IN WOODS OFF OF I40-I55 SOUTH SERVICE ROAD, KNOWN AS ROBIN HOOD HILLS

Place of Incident POSSIBILITY THE SAME UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME

Date/Time Pronounced MAY 6, 1993 4:02 P.M.

Investigating Agency: City WEST MEMPHIS County _____ State _____

Officer MIKE ALLEN Telephone # 735-1210

Medical History

Alcoholism _____ Diabetes _____ IV Drug Abuse _____ Smoking _____

Ischemic Heart Disease _____ Hypertension _____ Seizure Disorder _____ Cancer _____

Suicide Attempts _____ Epilepsy _____ Drug Use _____ Pregnant _____

High Blood Pressure _____ Depression _____ Contagious Disease _____

Other: Specify _____

Current Medication _____

Attending Physician _____ Address _____

Telephone # _____

Causes of Death _____

Date D.C. Signed _____

Disposition of Body _____ Signed (relationship) _____

Investigator's Summary CORONER CALLED TO BLUE BEACON TRUCK WASH, THAT THE THREE MISSING YOUTH HAD BEEN FOUND, UPON ARRIVAL ALL THREE HAD BEEN RECOVERED FROM WATER AND PLACED ON DITCH BANK. CHECKED BODY OF WHITE YOUTH WHO IS NUDE AND TIED WRIST TO ANKLES, BODY HAS CUTS ON HEAD, AND LOOKS LIKE BURSING ON FACE, AND MAY HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ASSAULTED.

BODY FOUND IN APX. 2 1/2 FEET OF WATER WHICH IS APX 60° IN TEMP.

Body Description

Height: _____ Weight: _____ Tattoo's: _____ Surgical Scars: _____

Rigor Present (yes or no) unable to check due to the way body is tied up Lividity Present: yes or no Blanche with pressure

Decomposed: yes or no Embalmed: yes or no

Suspected Homosexual: yes or no Suspected Prostitute: yes or no

Hospital Death Including ER _____

Medical Files Released with body: _____ All Medical Records _____ X-ray _____

1st Drawn Blood: yes or no

Admitting Diagnosis _____

Surgery Performed: yes or no

Bullet Removed at Hospital: yes or no

Any Organs Removed: Describe _____

* Will family donate any of deceased organs or tissue or bone: yes or no.

Signed _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

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CRITTENDEN COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

BODY #1
NAME JAMES MICHAEL MOORE
AGE 8 RACE MALE SEX WHITE

WEST MEMPHIS POLICE
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FIRST IDENTIFIED AS CHRISTOPHER BYERS

FOUND AT 1:30 P.M. MAY 6, 1993 BY SGT. MIKE ALLEN OF THE WEST MEMPHIS POLICE DEPT. IN
A DITCH IN ROBIN HOODS HILLS WHICH IS LOCATED SOUTHEAST OF THE BLUE BEACON TRUCK WASH
IN WEST MEMPHIS, ARKANSAS ON THE SOUTH SERVICE ROAD OF I40-I55.

LAST SEEN AT 6:00 P.M. MAY 5, 1993

PRONOUNCED AT 4:10 P.M. MAY 6, 1993 BY KENT HALE CORONER

BODY FOUND IN APX. 2½ FEET OF WATER, APX. 60° IN TEMP. BODY IS REMOVED FROM WATER BY
POLICE AND PLACED ON EAST BANK OF DITCH.

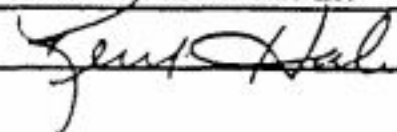
1. BODY IS NUDE
2. RT. HAND IS TIED TO RT. ANKLE. LEFT HAND IS TIED TO LEFT ANKLE. BY SHOE LACES
3. LIVIDITY WILL BLANCHE WITH PRESSURE,
4. UNABLE TO CHECK RIGOR DUE TO THE WAY THE BODY IS TIED
5. THERE IS FLY LARVA IN THE EYES AND NOSTRILLS
6. BODY PLACED IN WHITE SHEET AND TRANSPORTED TO FUNERAL HOME.
7. BODY TAGED AS BODY #1
- 8 BAG OF ICE PLACED ON ABDOMEN

M.E. OFFICE IN LITTLE ROCK CALLED

BODY HAS CUTS ON HEAD AND LOOKS LIKE BRUISES ON FACE.

BODY SENT TO M.E. IN LITTLE ROCK

KENT HALE CORONER



REPORT BY:

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Body #2

DATE _____ TIME _____ WEST MEMPHIS POLICE
 City/County _____ Reporting Party confidential CASE # _____
 Address _____ Telephone # _____ TO PROSECUTOR
 Name of Deceased STEVE EDWARD BRANCH AUGUST 6 1993
 Age 8 Race WHITE Sex MALE Date of Birth NOV. 26, 1984
 Social Security # 429-71-9834 Occupation STUDENT
 Marital Status XX Single _____ Married _____ Divorced _____ Widowed _____
 Last Known Alive MAY 5, 1993 6:00 P.M.
 Date/Time of Incident UNKNOWN
 Date/Time Found MAY 6, 1993 By Whom MIKE ALLEN WEST MEMPHIS, P.D.
 Address _____ Telephone # 735-1210
 Place of Death DITCH IN WOODS OFF OF I40-I55 SOUTH SERVICE ROAD KNOWN AS ROBIN HOOD HILLS
 Place of Incident POSSIBILITY SAME UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME
 Date/Time Pronounced MAY 6, 1993 3:58 P.M.
 Investigating Agency: City WEST MEMPHIS County _____ State _____
 Officer MIKE ALLEN Telephone # 735-1210
 Medical History
 _____ Alcoholism _____ Diabetes _____ IV Drug Abuse _____ Smoking _____
 _____ Ischemic Heart Disease _____ Hypertension _____ Seizure Disorder _____ Cancer _____
 _____ Suicide Attempts _____ Epilepsy _____ Drug Use _____ Pregnant _____
 _____ High Blood Pressure _____ Depression _____ Contagious Disease _____
 Other: Specify _____
 Current Medication _____
 Attending Physician _____ Address _____
 Telephone # _____
 Causes of Death _____
 Date D.C. Signed _____
 Disposition of Body _____ Signed (relationship) _____
 Investigator's Summary CORONER CALLES TO BLUE BEACON TRUCK WASH. THAT THE THREE MISSING YOUTH HAD BEEN FOUND, UPON ARRIVAL ALL THREE HAD BEEN RECOVERED FROM WATER AND PLACED ON DITCH BANK CHECKED BODY OF SMALL WHITE YOUTH WHO IS NUDE WITH HANDS TIED TO ANKLES BY SHOE LACES LEFT SIDE OF FACE HAS LACERATIONS FROM CHIN TO CHEEK, AND LOOKS LIKE BRUISING TO FACE AND TRUNK OF BODY.
 Body Description
 Height: _____ Weight: _____ Tattoo's: _____ Surgical Scars: _____
 Rigor Present: yes or no but hard to tell because of Lividity Present: yes or no will Blanch with Pressure
 Decomposed: yes or no the way body is kept Embalmed: yes or no
 Suspected Homosexual: yes or no Suspected Prostitute: yes or no
 Hospital Death Including ER _____
 Medical Files Released with body: _____ All Medical Records _____ X-rays _____
 1st Drawn Blood: yes or no
 Admitting Diagnosis _____
 Surgery Performed: yes or no
 Bullet Removed at Hospital: yes or no
 Any Organs Removed: Describe _____

* Will family donate any of deceased organs or tissue or bone: yes or no.

Signed _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

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CRITTENDEN COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

BODY #2

NAME STEVE EDWARD BRANCHAGE 8 RACE WHITE SEX MALE

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BODY FOUND BY SGT MIKE ALLEN AT AND APX FROM BODY NUMBER 1, BODY IS REMOVED FROM WATER BY POLICE AND PLACED ON WEST BANK OF CREEK.

1. BODY IS NUDE
2. RT. HAND IS TIED TO RIGHT ANKLE. LEFT HAND IS TIED TO LEFT ANKLE BY SHOE LACES
3. LIVIDITY WILL BLANCH WITH PRESSURE
4. RIGOR UNABLE TO TELL DUE TO THE WAY THE BODY IS TIED
5. FLY LARVA IN EYES
6. BODY PLACED IN WHITE SHEET AND TRANSPORTED TO FUNERAL HOME
7. BODY TAGED AS BODY #2
8. BAG OF ICE PLACED ON ABDOMEN

LAST SEEN AT 6:00 P.M. ON MAY 5, 1993

PRONOUNCED AT 3:58 P.M. MAY 6, 1993 BY KENT HALE CORONER

BODY FOUND IN ABOUT 2½ FEET OF WATER, APX. 60° IN TEMP. BODY REMOVED FROM WATER BY POLICE AND PLACED ON WEST BANK OF DITCH

BODY HAS CUTS ON LEFT SIDE OF FACE FROM CHIN AND CHEEK,

M.E. OFFICE CALLED IN LITTLE ROCK, AR.

BODY SENT TO M.E.OFFICE IN LITTLE ROCK, AR.

KENT HALE CORONER

REPORT BY:

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BODY #3 FIRST ID AS JAMES MICHEAL MOORE

DATE MAY 6, 1993 TIME _____ CASE # _____

City/County WEST MEMPHIS POLICE DEPT. Reporting Party WEST MEMPHIS POLICE

Address WEST MEMPHIS, ARKANSAS Telephone # WEST-1210

Name of Deceased CHRISTOPHER MARK BYERS confidential

Age 8 Race WHITE Sex MALE Date of Birth JUNE 23, 1984

Social Security # 410-45-9405 Occupation STUDENT

Marital Status XX Single _____ Married _____ Divorced _____ Widowed _____

Last Known Alive 6:00 P.M. MAY 5, 1993

Date/Time of Incident UNKNOWN

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Telephone # _____

Causes of Death _____

Date D.C. Signed _____

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CUT ON HEAD, LOOKS LIKE BRUISING ON FACE AND LEGS

Body Description

Height: _____ Weight: _____ Tattoo's: _____ Surgical Scars: _____

Rigor Present yes or no HARD TO TELL DUE TO TIES Lividity Present yes or no BLANCHES WITH PRESSURE

Decomposed: yes or no Embalmed: yes or no

Suspected Homosexual: yes or no Suspected Prostitute: yes or no

Hospital Death Including ER _____

Medical Files Released with body: _____ All Medical Records _____ X-rays _____

1st Drawn Blood: yes or no

Admitting Diagnosis _____

Surgery Performed: yes or no

Bullet Removed at Hospital: yes or no

Any Organs Removed: Describe _____

* Will family donate any of deceased organs or tissue or bone: yes or no.

Signed _____ Address _____ Telephone _____

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CRITTENDEN COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

POLICE

BODY #3

NAME CHRISTOPHER MARK BYERS

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 AUGUST 6 1993
 PROSECUTOR
 CASE #

AGE 8 RACE WHITE SEX MALE

FIRST IDENTIFIED AS JAMES MICHAEL MOORE

BODY FOUND BY SGT MIKE ALLEN AT AND APX. FROM BODY NUMBER 2, BODY IS REMOVED FROM
 WATER BY POLICE AND PLACED ON WEST BANK OF DITCH.

1. BODY IS NUDE
2. RIGHT HAND IS TIED TO RIGHT ANKLE, LEFT HAND IS TIED TO LEFT ANKLE BY SHOE LACES
3. LIVIDITY WILL BLANCH WITH PRESSURE
4. UNABLE TO TELL DUE TO BODY BEING TIED
5. FLY LARVA IN EYES AND NOSE
6. BODY PLACED IN WHITE SHEET AND TRANSPORTED TO FUNERAL HOME
7. BODY TAGED AS BODY #3
8. BAG OF ICE PLACED ON ABDOMEN

M.E. OFFICE CALLED IN LITTLE ROCK, AR.

LAST SEEN AT 6:00 P.M. ON MAY 5, 1993

PRONOUNCED AT 4:02 P.M. MAY 6, 1993 BY KENT HALE CORONER

BODY HAS BEEN EMASCLATED, STAB WOUND ON HEAD, LOOKS LIKE BRUISING ON FACE AND LEGS

ALL BODIES HAVE BEEN PULLED FROM WATER BEFORE MY ARRIVAL AT THE SCENE BY WEST MEMPHIS
 POLICE DEPT. THEY ARE COVERED WITH BLACK PLASTIC.

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REPORT BY: