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
**BODY #1 FIRST ID AS CHRISTOPHER BYERS**

**DATE** MAY 6, 1993  
**TIME** Reporting Party: WEST MEMPHIS POLICE  
**City/County** WEST MEMPHIS  
**Address**  
**Name of Deceased** JAMES MICHAEL MOORE  
**Age** 8  
**Race** WHITE  
**Sex** M  
**Social Security #** 432-73-0794  
**Marital Status** Single  
**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  
**Medical History**  
- Alcoholism  
- Diabetes  
- IV Drug Abuse  
- Smoking  
- Ischemic Heart Disease  
- Hypertension  
- Seizure Disorder  
- Cancer  
- Suicide Attempts  
- Epilepsy  
- Drug Use  
- Pregnancy  
- High Blood Pressure  
- Depression  
- Contagious Disease  
**Other: Specify**  
**Attending Physician**  
**Address**  
**Telephone #**  
**Causes of Death**  
**Date D.O. Signed**  
**Disposition of Body** Signed (relationship)  
**Investigator's Summary** CORONER CALLED TO BLUE BEACON TRUCK WASH. THAT THE THREE MISSING YOUTH HAS 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. 25 FEET OF WATER WHICH IS APX 60° IN TEMP.**  
**Body Description**  
- Height:  
- Weight:  
- Tattoo(s):  
- Surgical Scars:  
- Rigor Present: yes or no  
- Unwearable  
- Docket due to The  
- Lividity Present: 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  
**1st Drawn Blood: yes or no**  
**Admitting Diagnosis**  
**Surgery Performed: yes or no**  
**Bullet Removed at Hospital: yes or no**  
**Any Organs Removed: Describe**  
**X-ray**  
**00105**  
**Signed**  
**Address**  
**Telephone**  

*Will family donate any of deceased organs or tissue or bone: yes or no.*
CRITTENDEN COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

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

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 I40-155.

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. 24 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 NOSTRILS
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:
**Body #2**

**DATE**
City/County ________________________________
Address __________________________________

**TIME**
Reporting Party ____________________________
Tele ____________________

**WEST MEMPHIS POLICE CASE**
Confidential ________________

**COPY TO PROSECUTOR**

**NAME OF DECEASED**
STEVE EDWARD BRANCH

**AGE**
8

**RACE**
WHITE

**SEX**
Occupation STUDENT

**SOCIAL SECURITY** 429-71-9834

**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 6:00 A.M.

**BY WHOM**
MIKE ALLEN WEST MEMPHIS, P.D.

**ADDRESS**
Telephone 735-1210

**PLACE OF DEATH**
DITCH IN WOODS OFF OF I-40 T55 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**
MAY 6, 1993 3:58 P.M.

**OFFICER**
MIKE ALLEN
City WEST MEMPHIS
County ________________________________

**MEDICAL HISTORY**
- Alcoholism
- Diabetes
- IV Drug Abuse
- Smoking
- Ischemic Heart Disease
- Hypertension
- Seizure Disorder
- Cancer
- Suicide Attempt
- Epilepsy
- Drug Use
- Pregnant
- High Blood Pressure
- Depression
- Contagious Disease

**OTHER**

**ATTENDING PHYSICIAN**

**ADDRESS**

**TELEPHONE**

**CAUSES OF DEATH**

**DATE D.C. SIGNED**

**DISPOSITION OF BODY**

**INVESTIGATOR'S SUMMARY**
CORONER CALLED TO BLUE BEACON TRUCK WASH, THAT THE THREE MISSING YOUTH HAS 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**

**TATTOOS**

**SURGICAL SCARS**

**RIGOR PRESENT (yes or no)**

**DECOMPOSED (yes or no)**

**SUSPECTED HOMOSEXUAL (yes or no)**

**HOSPITAL DEATH INCLUDING ER**

**MEDICAL FILES RELEASED WITH BODY**

**1ST DRAWN BLOOD**

**ADMITTING DIAGNOSIS**

**SURGERY PERFORMED**

**BULLET REMOVED AT HOSPITAL**

**ANY ORGANS REMOVED**

**X-RAYS**

**ALL MEDICAL RECORDS**

**001167**

**SIGNED**

**ADDRESS**

**TELEPHONE**

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

* Signed Address Telephone
CRITTENDEN COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

BODY #2
NAME STEVE EDWARD BRANCH
AGE 8   RACE WHITE   SEX MALE

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 HALFE CORONER

BODY FOUND IN ABOUT 21/2 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 HALFE CORONER

REPORT BY: G:\168
CASE 18-121

BODY IDENTIFIED AS JAMES MICHAEL MOORE

DATE MAY 6, 1993

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

Address WEST MEMPHIS, ARKANSAS Telephone WSS-121

Name of Deceased CHRISTOPHER MARK BYERS RaceWHITE Sex MALE

Age 8 Date of Birth MR. M. 1984

Social Security # 410-45-9405 Occupation STUDENT

Marital Status XX Single Married AUGUST Divorced Widower

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

Date/Time of Incident UNKNOWN

Date/Time Found MAY 6, 1993 By Whom SGT. MIKE ALLEN, WEST MEMPHIS POLICE

Address Telephone # 735-1210

Place of Death DITCH IN WOODS OFF OF 140-155 SOUTH SERVICE ROAD, KNOWN AS ROBIN HOOD HILLS

Place of Incident POSSIBILITY SAME UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME

Date/Time Pronounced MAY 6, 1993 4:02 P.M. BY KENT HALE CORONER

Investigating Agency: City WEST MEMPHIS P.D. County State

Officer SGT. 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 BANK OF DITCH. CHECKED BODY OF WHITE YOUTH WHO IS NUDE AND TIED WRIST TO ANKLE RT AND LF, BODY HAS BEEN EMASCUATED, AND MAY HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ASSAULTED.

CUT ON HEAD, LOOKS LIKE BRUISE ON FACE AND LEGS

Body Description

Height: Weight:

Rigor Present: yes or no HARD TO TELL DUE TO TIES 

Lividity Present: yes or no Embalmed: yes or no

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

Hospital Death Including ER X-rays

Medical Files Released with body:

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

Guillotine
CRITTENDEN COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

BODY #3
NAME CHRISTOPHER MARK BYERS
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 EMASCELATED, STAR 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.

REPORT BY: