

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

P.M. No. 736/78

Victim: Name: ... 22 yrs ... Female ... Date: 22/11/78 ... Time: 12.00 noon ... Address: 41 Dennis Street, Dublin 7 ...

General Remarks: The body is that of a female of Caucasian descent, measuring 5'6" and was fully clothed.

Clothing as follows:- Dark green pants, Red and black blouse, white underwear - all blood stained. Plastic ring on (L) hand 3rd finger.

- (1) Lacerated wound of (L) side of neck beginning 5 cms below (L) ear and extending downwards and forwards across the neck, to the (R) side of the neck, measuring 14 cms.
(2) At the (L) upper end of the wound there were two (2) linear abrasion 2 cms each in length.
(3) Below the (R) lower end of the wound and continuous with it, there were abrasions in pattern the half of ribbon bow 2 cms, 1.5 cms respectively.
(4) Contusion 1 cm on lumbar region.
(5) Contusion just below the patella (L) knee.
(6) Contusion on the (R) leg 6 cms below knee joint.
(7) Multiple contusion on upper part of Back.

Internal Examination: Empty and intact. Trachea severed at the first ring. Bronchi contain blood clots in lumen. Widespread aspiration haemorrhages present. (L) and (R) pleura adherent to the pericardium. Pericardium tightly adherent to the heart in many areas. Evidence of past pericarditis. Coronary vessels patent. Myocardium very pale.

External Examination: Normal appearances.

Fractures: No fractures seen. Normal appearances. (1) Severed carotid arteries (L) side. (2) Severed Jugular veins. (3) There was a linear fracture of the 5th Cervical Vertebra. There was a fracture of the thyroid Cartilage. One trachea was severed at its first ring.

- CAUSE OF DEATH: HEMORRHAGE AND SHOCK AND ASPHYXIA FOLLOWING MULTIPLE INJURIES.
(1) SEVERED CAROTID ARTERIES (L).
(2) SEVERED JUGULAR VEINS INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL.
(3) FRACTURE OF THYROID CARTILAGE.
(4) SEVERED TRACHEA AT ITS FIRST RING.

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