

DEATH MEDICAL INVESTIGATION

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NAME: Patricia Parker AGE: 26 Years. PLACE OF DEATH: 210 Northgate DATE: 20/11/74 TIME: 3.30 P.M.  
DEATH: 19/11/74. 10.30 A.M. PLACE: Port Elizabeth, North West, South Africa.  
CAUSE OF DEATH: Death.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The body is that of a female of Caucasian descent, measuring 5'7". The body was fully clothed as follows:

Hoodie, white undershirt, green pants, blouse of many colours, green, brown, blue. A red jersey was tied around the chest, white underneath.

The following were found:

- (1) Perforating wound on the (R) and (L) lower limbs as follows:  
(i) Long over the shin mid shaft position; over the lateral aspect of the thigh & in number 2 on the lateral aspect of (L) buttock,  
(ii) Posterior aspect; medial aspect of (R) ankle.
- (2) Perforating wound (L) axilla.
- (3) Perforating wound (L) loine.
- (4) Perforating wound in the sacro-iliac joint. (L).
- (5) Compound comminuted fracture of the skull (L) side, only part of the brain is present.

INTERNAL EXAMINATIONS:

LIVER: Only mucus present.

KIDNEYS: Blood stained froth.

BLADDER: Blood and blood clots in chest cavity to a volume of 8000.c.c.

PANCREAS: Perforation of the (R) lower lobe and (L) lower lobe with collapse.

STOMACH: Normal in appearance; coronary vessels patent.

EXTRACRANIAL CAVITIES:

TRACHEA: Submucosal hemorrhage present.

URETHRA: Contains tiny gall stones.

KIDNEYS: Small cyst (L) kidney on cortical surface.

BLADDER: Liquid contents, mucus normal.

STOMACH: Normal.

APPENDIX: Normal, appendix present.

BLADDER: Filled with straw coloured urine.

CRANIAL WOUNDS:

SKULL: Compound comminuted fracture of the skull (L) side. The fracture lines extending upwards and backwards. They begin at the parietal bone and extend to the occipital. Fracture lines extending to the opposite side to involve the (R) parietal and (R) occipital. Fracture lines also extend to involve the base of the skull especially in the middle cranial fossa.

BRAIN: Multiple lacerations; only cerebellum present.

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CAUSE OF DEATH: HEMORRHAGE AND SHOCK FOLLOWING

- (1) PERFORATION OF (R) LUNG WITH HAEMOTOTHORAX.  
(2) FRACTURE OF 3RD CERVICAL VERTEBRA WITH COMPRESSION OF SPINAL CORD.  
(3) FRACTURE OF (R) KNEE JOINT AND (L) PATELLA.

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