

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI POLICE DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE REPORT [CASE DOCUMENT]

SUPP CASE #99-055430

TITLE OF INVESTIGATION

SUBJECT OF REPORT

Dead Body
Vict: Owen J. Hart, W/M, 5-7-1965
2028 Sirocco Drive, Calgary Canada T3H2N9

Witness Interview
Jim C. Vinzant, W/M, 8-20-1960
22213 West 64th. Terrace
Shawnee, Kansas
Home #789-8967
Work #842-5167

REPORT BY:
Det. R. Rickett

ASSIGNMENT:
Homicide Unit

DATE:
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On 5-23-1999 at 2056 hours Det. W. Martin and the reporting Detective responded to 1800 Genessee, Kemper Arena, regarding a dead body.

Upon arrival contact was made with Jim Vinzant, who is a "Rigger" with Local #31 of the Teamsters, who stated he is responsible for the "rigging" of the cables for shows at Kansas City, Missouri, owned facilities. He stated that they are under contract with the city. He stated that on 5-23-1999, during the day hours, that he and James Williams were on the "catwalk" assembling the rigging for the World Wrestling Federation show. He stated that Bobby Tolbert and the victim were also present when the rigging was assembled. He stated that he and James Williams assembled the "span sets and bridals" in the ceiling, however had no affiliation with the actual harness that the victim was wearing. He stated that the harness was a product of the World Wrestling Federation.

He stated that during the actual show Bobby Tolbert hooked up the victim and that he (Jim Vinzant) shined the flashlight on the victim so Bobby Tolbert could hook up the victim. He stated that Bobby Tolbert "almost lifted Owen up checking to make sure it was secure" while the victim, Bobby Tolbert, James Williams, and himself were on the catwalk. He stated that the victim put his mask and cape on. He stated that the victim had difficulty climbing over the railing. He stated that he (Jim Vinzant) raised the victims cape up so the victim could step over the railing. He stated that the victim was continually adjusting the rubber band that was holding his cape around his hand. He stated that the rope that was to be used to lower the victim to the floor was laid out along the catwalk. He stated that he was watching the rope to make sure it did not snag on the catwalk. He stated that he looked away from the victim, then looked back at the victim as he was falling and "spirally clockwise". He stated that the victim fell "back first". He stated that he saw the victim land on someone in the wrestling ring, then he hit the deck inside of the ring.

Jim Vinzant stated that he did not think that the victim seemed very experienced with the stunt and that he (Jim Vinzant) would not have had the victim perform the stunt with the harness system that was used because it has minimal safety. He stated that he left the Arena at 1500 hours, and returned at 1700 hours. He stated that he was aware that the stunt was initially tested with sandbags, and then by Matt Allmen, who assisted Bobby Tolbert. He stated that he was unaware if the victim had practiced the stunt.

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Witness Interview
James S. Williams, W/M, 6-14-1957
4722 N.W. Fisk, K.C. Mo. 64151
Home # 587-8912
Work # 842-5167

REPORT BY: Det. R. Rickett
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R. Rickett #3890

On 5-23-1999 at 2056 hours Det. W. Martin and the reporting Detective responded to Kemper Arena, 1800 Genessee, regarding a dead body.

Upon arrival contact was made with James Williams, who is a "Rigger" with Local #31 of the Teamsters. He stated that he is responsible for assembling the "riggings" associated with shows on property owned by the City of Kansas City, Missouri.

James Williams stated that he and Jim Vizant were working "Fire Patrol" on the catwalk, which meant he was watching for problems associated with the victims act. He stated that the victim and Bobby Tolbert walked up to the catwalk and the victim was in coveralls. He stated that the victim took the overalls off and Bobby Tolbert put the harness on the victim. He stated that this occurred 10 minutes before the victim fell from the catwalk. He stated that the victim was hooked up with a "Lanyard" system which allowed a safety mechanism for the victim to pull to release the rope connections. He stated that the victim walked out from the catwalk onto a crossover bar and Bobby Tolbert had the victim kneel over to check the tension. He stated that the victim fell and he saw the victims shoulder strike a strut with his shoulder. He stated that the catwalk was close to the victim when he fell. He stated that when this occurred Bobby Tolbert was controlling the rope the victim was attached to.

James Williams stated that there was a quick release on the harness system. He stated that Bobby Tolbert "triple checked" the connections on the harness. He stated that the harness system that was used was more designed for art then for safety. He stated that the quick release is more of a stunt item then a safety item.

James Williams stated that he did not know why the connections did not work, but that he believed the victim hit the strut or catwalk, or that there was a mechanical failure.

Supervisor: *Sgt. Robert D. Hundley #3405*

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Next of Kin Notification
Bruce Hart
435 Tatina Place Southwest
Calgary, Alberta Canada T2P2G5
(403) 286-5977

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Det. R. Rickett

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David DeWitt 3890

On 5-24-1999 at 0130 hours the reporting Detective contacted Bruce Hart, brother of the victim, regarding notifying him of his brothers death. Information was received from Sgt. McEntee of the Detention Unit that Bruce Hart wanted to talk with a Detective regarding the above incident.

Bruce Hart gave the reporting Detective the personal information of the victim. He also stated that the victims parents are Stew and Helen Hart, of Calgary Canada, at 403-249-2143.

Bruce Hart stated that he had received information, from Vince McMahan of the World Wrestling Federation, that the victim had died and that Vince McMahan had designed the harness system that the victim was using.

Bruce Hart provided no additional information regarding the victim. He was advised the Medical Examiner had possession of the victims body.

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2028 Sirocco Drive, Calgary, Canada T3H2N9

Witness Interview
Mark Yeaton, W/M, 7-12-1960
1241 E. Main
Stanford Connecticut, 06902
(203) 352-8600

REPORT BY:
Det. B. Rickett

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On 5-23-1999 at 2056 hours Det. W. Martin and the reporting Detective responded to 1800 S. Genessee regarding a dead body. Upon arrival contact was made with Mark Yeaton, Event Operations Manager of Titan Sports, who is the parent company for the World Wrestling Federation. Mark Yeaton stated that Owen Hart is an employee of Titan Sports and that for the specific information of Owen Hart the person to contact would be Lynn Brent, Talent Relations Manager of Titan Sports, at 203-352-8600, on 5-23-1999 at 0900 hours, Eastern Standard Time.

Mark Yeaton then stated that Rich Herring is the contact person with Titan Sports and that he will be doing their internal investigation. He stated his phone number is (203) 352-8650.

Mark Yeaton stated that all he knew about the victim was that he was from Calgary, Alberta, Canada and that the victims wife had been notified by the World Wrestling Federation.

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Witness Interview
Matt W. Allmen, W/M, 11-21-1970
13524 Lake Vining Drive #14304
Orlando, Florida 32821
Home #407-827-0780

REPORT BY:
Det. R. Rickett

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Det. R. Rickett #3870

On 5-23-1999 at 2056 hours Det. W. Martin and the reporting Detective responded to 1800 Genessee, Kemper Arena, regarding the above captioned dead body.

Upon arrival contact was made with Matt Allmen, who stated that he is a contract "rigger" with the World Wrestling Federation. He stated that on 5-20-1999 Bobby Tolbert contacted him and asked him to come to Kansas City to help him assemble the "riggings" associated with the show. He stated that his position was to be on the floor of the arena when the victim came down the rope, and to take the harness off the victim.

Matt Allmen stated that during the day hours he and Bobby Tolbert worked on the harness system the victim was to use. He stated that they first tried the system with sand bags, then he personally tried the system. He stated that later on the victim tried one practice run with the system.

Matt Allmen stated that the victim took a bag to the catwalk with him. He stated that he was standing outside the perimeter wall around the ring and he noticed something coming from the ceiling, however he did not think that the item was the victim. He stated that he saw the victim hit the ropes, around the ring, and land on his back on the floor. He stated that he then thought that he saw the victim move his arms and legs.

Matt Allmen stated that the system they used was called a rack, where a series of bars restricted the movement of the rope as the victim descended to the floor. He stated that the end of the rope is marked with tape to show the end of the rope for the person who holds the end of the rope and controls the decent. He stated that the system had a quick release (snap shackle). He stated that the quick release was designed to have a 6,000 lb. breaking strength and a 2,200 lb. working load. He stated that breaking strength is the maximum strength of the release and the working load is the amount the release should hold with repeated use.

Matt Allmen stated the victim had done similar stunts in the past and the stunt had been done by other wrestlers in the past.

Matt Allman also stated the victim was originally supposed to land where he fell on the floor of the ring.

Supervisor: *Randall Hundt #3405*

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DEAD BODY
OWEN HART, W/M, 5/7/65
2028 SCIROCCO DRIVE, CALGARY CANADA
T3H2N9

INTERVIEW
ERIC ARAUJO, W/M, 6/27/73
13313 W. 111TH TERR, OP.KS
PH# 469-8871, WK# 685-6323

REPORT BY:
DET. ROBERT GIBBS

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On 5/24/99 at 0845 hours, the reporting detective was contacted by Jim Fitzgerald of the TIPS Hotline in regard to information he had received on the listed dead body. He stated he was presently on the phone with a party who was at the wrestling match at Kemper Arena on 5/23/99. A party who identified himself as Eric Araujo was subsequently interviewed.

Mr. Araujo stated at the time of Mr. Hart's fall, he was in a conversation with one of his friends and observed an object falling from the ceiling to the ground. He stated he first thought the object that he observed falling was a speaker, however when he looked closer, he observed it to be the body of a man. He stated he did not see where in the rafters the man fell from, because he did not observe him until he descended about half the distance to the floor. He stated after observing the man fall, he looked to the rafters above the area where the man had landed and observed a white male running along the rafters. He stated he watched this party descend from the rafters and run through the crowd to the lobby area. He stated about 30 to 45 minutes later, he observed a party walking in the rafters. He stated this party walked over to the area, in which he saw the white male run from and pick up a black bag and carry it away. He described this party as being a white male, in his mid to late 20's, 6'0" tall, 150 to 170 lbs, with shoulder length black hair, wearing a short sleeve black shirt and dark pants. He stated he could not say for certainty, but he thought there was a 70% possibility that the first white male he saw running along the rafters and the party he observed carry away the black bag were one in the same.

Mr. Araujo stated he did not see the face of the party on either occasion, due to the fact that the party never turned in his direction.

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DEAD BODY
Hart, Owen, W/M, 05/24/1965

BODY EXAM

Occ: 05/23/1999, 1940 hours, 1800 Genessee

REPORT BY:
Det. Mike Luster

ASSIGNMENT:
Homicide Unit

DATE:
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On 05/24/1999 at about 1230 hours the reporting detective and Det. Eric Dillenkoffer responded to the Jackson County Medical Examiner's Office regarding the above captioned case.

Upon arrival the victim was observed laying supine on a metal gurney on top of a white plastic shroud. The victim was observed to be nude and was observed to be a white male with blonde hair. Lividity appeared to present on the back of the neck and along the back, buttocks, and the back of the calves. A small laceration and contusion was observed on the left outside bicep area and the upper arm was observed to be disfigured and appeared to be broken. A large laceration was observed on the left lower arm below the elbow.

The reporting detective also observed the rigging apparatus which consisted of the harness, black ropes, and cable. The reporting detective also observed the victims clothing which consisted of a blue costume and blue and white leather type boots. All the items had been packed in paper bags which were sealed prior to opening.

Dr. Young performed the autopsy. CST. Boyd and Thompson responded for processing and evidence collection.

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OWEN HART, W/M, 5-7-65

CASE INFORMATION

OCC: 5-23-99, 1940 HOURS, 1800 GENESSEE

REPORT BY:
DET. J. COWDREY

ASSIGNMENT:
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On 6-3-99, at approximately 1030 hours, the reporting detective responded to the sixth floor board room of Police Headquarters for the purpose of meeting with members of the Kansas City Missouri Police Department, including the department's Legal Advisor, Dale Close, and members of the victim's family and associated representatives of the family.

During the interview the reporting detective along with Detective David Ptomey of the Legal Advisor's Office responded to the Legal Advisor's Office (fifth floor). Upon entering the Legal Advisor's Office the reporting detective observed three brown paper bags. All three paper bags were observed to be marked with the listed CRN number and sealed with orange evidence tape. The three paper bags were then hand carried by the reporting detective and Det. Ptomey back to the sixth floor board room. The three paper bags were then opened individually by the reporting detective. The following items were observed as opened by the reporting detective:

Bag #2 of 4, item #4 contained an "Amspec" harness vest.

Bag #3 of 4, item #5 contained the repelling rig with miscellaneous snap shackles, screw pin shackles, "SMC" rescue rack, "Liftall" span-set line and black repelling rope.

Bag #1 of 4, item #1-3 contained a pair of white and blue leather boots, royal blue spandex costume, and blue knee braces.

The above listed items were then placed back in the paper bags and sealed by the reporting detective and returned to the Legal Advisors Office.

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DEAD BODY:
OWEN HART W/M, 5-7-65
2028 SIROCCO DRIVE SOUTHWEST

SUPPLEMENTAL INTERVIEW:
BOBBY TALBERT W/M, 5-25-71
7467 SPRING VILLA CIRCLE
PAGER#1-800-618-3244

REPORT BY: ASSIGNMENT:
Det. William Martin III Homicide Unit

DATE:
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On 6-1-1999, at 2050 hours the reporting detective contacted Bobby Talbert to clarify information regarding this case. Talbert was asked to describe how the SNAP SHACKLE release cord was set up on the victim's harness. He stated once after the victim put on the harness and the SNAP SHACKLE was attached, the release cord was stretched from where it attached on the backside of the harness to the front side of the harness. He stated there was a small amount of slack in the cord, but he could not specify how much slack. He stated the cord was then taped near the ring to the harness, away from the victim's neck towards the outside of the victim's shoulder, but it still ran over the main part of the shoulder.

Talbert was asked when they were testing the system if the victim's harness was used with his crew member and he stated "No". He stated a different harness was used, which he described as a basic safety harness that consisted of straps. He stated the repelling line with the SNAP SHACKLE was attached as well as there was an additional attachment to the harnesses webbing. He stated during the testing of the system with the victim earlier in the day, the victim wore the same harness that was used during his fall.

During this telephone interview Talbert stated he just recently discovered the blue coveralls in his equipment bag that the victim was wearing this night to cover his costume. He stated the victim wore the coveralls up to the location where the stunt was to be performed to conceal his costume and then removed the coveralls upon reaching the stunt location. He stated the victim must have put the coveralls in his bag sometime before the fall occurred.

Supervisor: Sgt. Paul Bernard

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DEAD BODY:
OWEN HART W/M, 5-7-65
2028 SIROCCO DRIVE SOUTHWEST
ALBERTA, CANADA

TELEPHONE INTERVIEW:
SHARON KENNEDY W/FE, 2-28-41
PH# 596-1790
WORK # 371-4240

REPORT BY: William Martin III



ASSIGNMENT: Homicide Unit

DATE: 5-27-1999

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On 5-27-1999, at 1540 hours the reporting detective contacted Sharon Kennedy by telephone after she had left a message for the reporting detective. She stated she was at the wrestling match on Sunday evening when the victim fell. She stated she and her son were sitting in section #221, row J, seat 7 and 8. She stated there was a white female sitting in seat 5 in the same section that was using binoculars the entire evening and was watching the activity on the catwalk. She stated she did not know who this female was, but described her as a white female, brown curly hair, 140 pounds, between 20 to 30 years old, and mentioned something about working in an emergency room and was in the company of a young white male who she believes was her son. Kennedy stated after the victim fell to the mat this white female stated "he did not fall accidently, someone pushed him". Kennedy stated this female stated this twice, but does not know if she was directing the comments to her, or was just talking in general. She stated during the evening prior to the victim falling this female was talking about the people up on the catwalk and she believes that she knew the victim was up there and described the costume he was wearing.

Kennedy had no additional information to add at this time.

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OWEN HART, W/M, 5-7-65

CASE INFORMATION

OCC: 5-23-99, 1940 HOURS, 1800 GENESSEE

REPORT BY:
DET. J. COWDREY

ASSIGNMENT:
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On 5-23-99 at approximately 1750 hours, the reporting detective responded to 41 KSHB Television Station, 4720 Oak. Upon arrival contact was made with Bill Riss, w/m, 8-23-54, News Operation Manager for the station, (816) 932-0723.

The reporting detective advised Mr. Riss that camera crews from the World Wrestling Federation had filmed the victim immediately after the fall and a portion of the medical treatment in which the victim received. Mr. Riss was further advised that the incident was taped on a "Beta" brand tape and it was requested that the tape be reproduced on a "VHS" brand tape. Mr. Riss advised the reporting detective that he had the equipment to reproduce the tape on a "VHS" brand tape. One copy of the tape was then reproduced on a "VHS" brand tape and taken into possession by the reporting detective, along with the "Beta" brand tape.

Both tapes were then placed with the case file located in the Homicide Unit, 1125 Locust.

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FAX MESSAGE

To :Det. William Martin

Company :Homecide Unit
Kansas City Missouri Police

Fax No :001 816 234 5344

Date :18/6/99

From :Mark Gibson

Subject :Triggeratch Shackles

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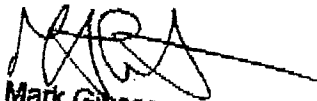
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Det. Martin,

In my response to you dated yesterday , I had omitted one piece of information in terms of the intended method of operation. On all of the triggeratch castings we do have instructions cast into the component 'USE SPIKE TO OPEN'.

Sorry, but I had forgotten to look on the product in answering you're question. I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Regards



Mark Gibson.

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Witness Interview
Chad Harbert
1800 Genessee
Phone #842-5233

REPORT BY:
Det. R. Rickett



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On 6-18-1999 at 1315 hours the reporting Detective contacted, by phone, Chad Harbert of the Kansas City Blades Promotion and Sales Department. Chad Harbert was reported to be the coordinator of the University Of Missouri-Kansas City Basketball teams Mascots.

During interview it was revealed that Chad Harbert had previously been employed by U.M.K.C. to coordinate events with N.B.A. mascots. He stated that the events were developed and Ed Grom, the Athletic Director, coordinated with the local Union of Riggers, who are under contract with the city of Kansas City Missouri. He stated that the specific mascot that would be used would then be referred to the local Riggers for the Riggers and mascot to coordinate the event. He stated that one mascot that he recalled using was the Denver Nuggets mascot "Rocky". Chad Harbert stated that "Rocky" was used on February the 6th, 1999, and that was the only time during the 1998 and 1999 basketball season the event was performed. He stated that the event was performed approximately 6 times a year during the 1996/1997 basketball season and 6 times during the 1997/1998 basketball season.

Chad Harbert stated that the mascot would be lowered from the ceiling of Municipal Auditorium, which is where all the events were conducted. He stated that the mascot would typically be lowered after the opposing team was announced, and before the U.M.K.C. Basketball team was announced.

Chad Harbert stated that he was unaware of any documentation of the events, however if the specifics of the events were documented they would on file with the Business Manager of U.M.K.C. Athletics. He stated that person would be Carla Wilson at phone #235-1052.

On 6-18-1999 at 1330 hours a message was left for Carla Wilson.

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Det. Kilkenny

Homicide Unit

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Det. Kilkenny

On 6-4-99 at 0930 hours, the reporting detective responded to the Legal Advisor's Office located on the sixth floor of Police Headquarters, 1125 Locust, for the purpose of opening property in regard to the above dead body. Three sealed bags were observed on a table in the Legal advisor's Office.

During the meeting the reporting detective opened two of the three sealed bags, one contained the "Amspec" harness vest and the other contained the repelling rig with miscellaneous snap shackles, screw pin shackles, "SMC" rescue rack, "Liftall" span-set line and black repelling rope.

The following individuals were present when the above bags were opened: Deputy Chief Bush, Major Mills, Captain Gallagher, Legal Advisor Dale Close, and David Baker and Michael Hunt of the Jackson County, Missouri Prosecutor's Office.

The two above bags, that were opened, were sealed by the reporting detective after the items were viewed. The reporting detective then transported all three bags pertaining to this case to the Regional Crime Lab.

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John A. Bennett

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OWEN HART W/M, 5-7-65

TELEPHONE INTERVIEW:
SONNY SHEER
AMSPEC INC.
PH# 818-782-7134

REPORT BY:

ASSIGNMENT:

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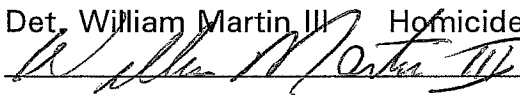
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Homicide Unit

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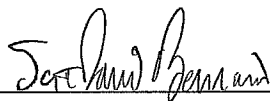
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On 6-15-1999, at 1420 hours the reporting detective contacted Sonny Sheer by telephone, a representative for AMSPEC INC., which is reportedly the company where most of the items used for the stunt involving this case were purchased. Sheer was reluctant at first to talk with the reporting detective since he could not verify my identity. Sheer was told of the nature of the telephone call was to obtain documents and information regarding the items purchased regarding this case. Sheer stated that he wanted to verify my identity first and consult with his attorney before making any statements or releasing any documents.

On 6-15-1999, at 1445 hours the reporting detective received a telephone call from Donna Maryamski, (PH# 714-971-1422) who identified herself as an attorney representing Sheer and AMSPEC. She was provided with the details regarding the information and documents we were seeking from the AMSPEC company and she stated they would be willing to assist and cooperative in any possible way. She stated she would have the information researched and then re-contact the reporting detective with the results.

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OWEN HART W/M, 5-7-65

INTERVIEW:
BETH RUSSELL
SALES/MARKETING FOR LEWMAR
ph# 203-458-6200

REPORT BY:
William Martin III

ASSIGNMENT:
Homicide Unit

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On 6-14-1999, at 1100 hours the reporting detective contacted Beth Russell by telephone, who is a sales/marketing representative for LEWMAR MARINE, INC., located Guilford, Conn. This was in response to their company being a distributor of items used during the stunt surrounding this case. She stated she was familiar with the SNAP SHACKLE device sold by their company as a product used for marine equipment and yachting. She stated the manufacturer is located in Hampshire, England, ph# 44-1705-471841. She stated if there were any additional questions concerning the operation of this device they should be directed to the product manager in charge of the hardware department in England, Matthew Townsend. She stated she was not aware of this device being used in anything other than marine boating or yachting. She stated she was not aware of this device being used in the stunt work field or of any of the devices being sold to stunt companies or stunt equipment distributors.

She stated we may want to contact the manufacturer to see if they are aware of this item being distributed to any stunt equipment companies.

Russell stated she did not have a brochure for this item, but it is listed in their catalog and she would fax a copy of that page to the reporting detective.

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI POLICE DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE REPORT [CASE DOCUMENT]

Supp Case # 99-055430

TITLE OF INVESTIGATION

SUBJECT OF REPORT

DEAD BODY:
OWEN HART W/M, 5-7-65

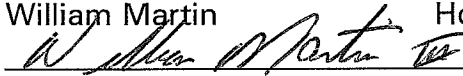
INTERVIEW:
RICH HERRON
TITAN SPORTS
PH# (302) 352-8650

REPORT BY:
William Martin

ASSIGNMENT:
Homicide Unit

DATE:
7-12-1999

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On 7-12-1999, at 1200 hours the reporting detective left a message at the office of Rich Herron of Titan Sports, which is the parent company of the WWF. This was to follow up on information that had been previously requested their company concerning the identity of the previous riggers who had worked with the victim prior to his death. Herron originally stated that he would have the events coordinator, Steve Taylor contact the reporting detective with the information, who travels with the WWF and who is yet to be interviewed. On 7-12-1999, at 1400 hours the reporting detective was contacted by Herron, who stated he was not aware that Taylor had still not contacted the reporting detective. He stated he would attempt to make contact with Taylor while they (the WWF) were on the road and have him contact the reporting detective with the needed information. Herron stated he did not know the identity of the previous riggers, but did stated they were not employees of the WWF or Titan Sports that they were contract employees.

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