Wayne State University Police Report

Case #: 9373094

Date: December 3, 2015

Location: Life Science Building

Crime Committed: Homicide/Assault

1 Victim: Don Neal

A 911 called was received at approximately 12:06pm on December 3, 2015. The call was placed by WSU student Calvin Casey. The caller reported that he was working in the lab, and stepped out to get lunch for him and his boss. When he returned, he found Don Neal lying unconscious outside the entrance to the lab. He then called the authorities. Police and EMT arrived at approximately 12:16pm. The victim was unresponsive and was treated by emergency medical personnel. Don Neal did not have a pulse and CPR was administered to no avail. The Medical Examiner was called and responded at 12:48pm to pronounce Mr. Neal dead. An autopsy will be performed on December 3, 2015 to determine the cause of death.

The area to the entrance of the lab shows signs of struggle with the Fire Extinguisher glass case broken. Additionally, it was apparent that someone was present in the lab office due to papers being scattered, and the office in disarray. One of the papers was handwritten with black ink and had the address of the lab written on it. Officers questioned Dr. Borchetta on the 2nd floor of the Life Science Building who stated that Mr. Neal and Mr. Casey have made significant progress in finding a cure for breast cancer. He also stated that the building is primarily vacant.

Powder, found on Mr. Neal’s shirt; blood from the crime scene, victim, and the two suspect’s; fingerprints found at the scene; and part of a note were collected as evidence. It is your task you analyze the following types of evidence from the crime scene:

1. Fingerprints
2. Blood types
3. White powder
4. Chromatography

Statement from Calvin Casey: “Mr. Neal and I started working in the lab at 8:00am. Around 11:35am I headed out to grab lunch for both of us. Upon exiting the building, I noticed two people hanging out outside the main entrance to the Life Science Building. Both of these individuals were wearing hoodies and jeans.” After obtaining lunch, he returns to find Mr. Neal laying outside the lab entrance, bleeding, and unconscious. Casey called 911 immediately and did not touch anything at the crime scene.

When the police asked Casey if he had seen the two individuals from outside of the building before he responded with: “They did look quite familiar and I may have seen them at the College of Nursing Cancer Research Press Conference two weeks ago when Mr. Neal was talking about our significant gain in breast cancer research.”

Notes:

*Victim #1: Don Neal*

*Age: 34*

*Height: 6” 2’*

*Weight: 180*

*Hair Color: Chocolate Brown*

*Eyes: Hazel*

*Employer: Wayne State University*

Information on Suspects: The two suspects were positively identified from video taken at the conference. They were brought in to the police station. Fingerprints and blood samples were taken from each.

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**Office of the Medical Examiner- Wayne County**

Tansi Leake, PhD. Forensic Medical Examiner

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Arrival at Morgue:  2:03 pm on December 3, 2015

Liver temperature taken at the crime scene prior to transport:  35 degrees Celsius.

Body exhibited no evidence of Rigor Mortis.

No Insect Activity noted on the body.

External Exam:

Cut to upper right side of the head, above the right ear, approximately 1 inch long.

Cut to right ring finger.  Wound was bandaged with “Band Aid”.

Miscellaneous cuts to hands, could be defensive wounds.

Minimal Livor mortis exhibited on the dorsal side of the decedent.

One wound in the upper right chest; no exit wounds on the back.

Internal Exam:

Toxicology report was negative for drugs.  There was a trace amount of alcohol in the victim.

One chest wound noted.

Lungs show some damage due to bullet wound and excess fluid.

Brain and brain stem are normal.

Liver and kidneys are normal.

Stomach contents showed consummation of some food and trace amount of alcohol.

Heart had a bullet entry into the left ventricular muscle area.

X Ray:  Thoracic View



COD: Heart failure due to bullet wound to the left ventricle of the heart, causing muscular damage and cessation of the heart.  Massive bleeding in the myocardial cavity and into the lungs.

**Instructor Notes – ANSWEER KEY!!!!!!!**

Crime Scene Scenario (what really happened): On October 22nd 2015 Don Neal, project director of C2 Pipeline, was working in the STEM Lab with Calvin Casey to find a cure for breast cancer. Calvin left the lab to grab lunch for the both of them and as he was exiting the building he noticed two students standing near the exit door. Both students, one male, one female, were wearing hoodies and jeans. After approximately 30 minutes, Calvin returned to the lab to find Don Neal lying unconscious outside the entrance to the lab. While Casey was out getting lunch student #1 and student #2 knocked on the STEM Lab door, ran, and hid behind the corner in the hallway. When Mr. Neal opened the door he was suddenly assaulted by both student #1 and #2. Student #1 pulls out a knife (while doing so, Knicks his own thigh) and stabs Don in the abdomen a total of 4 times. Student #2 punches Don repeatedly in areas of the face before making her way into the back office of the lab. She locates and seizes a flash drive containing 2 years’ worth of groundbreaking breast cancer research. Meanwhile, student #1 grabs a fire extinguisher and bangs it over Don’s head. The victim is immediately knocked out. Both student #1 and #2 quickly escape the building premises with their research in hand.

**Persons Involved:**

Victim: Don Neal

Calvin Casey: Student

Killer: Student #1

Student #2

Fingerprints

1) Don

2) Calvin Casey

3) Student #1

4) Student #2

5) Crime Scene

Killer’s (student #1) fingerprints on lab door of fire extinguisher

Blood Type

1) Don

2) Crime Scene

3) Student #1

4) Student #2

Suspect 1 blood matches crime scene

White Powder

1) Sugar

2) Salt

3) Corn Starch

4) Crime Scene

Sugar matches crime scene

Chromatography

Printed note from crime scene (left behind) – Pen # 2