

Incident / Investigation Report

Sonoma County Sheriff's Department

OCA: 070714-019



Status Codes L=Lost S=Stolen R=Recovered D=Damaged Z=Seized B=Burned C=Counterfeit/Forged F=Found U=Unknown

D R U G S	Status	Quantity	Type Measure	Suspected Drug Type	

O F F E N D E R	Offender(s) Suspected of Using	Offender 1	Offender 2	Offender 3	Primary Offender Resident Status Resident Non-Resident Unknown
	<input type="checkbox"/> Drugs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	Age: Race: Sex:	Age: Race: Sex:	Age: Race: Sex:	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol	Offender 4	Offender 5	Offender 6	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Computer	Age: Race: Sex:	Age: Race: Sex:	Age: Race: Sex:	

Name (L, FM) AKA	Home Address	Home Phone
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Occupation	Business Address	Business Phone
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DOB. / Age	Race	Sex	Hgt	Wgt	Build	Hair Color	Eye Color
					Hair Style	Hair Length	Glasses

Scars, Marks, Tattoos, or other distinguishing features (i.e. limp, foreign accent, voice characteristics)

Hnt	Shirt/Blouse	Coat/Suit	Socks
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Jacket	Tie/Scarf	Pants/Dress/Skirt	Shoes
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Was Suspect Armed?	Type of Weapon	Direction of Travel	Mode of Travel
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VYR	Make	Model	Style/Doors	Color	Lic/Lis	Vin
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Suspect Hate / Bias Motivated:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Type:
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Name (Last, First, Middle)	D.O.B.	Age	Race	Sex
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Home Address	Home Phone	Employer	Phone
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On 7-14-07, at 0953 hrs., I was dispatched to 355 Doran Beach Road, regarding a coroner's case.

It should be noted that I earlier overheard on the scanner that the United States Coast Guard was dispatched to a possible rescue 6 nautical miles west of Point Reyes. The Sonoma County Sheriff's Department Marine Unit also responded to the area. Upon arriving on scene the coast guard recovered the deceased. Although the deceased displayed obvious signs of rigor mortis they began CPR and notified medical. The United States Coast Guard transported the deceased to the Bodega Bay Coast Guard Station, 355 Doran Beach Road, where they met with awaiting medical personnel. Paramedic [redacted] on Medic 811 pronounced the victim deceased at approximately 1007 hrs.

Upon my arrival, the United States Coast Guard had removed the deceased from the Coast Guard rescue boat into a small storage area. He was then placed into a white plastic body bag. I unzipped the bag and scanned the deceased for signs of trauma. I did not see any signs of trauma upon his body. His eyes were fixed and dilated and rigor mortis was present in his arms, hands and fingers. He was fully clothed and was reportedly wearing a Type 1 PFD life vest which had been removed upon

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recovery. I looked at the life vest and it appeared in good condition. I also noticed that the life vest was equipped with a small flashlight which was currently "on" and in working order. The life vest also read "Buona Madre" in permanent black ink on the right side of the vest. The name "Buona Madre" was reportedly the name of a commercial boat.

I spoke to Lt. [REDACTED] and asked him in what condition the deceased was found. He told me that the deceased was found by two smaller commercial boats who reported finding the deceased at approximately 0840 hrs. The Coast Guard responded to the location and upon their arrival they found two smaller commercial fishing boats circling the body. The body was above the water wearing a life vest, which was in working order. He added that the deceased was lying on his back with his neck and head resting on the back of the life vest as it is designed to do.

Lt. [REDACTED] told me that the Coast Guard would be primary on the investigation and asked to be contacted with any useful information. He provided me with his phone numbers ([REDACTED]) or ([REDACTED]).

Lt. [REDACTED] told me that they were following up on a possible boating accident that occurred in the area of where the deceased was located. He added that on Friday at around 1700 hrs. a large 300' foot freight ship named the "Eva Danielson" reported hitting something several miles off of Point Reyes. The Eva Danielson contacted the United States Coast Guard and advised them of the situation. While the Coast Guard was enroute to investigate they were cancelled prior to their arrival. The Eva Danielson apparently contacted two additional boats in the area that checked the area where they suspected hitting something and did not find anything.

At approximately 1100 hrs., the United States Coast Guard advised me that two fisherman were enroute to my location to make an identification on the deceased.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] arrived on scene and identified the deceased as Paul Wade. They told me that they followed Wade up from Santa Cruz to do some Salmon Fishing in the area. They in essence told me the following:

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] told me that they are the sister ship to Wade's ship the "Buona Madre." I asked him what it meant by "sister ship" and he told me that they often help one another out while fishing. They told me that they followed Wade's boat up from Santa Cruz approximately four days ago. They said that Wade is more familiar with the fishing up north than they are. While fishing the waters of Point Reyes and Bodega Bay they commonly radioed one another to get position reports for fishing. On Thursday evening at around 11 p.m. they met with Wade at Spud Point Marina. They told me that Wade appeared sick and apparently got scratched while fishing. They thought that Wade could have gotten staff from the scratch he had suffered and encouraged him to go to the doctor. Wade told them that if it got worse he would go to the doctor in the morning.

On Friday morning Wade left Spud Point Marina and went fishing somewhere off Bodega Bay. He was reportedly doing better. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] told me that they last had radio contact with Wade at approximately 1030 AM. Wade reportedly was headed south in the direction of Point Reyes. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had difficulty hearing his radio transmission because they were fishing off of Fort Ross.

On Saturday morning at approximately 0850 hrs., they heard on their radio that the Coast Guard was enroute to a rescue off of Point Reyes. They told me that they had not heard from Wade for almost 24 hours so they started toward Bodega Bay to determine if the Coast Guard had possibly located Wade. They later learned that Coast Guard had recovered a body. They radioed Coast Guard and advised them they would be enroute to determine if the body they recovered was that of Wade.

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I asked them if there was anyone else on Wade's boat. They said, "No."

██████████ and ██████████ told me that they are friends of the family and would notify next of kin, ██████████. I provided them with Coroner Detective's ██████████ phone number and asked them to notify him as soon as the next of kin was notified.

The removal service arrived on scene at approximately 1530 hrs., and transported the deceased to the county morgue at Detective's ██████████ request.

The Sonoma County Sheriff's Department Marine Unit recovered several pieces of floating debris in the area where the deceased was located. They recovered and transported the debris to the Bodega Bay Coast Guard station at their request.

Nothing Further.

SONOMA COUNTY SHERIFF-CORONER
PRELIMINARY REPORT

60007-240

Name of Decedent Wade, Paul

Case Number 07-0887

Pathologist [Redacted]

Date of Examination 7/14/07

Age of Decedent 55

CAUSE OF DEATH:

Drowning (mies) (P) tox

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OTHER SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS:

INSPECTION

AUTOPSY

SPECIMENS:

Blood

Liver

Urine

Gastric contents

Vitreous humor

MICROSCOPY

SEXUAL ASSAULT SPECIMENS:

Scalp hair standards

Oral swabs and smear(s)

Pubic hair standards

Vaginal swabs and smear(s)

Rectal swabs and smear(s)

Fingernail (scrapings/clippings)

Other body hair standards:

TESTS ORDERED:

Motor Vehicle Fatality

Homicide

SIDS

Suspected Child Abuse

Drug Overdose, Illicit Drugs

Drug Overdose, Prescription Drugs

Work-Related Deaths

High Profile/Police-Involved Deaths

Carbon Monoxide

Cyanide

Ethanol

Vitreous Humor Chemistries:

Glucose and Acetone

Ethanol

Electrolytes

HIV Antibody/Hepatitis Panel

BLOOD FOR GROUPING

SCALP HAIR STANDARDS

FINGERNAIL CLIPPINGS

PHOTOGRAPHY

RADIOGRAPHY

RECOVERED MISSILE(S)

CONSULT(S):

Dental

Neuropathological

Neuropathological (SDC)

Anthropological

BODY DISPOSITION:

Release

SONOMA COUNTY

COMMENTS:

Decedent ID, verified by:

CN & RAA

Date 7/14/07

CORONER

BODY MASS:

158.5 lb 71.8 kg

BODY LENGTH

71 in 180 cm

Initials LM



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Case Name: Wade, Paul A.		TOXICOLOGY NUMBER: CVT-07-8357	
Specimen Description: 15 ml Femoral blood (gray top vial) labeled "Wade, Paul; SCCMF; 07-0887; 7/16/07; C Norick"			
Delivered by	Date	Received by	Date
GSO	18-Jul-07	[REDACTED]	18-Jul-07
Request: Complete Drug Screen.		07-0887	
Requesting Agency Sonoma Co. Sheriff/Coroner Attn: Sgt. [REDACTED] 3336 Chanate Road Santa Rosa CA 95404		Report To Sonoma Co. Sheriff/Coroner Attn: Records 3336 Chanate Road Santa Rosa CA 95404	

RESULTS

Specimen: Femoral Blood Sample

Complete Drug Screen: No common acidic, neutral or basic drugs detected.
No blood Ethyl Alcohol detected.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Analyst

July 20, 2007

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