

MILWAUKEE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER'S REPORT

CASE NO. 852

Reported

Date - Time 4/26/78 - 1:40 AM
 By Dr. J. Strom
 To E. Himmelreich

Name WALTER OLYN SPENCE *Bl/m*
 Address McCormick Hall
 1530 West Wisconsin Avenue RM# 1204

Ambulance

Age 19 S M W D

Body admitted
 Date - Time

DOB 8/28/58
 Date - Time Death 4/26/78 - 1:30 AM
 Found

Searched by

Examined at County Morgue
 Date - Time 4/26/78 at 11:55 A.M.
 By W/H & JJB

Place Death Milwaukee County General Hospital
 Date - Time Injury 4/26/78 - 1:00 AM
 Place Injury 716 North 16th Street

Released by - Date - Time

Check for relatives:
 Residence
 Other

Occupation
 Employer
 Social Sec. No.

Immediate Cause of Death *Penetrating lacerations of multiple other*
 Due to *blow on soft tissue injuries*
 Other Conditions *suicide - deceased jumped from a 12th story window, and hit the ground*

REMARKS: Identification; ok
 notification: ok
 Hold for Medical Examiner's review
 View: OK
(Blood - urine)

Room Searched
 By
 Date
 Witnesses

Photos (Dept.) Med. Exam.
 Date 4/26/78
 By W/H

Identified by:
 Address:
 Relationship:
 Date - Time

Fingerprints Med. Exam.
 Dept.
 Date 4/26/78
 By W/H

Inquest *5/19/78 & 9/26/78 WBH*

X-rays
 Date
 By

Telegrams

Long Dist.

Autopsy by
 Place
 Date-Time

Chemical *consulted (15)*
 By
 Date *4-27-78*

Specimens Blood W/H
 Unable to obtain urine

Investigated by

Undertaker *FEERICK*

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NO. _____

Code: N A AA S H AL AN M

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The following property was found on or belonged to the deceased:

CASH

OTHER

(Suicide note, removed from police inventory.)

E.Himmelreich

Describe Clothing

We, undersigned assistants to the Medical Examiner of Milwaukee County, certify that all property found on or belonging to the deceased has been included in the above list of property.

Released by.....
Received from the Medical Examiner of Milwaukee County the property listed above.

Reason for releasing

Date

Admission - Body Examination: Wednesday 4/26/78 at 11:55 A.M. The body of Walter Olyn Spence Bl/M age 19, born 8/28/58, was examined at the County Morgue in the presence of William Buchanan for the Ferrick F.H.

Body Examination reveals the body of an adult black male, appearing to be of the stated age of 19, years, measuring 64" in length and weighing about 150 pounds. The body is that of a medium built person. The body is cool and rigid. Posterior post mortem lividity is present.

The hair is black and kinky. The eyes are brown, the pupils being round, equal and moderately dilated. The left eye is hemorrhagic and the eye lids are ecchymotic. The upper and lower teeth are natural and good repair. There is a bloody mucus in the oral cavity. There is a bloody mucus exuding from the nares. There is a laceration to the left ear lobe and to the inner canal and blood exudes from same. There is an abrasion to the center of the forehead. There was an airway in the oral cavity and a catheter in the nares. There is a recent sutured incision at the midline of the anterior chest, running from the lower sternum downward for 4 1/2" in length. There are catheters in the penis and both upper shoulders, and the dorsum of the right hand. There are pressure pads on the anterior chest. There is a fracture of the left elbow and the left femur just above the left knee. There is a considerable amount of black soil to the arms and lower feet. Palpation of the head and chest reveals no crepitation. Photo and right index print and a blood specimen were obtained. Free blood was obtained from the left chest cavity. Unable to obtain a urine specimen or a spinal tap.

William Harling

James J. Behrendt JAB.

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April 26, 1978 - Wednesday, 1:40 AM.

Dr. J. Strom, Milwaukee County General Hospital, called this office to report the death of WALTER SPENCE, age 20, dob-8/28/58, single, of 59 Watrous Avenue, Mystic, Connecticut, who is a student at Marquette University, living at 16th and Wisconsin Avenue. The deceased supposedly fell from the upper floor of the building. Paramed #4 conveyed the body from 16th and Wisconsin, to Milwaukee County General Hospital, where resuscitation was continued from 1:09 AM, the time of admission until 1:30 AM, when he was pronounced dead by the informant. The deceased was dressed in gym shorts, was warm and limp with multiple fractures to the right arm and leg along with facial trauma. A hold was placed on the body.

The undersigned went to the scene.

4/26/78 - 1:50 AM.

After checking with Det. Captain Woers, it was learned that this happening occurred at 716 North 16th Street, McCormick Hall, Rm 1204, Marquette University dormitory.

716 North 16th Street is a twelve story multi-roomed building housing Marquette students. At room 1204, met with Det. Lt. Sosinski, Dets. Bushman and Gnas #101. The room appears to be a typical college dormitory room. The entrance is on the East. There are clothes racks and a cot on the North and South sides of the room. The TV and stereo are at the West end, in front of the windows. There is an inclosed radiator against the West wall 36" in height, over which is a marble type window ledge. The windows consist of two sets of metal slide-by windows with screens attached to the outside frame. The North window is open and the screen is seen to be out of its support frame, and hanging by a single lock screw, that normally holds the screen in the frame. The windows measure 4'x4' per set, each sliding section 2' wide.

The deceased is WALTER OLYN SPENCE, age 19, dob-8/28/58, single, home address of 59 Watrous Avenue, Mystic Connecticut, a sophomore at Marquette University, a member of the wrestling team, and a resident of Room #1204, at McCormick Hall, 716 North 16th Street.

According to Brian Keith Gosizk age 18, dob-9/1/59 of 288 Glenwood Avenue, Burlington, New Jersey, a freshman student living at 1530 West Wisconsin Avenue Rm#518 (224-8134) the deceased's friend, he and the deceased had been out to the Circle Inn, 753 North 16th Street, shortly before 6:30 PM, had a couple glasses of beer and a sandwich. The deceased was to see his advisor at about 6:30 PM. The deceased went to see his advisor and was to meet the friend at the deceased's girl friends after the meeting. At about 8:00 PM the deceased came to the girl friends Jo Ann Becker (address unknown) where they had a couple of beers, and left about 10:30 PM. The deceased and friend left the girlfriends and went to the Circle Inn, where they each had a pitcher of beer and a sandwich. The deceased had been talking very depressed and spoke of taking his life numerous times during the evening. He gave the friend a suicide note*(Dear Father; You have been very helpful to me and I appreciate it, but I still dont seem to follow the right way, so before someone hurts me I'm gonna do it myself. Love Wally.), while at the Circle Inn. The deceased was sometimes a "showboat" so the friend didn't think too much of the note. At about 12:20 AM on the way back to the dorm, the deceased threw his jacket on the ground and walked away, saying, "I won't need that anymore". The friend went back and picked up the jacket and gave it to the deceased. They stopped across the street from the McCormick Hall. The deceased looked up and told the friend, "Look up" as he pointed out the windows of his room on the 12th floor. "I'm going to jump out of that window." They then went upstairs to the room. In the room was the room mate, Patrick Timothy McMullen, age 19, dob-10/13/58 of 1408 Hodlmair Crt. Elk Grove Village, Ill., who was lying on his bed, watching TV. The deceased changed clothes, putting on his gym trunks. He put a record on the stereo which is next to the open window. He sat on the window ledge and pushed the screen out of its retaining frame, where it hung, held by its retaining screw. The deceased played the record again. While the record was playing for the third time, the deceased, who was sitting on the window ledge stated, "This is the last time I'll hear this record". The friend told the deceased, "Get away from the window". When the record was completed,

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the deceased told the friend and the roommate "look at the TV" and with that went out the window. The friend ran to the window and saw the deceased falling in a supine position to the lawn below. The friend ran down to the lobby desk, told them to call the police, then ran outside to attempt to aid the deceased.

According to the friend the deceased felt he was not living up to his father's expectations. He felt his grades would not permit him to enter law school.

The deceased's roommate Patrick verified the fact that the deceased had knocked out the window screen and was sitting on the window ledge leaning against the center post of the open window prior to his exit from the window.

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The deceased's aunt Clare Moore age 39, dob-8/15/37 and her son David age 22, dob-5/2/55, of 3618 North 51st Blvd., made positive identification of the deceased as that of WALTER SPENCE. 444-9632

(*Suicide note on file.)

E.Himmelreich *EHA*

5/11/78, Friday, 8:35 AM: Joan Fritch, of the City of Milwaukee Health Dept., Bureau of Vital Statistics, contacted this office to determine if the deceased's (Walter Spence) father had been to our office. She was advised that he had not. She advised that two days ago the father came to her office. He needed the certified copy of the death certificate as soon as possible since he was returning to Connecticut. Since the death certificate had to be filed and certified in Wauwatosa, the father was given the certificate and was being allowed to hand carry the certificate to the Wauwatosa Health Department. This procedure was allowed in an effort to assist the father in expediting the matter. The father, according to the informant, has failed to appear at the Wauwatosa Health Dept. to date. The informant recalled that the father mentioned having a sister living on 51st Blvd. The undersigned gave the informant the sister's address, name and phone number. She will contact the sister tomorrow if the death certificate is not brought to the Wauwatosa Health Dept. today. If the certificate is not filed, the informant will have a new certificate made out and will forward same to this office for completion (cause, manner, etc., of death). The informant advised that the father had indicated that he was in disagreement with the way the certificate was filled in. He, apparently, disagreed with the suicide determination by this office. This could be the reason why the certificate has not been turned into the Wauwatosa Health Dept. The father had indicated that he was going to do something about the certificate referring to the manner of death.

(NOTE: According to an Investigator in this office, the deceased's father, Melvin Spence was in contact with this office. The father felt that pressure placed upon the deceased by someone at the university caused the deceased to take his life. The father, however, did not feel, or have any evidence, to show, or prove, that pressure placed upon the deceased by the someone, if such pressure was actually placed upon the deceased by the someone, was done so with the intent to cause the deceased to take his life. The father came to this office on May 9, 1978.)

Warren Hill *WH*

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Monday, May 15, 1978, 4:15 p.m., Mr. E. Michael McCann, Milwaukee County District Attorney, and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Spence, the parents of Walter Olyn Spence, came to this office. Mr. McCann advised that he was ordering an Inquest into the death of Walter Olyn Spence, since he had a request from the parents to do so. Walter Olyn Spence, date of birth 8/28/58, died at Milwaukee County General Hospital on April 26, 1978, at 1:30 a.m., following an incident that occurred on the same date, at approximately 1:00 a.m., at 716 North 16th Street, Milwaukee. Reports on file with the Medical Examiner's Office indicate that the deceased jumped from a 12th floor window in the McCormick Hall building, which is a dormitory for Marquette students. The deceased jumped from Room 1204, where he resided with fellow student, Patrick Timothy McMullen. According to reports on file, the deceased had indicated his intentions to jump from the window and did so in the presence of McMullen and Brian Keith Gosizk.

The deceased's parents previously read the Medical Examiner's report and were familiar with the police report and the investigation conducted by the Marquette University Public Safety Department. McCormick Hall is owned by Marquette University, and the deceased was a student at Marquette University. The parents feel that the deceased did not jump intentionally, and they also feel that he did not fall accidentally. They advised that they feel the two students who were present when the incident occurred are not telling the truth. They feel that there was a conspiracy to kill their son. When asked why they feel their son was killed, Mr. Spence indicated that there were several reasons. He advised that his son was in the process of leaving Marquette University; and that since he was the "lead" wrestler on the university wrestling team, that school officials may have been upset over his announced departure from the school. He suggested that possibly university officials hired someone to kill his son in view of that announced departure. He suggested that Brian Keith Gosizk may have been hired.

The father also suggested that his son received money from the university for wrestling, although his son was not on any athletic type scholarship. He suggested that his son was paid \$800 this past April by the university for his wrestling activity. He stated that his son had endorsed a check for \$1,000 back to the university and in exchange received an \$800 check from the university that he cashed at the Bank of Commerce in Milwaukee. The father suggests that since the deceased was apparently getting money "under the table" and since he was leaving the university, that someone at the university might want to shut him up.

The father further stated that the son's girl friend, Joanne Blake, also known as Jodie, was white. He advised that approximately one week prior to the death, that the girl friend took the deceased home to St. Paul, to visit her parents. He advised that apparently the parents were quite shocked when they determined that the deceased was black. Mr. Spence suggests that there was a possibility that the girl friend's father arranged to have the deceased killed in an effort to stop the relationship between his daughter and the deceased. He advised that the girl friend's father was a very influential businessman in the computer field and had the means to hire someone to commit such an act.

The father further suggests that in a previous discussion with his son, the son had indicated that he was going to concentrate on his grades and his wrestling. There was some indication that he would break his relationship with Joanne Blake, since he could not wrestle, secure good grades, and carry on a relationship with Miss Blake. The father theorized that there was a possibility that Miss Blake was aware of his son's decision to break with her and that she hired or talked Brian Gosizk into killing his son.

The father suggested these theories in view of the many inconsistencies in the stories he heard regarding the circumstances surrounding his son's death. He also indicated that he was suspicious of the school's role in the death, since official reports were changed by Father Francis Landwermeyer. The reports were in regard to circumstances surrounding his son's death.

For example, the Medical Examiner's report mentions nothing in regard to the deceased screaming as he fell to his death. The police report indicates that the deceased was heard to scream by McMullen and Gosizk. (The undersigned spoke to Medical Examiner's Investigator Ervin Himmelreich, who investigated the circumstances surrounding the death on April 26, 1978, at 1:50 a.m. Mr. Himmelreich was asked whether or not there was any mention of the deceased screaming as he fell to his death. Mr. Himmelreich advised that, to the best of his recollection, Gosizk and McMullen indicated that they thought they heard the deceased scream as he fell from the window. Since they indicated to him that they thought the deceased had screamed, he did not mention the information pertaining to the screaming in his report.)

As far as the alterations made by Father Landwermeyer in the official reports filed by the University Department of Public Safety, it would appear that two changes were actually made. One change involved the deletion of a paragraph in the initial report, which indicated that the deceased had indicated in the past that he felt his parents had high expectations of him and further stated that his father told him he was a "nothing" and that he was "always on my case" to do better. The paragraph also indicated that the deceased had stated that his father compared his other son (Jeff) with him all the time. The deceased indicated that his father wanted him to be a success. In recent conversation, his father referred to him as a jerk. The paragraph also indicated that the deceased did not want to attend Marquette University, but wanted to attend Rhode Island, and that his father had objected to this. The other change in the official report was the insertion by Father Landwermeyer of the contents of a note given to Gosizk prior to the event that resulted in the death of the deceased. The note, as it appears in the re-written report, states as follows: "Dear father, You have been very helpful to me and I appreciate it but I am still not doing right. My grades are even worse than you know. Please try to understand. Love, Wally" The note in question was directed to Father Landwermeyer by the deceased and actually reads as follows: "Dear father; You have been very helpful to me and I appreciate it but I still don't seem follow the right way, so before someone hurts me I am gonna do it myself. Love, Wally"

The deceased's father was asked if he had discussed this matter with Father Landwermeyer. He advised that he had, and that Father Landwermeyer stated that he made the changes in the official report so that the parents would not blame themselves for the act of their son. Apparently, the father felt that the deceased's father would hold himself responsible for the incident in view of the statements by the deceased in regard to his father's attitude towards him. The deceased's father cannot accept this explanation. He feels that the changes in the reports were made for other reasons. He would not state what those reasons were. The deceased's father did, however, admit that before the changes in the report were made by Father Landwermeyer, that Father Landwermeyer talked to the deceased's brother, Jeff, and Jeff's girl friend and advised them that he was going to make the changes and told them why he was making the changes. He also gave the brother, who is also a Marquette University student, a photostatic copy of the original report submitted by the Department of Public Safety and the re-written report.

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The deceased's father stated that it was true that he wanted his son to stay at Marquette in the past. However, his son had convinced him that it would be better for him to leave Marquette and attend school in Rhode Island. The father advised that this problem had been worked out, and that, in his opinion, it no longer was a problem for his son. The father advised that he became aware of the deceased's poor grades (three failures and two D's) following his son's death. Prior to that there was no indication that his son was failing in any of his courses. His son had indicated that his grades were lower than normal, but this was attributed to his wrestling activity during the semester. The father is suspicious in that he feels that he should have been made aware of the poor grades by Father Landwermeyer, the deceased's counselor. At a later date, when the father discussed this matter with Father Landwermeyer, Father Landwermeyer advised him that there had not been a problem in regard to low grades and that his son would have been admitted to the university during the 1978-1979 school year. The father feels that apparently the university was maintaining two records for his son in order for the son to maintain eligibility for the wrestling team.

Mr. Spence further stated that at no time did his son ever indicate that he would take his life, and that there was no history of depression. He advised that he spoke to fellow students, and that those students agree with him that there was no reason for the deceased to take his life, and that the deceased never expressed any desire to take his life. Mr. Spence does not believe the statements made by Brian Gosizk in regard to the suicide statements made by the deceased prior to the incident.

The deceased's father also accuses Father Landwermeyer of inflicting physical abuse upon the deceased as a means of disciplining the deceased for poor grades. He indicated that Father Landwermeyer had admitted to inflicting such abuse as twisting the deceased's arm behind his back until the deceased would cry. This would suggest that the priest could be capable of anything.

The father advised that as evidence of the deceased's break with Miss Blake was the presence of two rings, apparently a wedding ring and engagement ring, found in the deceased's coat pocket following his death. These rings may have been intended for Miss Blake, and the fact that they were still in the deceased's coat pocket would indicate that the deceased had changed his mind and was not going to give the rings to Miss Blake. It would also suggest, according to the father, that the deceased may have had another girl friend to whom he was giving the rings, and that Miss Blake may have found out about this situation, causing her to become very jealous.

Mr. Spence indicated that he spoke to student Edwina Sink (Fink), who spoke to the deceased shortly before the April 26 incident, and she stated that the deceased told her to tell Miss Blake or to leave a note under Miss Blake's door, stating that he loves her and that he is doing it for his parents. The father feels that this message was not a message suggesting that the deceased was going to commit suicide, but a message to Miss Blake, indicating that the deceased was breaking their relationship and that he was doing so because his parents wanted him to break the relationship and concentrate on his grades and on wrestling. The father suggests that such a message would have made Miss Blake angry.

After a review of all the reports, it is the undersigned's opinion that the father does not want to accept the idea that his son committed suicide as a result of pressures exerted upon the deceased by him. In the father's attempt to exonerate

himself from all blame for the deceased's action, he has attempted to place the blame on others, claiming that those responsible conspired to cause the death for various reasons; reasons that are farfetched, in the undersigned's opinion.

It was decided that this office would subpoena Brian Keith Gosizk, age 18, of 288 Greenwood Avenue, Burlington, New Jersey; Patrick Timothy McMullen, age 19, of 1408 Holdmaier Court, Elk Grove Village, Illinois; Joanne Blake, age 19, of 1591 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota; Edwina Fink, of 1440 North State Parkway, Chicago, Illinois; Pete Nemetz, of 2257 South 64th Street, West Allis; and Father Francis Landwermyer, Assistant Dean, Department of Liberal Arts, Marquette University, of 1217 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee.

On May 16, 1978, at 2:15 p.m., contact was made with Mr. Gosizk, the father of Brian Gosizk, phone No. 609-387-2495. Contact was made with the father, for it was determined that Brian had left school for the summer vacation and had returned home. Mr. Gosizk advised that he would have to discuss the attendance of his son at an inquest with the family attorney, Mr. Ernest Farrie. Mr. Farrie's telephone No. is 609-386-5312. The father stated he could not afford the expense of returning his son to Milwaukee for the inquest. In addition, he advised that he could not understand the immediacy of the hearing. He advised that his son had given statements to the police, to the Medical Examiner's Office, to school authorities, and to the deceased's parents, and that, in his opinion, his son has been very cooperative. He further stated that the incident was very traumatic to his son, and that his son's return to Milwaukee at this time would not be in his best interests. He stated several times that his son was still extremely upset, since he was very close to the deceased. The undersigned made contact with Attorney Farrie at 2:45 p.m., and the attorney re-stated the father's position. He advised that if the parents wanted a statement from Brian, that they could come to New Jersey at this time to secure same.

Contact was made with Patrick Timothy McMullen at 2:30 p.m., on May 16, 1978, and he advised that he could not return to Milwaukee at this time. He advised that he would return to Marquette University in the fall. He stated that he has a full-time job at the present time and that he works weekends. He further advised that he does not have transportation to get to Milwaukee, and that at the present time he rides a bicycle to and from his job. He stated that he would be more than happy to give a statement under oath at an inquest when he returns to school in the fall. During the conversation with Patrick McMullen, he stated that he had roomed with the deceased for one semester. He stated that he had little conversation with the deceased during that time. He stated that the deceased had his friends, and that he had his own friends. He stated that he usually saw the deceased at bedtime, and that he seldom had contact with the deceased during the day. He never engaged in any conversation with the deceased regarding problems in school or in regard to family problems. He stated that he was not aware of any problems the deceased may have had, because of the lack of communication between them. He stated that during the early morning hours of April 26, 1978, the deceased did enter their room, accompanied by Brian Gosizk. McMullen stated that he did not know Gosizk at that time. McMullen said he had the TV on, and that the deceased proceeded to turn on the stereo. Because of the deceased's action, McMullen proceeded to put the TV ear plugs on, in order to listen to the TV. He stated that he had paid little attention to the deceased and Gosizk. He advised that he had no idea what they were talking about. He overheard some words, but was totally unaware of any talk of suicide. He stated that he had no idea that the deceased had talked about jumping out of a window prior to coming into the room. He stated that he was lying on his bed, and that his head was positioned approximately 10 feet from the window out of which the deceased

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later fell. The foot end of his bed was approximately 4 feet from the window. He stated that he saw the deceased sit on the window ledge prior to the incident. He stated that prior to sitting on the window ledge that the deceased had knocked the screen partially off the window frame with his fist. He stated that he assumed at that time that the deceased had been drinking and that the drinking caused the deceased to act in that manner. He stated that the deceased, while sitting on the window ledge, suddenly fell backward and out of sight. At that point he assumed that the deceased was intoxicated and that he had lost his balance and fell out the window. He stated that at that point he was totally unaware of any talk of suicide by the deceased. Mr. McMullen advised that when the deceased fell through the window opening, that Gosizk was lying or seated on the deceased's bed, the head of which was about 4 feet from the deceased. There was a bicycle positioned between Gosizk and the deceased. He stated that at no time was Gosizk near the deceased when the deceased fell out of the window opening. He stated that at no time was there a fight or was there horséplay prior to the incident. He stated that both he and Gosizk were "stunned" over the incident.

On May 16, 1978, at 2:50 p.m., contact was made with Mrs. Blake, the mother of Joanne Blake, phone No. 612-644-5092. Mrs. Blake stated that her daughter was still extremely upset over the death of Wally Spence. Apparently, she was deeply in love with him, which was a secret she kept from her parents. Mrs. Blake advised that her daughter seldom mentioned Wally Spence, however the family was aware that their daughter was seeing a student by the name of Wally Spence during the past semester. She stated that the first indication that they had that Wally Spence was black was on the Sunday prior to April 26. She advised that at approximately 8:30 a.m., on that Sunday, their daughter arrived home with the deceased, and it was at that time that they determined that the deceased was black and that their daughter was apparently deeply involved with the deceased. She stated that her daughter and Spence remained for only two hours on that date. She stated that following Wally's death that their daughter told them that the deceased had threatened to jump from the 12th floor of McCormick Hall on several occasions, the first of which was two to three months ago. The daughter indicated that on those occasions she told Wally not to talk about doing such a foolish thing. The daughter also told her parents that apparently Wally's father had indicated shortly before the death that if Wally did not get all A's, he would not be admitted into the Spence house. The father told Wally that he better get all A's in order to get into Marquette Law School. He allegedly told Wally that he would have to "hack" wrestling if his grades weren't good enough for law school. The father told his son that he couldn't make a living wrestling, therefore he better concentrate on his grades rather than wrestling. According to the daughter, Wally's father was continuously comparing him to his older brother, Jeff, and the comparison left Wally with the impression that the father felt that Wally was "bad," and that Jeff was "good." The daughter also indicated that in regard to jumping from the 12th floor of McCormick Hall, that Wally had indicated that he was going to do it and that he was doing it for his parents and not for Jodie. (This statement is similar to the message that Miss Fink was requested to give to Miss Blake by the deceased shortly before the incident of April 26.) According to Mrs. Blake, her daughter further advised them, following the death, that Wally's mother was aware of the trouble between Wally and his father and that she had written a letter to Wally, telling him not to worry, that she would take care of his father. The daughter did not go into any detail in regard to what Wally's mother meant by taking care of the father. The daughter further indicated that for approximately two weeks during the

month of April, Wally's father attempted to talk to him every night and that Wally either refused to talk to him or would not answer the telephone, knowing that it was his father who was calling. It was the daughter's impression that the father was attempting to put pressure on his son to get good grades and to "hack" the wrestling.

Mrs. Blake stated that she spoke to Brian Gosizk shortly following the incident, and that Brian advised them that prior to the fall from the 12th floor window Wally had refused to take his coat with him after drinking at the Circle Inn Tavern. Wally had refused to take his coat, saying that someone else could have the coat after he jumped from the 12th floor window. Brian Gosizk confirmed that Wally had threatened to jump from the 12th floor window on a number of occasions prior to the incident. He also stated that Wally had picked up the telephone after their arrival in the room and had talked into the telephone, stating, "Mother, I love you." Wally claimed that he had called home at that time, however Gosizk did not believe him. The statement made by Gosizk to Mrs. Blake, in regard to events surrounding the death, is compatible with the statements he gave to the police and to this office. Mrs. Blake advised that she cannot believe that Gosizk or anyone else caused the deceased's death. She advised that, in her opinion, her daughter's appearance at an inquest at this time would be extremely upsetting for her and that it would be unproductive. She stated that in view of all information, it would appear that the death was a result of suicide, and that her daughter's appearance was totally unnecessary and could be harmful to her. She did state, however, that she would discuss the matter with her husband and with her daughter, and that since her daughter was 19 years of age, she would have to decide whether or not she would come to Milwaukee. The mother advised that her husband would recontact this office in regard to what their position will be in regard to the daughter's attendance at the inquest.

Mrs. Blake advised that out of curiosity she went to a local record shop to listen to the record "Leader of the Pack." This is the record that the deceased had played several times prior to falling to his death. She stated that the record was about death, dying, and about those you leave behind after death. The record was extremely gloomy. Her daughter had indicated that Wally had always stated in the past that his brother, Jeff, was the "leader of the pack."

Mrs. Blake stated that Gosizk told her that when he ran up to the deceased after the incident, that he placed the deceased's head in his arms and stated, "You were sicker than I ever believed." Mrs. Blake advised that this statement by Gosizk would suggest that no one in the university, including her daughter, had any indication that the deceased was as sick as he apparently was or that he would actually do what he had previously indicated that he would do.

On May 17, 1978, at two o'clock, the undersigned was contacted by Mr. Blake, Joanne Blake's father. He stated that he had discussed the attendance of his daughter at an inquest with his wife and attorney, and he can see no reason for putting his daughter through any more unpleasantness. He stated that he had talked to many people regarding the circumstances surrounding the death, and that he is satisfied in his own mind that the deceased took his own life. He stated that if there was any chance that his daughter's testimony would cause anyone to reconsider the possibility of suicide, that he would have no objection to his daughter giving testimony. At this point, he feels that her testimony would be of no benefit to anyone, including the parents of Walter Spence. He stated that he would consider allowing his daughter to give a statement to a district attorney's representative, if that representative would come to St. Paul for the statement. He also suggested the possibility of having his own attorney take a statement

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from his daughter regarding circumstances leading up to the death of the deceased. At this time, his daughter will not attend an inquest into the death of Walter Spence.

On May 16, 1978, contact was made with Edwina Fink's mother. Contact was made at 4:30 p.m. Mrs. Fink advised that she would discuss her daughter's attendance at the inquest with her husband and her daughter, and that she would recontact this office with their decision in regard to attendance.

A subpoena for Father Francis Landwermeyer was left at the Department of Liberal Arts at Marquette University. The subpoena requests that the father appear for an inquest at 9:30 a.m., on Friday, May 19, 1978. The subpoena was left with the father's secretary, for the father is in Philadelphia. He is expected to return during the evening hours of May 17.

Several attempts were made to contact Pete Nemetz, of 2257 South 64th Street. No one was located at that address. A card was left in the door by Medical Examiner's Investigator, requesting Mr. Nemetz to make contact with this office in regard to the inquest.

Contact was made with Barney Karpfinger, of 3705 West Ramsey Avenue. Mr. Karpfinger is the wrestling coach at Marquette University. He stated that he was very surprised when advised of the deceased's death. He stated that the deceased was a happy type. He stated that, to the best of his recollection, the deceased never made a threat to take his life. He stated that on one occasion during the past semester the deceased was very depressed. He stated that on that occasion the deceased was voted off of the school wrestling team by team members for failure to take part in team practice and a meet. This depression was short-lived, for the deceased was reinstated shortly after the incident.

On May 17, 1978, the undersigned reviewed the detective reports submitted by Detectives Richard Bushman and Stephen Gnas, of Squad 101, late. It was determined that Detective Bushman is on vacation until May 24, 1978. Detective Gnas will be subpoenaed to give testimony on May 19, 1978.

On May 17, 1978, while in the Milwaukee Police Department Detective Bureau, it was requested that the handwriting on the note given to Gosizk by the deceased prior to the deceased's falling from the 12th floor window be compared to handwriting on a letter written by the deceased to his mother during the month of February, 1978. The letter was given to the undersigned by the parents, with a request for confirmation of the handwriting on the note directed to Father Landwermeyer by the deceased. Document Examiner James Ferrier examined both the letter and the note in the presence of the undersigned. He advised that the note and the letter were written by the same person.

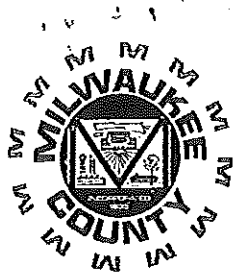
On May 17, 1978, at 10:30 a.m., the undersigned made contact with Mr. E. Michael McCann, and advised him that we were experiencing difficulty in getting three of the primary witnesses to attend the inquest. He stated that it would appear that we would have to wait until the fall semester and attempt to subpoena those witnesses at that time. He stated that it is his opinion that an inquest will have to be conducted. He did not withdraw his inquest order.

Shortly after the undersigned's conversation with Mr. McCann, contact was made with Mr. Melvin Spence. He was advised that we were unsuccessful in getting Brian Gosizk and Patrick McMullen to attend the inquest. He stated that he had expected

that those witnesses and Miss Blake would refuse to attend the inquest. He advised that their refusal only supports his theory that something is being "covered up" at Marquette University. He stated that Gosizk was undoubtedly lying, and that at no time did his son talk about suicide. He stated that if Gosizk is lying, that McMullen is lying in support of Gosizk. He is of the opinion that these two young men unlawfully caused the death of his son. He stated that he would attempt to have the district attorney call a John Doe type hearing, in hopes that the three witnesses mentioned by him previously could be extradited back to the State of Wisconsin by the judge conducting the John Doe hearing.

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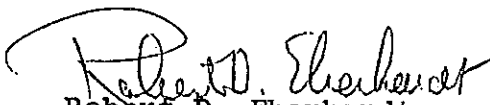
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A specimen of blood which was labeled, sealed and identified as being that of the decedent was analyzed by this laboratory.

The analyses revealed that the blood contained 0.12 gram percent ethyl alcohol by weight. None of the following chemicals was detected: methyl alcohol; isopropyl alcohol; formaldehyde; acetaldehyde; or acetone. In addition, the blood contained no detectable barbiturate, glutethimide, phenytoin, meprobamate, salicylate, chlordiazepoxide, diazepam, oxazepam or flurazepam.


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