

I I N N C F I O D	Offense: Death Investigation		Red Wing Police Department			Juvenile Involved <input type="checkbox"/>	Case File No. 2013 - 4087		
			INCIDENT REPORT						
	MOC	Date Rec'd 4/16/13	Time Rec'd 1229	Date Occur 4/16/13	Time Occur 1000 -				
Location of Offense 950 Featherstone Rd.				Apt #	City RED WING	State MN	Zip 55066		
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I Hereby Acknowledge Receipt of the Above Articles To Me					Signed:				
R E P O R T S	Associated Reports:		<input type="checkbox"/> Prints		<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal History		<input type="checkbox"/> Citizen Arrest		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supplemental
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pictures		<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative		<input type="checkbox"/> Citation(s)		<input type="checkbox"/> DWI Forms		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attached
<input type="checkbox"/> Evidence		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Officer (#230,204)		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Taped			
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Reporting Officer: D. McMahon			# 225	Approving Supervisor:			#		
S T A T U S	Follow-Up:	<input type="checkbox"/> Detective	<input type="checkbox"/> Patrol	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Needed		<input type="checkbox"/> Cleared By Arrest		<input type="checkbox"/> Investigation Continuing	
	Copy to:	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Services	<input type="checkbox"/> CSO	<input type="checkbox"/> City Atty.	<input type="checkbox"/> Exceptionally Cleared		<input type="checkbox"/> Unfounded		
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Assigned:					Related Case Files: <i>None 4-17-13</i>				

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Case File #

13-4087

Offense DEATH INVESTIGATION	Complainant [REDACTED]	Date/Time 4/16/13 / 1229
Content of Report		
Officer: D. McMahon	Badge # 225	

Narrative:

On 4-16-13 at 1229 hours I, Officer McMahon, spoke on the telephone with an anonymous complainant in regards to a dead baby that was at Crothal Laundry (AKA Hygienic Service System) on Featherstone Road. I then spoke with a female who stated she wanted to remain anonymous. The phone number on my caller ID was [REDACTED]. The female stated her daughter works at Crothal Laundry on Featherstone Road. She said she received a text message from her daughter at approximately 1000 a.m. today that there was a dead baby in the laundry at the business. She said her daughter told her that a hospital from Maple Grove was contacted by the business and someone from the hospital came and picked up the baby and put it in a plastic bag and just left. She was told the baby was in a diaper and had tags on it. She was told some of the employees took pictures of the deceased baby. I asked her to provide her name and she said she didn't want to get involved. She said she was upset because her daughter had to see this dead baby and they wouldn't let her leave work. I asked her who her daughter was and she said she didn't want to tell me but thought it was wrong her daughter couldn't leave. I asked her if she was told the race of the baby or the approximate age and she said she didn't know and didn't know why it mattered. I again asked her to provide me with her information so an investigator could contact her and she said she didn't want to get involved. I then cleared.

I was then able to make contact with Investigator Rikli by telephone and I explained to him what I was told. I then met Investigator Rikli at the office and told him I had a phone number but not a name of the caller at this time. Investigator Rikli asked that I try and get the name of the complainant. I then contacted dispatch and they said the caller's phone number came back to a [REDACTED]. I was told her daughter was possibly [REDACTED]. Investigator Rikli then made contact with [REDACTED] and spoke with her on the telephone (see report).

I then went to Crothal Laundry located at 950 Featherstone Rd. with Investigator Rikli and stood by while he spoke with staff at the business (see report).

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D. McMahon #225

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Offense DEATH INVESTIGATION	Complainant	Date/Time 4/16/13 / 1415
Content of Report DEAD BABY LOCATED AT CROTHAL LAUNDRY IN RED WING		
Officer: J. Rosenow		Badge # 204

Narrative:

On 04/16/13 at approximately 1415 hours, I arrived at Crothall Laundry in Red Wing to assist Detective Rikli with a death investigation he was working on. I met briefly with Detective Rikli so that he could update me on the progress of his investigation. I met briefly with Detective Rikli and administrators from Crothall Laundry in a private meeting room. The first thing they wanted to know was who we had spoken too, and who called the police. I informed them that I didn't have the information about who had called the police, and since it was on active death investigation, I wouldn't disclose that information to them if I did have it. They also wanted to know which employees had been spoken to already. I sensed that both administrators we were speaking to were in "damage control" mode. They did answer questions and said that rarely body parts come through with the laundry, but that they never knew of an entire baby being found. I was aware that Detective Rikli had spoken to someone that had already told him that this was the second baby found at the business, but according to the two administrators, they were not aware of the first incident (from five years ago?). When asked why the police hadn't been called about the baby, they said that they prefer to deal with their customers on matters such as this. They insisted there was no type of "cover up" being attempted, just because the police had not been notified. I explained to them that the child that was found could have come from one of their employees, or a delivery truck driver, or anyone else for that matter. They were told then that at least one employee had also taken a picture of the dead baby. I asked them to provide the names of all the delivery truck drivers and documentation as to where the laundry had come from. They told us there wouldn't be written documentation as to where the laundry had come from, but that they could get the names of the drivers (1430 hours).

I made a call to the Goodhue County Attorney's Office to advise them of the beginning investigation (1433 hours), as I was sensing that Crothall Laundry was going to be less-than-cooperative. At 1442 hours I contacted St. Paul Homicide (Sgt. Dunnom), and at 1453 hours, I contacted the Minnesota BCA and spoke to Agent Scott Mueller about what we were working on. Sgt. Dunnom told me that his office would respond to Regions Hospital to enquire about the baby. I was shown a cell phone photo of the dead baby by Detective Rikli. The photo had been retrieved from a Crothall Laundry worker who had seen the dead baby and took a picture of it. The baby was wearing a diaper and had bracelets around its ankles and wrist. The baby did not appear to be a full-term baby.

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J. Rosenow 204

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SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Case File # 13-4087

Offense DEATH INVESTIGATION	Complainant	Date/Time 4/16/13 / 1250
Content of Report INVESTIGATION		
Officer: Rikli		Badge # 230

Narrative:

On the above date and time I received a phone call from Officer Dan McMahon in regards to a possible deceased infant. According to McMahon he just took a phone call from a female wanting to remain **anonymous**, who stated that she had just received a text message from her daughter who is currently working at **Crothall Laundry Services Inc** in Red Wing. The daughter was stating that she (or possibly another employee) just discovered a dead infant in some dirty hospital laundry earlier today. Crothall Laundry supervisors were said to have been notified, who then contacted Regions Hospital who sent personnel to Red Wing to retrieve the body. I informed McMahon I was currently out of the office, but would return shortly and meet with him.

At approximately 1300 hours I met with Officer McMahon who stated that the caller's number was [REDACTED]. He said that dispatch was able to determine that the number belonged to [REDACTED].

I returned a phone call to the anonymous caller and confirmed she was in fact [REDACTED]. I informed [REDACTED] that although I respect her wishes to remain anonymous, this was serious matter and needed more information. [REDACTED] relayed the same information to me, that an employee at Crothall had found a dead infant in some dirty hospital linens and that individuals from Regions Hospital were called to retrieve the body. [REDACTED] said she understood that the baby was wearing a diaper and had a hospital bracelet on its wrist. [REDACTED] also confirmed that she had received this information from her daughter who is a Crothall employee. She also stated that other employees had taken picture(s) of the dead infant prior to the hospital staff taking it away. [REDACTED] would not provide me with her daughter's name or the employees that took the picture stating that they were fearful of being fired for violating company policy in regards to the use of cell phones while working. After getting off the phone with [REDACTED], through RWPD records I was able to determine that her daughter was [REDACTED].

At approximately 1320 hours, Myself and Officer McMahon arrived to Crothall Laundry Services and immediately proceeded to the office area where we met with **Officer Manager Rhonda Richardson**. We spoke in a private conference room (recorded #219 digital recorder). Before I had a chance to inform her of the nature of my investigation, Rhonda asked if I was investigating the dead baby. I stated that I was. Rhonda proceeded to tell me that at approximately 0930 hours this morning, one of their employees on the "pre-sort" line discovered the dead baby while he was pulling dirty hospital linens from bags to be laundered. Upon the

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discovery, the employee, **Nick Murphy**, notified his supervisor **Fabian Gonzalez** who then informed her (Rhonda) and another supervisor **Joanne Broman**.

Rhonda said she proceeded to the pre-sort area and observed the baby lying on a catwalk area. She described the baby as being bright red with a slightly flattened head and weighing approximately 3 pounds. She also said it was wearing a diaper and had hospital bracelets on its wrist and ankle. Rhonda told me that it didn't smell and appeared "fresh", which she found suspicious for something that had possibly been deceased for some time. She said that prior to her and Joanne placing the baby into a plastic bag and then a box, she recorded the information off the bracelets, **40674383** and **29526**. She said that bracelet also contained the name [REDACTED] and the date [REDACTED]. The box with the body was left in the pre-sort area and she proceeded to her office.

Rhonda said she assumed this must have been medical remains from their client **Regions Hospital in St Paul, MN**. She explained that it is not uncommon for her employees to find medical waste in the linens from Regions which may consist of tissue, blood, and on occasion, an appendage. She said that when something like this shows up in the linens, she calls a security office at Regions which she did on this occasion as well. Rhonda said that shortly after 0930 hours she called the number [REDACTED] but isn't sure who she spoke with. She said that after explaining to the male on the phone what was found, he stated that he was going to make some notifications and return a call to her. Rhonda said that minutes later she received a return phone call from Regions and spoke with an **Amy Peterson** and "**Shelly**." She said that she was told that a pathologist and security officer would be in route to pick the baby up. Rhonda said that at approximately 1205 hours today an individual named Dennis (the pathologist?) and John arrived to Crothall and took possession of the baby and left with it. She then provided me with a Regions Hospital Property Release form she completed and was signed by "Dennis" (unable to read the last name). On the "description of the item" portion of the form was written "fetus."

I asked when the linens from Regions would have arrived. Rhonda stated that they attempt to have a 24 hour return on linens, and thought it probably came in sometime yesterday (4-15-13) but couldn't give specifics. I asked if she or anyone else had taken pictures of the baby. She said that she hadn't and that none of the employees should have, explaining they are not to have cell phones or cameras on their possession while on the work floor. She did say that several employees did witness the baby while it laid on the catwalk prior to it being placed in the bag/box. She stated that this would include **Corey Yeary**, and **Scott Brock**. I also confirmed that [REDACTED] was employed with Crothall and was currently working, but not in the area where the baby was found. I was told that the linens that the baby was found in had already been laundered.

I asked Rhonda to have Corey Yeary, Scott Brock, and [REDACTED] brought to the conference room so I could speak with them individually. *I was told that Nick Murphy had gone home for the day as he was having a difficult time with the situation.* I first spoke with Scott Brock.

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Scott confirmed that he had been working the pre-sort area with Nick Murphy and Corey Yeary when he heard Yeary yell "Hey that's a baby" while pointing to the floor of the catwalk. He said that he walked towards this and observed a baby wearing a diaper lying on the floor. He described it as having dark skin and having a bracelet on its wrist. Scott denied he had taken any pictures of the baby, or observing anyone else doing so.

Corey Yeary's account of the incident was consistent with what Rhonda and Scott Brock reported. Corey also added that he observed the baby fall out of linens and land on the floor as Nick Murphy was opening the bags. Corey also denied that he had taken any pictures of the baby, but said it was possible that other employees may have, as others were soon coming to their location to see it. Corey stated that he didn't remember the child wearing a diaper or having a wrist band.

I lastly spoke with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated that she had not been present when the baby was discovered, and never actually saw it herself. She did admit that she received a picture of the baby on her cell this morning and acknowledged that she had notified her mother about the incident. I asked [REDACTED] who she received the picture from. She stated it was Scott Brock, further stating that the picture has been passed around to several people. I had [REDACTED] send me the photo to my work cell phone. From the photo I observed what appeared to be a pre-term baby wearing a diaper with a bracelet visible on its right wrist and right ankle.

While I finishing up with the witnesses, Detective Sergeant Rosenow arrived to the scene along with the Red Wing Crothall General Manager **Reggie Licari** and Milwaukee General Manager, **Dave Sobcinski**. We spoke in the same conference room. Reggie assured me that he and his employees were going to cooperate with the police investigation and stated he hadn't intended on circumventing the police when they notified Regions Hospital. He began citing policy, client privacy, and other concerns for their reasons for not notifying the police. He inquired how we (the police) were notified, but was not given the complainant's name (although Rhonda Richardson told me that she knew it had been [REDACTED] as she [REDACTED] notified her that she had contacted the police). I asked Reggie if he could provide me with the exact date/time of when they received the shipment of dirty linens from Regions. Reggie said he was unable to at this time, but said he could attempt to locate this information and would contact me at a later time. He also felt the shipment probably arrived sometime yesterday (4-16-13). Prior to departing Crothall I had Reggie take me to the location where the baby was found (photographed). I observed the catwalk area to be a large, narrow grate located beside a long conveyer belt presumably where the dirty linens are placed.

On 4-16-13 at approximately 1600 hours I met with Nick Murphy at the police department (recorded #230 digital). Nick confirmed he had been working on the pre-sort line this morning around 0900 hours when he discovered the dead baby. He said he had been tearing open bags of linens and pulling them out when he felt something hit him on the shoulder. He said that one of his co-workers told him "Dude, look down at the floor."

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He said that he then observed the dead baby lying on the floor of the catwalk. Nick said he immediately notified his supervisor Fabian Gonzalez who then contacted Joanne Broman. He said that after he watched Joanne and Rhonda place the baby in a box, he left work around 1000 hours. Nick was visibly upset as he spoke to me.

Mentioned:

Rhonda Lynn Richardson dob [REDACTED]
733 South 10th St
Lake City, MN cell # [REDACTED]

Nicholas Russell Murphy dob [REDACTED]
6298 289th St
Red Wing, MN cell # [REDACTED]

Joanne Broman dob [REDACTED]
N2491 650th St
Bay City, WI cell # [REDACTED]

Scott Cameron Brock dob [REDACTED]
130 East 4th St
Red Wing, MN cell # [REDACTED]

Corey Robert Yeary dob [REDACTED]
707 1/2 West 3rd St
Red Wing, MN cell # [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
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On 04/17/13 at 0715 hours, I spoke to Sgt. Haider with St. Paul Homicide. Sgt. Haider told me that his office had spoken to Regions Hospital and learned the following;

The baby in question was a still-born male and did not have a name.

The mother is a [REDACTED] year old female, and her name is the name on the bracelet the baby is wearing.

The mother consented to disposal of the body with no funeral.

The Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office went to Regions Hospital and took possession of the baby, when they were notified by the Minnesota BCA of the investigation.

Shortly after my conversation with Sgt. Haider, it was decided between department administrations, that the St. Paul Police Department would be the lead investigative department in this case. The only remaining questions I had were, "Why was the baby wearing a diaper and ID bracelets?" and "has the issue of a [REDACTED] year old being pregnant been addressed with Ramsey County Social Services as a potential criminal matter?"

Sgt. Haider advised me that story provided from Regions Hospital was that the baby had been still-born and was taken to their morgue. Linens are picked up three times a day and that the baby must have been put in the laundry with the dirty linens. It was unclear/unknown as to how that had exactly happened. Natalie Lazorik was the contact person I was given at the Ramsey County Medical Examiners Office ([REDACTED]). I contacted her office and she was not working, but I was given a fax number on where we could send our reports to [REDACTED].

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