

Office of the Medical Examiner, District 7 & 24

Medical Examiner Case Report

Year: 2007 Number: 00717 Date Reported: 9/27/2007 11:07:00 PM
Notification By: Emergency Communications Center ECS CAD #: 07-23550
Investigative Agency/Jurisdiction: Volusia County Sheriff's Office

Decedent: Comeau, Muriel Edna

Age: 38

Race: White

Sex: FEMALE

Date of Birth: 12/3 /1968 :

Method Of ID: VCBJ

Permanent Address: 1354 Indian Lake Road

City: Daytona Beach

State: FLORIDA

Zip:

Country: USA

Last Seen Alive: 9/27/2007 8:46:00 PM

By Whom: Officer

In Police Custody?: YES

Found?: NO

Date/Time of Death: 9/27/2007 10:45:00 PM

Place of Death: Volsia County Branch Jail

City of Death: Daytona Beach

County of Death: Volusia

Date of Injury: 9/27/2007

Injured at Work?: NO

Place of Injury: Volusica County Jail cell H11

Next of Kin: James Diluzio

Funeral Home: Craig Flagler Palms Funeral Home

Investigating Agency: Volusia County Sheriff's Office

Law Enforcement Case #: 07-33431

Investigator: Blair

M.E. Investigator: Luis Negrete

Autopsy?: Yes **Examination Date:** 9/28/2007 9:20:00 AM

Mode of Death: Asphyxia/Ligature

Cause of Death: Asphyxia due to Hanging

Other Significant Conditions:

Manner of Death: Suicide

Doctor Signing DC: Predrag Bulic, M.D.

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Case Summary:

On 9/27/07 I was advised by Lt Davis from the Volusia County Jail of the apparent suicide of MS COMEAU. Scene response was requested. Upon arrival at the jail I was escorted into the north block, to cell H11. The body of MS COMEAU is seen supine on the floor. EVAC had attempted CPR and intubated her. A black shoestring is lying under her body. Photos were taken of the body. A closer examination revealed no trauma to the body. Two marks consistent with the shoestring are seen around her neck.

Per LE, MS COMEAU was last seen alive during rotation checks at 2046. At 2218 during a medical pass (giving medication to inmates) she was found hanging in a semi knelling from the top bunk bed. She had apparently two shoestrings together through on of the holes on the top portion of the bed and eased forward. The RN who found her advised that she had wrapped the string twice around her neck, which would account for the two marks.

LE advised that MS COMEAU suffers from depression. Today she had made a suicidal threat on the phone to a family member who advised the Jail. MS COMEAU was placed in suicide watch but later released. She was alone in her cell at the time of her death.

The body was placed in a black transport pouch and taken to MEO where it was tagged and refrigerated at 0120. NOTE: Contact Inv Blair from VCSO for autopsy time. LN

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DEATH CERTIFICATE WORKSHEET

LN
Investigator

Name: Muriel Edna Comeau

ME Case # 2007-00717V

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Date of Birth: 12/3 /1968

Sex: F

Race: White

Residence: 1354 Indian Lake Road, Daytona Beach, FLORIDA

Agency: Volusia County Sheriff's Office

Case #: 07-33431

Place of Death: Volusia County Branch Jail

Date of death: 9/27/2007 10:45:00 PM

Found?: No

(Check one) ☒ Autopsy Performed ☒ External Exam Only ☒ Records Review Only

Date of Examination: 09/28/07 Time of Examination: 0920 (Hour)

CAUSE OF DEATH:

Asphyxia

Due to (b):

Hanging

Due to (c):

Other Significant Conditions:

Manner of Death Pending Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined
(circle one)

SPECIMENS	Blood	Vitreous	Blie	Urine	Liver	Brain	Gastric	Serum	FTA	Organ Biopsies	Other
Sent	12	1W	—	14	—	—	—	—	—	3 Cass	—
Retained	12	—	12	16	1B	1B	1B	clear	card	Bag	—

Photos: ☒ Yes ___ No X-Rays: ___ Yes ☒ No Identification: ☒ Yes ___ Pending

PATHOLOGIST:

P. Bulic

M.D. / Date:

9-28-07

Mortuary Notified to Make Removal

Date:

Time:

By:

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