

The Forensic Team on the Dahmer Case Claim Have Identified Skeletonized Fingerprints



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Which is impossible of course.

Identifying decomposing fingerprints was still [forensically challenging over 20 years later](#):

How long do fingerprints remain usable? There isn't a lot of research on that subject, unfortunately. But a [study](#) published Dec. 22, 2016 in IEEE Xplore and described in a 2017 USA Today [article](#), usable biometric data has been obtained from corpses dead for up to 7 days in warm weather and as long as 50 days in wintertime.

Keep in mind that one of the alleged identified victims included Matt Turner, supposedly last seen 30 June 1991, almost a month before Jeff Dahmer was arrested.

The forensic team even claims it identified [Curtis Straughter](#)'s fingerprints from hands supposedly found in Jeff Dahmer's closet. Curtis Straughter supposedly disappeared 18 February 1991, five months before Jeff Dahmer was arrested.

Was Jeff a pioneering scientist with preservation skills well ahead of his time?

Below are two excerpts, one from the confession and one from the forensic team's corresponding article:

From Jeff Dahmer's confession:

57 gallon drum which contained human body parts. Jentzen further stated that at the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office these human body parts were examined and that fingerprints were lifted from hands that been found at the scene and also efforts at dental identification were made; that Dr. L.T. Johnson, whom he (Jentzen) knows to be a forensic odontologist, did the dental examination and that fingerprint lifts were submitted to the Milwaukee Police Department Bureau of Identification analysis.

2) Upon the statement of Wayne Peterson, that he (Peterson) is a Bureau of Identification technician and supervisor employed by the City of Milwaukee Police Department and that he (Peterson) made comparisons of fingerprints lifted by the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office body parts recovered at 924 North 25th Street on July 23rd, 1991 with prints of various persons and was able to identify the prints of Oliver Lacy, Joseph Bradehoft, and Matt Turner a/k/a Donald Montrell as having been lifted from human body parts discovered in that apartment.

From the [forensic team's article](#) (p8):

Identification of Remains

Of the 11 victims recovered from the scene, all were identified on the basis of antemortem comparison with their dental records by a forensic odontologist (L.T.J.). Of the five partially or totally skeletonized remains, identification of four was confirmed by fingerprints ([Table 1](#)). The skeletons were generally easily approximated and identified due to the characteristic dissection levels

This is the forensic team's alleged victim timeline:

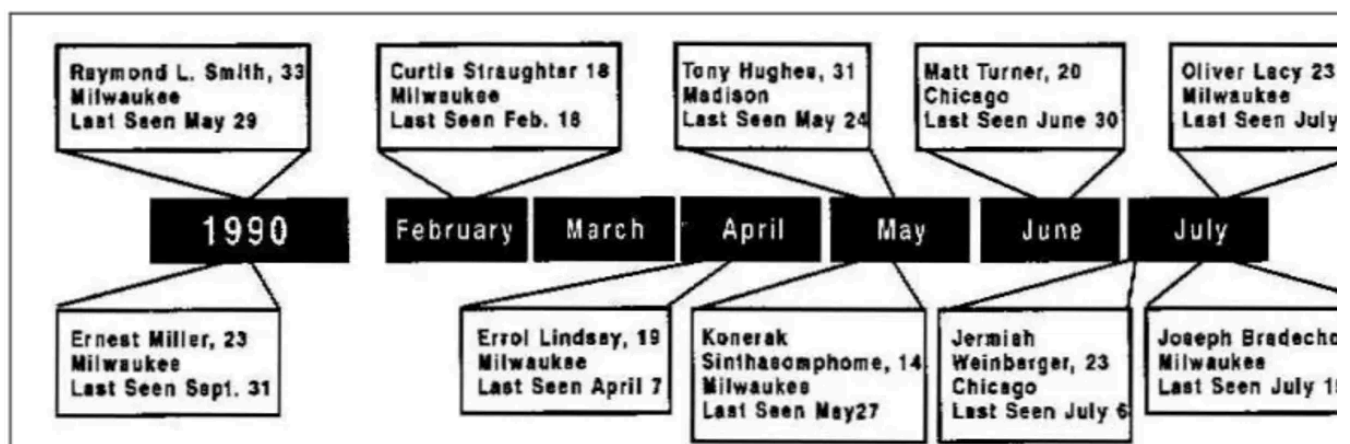


FIG. 7. The chronological relationship of the victims. (Left, 1990. Right, February-July, 1991.)


Below is Table 1 as mentioned in the “Identification of Remains” excerpt above.

TABLE 1. The victims' pertinent anthropological characteristics, method of identification, and location at the scene													
Case no.	Age	Height		Weight		Race	Last seen	Identification			Location of head/skull	Skeletonized torso	Visceral body
		ft/in	m	lb	kg			D*	F*	Other			
91-1501	23	5'7"	1.70	135	61	Black	15 Jul 91	Y	Y	Picture ID at scene	Refrigerator in kitchen	"A" chest freezer in kitchen	Internal organs and muscle from
91-1502	25	5'10"	1.77	149	67	White	19 Jul 91	Y	Y	Picture ID at scene	Chest freezer in kitchen	"B" barrel from bedroom	
91-1503	23	5'9"	1.75	140	63	Hispanic	8 Jul 91	Y	N	Tattoo on left hand	Chest freezer in kitchen	"D" barrel from bedroom	
91-1504	14	5'3"	1.60	110	50	Oriental	27 May 91	Y	N	Postmortem photo ID family	Hall closet left side		
91-1505	31	6'0"	1.82	165	74	Black	24 May 91	Y	N	Photo by family	Hall closet left side		
91-1506	23	5'11"	1.80	160	72	Black	3 Sep 90	Y	N	Forensic anthropology	Upper file cabinet drawer in bedroom	"E" lower file drawer in bedroom	
91-1507	26	5'9"	1.75	160	72	Black	25 Mar 90	Y	N		Upper file cabinet drawer in bedroom		Hair and genitals
91-1508	33	5'6"	1.67	130	58	Black	29 May 90	Y	N		Upper file drawer in bedroom		
91-1509	19	5'9"	1.75	150	68	Black	7 Apr 91	Y	N		Computer box in bedroom		
91-1511	18	6'0"	1.82	160	72	Black	18 Feb 91	Y	Y		Computer box in bedroom		Hall closet, hands and tails
91-1512	21	5'7"	1.70	150	68	Black	30 Jun 91	Y	Y	Photo ID family	Bottom of chest freezer in kitchen	"C" barrel from bedroom	Two hearts and skeletal muscle in refrigerator

*Dental.

*Fingerprints.


In Table 1, under the heading “Identification”, “F” stands for Fingerprints. Note that they have marked “Y”. They are claiming they obtained fingerprints from these people (The alleged victims are identified by cross-referencing the “last seen” dates in the table with the FIG 7 chronological timeline above.)




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