

Why Wasn't Jeff Dahmer Convicted of Killing Steve Tuomi?

Why did the police say there wasn't any evidence?



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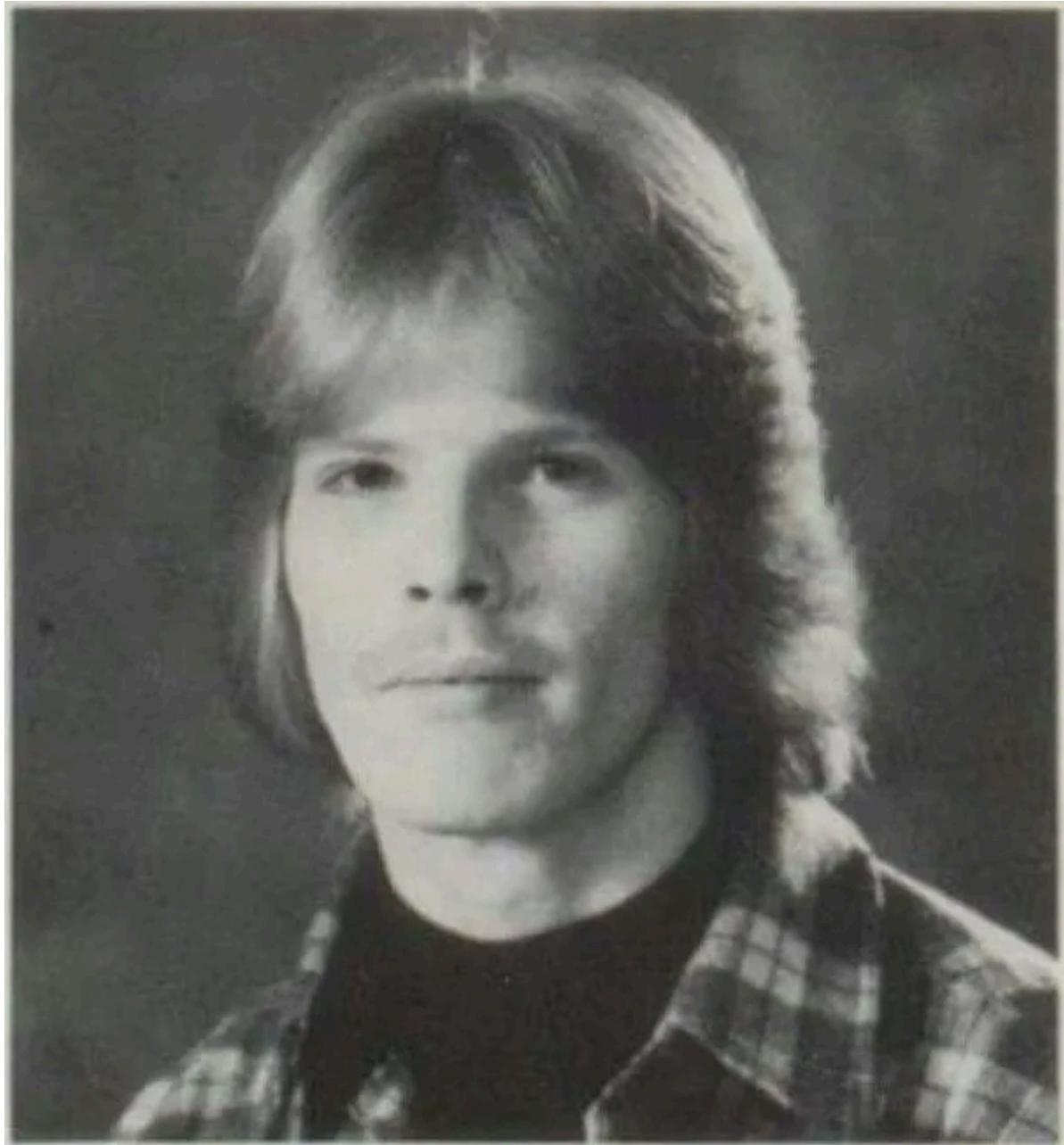


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Jeff Dahmer “confessed” to 17 homicides but was only convicted of 16. Jeff Dahmer was not convicted of killing Steve Tuomi at the Ambassador Hotel.

Why not?



Was it because Tuomi's remains were never found? Well, Jeff Dahmer was convicted killing four men whose remains were also supposedly never found:

1. James Doxtator
2. Richard Guerrero
3. Edward Smith
4. David Thomas

(It is possible to be [convicted of murder without a body](#). Note that some of these murders included witnesses, while others didn't. There were even cases where a vi

turned up alive after the conviction.)

Why were there convictions for all of them apart from Steve Tuomi? As mentioned in the above link, circumstantial and forensic evidence are prominent in such convictions.

Let's explore a couple of Jeff Dahmer's homicide convictions without a body:

Here are the circumstances and identification in the confession for Eddie Smith:

The next individual, victim #6, was met at the Phoenix on 2nd St. and he again approached this individual with the same line as to having to pose for photos and having to view videos and drink. He describes this individual as a black male, about 24, 6'2", 170 lbs., medium build, dark skin, prematurely bald, close cut hair, clean shaven, and he said he used to be with the Milwaukee Ballet. He states that he had oral sex with this individual and then killed him by the same procedure, drugging him until he slept, strangling him, and then dismembering him. He states he did not keep anything from this individual. Upon viewing a photograph of a missing person, he identified victim #6 being SMITH, Edward Warren-M/B, B of I #244654. He states that this photo does look like the individual he picked up and states he did not keep any body parts.

Regarding victim #5, Cash D, he states he did keep this individual's skull and painted it after it had dried out.

Jeff Dahmer confession about Eddie Smith

VICTIM EDWARD SMITH, DOB: 8/2/62

1) Upon the further statement of the defendant, that during the Summer of 1990, approximately in July, he met a person whom he identified through a photograph as Edward W. Smith, DOB: 8-2-62, at the Phoenix Bar on 2nd Street in Milwaukee and offered him money for sex and to pose for pictures; they took a cab to his (the defendant's) apartment at 924 North 25th Street in the City and county of Milwaukee, State of Wisconsin; they had oral sex and he gave Smith a drink which contained sleeping pills and then strangled him; he dismembered Smith and took four or five photos of him; he completely disposed of Edward Smith's body by placing it in garbage bags and at a later time he also got rid of the photos of Edward Smith; he further recalls that Smith wore a headband like an Arab.

2) Upon the statement of Carolyn Smith, an adult citizen, that she (Carolyn Smith) is the sister of Edward W. Smith and that she has had no contact with him since June 23, 1990; further that her brother was called "the Sheik" because he frequently wore a turban-like wrap on his head.

Jeff Dahmer confession about Eddie Smith

Here's what Jeff Dahmer's "confession" says about Richard Guerrero:

1988, in a bar called the Phoenix, in the doorway, offered him money for sex, at which time they took a taxi to his grandmother's house at 2357 S. 57th St. While there, he gave him the drink mixture of rum & coke and sleeping pills, they had oral sex, the victim fell asleep, he strangled him, dismembered him, broke up the bones, threw them in garbage bags and into the garbage. He did not keep anything on this victim. This victim was subsequently identified by DAHMER, as GUERRERO, Richard, Hispanic male, 12-12-65, 3332 N. 1st St., 263-5512. GUERRERO was missing since 03-29-88.

~~DETECTIVE O'KEELEY~~ to take this photograph, along with photograph that had been taken by the suspect of his homicide victim to the family in order to make identification.

The next B of I photograph shown to him was #190872 (Richard GUERRERO), and he stated that he could not be sure, but the victim (who was Victim #3 in Milwaukee) was a hispanic male and had had his photograph in the personals in the Milwaukee Journal. A copy of this paper was obtained from 01-07-89 and upon viewing this photograph in the personals he stated, "Yes", this is the hispanic male I killed at my grandmother's house (2357 S. 57th St.). He further stated this occurred sometime in March of 1988. IN WEST ALLIS

Both the identifications of THOMAS and GUERRERO were subsequently made as positive identifications and were listed as homicide victims.

On Tuesday, 07-30-91, again while questioning DAHMER at the CIB in the presence of his attorney (PATRICKUS), we showed him a photo array consisting of four hispanic males, B of I numbers: #209415, #234074, #234356 and #227440. Upon viewing these four photographs, DAHMER picked out B of I #234356 and stated this photograph looks like the first hispanic male he met on 2nd St., (Victim #2) which occurred approximately in January

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knife he used, however he is positive it was not a kitchen utensil from his grandmother's kitchen, that he bought the knife and disposed of the knife the same way he did the body, that being through the trash.

Regarding the GUERRERO identification, the West Allis detectives were interested in how he was positive that the victim that he had killed was in fact GUERRERO and he stated that after viewing the ID photo provided by the Milwaukee Police, he was also given newspaper pictures dated during the time element in which GUERRERO was missing and stated that he distinctly remembered reading the newspaper article and seeing the picture of his victim in the newspaper and realizing that was in fact the victim he had brought back to his grandmother's house and this is why he is sure that GUERRERO is in fact one of his victims.

He also stated he had no information regarding his victim SPARS. He stated he met the

VICTIM RICHARD GUERRERO, DOB: 12/12/65

1) Upon the further statement of the defendant, that in approximately March of 1988 he (the defendant) met a Hispanic male in the Phoenix Bar located on 2nd Street near the 219 Club in the City and County of Milwaukee, State of Wisconsin; he (the defendant) asked this man to come to his residence which at that time was his grandmother's house located at 2357 South 57th Street in the City of West Allis, County of Milwaukee, State of Wisconsin; he asked the man to come to look at videos and take photos or engage in sex and the man came with him; they had oral sex at the house and then he drugged the man; while the man was drugged he killed him and dismembered the body and disposed of it completely without keeping any parts; he recalls that he later saw in the personal section of a local newspaper a photo of this victim and a report that he was missing; further the defendant viewed a photograph from the January 7, 1989 Milwaukee Journal of Richard Guerrero, DOB: 12-12-65, and identified this as the person he killed in this incident.

2) Upon the statement of Pablo Guerrero, an adult citizen, that he (Guerrero) is the father of Richard Guerrero and that he has not seen his son since mid March, 1988; at that time he (Pablo Guerrero) reported his son as missing to the Milwaukee Police Department; further that advertisements with his son's picture were placed in local newspapers indicating that his son was missing.

Jeff Dahmer confession about Richard Guerrero

Note that they are relying on the suspect's confession **only** here.

Here's the incident report for Steve Tuomi:

PG-139-R-4-14 INCIDENT REPORT MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT		SPECIAL O JUVENILE DIVISION ROUTING: O VICE CONTROL DIVISION		INCIDENT #: 01-57463/M-2401	
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INCIDENT B: ADP		SSN	LOCATION OF INCIDENT (Address) 2308 W. Wisconsin Ave.-(Ambassador Hotel)		
INCIDENT C: ADP		SSN	DATE/TIME OF REPORT Sun. 08-11-91 1135		DISTRICT 300 AREA REP CON#
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REPORTED FOR (VICT) Last Name: TUOMI, STEVEN		First M. W.	RACE W	SEX M	DATE OF BIRTH 12-19-62
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Property Codes ---LIST CODE FOR EACH ITEM OF PROPERTY IN "CODE #:" COLUMN. IF PROPERTY WAS DAMAGED BEINW CODE W/ "D" (eg. D-00)					
01-AIRCRAFT		09-CREDIT CARDS		15-HEAVY EQUIPMENT	
02-ALCOHOL		10-DRUGS/NARCOTICS		16-HOUSEHOLD GOODS	
21-NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT		20-STRUCT-SINGLE DWL		35-STRUCT-OTHER	
22-NONNEGOT INSTRUMENT		20-STRUCT-OTHER DWL		36-TRANS	

Steve Tuomi incident report

INCIDENT INFORMATION			DATE OF INCIDENT		DATE OF REPORT		REP COMM
HOMICIDE			Nov.-1987		08-11-91		
VICTIM TUOMI, STEVEN W.			LOCATION OF INCIDENT (Address)				DIST. 3
VICINITY/ ADDRESS 1315 N. Cass St.			REPORTED BY				Same
Property Codes ---LIST CODE FOR EACH ITEM OF PROPERTY IN "CODE # COLUMN.							
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	02-ALCOHOL	10-DRUGS/MARCOTICS	16-HOUSEHOLD GOODS	22-HIGH-GEOT INSTRUMENT	29-STRUCT-SINGLE DWL	35-STRUCT-OTHER	
	04-BICYCLES	11-DRUG/MARC EQUIP	17-JEWELRY/PREC METAL	30-OFFICE EQUIPMENT	30-STRUCT-OTHER DWL	36-TOOLS	
	06-CLOTHES/FURS	12-FARM EQUIPMENT	18-LIVESTOCK	37-OTHER	31-STRUCT-OTHER COMM	38-VER/PART/ACC	
	07-COMPUTER/WARES	13-FIREARMS	19-MERCHANDISE	25-PURSE/BAG/WALLET	32-STRUCT-INDUST MFG	39-WATERCRAFT	
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	<input type="checkbox"/> BLUNT OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> FIRE/INCENDIARY	<input type="checkbox"/> MOTOR VEHICLE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUMP ACTION	<input type="checkbox"/> SHORT/SHUB BBL	<input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN	
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924 N. 25th St., Apt. 213 Milw. WI 6' 75 Med. Bln.							
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Steve Tuomi incident report

Notice that this isn't Jeff Dahmer's [social security number](#) on the incident report.

Here are a couple of extracts about the circumstances provided in the confession. Dahmer states he met Steve Tuomi about one week before Thanksgiving in 1987 - would be around November 20th:

We questioned him regarding victim #1, whom he stated died at the Ambassador Hotel and he related that he met this individual about one week before Thanksgiving in 1987. He stated he had rented a room at the Ambassador Hotel and had previously prepared sleeping pills in a glass by breaking the pills down to a powdery form and leaving this form in the glass. He stated that when he and the victim returned to the hotel, he made a rum and coke in the glass with the pills. He stated he gave this drink to the individual and the individual subsequently passed out. Mr. DAHMER stated he had also drank a lot and was lying in bed with this individual and he passed out. When he awoke, he discovered the victim dead and blood coming from the side of his mouth. He stated that he also noticed on the victim, severe bruising on his chest and that he (DAHMER) had bruising on his forearms, so he surmised that he had beaten the victim about the chest, possibly killing him. After this occurred, Mr. DAHMER took the room for another night, proceeded to the Grand Avenue Mall, where he purchased a large suitcase from Woolworth's. He stated the suitcase had a zipper with a leather buckle going around the suitcase. He stated he placed the victim in the suitcase and conveyed him to his grandmother's residence via a cab.

of the bones were broken. DAHMER then carried TUOMI and placed him in a closet in the hotel room. DAHMER sat around the hotel room for a couple of hours, trying to figure out what to do.

At about noon he went to the Grand Avenue Mall. He bought a large suitcase with wheels on it and returned to the Ambassador Hotel. During that time he may have had some beers and he left the hotel room to get a bite to eat. At about 5:PM he returned to the hotel room and placed TUOMI into the large suitcase. DAHMER related that it was a very tight fit, but he was able to get him into the suitcase. DAHMER related that he had purchased the room for another night and he remained in the room that night until 1:AM. At that time he left the room with the suitcase, taking an elevator to the ground floor. He got a cab and upon approaching the cab, had the cab driver help him place the suitcase in the back seat of the cab. He then took the cab to his grandmother's house on S. 57th Street.

Jeff Dahmer's confession about Steve Tuomi

This is how Jeff Dahmer identified Steve Tuomi:

Forces in Germany and denies any part of this offense.

At this time we showed family photographs regarding a possible victim of DAHMER'S, that being Steven W. TUOMI, W/M, DOB 12-19-62, 1na 1315 N. Cass Street. Mr. DAHMER viewed this photograph and positively identified him as being the individual whom he first murdered in Milwaukee at the Ambassador Hotel.

How Jeff Dahmer identified Steve Tuomi

What is the difference between this identification and the identification of Eddie Smith and Richard Guerrero?

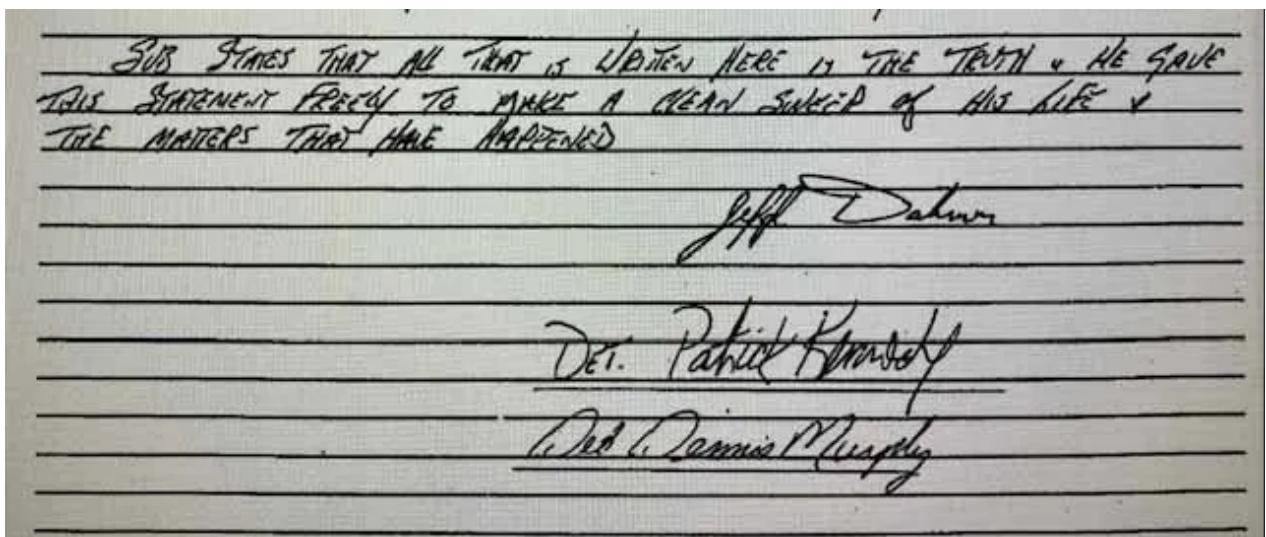
Here's an extract from USA Today about why Jeff Dahmer was not convicted of killing Steve Tuomi:

He's the only murder victim in Milwaukee for which Dahmer was not charged because of lack of evidence; Dahmer did not recall details but believes he killed Tuomi at the Ambassador Hotel.

Tuomi's father, Walter, said he was originally told by Milwaukee police that they could do nothing because there was no sign of foul play. Tuomi was last seen Sept. 15, 1987.

Jeff Dahmer was not charged with killing Steve Tuomi

Here's Jeff Dahmer's signature on the confession:



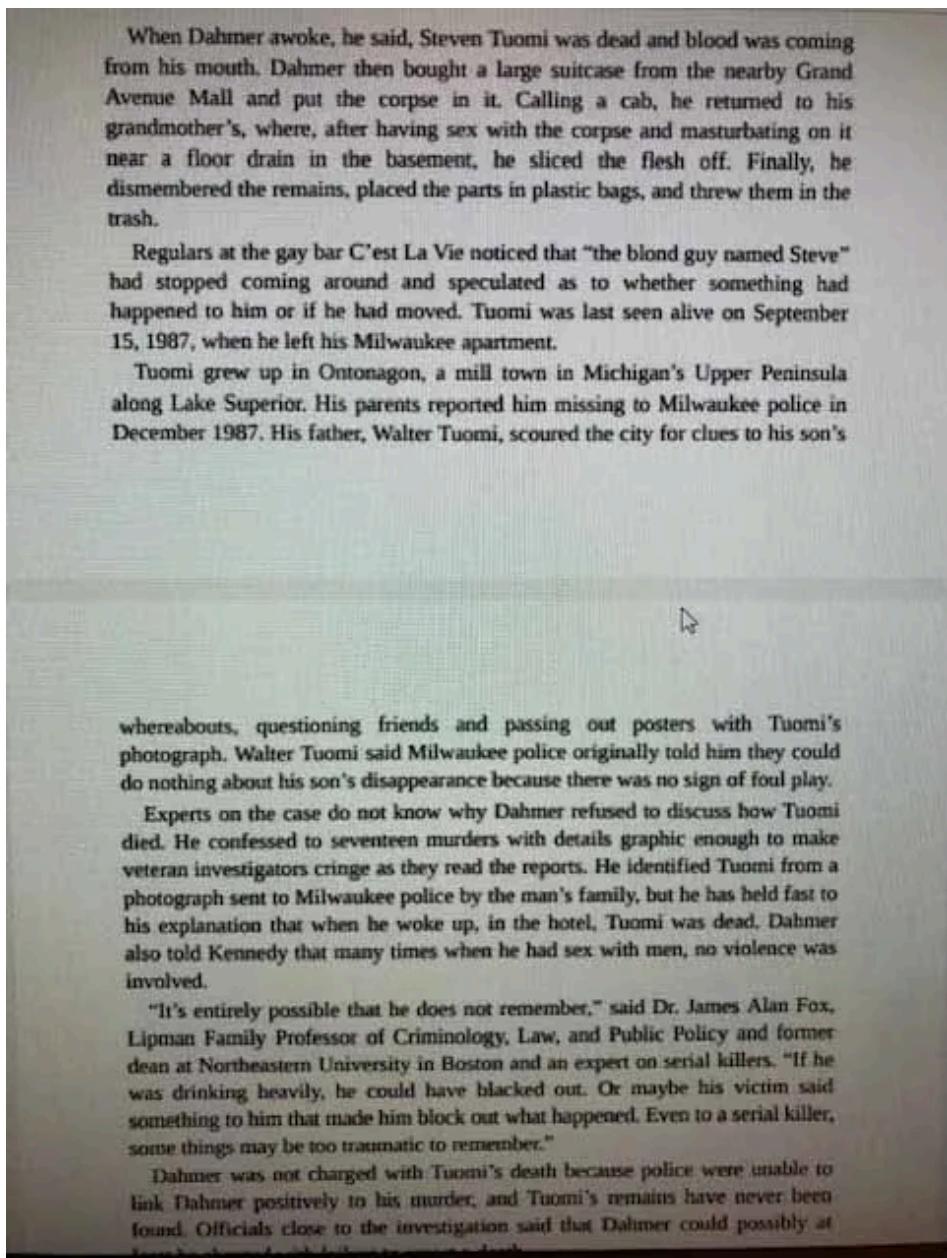
Consider this...

Why was no investigation carried out into this missing person/homicide confession to back up Jeff's statements about Steve Tuomi? Surely, they could have found some circumstantial evidence, no? Why did the police feel there was no evidence? There were plenty of potential witnesses to call upon - more than for the other missing persons who also had no remains yet resulted in homicide convictions.

Jeff Dahmer says he booked a room at the Ambassador Hotel for two nights...

- Was there evidence of this 2-night booking? Jeff Dahmer mentions in his confession that he had booked rooms at the Ambassador Hotel on previous occasions. Was he a familiar customer?
- There would have been hotel staff, cleaners, guests, and the cab driver; all could be questioned. Did none of them recall seeing these two men?
- The cab driver allegedly even helped to load the suitcase supposedly containing Steve Tuomi's body into the car. Setting aside the possibility of putting a fully grown man in a suitcase in the first place, this would have weighed around 60 kg. We go with Jeff's estimate of 130 pounds given in the confession. That's a pretty heavy bag. For comparison, the typical airline maximum weight allowance is 23 kg.
- Jeff Dahmer describes a violent incident. Wouldn't any guests or staff have heard such a commotion? We can't even play loud music in a half-decent hotel after hours.
- Jeff Dahmer says that Steve Tuomi was bleeding. Did the housekeeping staff or notice blood on the bedding or elsewhere? What about Jeff's clothing?
- Did the front desk staff at the hotel not notice Jeff's bruised arms and hands when he booked another night? What about the cab driver?
- What about obtaining proof that he purchased the suitcase? According to the confession, they managed to track down his receipt for a 1982 gun purchase.
- Steve Tuomi was reported last seen on September 15, 1987. This article from [USA Today](#) and an extract from "first on the scene" crime reporter [Anne Schwartz'](#)

book, confirm that missing date:



Excerpt from Anne E. Schwartz's book about Jeff Dahmer

So Steve Tuomi was reported missing **two months** before Jeff Dahmer supposedly n him. What happened to him? Why was nobody questioned - friends, colleagues, et

All this - and probably more - could have helped back up Jeff Dahmer's statement offer circumstantial evidence. So why was none of this followed up?

Note that Steve Tuomi's address was mentioned in Jeff Dahmer's confession as 13 Cass Street. Here's the ancestry.com listing for that:

Steven W Tuomi

in the U.S., Public Records Index, 1950-1993, Volume 1

Detail	Source
Name:	Steven W Tuomi
Residence Date:	1988
Address:	1315 N Cass St
Residence:	Milwaukee, WI
Postal Code:	53202-6801

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Steven W Tuomi - 1988 address

And then Steve Tuomi moves less than 3 miles away to another address. Note the :
of this person matches that of the alleged victim:

Steven W Tuomi

in the U.S., Index to Public Records, 1994-2019

Detail

Source

Name: Steven W Tuomi
 Birth Date: Dec 1962
 Residence Date: 1989-1991
 Address: 3261 N Oakland Ave
 Residence: Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA
 Postal Code: 53211

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Steven W Tuomi - address 1989-1991

He was listed as a resident there until 1991. Less than 3 miles away.

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Starting Address

1315 N. Cass Street Milwaukee

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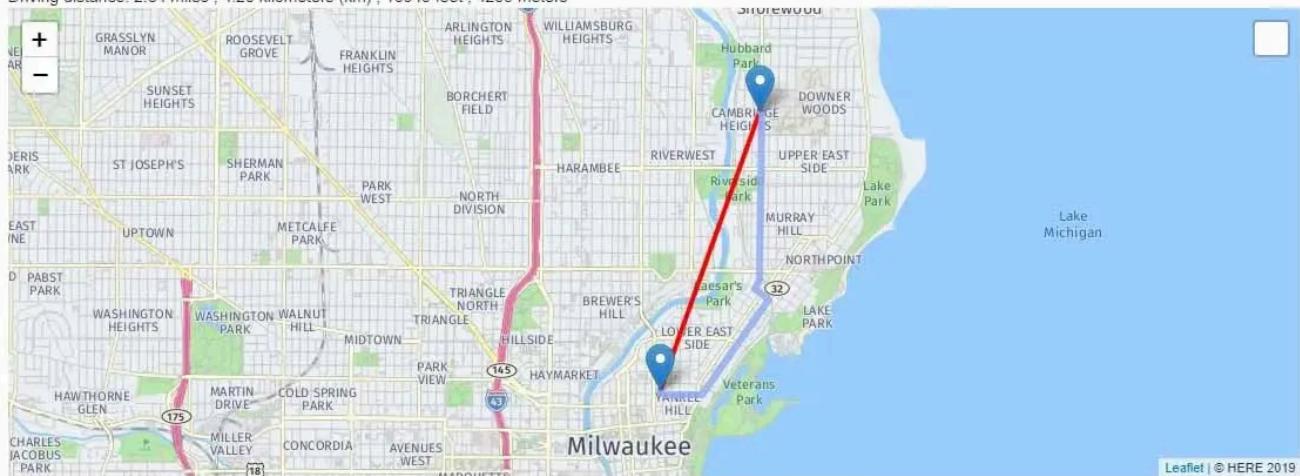
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Is this why there was no conviction? Steve Tuomi was alive?



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And interestingly, no-one questioned Steve's landlords. Yes, if the story about the Ambassador was true, it would hold far more potential for circumstantial & forensic evidence to warrant a thorough investigation. Jeff allegedly placed Steve in a 3x3x1 suitcase.. mentioned in the FBI vault. You can picture Ressler raising his eyebrows at that story..

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