

AUTOPSY REPORT FOR DEATH

Investigation concluded death was due to asphyxiation.

Victim was found deceased at 8:27 in the entryway of their home, time of death is estimated to have been ten hours beforehand, likely around 22:00 to 23:00 the previous night according to the late stage of rigor mortis.

Antemortem bruising was found along the victim's face, throat, and upper arms, with potential postmortem bruising at the wrists, consistent with the evidential movement of the body postmortem. Light antemortem bruising was also found across the victim's waistline, potentially from being forced upon a blunt, even surface for a prolonged period of time.

There is evidence of a significant amount of water within the victim's stomach, lungs, airways, and ear canals, suggesting drowning. Further analysis concludes the water to be non-saline. Due to the amount of water present in the stomach, the victim would have been conscious through the duration of the drowning up until the point of asphyxiation. There is no evidence of attempted resuscitation.

THE EMPEROR

Death's current partner.

The Emperor is a recent graduate from Z University, where they studied music. They are part of an indie alternative band The Miffed Riffs through which they met Death at a gig. Their relationship seemed to be tense, a recent fight turning violent.

There's a document on The Emperor's whereabouts. It's quite crumpled.

"I had an argument with Death after I got back home at around 7:20pm before leaving a while later. Death was in perfectly good health when I left home. I just needed to go and clear my head for a bit, so I went to see The Devil, and they offered to lend me their ears and a couch for the night.

I was then with The Devil all night in their dingy hotel room. I arrived at around 8:30pm and only left after getting a call from Justice about Death at 8am the next morning. I then left the hotel and went to see them immediately."

Seems like The Devil confirmed their whereabouts.

They're listed as friends.

JUSTICE

Death's ex-partner.

Justice is a third-year student at Y University. They write and are the head editor for a student-owned and operated journal for their university, as well as publish their works on their own blog Sonder. Justice had been pushing Death to break off their relationship with The Emperor ever since coming back into their life.

There's a document on Justice's whereabouts. The document is in near pristine condition, if you don't spot the mug stain in the top left corner.

"I was at a lake near Death's home, around a kilometre away from Death's home. We had arranged to meet at 8pm, but they never showed up. I attempted to message and call them, but I never got through. I assumed that they needed space and let them be. Then, I got a call at around 9:30pm from The Sun saying that Death didn't want to talk to me until the morning. I stayed at the lake wallowing in my sorrows until maybe 10pm when I headed back home. I went to check on Death in the morning only to find that they were dead."

A witness statement about Justice finding Death's body...

I arrived at Death's home at around 8:30am. I saw no cars in the driveway or around the house, and no one suspicious around the property. I knocked at the door and got no response. I began to worry for Death's wellbeing, so I decided to use the spare key they gave me to unlock the door and take a look around. When I opened the door, I saw Death laying on the ground. They were soaked with water. Completely unresponsive. The carpet they were on was wet too, trailing down the hallway and out the door. There was nothing I could do. I called an ambulance and the police, then I called The Emperor and The Sun.

THE SUN

Death's best friend.

The Sun is a current fourth-year student at X University, where they study nursing. They run a website in their spare time helping others in need under the name of Helper's Helpline. The Sun and Death were childhood friends, often going to each other for aid.

There's a document on The Sun's whereabouts.

The document is clean, the handwriting freakishly neat.

"I was in my car on my way home from Death's house at the time of the incident. I had decided to take the long way home along the seaside - it was a clear night, and I wanted to see the stars and paddle in the water for a while to cool down. It was just before 11pm when I got back home, my mother heard my car pull into the driveway and my keys in the door."

There's also a witness statement for The Sun seeing The Devil's car.

Seems pretty important.

"I left Death's home at around 10pm, maybe a little later, in my car. It was dark out, but I definitely saw The Devil's car driving towards Death's house. I know it was theirs because of the doll hanging from their rear-view mirror. When they first showed it to me on Death's birthday, we had a bit of a laugh about it - they'd apparently gotten it for their partner, saying they looked alike, but the partner hated the doll so much they were absolutely convinced that it was cursed. They decided to hang it on their rear-view mirror for 'good luck'. I mean, their car is pretty recognisable, too. Bright yellow. Hard to miss. They definitely need the luck with their driving skills."

THE DEVIL

A friend of The Emperor.

The Devil is a recent graduate from Z University, where they studied business. They spend most of their time buying and reselling items on eBay and posting on their social media page, Conversationator. They recently had an argument with their partner, ending with them getting kicked out of the house. They stayed at The Emperor and Death's house for a short period of time, where they stole money from Death. Death told them to return it if they didn't want them to go to the police. The Devil claims to have returned the money, though it has not been found.

There's a document on The Devil's whereabouts – it's all there is for them. Their handwriting is horrific, scribbled out portions littering the incredibly brief account.

"I was at the hotel all night, from around 7pm to midday the next day."

Seems like The Emperor confirmed their whereabouts. The Emperor is listed as their 'bestest friend'.