



# DISTRICT TWELVE MEDICAL EXAMINER

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## CASE SUMMARY CASE # 2003-0031-S

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DECEDENT	COHEN	MURRAY	SEX	MALE
	(LAST)	FIRST	RACE	WHITE
		MIDDLE)	AGE	72
ADDRESS	653 COLON ARMS ROAD, UNION, NEW JERSEY		DOB	09-14-1930
DATE	01-13-2003	TIME	DOD	01-13-2003
PLACE	4919 COMMONWEALTH DRIVE, SARASOTA		MARITAL STATUS	MARRIED
MEDICAL EXAMINER	WILLIAM A. ANDERSON M.D.		COUNTY	SARASOTA
INVESTIGATOR	MEGHANN SIMRAK			

### RELATED CASES:

NAME:

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On January 13, 2003 at 1940 hours, writer was contacted by Deputy Eve, from the Sarasota Sheriff's Office, reference an unexpected death. The decedent was identified as a 72 year-old white male, Murray Cohen, (DOB - September 14, 1930). The decedent was discovered at his winter residence located at 4919 Commonwealth Drive, Sarasota. The decedent resided at 653 Colon Arms Road, Union, New Jersey.

The decedent was last seen alive by his wife, Maria Cohen, on January 13, 2003 at 1630 hours. Mrs. Cohen found the decedent unresponsive at 1758 hours. Mrs. Cohen called 911 and the responding paramedics pronounced the decedent at 1805 hours.

Deputy Eve observed the decedent's body lying on the bed, in a supine position. The decedent was clad in a white shirt and white underwear. Writer was informed that there was no trauma noted to the body and that there were no suspicions regarding the scene or expiration. Deputy Eve stated that the decedent did not have a local physician; however, Dr. McHugh was his primary care physician in Elizabeth, New Jersey. (Revised: location originally reported incorrectly as Ontario, Canada, same as contemporaneous medical examiner case number 2003-0040-M). Writer was informed that the decedent had a medical history of hypertension. Deputy Eve reported that the decedent was taking the prescription medications of Clartin, Corazol, Diazepam, Flomax, Green Z4030, Levaquin, Percodan, Prevacid, Prilosec, Spironolactone, and Viagra. Deputy Eve also stated that there was evidence of alcohol, but there were no signs of cigarette smoking.

At 1950 hours, same date, writer contacted B.R.A.T. body removal from the decedent's winter residence to the Sarasota Medical Examiner Facility.

At 2220 hours, same date, writer contacted the decedent's wife, Maria Cohen, to discuss the District Twelve Medical Examiner's involvement. Mrs. Cohen stated that her husband had no specific complaints prior to his death.

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Mrs. Cohen advised that her husband had a medical history of hypertension. Mrs. Cohen also stated that her husband did not smoke cigarettes, however, he did consume alcoholic beverages occasionally.

On January 15, 2003, at 1015 hours, writer was contacted by Detective Scott, who reported that there was no suspicion of foul play. Detective Scott stated that the decedent was found by his wife, Maria Cohen, who advised that she found her husband lying in bed with his left hand grasping the bedpost.

On January 15, 2002 at 1345 hours, writer contacted the decedent's primary care physician, Dr. McHugh, who stated that the decedent had a medical history of cardiomyopathy, hypertension, and pulmonary disease. Dr. McHugh advised that the decedent was taking the prescription medications of Corazol, Diazepam, Flomax, Green Z4030, Levaquin, Percodan, Prilosec, Spironolactone, and Viagra.

On January 16, 2003 at 1130 hours, writer was contacted by Detective Scott, who stated that the decedent's family members expressed concerns regarding the decedents cause of death.



Investigator Meghann Simrak