



# ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT

**Case Number 99-052361**

## INVESTIGATOR:

Detective Richard J. Carson  
Orange County Sheriff's Office  
CID/Homicide  
2450 W. 33<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Orlando, FL 32839  
(407) 836-4020

## OFFENSE INFORMATION:

**Original Offense(s):** Death Investigation - Accidental **F.S.S.:** n/a  
**Date/Time of Occurrence:** Tuesday, July 6, 1999, early morning hours.  
Victim located at 0720 hours.  
**Location of Occurrence:** Sea World; 7007 Sea Harbor Drive; Orlando, Fl.

## SCENE/EVIDENCE:

**Scene Processed By:** Crime Scene Technician JoEllen McPeak

**MARIE V.**

## VICTIM INFORMATION:

**Name:** Dukes, Daniel P.  
**Alias:** Unknown  
**Description:** white male, age 27, [REDACTED]  
**Home address:** Transient  
**Phone:** n/a  
**Work address:** Unknown  
**Date and Time of Death:** Tuesday, July 6, 1999, sometime in the early morning hours.  
**Cause of Death:** Drowning  
**Manner of Death:** Accidental  
**Next of Kin:** Parents: [REDACTED]

**Sister:** [REDACTED]

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## **REPORTER INFORMATION:**

**Name:** Michael Dougherty  
**Description:** white male, age 32, [REDACTED]  
**Home address:** [REDACTED]  
**Phone:** [REDACTED]  
**Work Address:** Sea World; 7007 Sea Harbor Drive; Orlando, Fl. 32821  
**Phone:** (407) 351-3600  
**Synopsis of Testimony:** Reporter Dougherty arrived at work and discovered the victim's body draped over the back of Tillikum, a killer whale. See Reporter Dougherty's statement for additional information.

## **WITNESS INFORMATION:**

**LEO:** Detective Richard J. Carson  
**Work address:** Orange County Sheriff's Office; 2450 W. 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, Orlando, Fl. 32839  
**Phone:** (407) 836-4020  
**Synopsis of testimony:** Lead investigator assigned to investigate this case.

**LEO:** Medical Examiner's Investigator Bill Stratton and Robert Rivera  
**Work address:** District Nine Medical Examiner's Office  
1401 Lucerne Circle; Orlando, Florida 32801  
**Phone:** (407) 836-9400  
**Synopsis of testimony:** Investigators Stratton and Rivera responded to the scene and conducted their investigation for the Medical Examiner's Office. Investigator Stratton and Rivera transported the victim's body to the Medical Examiner's Office pending an autopsy.

**LEO:** Doctor Merle Reyes  
**Work address:** District Nine Medical Examiner's Office  
1401 Lucerne Circle; Orlando, Florida 32801  
**Phone:** (407) 836-9400  
**Synopsis of testimony:** Doctor Reyes performed the autopsy on Wednesday, July 7, 1999, at approximately 0900 hours. The cause of death was certified to be a drowning and the manner of death to be an accident.

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**LEO:** Forensic Unit CST JoEllen McPeak  
**Work address:** Orange County Sheriff's Office; 2450 W. 33<sup>rd</sup> Street; Orlando, Fl. 32839  
**Phone:** (407) 836-4021/4022  
**Synopsis of testimony:** CST McPeak responded to and processed the crime scene. See CST McPeak's supplemental report for additional information.

**LEO:** Deputy Sheriff John Calhoun #0061  
**Work address:** Orange County Sheriff's Office  
6825 Westwood Boulevard, Suite A; Orlando, Florida 32821  
**Phone:** (407) 351-9368  
**Synopsis of testimony:** Deputy Calhoun was dispatched to Sea World in reference to a body found in one of the whale tanks (Pool G). Deputy Calhoun obtained sworn statements from witness and completed the initial report. See Deputy Calhoun's report for additional information.

**Witness:** Cordoba Jr., Arturo S.  
**Description:** white male, age 27, [REDACTED]  
**Home address:** [REDACTED]  
**Phone:** [REDACTED]  
**Work address:** Sea World; 7007 Sea Harbor Drive; Orlando, Fl. 32821  
**Phone:** (407) 351-3600  
**Synopsis of testimony:** Witness Cordoba arrived at work at approximately 0705 hours. He began to clean the area around the Breeding and Research Pool (Pool G) where Tillikum, a.k.a.: Tilli was located. Approximately 10 minutes later, Tillikum swam near Cordoba. Cordoba noticed something white on his back. Cordoba asked another employee what was on the back of Tillikum and the other employee thought it was a toy. But a few minutes later, Tillikum surfaced exposing the body of a nude white person. Cordoba could not determine if the body was a male or female, but immediately notified his supervisor and security. See Witness Cordoba's statement for additional information.

**Witness:** Tompkins, Chuck D.  
**Description:** white male, age 42, [REDACTED]  
**Home address:** [REDACTED]  
**Phone:** [REDACTED]  
**Work address:** Sea World; 7007 Sea Harbor Drive; Orlando, Fl. 32821  
**Phone:** (407) 351-3600  
**Synopsis of testimony:** Witness Tompkins assisted in recovering the victim's body. Tompkins located the victim's clothes near the rocks next to the Breeding and Research Pool (Pool G). See Witness Tompkins' statement for additional information.

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**Witness:** Hepburn, Angela Leecy  
**Description:** white female, age 23, [REDACTED]  
**Home address:** [REDACTED]  
**Phone:** [REDACTED]  
**Work address:** Sea World; 7007 Sea Harbor Drive; Orlando, Fl. 32821  
**Phone:** (407) 351-3600  
**Synopsis of testimony:** Witness Hepburn left the Shamu exhibit on Monday, July 5, 1999, at approximately 2130 hours, and see did not see anyone loitering around the whale tanks. See Witness Hepburn's statement for additional information.

**Witness:** Rafferty III, John H.  
**Description:** white male, age 50, [REDACTED]  
**Home address:** [REDACTED]  
**Phone:** [REDACTED]  
**Work address:** Sea World; 7007 Sea Harbor Drive; Orlando, Fl. 32821  
**Phone:** (407) 351-3600  
**Synopsis of testimony:** Witness Rafferty observed the victim at the Stingray Pool on Monday, July 5, 1999, at approximately 0715 hours. At 0945 hours, Rafferty observed the victim at the Front Gate Plaza while watching young girls. See Witness Rafferty's statement for additional information.

**Witness:** Bankston, Roger D.  
**Description:** white male, age 43, [REDACTED]  
**Home address:** [REDACTED]  
**Phone:** [REDACTED]  
**Work address:** Sea World; 7007 Sea Harbor Drive; Orlando, Fl. 32821  
**Phone:** (407) 351-3600  
**Synopsis of testimony:** Witness Bankston assisted in the recovery of the victim's items from Pool G. He photographed the items as they lay at the bottom of the pool. See Witness Bankston's statement for additional information.

**Witness:** Flint, Richard Leavitt  
**Description:** white male, age 38, [REDACTED]  
**Home address:** [REDACTED]  
**Phone:** [REDACTED]  
**Work address:** Sea World; 7007 Sea Harbor Drive; Orlando, Fl. 32821  
**Phone:** (407) 351-3600  
**Synopsis of testimony:** Witness Flint recovered the victim's items from Pool G. See Witness Flint's statement for additional information.

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**Witness:** Rotondi, Jimmy F.  
**Description:** white male, age 33, [REDACTED]  
**Home address:** On file with FD Station 54  
**Work address:** 6500 Central Florida Parkway; Orlando, Fl. 32821  
**Phone:** (407) 352-4908  
**Synopsis of testimony:** Witness Rotondi works for the Orange County FD Station 54. He responded to the drowning at Pool G. Upon arrival, he observed the victim's body draped across the back of Tillikum and assisted in removing the victim's nude body from the whale's back. See Witness Rotondi's statement for additional information.

## **SUMMARY:**

Victim Daniel P. Dukes was a transient. He lived for a short time at the Hare Krishna Temple at 3220 Virginia Street; Miami, Fl. On Tuesday, June 29, 1999, the victim was arrested by the Vero Beach PD for retail theft and booked into the Indian River County Jail. The victim was released from jail on Friday, July 2, 1999, at approximately 0520 hours.

Sometime after Victim Dukes was released from jail, he arrived in Orlando. The victim was seen Sunday, July 4, 1999, and Monday, July 5, 1999, at Sea World by employees and patrons inside the theme park. It is unknown if the victim paid for admittance into Sea World or if entered without paying. Sometime in the early morning hours on Tuesday, July 6, 1999, Victim Dukes entered Pool G, the Breeding and Research Pool, where Tillikum, a killer whale, was kept.

Tuesday, July 6, 1999, at approximately 0720 hours, employees noticed the victim's nude body draped over the back of Tillikum. The Orange County Sheriff's Office and the Orange County Fire and Rescue were notified that a nude body was found in a pool with a killer whale. Rescue personnel and employees from Sea World removed the victim from the back of Tillikum. Investigators Bill Stratton and Robert Rivera from the Orange/Osceola County Medical Examiners Office arrived and conducted their investigation into the victim's cause of death. The victim's body was transported to the Medical Examiner's Office pending an autopsy.

On Wednesday, July 7, 1999, at approximately 0900 hours, Doctor Merle Reyes conducted the autopsy on Victim Daniel P. Dukes. Doctor Reyes certified the cause of death to be a drowning and the manner of death to be an accident.

## **NARRATIVE:**

**Tuesday, July 6, 1999, at approximately 0645 hours:**

Reporter Michael Dougherty arrived at Sea World to begin his work as a physical therapist.

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**At approximately 0655 hours:**

Witness Arturo Cordoba arrived at work and at approximately 0705 hours, he began cleaning the deck area around Pool G, the Breeding and Research Pool.

**At approximately 0720 hours:**

Reporter Michael Dougherty went to the underwater viewing of the Breeding and Research Pool. As Dougherty walked past the viewing window, he noticed a whale looking at the window. Dougherty observed a pair of feet along side the whale and then realized the whale was Tillikum. He knew Sea World's policy prohibited anyone from being in the water with Tillikum and reported the incident to the Health Services Department of Sea World. Dougherty told Health Services that he thought the person in the pool with Tillikum was deceased. He then went upstairs and observed the person in the pool with Tillikum was a nude white male. See Witness Dougherty's statement for additional information.

Witness Arturo Cordoba noticed something white on the back of Tillikum and asked another employee what was on the back of Tillikum. The other employee thought it was a toy. But, when Tillikum surfaced, Cordoba noticed the nude body of a white person on the back of Tillikum. Cordoba could not determine if the person was a white male or a white female, but he reported the incident to his supervisor and security. See Witness Cordoba's statement for additional information.

**At approximately 0725 hours:**

The Orange County Sheriff's Office received a 9-1-1 call from Sea World regarding the body of a white male in the pool with a killer whale.

**At approximately 0726 hours:**

Deputy John Calhoun was dispatched to the Sea World.

**At approximately 0733 hours:**

Deputy Calhoun arrived and observed the victim's nude body on the back of Tillikum. Tillikum was moved into Pool D where he was lifted out of the water and the victim was removed from his back.

**At approximately 0740 hours:**

I was paged by the Orange County Sheriff's Office Communication Section. I was told about the nude body of a white male who was found in a pool with a killer whale at Sea World and I was requested to respond to Sea World.

**At approximately 0809 hours:**

I arrived at Sea World and met with Sea World Security Lt. John Thomas. Thomas stated two employees, John Rafferty and George Vittelo, observed the victim inside the park on Monday, July 5, 1999. Rafferty observed the victim inside the park at approximately 0715 hours, at the Stingray Pool,

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and again at the front gates at approximately 0945 hours. Vittelo observed the victim at the Dolphin Nursery at approximately 2100 hours. Both employees remembered the victim because of his attire and lack of personal hygiene. See Witness John Rafferty's statement for additional information.

**At approximately 0820 hours:**

I met with Reporter Mike Dougherty who stated he observed the victim's feet around the whale, while he was in his office at approximately 0720 hours. He noticed the victim's body was rigid and not moving and believed the victim was deceased. See Reporter's statement for additional information.

**At approximately 0825 hours:**

I met with Witness Arturo Cordoba Jr. who stated he observed the something white draped over the whale, Tillikum, while he was cleaning around the Breeding and Research Pool. Cordoba asked another employee about his observation, but the other employee thought it was a toy. Cordoba continued cleaning and noticed this object on the back of the whale was the body of a nude human being, when Tillikum surfaced. Cordoba reported this incident to his Supervisor and Security. See Witness Cordoba's statement for additional information.

**At approximately 0835 hours:**

I met with Witness Angela Hepburn who stated she worked Monday, July 5, 1999, until 2130 hours, at the Shamu Stadium. When she left work, the area around Shamu Stadium was secured and the public had vacated the stadium. Hepburn stated she did not notice anyone loitering around the whale tanks. Hepburn stated Laurie Noah left the stadium at approximately 2200 hours, on Monday, July 5, 1999. See Hepburn's statement for additional information.

**At approximately 0855 hours:**

I call the Orange/Osceola County Medical Examiner's Office and spoke to Investigation Bill Stratton. I provide Stratton with a synopsis of the incident.

**At approximately 0900 hours:**

I viewed the victim's clothing laying next to the Breeding and Research Pool (Pool G). The victim's clothing was documented as follows:

- ☐ Cream pants with miscellaneous papers in the back pocket.
- ☐ Brown shirt.

**At approximately 0908 hours:**

I viewed the victim's hat recovered on the trash container next to aisle E in front of the men's rest room. The trash container is located in the walkway of the entrance into Shamu Stadium.

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**At approximately 0916 hours:**

I viewed the victim's body and noted the following:

- ☐ The victim's body was naked.
- ☐ There was a red letter "D" tattooed above the victim's left breast.
- ☐ A string of beads was wrapped around the victim's right wrist.
- ☐ Two rings were on the victim's right hand. One ring was on the middle finger and the other ring was on his ring finger.
- ☐ There was a pale area around the victim's left wrist similar to that caused by someone wearing a watch.
- ☐ The victim had reddish blond hair with a beard and moustache.
- ☐ The victim's body contained numerous abrasions.

**At approximately 0921 hours:**

I spoke to Trainer Chuck Tompkins who stated he and another trainer coaxed Tillikum from Pool G to Pool D. In Pool D, the trainers lifted Tillikum out of the pool where they could control him, while they removed the victim from the back of the whale. Trainers Tompkins stated the temperature in the whale pools are kept between 52 and 56 degrees and someone would develop hypothermia within 10 minutes.

**At approximately 0943 hours:**

Investigators Bill Stratton and Robert Rivera from the Medical Examiner's Office arrived at the scene and began their investigation into the victim's cause of death.

**At approximately 0948 hours:**

Crime Scene Technician JoEllen McPeak arrived at the scene. I briefed CST McPeak who then photographed the scene. See CST McPeak's supplemental report for additional information.

**At approximately 0952 hours:**

I spoke to Witness Roger Bankston who stated he photographed the recovered items in Pool G. The items were a bathing suit and its drawstring, four pieces of body parts, and a plastic bag recovered from the skimmer. See Witness Bankston's statement for additional information.

**At approximately 0955 hours:**

I spoke to Witness Richard Flint. Flint collected the items from Pool G, after Witness Bankston photographed the items. The recovered items, as described above, were released to the custody of Investigator Robert Rivera from the Medical Examiner's Office. See Witness Flint's statement for additional information.

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**At approximately 1030 hours:**

The victim's hat was photographed and collected from the top of the trash container outside the men's rest room next to aisle E.

**At approximately 1040 hours:**

The victim's clothing were photographed and collected from the rocks next to Breeding and Research Pool (Pool G). The victim's Florida Identification Card #D220-175-71-380-0 and Shell Credit Card with the name Patricia G. Dukes were found inside the victim's pants pocket. They were documented for the purpose of identification and information leading to the victim's next of kin. Also, in the victim's miscellaneous papers were documents showing the victim had just been released from the Indian River County Jail on July 2, 1999, and his jacket number was #74187.

**At approximately 1108 hours:**

I departed from Sea World.

**At approximately 1300 hours:**

I made telephone contact with the Indian River County Jail in reference to obtaining a copy of the victim's fingerprints they obtained when he was booked into jail on June 29, 1999. Their Record's Section faxed me a copy of Victim Daniel P. Dukes' fingerprints that were used for the identification of the victim.

**At approximately 1705 hours:**

I contacted the Orange County Sheriff's Office Teletype Section and requested a Teletype message sent to the Miami Police Department. I was requesting someone from the Miami PD to respond to 3220 Virginia Street and ascertain if anyone at that address knew the victim or any relative.

Later that evening, I received a message from Miami PD. Miami PD stated that Victim Dukes was known to several members at the Hare Krishna Temple, but they did not know the whereabouts of any family members.

**Wednesday, July 7, 1999, at approximately 0900 hours:**

Doctor Merle Reyes from the Orange/Osceola County Medical Examiner's Office conducted the autopsy on Victim Daniel P. Dukes. Doctor Reyes certified the cause of death to be a drowning and the manner of death to an accident.

I received a telephone call from Evette Machleid, white female, cellular telephone number 973-8013. Machleid stated she observed the victim's photograph in the newspaper and called me to report that she observed the victim at Sea World on Sunday, July 4, 1999, at approximately 1930 hours, while at Journey to Atlantis. The victim was observed standing in line and then exiting the line several times. The victim was also heard mumbling to himself, while standing in line. The victim looked dirty and had a foul odor about him.

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**At approximately 0932 hours:**

I contacted the Shell Credit Card Company and learned the telephone number to Patricia G. Dukes in South Carolina. I contacted Patricia Dukes who stated she was the mother to Daniel P. Dukes. Mrs. Dukes was then informed that her son had passed away. Mrs. Dukes what happened and she was informed that her son was found inside a whale tank at Sea World with a killer whale.

I then spoke to the victim's sister, Tracy Dukes, who was provided with the facts surrounding the death of her brother. Tracy was provided the Orange/Osceola County Medical Examiner's Office telephone number and instructed to contact them at her earliest convenience.

**Thursday, July 8, 1999, at approximately 0840 hours:**

I received a telephone call from Angela McBurney, a white female, 02/27/66, telephone number (813) 671-2666. McBurney stated she recognized the photograph of Victim Dukes to be the same person she and her husband, Michael McBurney saw while they were at Sea World on Monday, July 5, 1999, at approximately 2000 hours. McBurney stated the crowd was exiting the park after the fireworks, but the victim was observed walking back into the park against the crowd. She and her husband observed the victim climbing over a bench and into the landscape area. They thought it was odd, but did not report the incident to Sea World.

**Friday, July 9, 1999, at approximately 1556 hours:**

I received a message to call Brian Payne. I contact Mr. Payne at 277-6000. Mr. Payne stated he was at Sea World Monday, July 5, 1999, at approximately 1600 hours, when he and his wife met the victim at the Happy Harbor Tubes. The victim was in the tubes used for children. Mr. Payne notified Sea World authorities and as Security was approaching the victim he left the area.

**CONCLUSION:**

It is unknown how the victim entered Sea World and why he entered the Breeding and Research Pool (Pool G). The victim did remove his clothes prior to entering the whale tank and drowned. It is unknown if the killer whale drowned the victim or if the victim succumb to the frigid water temperatures, developed hypothermia and drowned.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Offense report  
Medical Examiner's report  
Crime Scene Technician's report  
Evidence/Property forms  
Witnesses/Reporter statements

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News releases by television or newspaper  
Miscellaneous


**DISPOSITION:**

**Further Police Action Required:** None

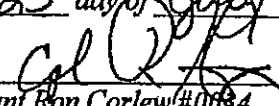
**Referred To:** The Orange County Sheriff's Office Records Section

**Disposition:** Closed

*I swear and affirm the above  
statements are true and correct.*

  
Detective Richard J. Carson #0257  
CID - Homicide Unit

*Sworn to and subscribed before  
me, the undersigned authority.*

This 23 day of July, 1999  
 0038  
Sergeant Ron Corlew #0034  
Supervisor CID - Homicide Unit

Zone 50 Unit 17  
Date 7/7/99  
Mo. Day Year



**Orange County  
Sheriff's Office**  
Property Form

CASE NO.  
ITEM NO.

99-052361  
Y-130910

For use by Evidence Staff only.

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☒ Receipt Only page 1 of 1

**EVIDENCE CATEGORY**

Type of Case:

Death Inv. Drowning

- ☐ Evidence  
☐ Stolen Recovered  
☒ Property of Deceased  
☐ Found Property. If yes, does finder wish to claim property? ☐ Yes ☐ No (Firearms excluded.)  
☐ Safe Keeping. If yes, can property be released? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Address Where Property Impounded:

7007 Sealord Drive / SeaWorld

Discovered By: (Name)

Lister, Kevin C. 2/10/72

Owner: ☐ Victim ☒

Dukes, Daniel P.

Subject: ☐ Suspect ☒

N/A

Address

City

State

Zip

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone No:

Phone No:

Phone No:

Incarcerated  
Yes ☐ No ☒

DOB:

Age:

Sex:

Race:

Place of Employment:

Art.	Quan.	Name or Type	Mfr.	Mod.	Cal.	Description (Color, Size, Weight, Currency, Denomination, Etc.)	Serial #	10-29	Currency Only
01	1	Green canvas zip bag/planner w/ silver metal spoon, key lock & flashlight							
02	1	Paper disinfected container							
03	1	disposable camera							
04	1	Plant substance							
05	4	red tablets in foil pack							
06	(2)	cigarette cartons (5) cigarettes							
07	(1)	bottle water, computer boards, (1) piece of mirrored glass							
08		Postcards, "Dogs in Art"							
09	(1)	brown felt hat w/ white & black band							
10		Personal effects: Photo frame, statues, tooth paste, toothbrush, razor, matches							

Details:

1037 - photographed & collected items

LABORATORY  
ANALYSIS

Yes ☐ No ☒

Narcotics - List Article #

Latent Articles

Others

Other Agency Information/Case #

TT Information:

**RELEASE AUTHORIZATION**

Can property be released to owner(s) at this time? Yes ☐ No ☒

Can property be destroyed in accordance with Florida State Statutes? Yes ☐ No ☒

If property can be released,

List name:

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone:

I hereby acknowledge that the above list represents all property taken from me and that I have received a copy of this receipt.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (X): \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby acknowledge that the above list represents all property impounded by me in the official performance of duty as a deputy sheriff.

District or Division: Forensics ID No: 0001

Impounding Officer (X): [Signature]

McPeak, J. [Signature]  
Reporting Deputy's Name (Print)

Pearson T. Sgt.  
Supervisor/Reviewer

Carson Rick  
Detective Assigned (If Known)

RECEIVED BY

(If Released at Scene by D/S or Det.)

Signature

Intake Officer:

Locker No:

Date and Time Received:

Date and Time Received:

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## FORENSICS SECTION

### REPORT OF CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION

INCIDENT TYPE: Death Investigation CASE NUMBER: 99-052361  
(ORI) NUMBER: FL0480000  
DATE: 07/06/1999  
LOCATION: Sea World 7007 Sea World Drive Orlando, FL  
SECTOR / ZONE: 05/50  
TIMES: 0919/0948/1106  
INVESTIGATOR: CSI JoEllen E. McPeak  
DETECTIVE: Rick Carson  
DEPUTY: John Calhoun

VICTIM ONE: Dukes, Daniel Patrick W/M DOB: [REDACTED]  
ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

SUSPECT: N/A

PHOTOGRAPHS: Fuji 200 ISO, 35mm, 22 color exposures  
LATENTS: N/A  
EVIDENCE: See Property Form Y-13096  
SCENE DESCRIPTION: Shamu Stadium, Reading & Research Pool and surrounding area.

#### NARRATIVE:

When I arrived at the scene I spoke with Detective Carson who told me the following:

The victim apparently stayed in the park after closing and sometime during the time between park closing and 0730 entered the area of the Reading & Research Pool. Clothing had been discovered on the west side of the pool by a Sea World employee. Mike Doughtry of Sea World had discovered the victim in the pool with "Tillikum", a male Orca. Sea World personnel removed the body from the pool and Tillikum was moved to an adjacent tank. The Sea World Dive Team photographed and recovered items from the pool. The items were placed on the east side of the pool deck. The body had been prepared for transport.

I photographed the Reading & Research Pool. I photographed the items the Sea World Dive Team had recovered. I collected a roll of film from Sea World Dive Team Member Roger Bankston for processing in the Photo Lab. Medical Investigator Robert Rivera collected the items for transport with the body.

I photographed a hat found outside the stadium's entrance on a trash receptacle. The victim's clothing was located on the west side of the Reading & Research Pool. I photographed the clothing. I emptied the pants pockets and located identification and other papers. Bill Stratton, Medical Investigator collected the hat, clothing and its contents for transport with the body.

*JoEllen E. McPeak*  
I SWORN TO AFFIRM THE ABOVE STATEMENTS ARE CORRECT AND TRUE  
CSI JoEllen E. McPeak

☐ RECORDS

☐ STATE ATTORNEY

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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED:  
THIS 16 DAY OF July, 1999, A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER  
REVIEWED BY *[Signature]*  
☐ FORENSICS ☐ INVESTIGATIONS

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I released the scene to D/S Calhoun.

07/07/99

I returned to Sea World at the request of Sea World Security. Kevin Lister, an employee had discovered items belonging to the victim. The items were located in a section of the park reserved for private functions. I photographed and collected the items (Item #Y-13096).

CSI Armand Ouellette responded to the Medical Examiner's Office to print and photograph the victim. He noted the victim had a tattoo depicting the letter "D" on the left side of his chest. He obtained two sets of inked fingerprints and submitted the prints to the Latent Identification Section.

All photographic film was submitted to the Photo Lab for processing. The items I collected on 07/07/1999 were submitted to evidence to be released to the family. No further requests were made of this investigator.

  
I SWEAR OR AFFIRM THE ABOVE STATEMENTS ARE CORRECT AND TRUE.  
CSI JoEllen E. McPeak

☐ RECORDS

☐ STATE ATTORNEY

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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED:  
THIS 16 DAY OF JULY, 1999, BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

REVIEWED BY 

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☐ INVESTIGATIONS



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Sheriff's Office

# Investigative Report

Deputy Initiating Original Report:	JOHN CALHOUN #0061	Date of Offense:	7/16/99	Case Number:	99-052361
Victim Name: (Last, First, Middle)	OLIVE, DANIEL P.	Other Agency Case Number:			
Victim Address: (#, Street, City, State)	TRANSIENT				
Offense(s):	DEATH INVESTIGATION - ACCIDENTAL	Offense Changed To:	DROWNING		
Value of Property Stolen:	N/A	Recovered:	N/A		
Suspect Name: (Last, First, Middle)	N/A	DOB:		Race:	Sex:
CBA:	The perpetrator in this case was arrested by Deputy/Officer: Name _____ of _____ Agency _____ on _____ Month/Day/Year				
FSAO:	A Charging Affidavit was filed with the State Attorney on _____ Month/Day/Year				
INAC:	A follow-up investigation was made on this case and 1. No suspects were identified 2. Victim declines to assist agency with investigation.				
EC:	The office of the State Attorney was contacted in reference to this case and prosecution was declined on _____ Month/Day/Year per _____ Name _____				
EC:	The victim in this case declines to assist further in this investigation even though the perpetrator could be prosecuted.				
EC:	The case has been referred to Health and Rehabilitative Services for the purpose of maintaining supervision as prosecution is neither possible nor practical.				
UNF:	No criminal violation exists.				
Closed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This case was turned over to _____ for further investigation. Agency Name _____				
Remarks:	CLOSED; DR. REYES CERTIFIED THE CAUSE OF DEATH TO BE A DROWNING AND THE MANNER OF DEATH WAS LISTED AS AN ACCIDENTAL				
Investigator	Rick Green		Supervisor Approving	7/26/99	
			Date of Report		

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White - Records

Yellow - Investigations

Pink - Crime Analysis

Gold - Deputy Initiating Original Report

SEA 000985

# Orange County Sheriff's Office

## STATEMENT

Please fill out in full detail

Date of Statement	Month: 07	Day: 06	Year: 99	Time: 0830
Offense:	DEATH INVESTIGATION			
Date of Offense:	Month: 07	Day: 06	Year: 99	Time: 0720
Location of Offense:	7007 SEA HARBOR DR. (SEA WORLD)			
Code:	Name (Last, first, middle): DOUGHERTY, Michael.	Age: 32	DOB: [REDACTED]	Race: W Sex: M
n/r # 1	Address Res: [REDACTED]	Zip: 32837	Phone: [REDACTED]	
	Address Bus: 7007 Sea Harbor Drive Orlando, FL	Zip: 32821	Phone: [REDACTED]	
D.L. #:	[REDACTED]	State: FL	Other ID (Specify # and Type):	

I, Michael Dougherty do hereby voluntarily make the following statement without threat, coercion, offer of benefit or favor by any persons whomsoever.

On the morning of 7/6/99 I had come into work early at 6:45 a.m. and checked my E-mail in the upstairs offices. Approx. 7:20 a.m. I went downstairs to the underwater viewing / breathing research / athletic training facility. I walked past the windows into 'G' pool and saw a whale hanging out looking through the window. I went up to the window to say "hi" when I noticed a pair of white feet along the (G) side of the whale. At that time I realized the whale was Tili-kum. I am aware of SeaWorld's protocol with 'Tili' + no one is allowed in the water with this particular whale. I tried to look to see who it was on top of the whale but could not make out the head or face of the person. For an instant I questioned if it was real or a dummy. I called Health Services and Tiffany answered the phone. I told her someone was in the pool with Tili and I think they are dead. She stated she would be right there. I proceeded upstairs through the hatch and saw it was a white male without clothes noticeably livid and rigor mortis. He appeared to have a band on a brown wrist band on wrist. I ran into Renee who had also seen

- List stolen items separately (with values) in body of statement. -

Total Value of Property Stolen/Damaged	\$	I will testify in court.	Initial: MEO
I have received the Victim's Rights package.	Initial:	I will prosecute criminally.	Initial:
Sworn To and Subscribed Before Me, This	I swear/Affirm the Above and/or Attached Statements are Correct and True.		
10TH Day of JULY, 1999	Signature: <u>Michael Dougherty</u> Date: 7/6/99		
Deputy Sheriff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notary Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Arrest Made? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Miranda Warning Read? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Personally Known <input type="checkbox"/>	Page 1 of 2		
Produced Identification <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Type: _____			

**SHERIFF**

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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**STATEMENT  
(CONT.)**

2. CASE NO.

99-052361

this sight approx. the same time. She told me that Sheldon (the night watch person) did not express to her there was any problem or noise in the back of pool. We looked for a phone list and began to call Chuck Thompson, Thad Beckwith, Laura Slawik & Reid Miller. About that time Chuck Thompson arrived in the area and asked me to continue calling staff on the phone list. The Fire Dept. & Sheriff's Dept. arrived on scene. The body was then extracted and isolated into the 'med' pool.

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SIGNATURE *W. J. [Signature]* DATE 7/6/99

9:09 a



# ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Supplemental Report ☐  
Initial Report Continued ☒

ZONE	50	ARREST MADE	yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CASE NUMBER	99-052301
UNIT	250	JUVENILE INVOLVED	yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(ORI) NUMBER	FL048 101014
SECTOR	V	Date of Initial Report	07/06/99	Related Case Number	N/A
OFFENSE				Other Agency Case Number	A
DEATH INVESTIGATION					
Address of Occurrence:					
Time Received		Time Dispatched		Time In-Service	Date
Code:	NAME (Last, First, Middle)			Age	DOB
	ADDRESS			Zip	Phone
	Bus.			Zip	Phone
Height	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Occupation
Shirt	Pants	Shoes	Dress	Oddities	
Quan.	Brand Name	Description	Serial No.	Message No.	Value Stolen
					Value Recovered
					Value Damaged

WHO STATED THAT THEY OBSERVED A MALE, MATCHING THE VICTIM'S DESCRIPTION, IN THE PARK WITHIN THE LAST TWO DAYS. MR. RAFFERTY STATED THAT YESTERDAY (07/05/99) HE OBSERVED THE MALE IN THE AREA OF THE STINGRAY POOL AT APPROXIMATELY 0715 HOURS, WHICH WAS APPROXIMATELY 1 HOUR AND 45 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE PARK OPENING. HE DIDNT APPROACH THE MALE.

AT APPROXIMATELY 0945 HOURS HE OBSERVED THE MALE NEAR THE FRONT ENTRANCE. APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES LATER HE OBSERVED THE MALE STILL NEAR THE FRONT ENTRANCE WATCHING YOUNG GIRLS. HE THOUGHT THAT THE MALE WAS SOME TYPE OF PHOTOGRAPHER, SO HE DIDNT NOTIFY SECURITY.

THE DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPH DISK WAS ENTERED FOR DEVELOPMENT. A CONTAMINATION SHEET IS ATTACHED.

ATTACHMENT(S): (8) STATEMENTS  
(1) CONTAMINATION SHEET

Date Property Recovered	Total	Total	Total

I swear (or affirm) the above statements are correct and true.

(Deputy's Signature)

(Deputy's Name (print/ID Number))  
CALHOUN #0001

Reporter's Current Assignment: SECTOR V PATROL

DISPOSITION:

E.C. ☐ Pending ☐ UNP ☐ CBA ☐ FSAO ☐ Follow-up Required ☒ INFO ☐

Other: HOMICIDE Robbery ☐ Rape ☐ Economic ☐  
Persons/Dom. Viol. ☐ Report/Review ☐ AG ☐ Sex Crimes ☐  
Property ☐ AT ☐ VIN ☐

Sworn to and subscribed before me, the undersigned Authority, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Personally Known ☐ Produced Identification ☐ Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Report Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Orange County Sheriff's Office

## STATEMENT

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Date of Statement	Month: 07	Day: 06	Year: 99	Time: 0830
Officer:	Death Investigation			
Case #:	99-062361			
Date of Occurrence	Month: 07	Day: 04	Year: 99	Time: 0720
Location of Occurrence	7001 SEA HARBOR DR.			
Code:	Zone: 50			
Name (Last, first, middle):	CORDERA, ARTURO S.		Age: 27	DOB: [REDACTED]
Race:	ASIAN		Sex:	MALE
Address:	[REDACTED]		Zip: 32811	Phone: [REDACTED]
Address:	7001 SEA HARBOR DR. ORLANDO FL		Zip: 32821	Phone: [REDACTED]
DL #:	[REDACTED]		State: FL	Other ID (Specify # and Type):

I, ARTURO S. CORDERA JR. do hereby voluntarily make the following statement without threat, coercion, offer of benefit or favor by any persons whomsoever.

I STARTED ABOUT 7:15 AND STARTED TO HOSE T.B.3 R AND TIL I WAS SWIMMING AROUND THE POOL SO I STARTED TO DO MY WORK, ABOUT TEN MINUTE LATER TIL I CAME BESIDE ME AND POP HIS HEAD THEN HIS HOLE BODY CAME UP ALSO, THAT'S WHEN I SAW A UNSUAL THING IN THE BACK OF THE WHALE I <sup>TOOK</sup> A SECOND LOOK AND STOP ANOTHER EMPLOYEE THEN THAT'S WHEN I CALLED MY SUPERVISOR AND SECURITY. THAT'S WHEN WE ACTUALLY SAW THE HOLE BACK SIDE OF THE BODY. AND ALSO THE BODY THAT I OBSERVE HAD NO CLOTHES AND I COULD NOT IDENTIFIED IF THE BODY WAS A MALE OF FEMALE

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I have received the Victims' Rights package.	Initial:	I will prosecute criminally.	Initial:
Sworn To and Subscribed Before Me, This		I Swear/Affirm the Above and/or Attached Statements are Correct and True.	
Date: July 19 99		Signature: Arturo S. CORDERA	
Deputy Sheriff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notary Public <input type="checkbox"/>		Arrest Made? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Personally Known <input type="checkbox"/>		Miranda Warning Read? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Produced Identification <input type="checkbox"/> Type:		Page 1 of 1	

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# Orange County Sheriff's Office

## STATEMENT

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Date of Statement	Month: 07	Day: 06	Year: 99	Time: 0830	Case #:	99-052361	
Offense:	DEATH INVESTIGATION						
Date of Offense:	Month: 07	Day: 06	Year: 99	Time: 0720	Suspect (Last, first, middle):	UNK AT THIS TIME	
Location of Offense:	7007 SEA HARBOR DR. (SEA WORLD)					Zone:	50
Code:	Name (Last, first, middle):	Age:		DOB:	Race:	Sex:	
	DOUGHERTY, Michael.	32			W	M	
Address Res.:	Address Bus.:		Zip:	Phone:			
	7007 Sea Harbor Drive Orlando, FL		32837				
D.I. #:	State:		Other ID (Specify # and Type):				
	FL						

I, Michael Dougherty do hereby voluntarily make the following statement without threat, coercion, offer of benefit or favor by any persons whomsoever.

On the morning of 7/6/99 I had come into work early at 6:45 a.m. and checked my E-mail in the upstairs offices. Approx. 7:20 a.m. I went downstairs to the underwater viewing / breeding / research / athletic training facility. I walked past the windows into 'G' pool and saw a whale hanging out looking through the window. I went up to the window to say "hi" when I noticed a pair of white feet along the (G) side of the whale. At that time I realized the whale was Tili-kum. I am aware of SeaWorld's protocol with 'Tili' + no one is allowed in the water with this particular whale. I tried to look to see who it was on top of the whale but could not make out the head or face of the person. For an instant I questioned if it was real or a dummy. I called Heath Senses and Tiffany answered the phone. I told her someone was in the pool with Tili and I think they are dead. She stated she would be right there. I proceeded upstairs through the hatch and saw it was a white male without clothes noticeably livid and cyanotic. He appeared to have a beard + a brown wrist band on wrist. I ran into Renee who had also seen

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I have received the Victim's Rights package.	Initial:	I will prosecute criminally.	Initial:
Sworn To and Subscribed Before Me, This	I swear/Affirm the Above and/or Attached Statements are Correct and True.		
10TH Day of JULY, 1999	Signature: <u>Michael Dougherty</u> 7/6/99 909		
Deputy Sheriff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notary Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Arrest Made? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Miranda Warning Read? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Personally Known <input type="checkbox"/>	Page 1 of 2		
Produced Identification <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Type:			

# Orange County Sheriff's Office

## STATEMENT

Please fill out in full detail

Date of Statement	Month	Day	Year	Time	Case #
7/7/99	July	7	99	8:50	99-052361
Offense: DEATH INVESTIGATION					Suspect (Last, First, middle)
					UNK AT THIS TIME
Date of Offense	Month	Day	Year	Time	Location of Offense
7/7/99	July	7	99	7:20	Shamir Stadium
Code	Name (Last, First, middle)	Age	DOB	Race	Sex
W #1	Angela Hebrun	23		W	F
Address	Zip	Phone			
7007 SEA HARBOR DR. ORLANDO FL	32821				
D.L. #	State	Other ID (Specify # and Type)			
	FL				

I, Angela Hebrun, do hereby voluntarily make the following statement without threat, coercion, offer of benefit or favor by any persons whomsoever.

Shamir close up area. Bridgman and Research is open to park guest from 10:00 am to 9:30 pm. As an educator I worked in this area from 9:45 pm to 9:30 pm. I did not notice any unusual guest in the area at this time. This area is to be roped off at 9:30 pm and staffed by an educator until 10:00. That educator was Lori Noah. Since I left around 9:25 pm I am uncertain of when ~~the exhibit~~ was roped off.

As a UCF student I volunteer as a whale watcher to observe the mother & calf. I arrived at 4:00 am. to bump the whale ~~watcher~~ <sup>watcher</sup>. I do not know his name his initial are M.A.D. Sheldon the staff night watch for Shamir was in the cat walk. Normally we have another trainer and animal care staff. to give a total of four. At 7:20 I was notified that ~~there was a body in the pool (B30 pool)~~ <sup>there was a body in the pool</sup>. List stolen items separately (with values) in body of statement.

Total Value of Property Stolen/Damaged	\$	I will testify in court.	Initial:
I have received the Victims' Rights package.	Initial:	I will prosecute criminally.	Initial:
Sworn To and Subscribed Before Me, This		I Swear/Affirm the Above and/or Attached Statements are Correct and True.	
GOTH Day of JULY 19 99		Signature: <u>Angela Hebrun</u>	
Deputy Sheriff <input type="checkbox"/> Notary Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Personally Known <input type="checkbox"/>	Arrest Made? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Miranda Warning Read? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Produced Identification <input type="checkbox"/> Type:		Page 1 of 1	

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SEA 000964

# Orange County Sheriff's Office

## STATEMENT

Please fill out in full detail

Date of Statement: 7/5/99	Month: 7	Day: 5	Year: 99	Time: 0910	Case #: 99-0523601
Offense: Death Investigation	Date of Offense: 07	Month: 07	Day: 09	Year: 99	Time: 0720
Location of Offense: 7001 SEA HARBOR DR.	Suspect (Last, first, middle): UNK AT THIS TIME				Zone: 50
Code: WA 2	Name (Last, first, middle): RASSETY, John H. III	Age: 50	DOB: [REDACTED]	Race: C	Sex: M
Address: [REDACTED]	City: [REDACTED]	State: FL	Zip: 32789	[REDACTED]	
Address: [REDACTED]	City: [REDACTED]	State: FL	Zip: 32821	[REDACTED]	
DL #: [REDACTED]	State: FLA	Other ID (Specify # and Type):			

I, John H. RASSETY III do hereby voluntarily make the following statement without threat, coercion, offer of benefit or favor by any persons whomsoever.

I AM AN AQUATIC LIFE SUPPORT OPERATOR FOR SEA WORLD OF FLORIDA. AT 0715 (1hr and 45 min. before PARK opening) 7/5/99 I observed the individual walking around the STING RAY POOL. I WAS WONDERING what he was doing in the park so early. AT 0945 I observed him again AT THE FRONT gate PLAZA. I observed him again AT 1000. WANDERING AROUND THE FRONT gate PLAZA GLARING SUSPICIOUSLY AT YOUNG girls. I followed him for about 10 mins. AND WAS going to call Security BUT DIDN'T HAVE SUFFICIENT CAUSE. I ASSUMED THAT HE WOULD BE A PHOTOGRAPHER. They come in the PARK early AT Times.

This is the SAME individual I observed AT 0700 7/6/99 in the SHAMU B&P pool obviously DOZED.

~ List stolen items separately (with values) in body of statement. ~

Total Value of Property Stolen/Damaged \$	I will testify in court.	Initial:
I have received the Victims' Rights package. Initial:	I will prosecute criminally.	Initial:
Sworn To and Subscribed Before Me, This 6th Day of JULY 1999	I Swear/Affirm the Above and/or Attached Statements are Correct and True.	
<u>William R. Rauscher</u> Deputy Sheriff <input type="checkbox"/> Notary Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Signature: <u>John H. Rassetty III</u>	
Personally Known <input type="checkbox"/>	Arrest Made? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Miranda Warning Read? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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# Orange County Sheriff's Office

## STATEMENT

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Date of Statement	Month: 07	Day: 06	Year: 99	Time: 10:03	Case #: 99-052361
Offense:	DEATH INVESTIGATION				
Date of Offense:	Month: 07	Day: 06	Year: 99	Time: 0720	Suspect (Last, first, middle): UNK AT THIS TIME
Location of Offense:	7007 SEA HARBOR DR.				Zone: 30
Code:	Name (last, first, middle): BANKSTON, ROGER D.	Age: 43	DOB: [REDACTED]	Race: C	Sex: M
Address:	[REDACTED]	Zip: 32821	Phone: [REDACTED]		
Address:	[REDACTED]	Zip: 32821	Phone: [REDACTED]		
Address:	7007 Sea World Dr. Orlando	Zip: 32821	Phone: [REDACTED]		
State:	FL	Other ID (Specify # and Type):			

I, ROGER BANKSTON do hereby voluntarily make the following statement without threat, coercion, offer of benefit or favor by any persons whomsoever.

On tuesday 6 July 1999 at approx. 0920  
 I MADE a SCUBA dive at shamu stadium "G" pool. The purpose of the dive was to photograph items in the pool. I used A Nikonos V camera with 35 MM film and took approx. 18 photographs. I photographed the following - 1 watch in the NW area, 1 pair of swim trunks in the N area, 1 draw string for swim trunks in the S area, 1 unknown item in the E area, 3 separate pieces of human tissue in the W. area, 1 plastic bag in the N.W. skimmer. The items were recovered by Richard Flint and placed in a plastic bag and held in custody until turned over to the Sheriff's office. I held the film myself and turned it over to investigator McPeak.

~ List stolen items separately (with values) in body of statement. ~

Total Value of Property Stolen/Damaged	\$	I will testify in court.	Initial: RB
I have received the Victim's Rights package.	Initial:	I will prosecute criminally.	Initial:
Sworn To and Subscribed Before Me, This 6TH Day of JULY, 1999 [Signature] #00001		I Swear/Affirm the Above and/or Attached Statements are Correct and True. [Signature]	
Deputy Sheriff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notary Public <input type="checkbox"/> Personally Known <input type="checkbox"/> Produced Identification <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Type:		Arrest Made? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Miranda Warning Read? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Page 1 of 2	

**SHERIFF**

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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**STATEMENT  
(CONT.)**

2. CASE NO

99-052361

I am the Lead Diver at Sea World of Florida

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SIGNATURE

*[Handwritten Signature]*

# Orange County Sheriff's Office

## STATEMENT

Please fill out in full detail

Date of Statement	Month	Day	Year	Time	Case #
	07	06	99	1053	99-052361
Offense: DEATH INVESTIGATION					Case #
					99-052361
Date of Offense	Month	Day	Year	Time	Suspect
	07	06	99	0720	UNK AT THIS TIME
Location of Offense: 7007 SEA HARBOR DR.					Zone
					50
Code	Name	Age	DOR	Race	Sex
W	FLINT, Richard Leavitt	38		W	M
Address	Address	Zip	Phone		
		34787			
Address	Address	Zip	Phone		
	7007 SEA HARBOR DR.				
DL #	State	Other ID (Specify # and Type)			
	FL				

I, Richard Leavitt, do hereby voluntarily make the following statement without threat, coercion, offer of benefit or favor by any persons whomsoever.

I WAS ASK TO DIVE SHAMU G POOL AND RETRIEVE anything not normally found in that environment. Roger Barksley and myself entered the water about 9:25 am on 7-6-99. Roger was taking photos. I was using a skimmer net to retrieve the objects. The items that we retrieved were a watch, bathing suit, string, and what appeared to be body parts. as I retrieved each item I came to the surface and placed them in a bag held by Reid Miller. I am an Asst. Lead at Sea World of Florida of the Dive Shop.

I will testify if ness.

- List stolen items separately (with values) in body of statement. -

Total Value of Property Stolen/Damaged	\$	I will testify in court.	Initials
			R/L
I have received the Victims' Rights package.	Initials	I will prosecute criminally.	Initials
Sworn To and Subscribed Before Me, This		I Swear/Affirm the Above and/or Attached Statements are Correct and True.	
10th Day of July, 1999		Signature: <u>Richard Leavitt</u>	
Deputy Sheriff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notary Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Personally Known <input type="checkbox"/>	Arrest Made? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Miranda Warning Read? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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SEA 000968

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# Orange County Sheriff's Office

## STATEMENT

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Date of Statement	Month: 07	Day: 06	Year: 99	Time: 1145
Offense:	DEATH INVESTIGATION			
Date of Offense:	Month: 07	Day: 06	Year: 99	Time: 0720
Location of Offense:	7007 SEA HARBOR DR.			
Code:	Name (last, first, middle): ROTONDI, Jimmy F.	Age: 33	DOB: [REDACTED]	Race: WH Sex: M
W # 5	Address Res: on file with station 54	Zip: 32821	Phone: [REDACTED]	
	Address Bus: 6500 Central Fla Parkway	Zip: 32821	Phone: [REDACTED]	
D.L. #:	[REDACTED]	State: FL	Other ID (Specify # and Type):	

I, Jimmy Roton di do hereby voluntarily make the following statement without threat, coercion, offer of benefit or favor by any persons whomsoever.

I, Jimmy Roton di a paramedic at station 54, responded to a drowning at Sea World at the Shamu stadium on 07/06/99 at approx 07:30 hrs. upon arrival found 1 patient draped across the back of one of the whales. A trainer at sea world, myself and paramedic Dave Jaussen also on Rescue 54 assisted with the removal of the patient from the whale. Pt was found draped across the whales back on his chest and in the nude. Pt removed and placed on the decking in supine position on lay back board and removed from area to an office (enclosed area) approx 20 feet from where pt was removed from the whale. pt found to have no pulse or respiration and pt had Rigor mortis and lividity present. pt also had multiple abrasions and small lacerations present on his body. Pt placed on 3-lead life pack 10 monitor showing Asystole in all 3 leads. pt. tot. asco.

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Total Value of Property Stolen/Damaged	\$	I will testify in court.	Initial:
I have received the Victim's Rights package.	Initial:	I will prosecute criminally.	Initial:
Sworn To and Subscribed Before Me, This 10TH Day of JULY, 19 99 [Signature] #00001		I Swear/Affirm the Above and/or Attached Statements are Correct and True. [Signature] #242	
Deputy Sheriff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notary Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Personally Known <input type="checkbox"/>	Arrest Made? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Miranda Warning Read? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Produced Identification <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Type: ID		Page 1 of 1	



# Orange County Sheriff's Office Crime Scene Contamination Sheet

Any and all persons entering a crime scene (including the first deputy on the scene) are required to print their name and state the reason they entered the scene in the spaces listed below. This is to aid in the elimination of fingerprints and footwear impressions at the scene.

Case #: 99-052361

Location: 7007 SEA HARBOR DR.

1 Name (print): Aliwin PARSON Initials: AL Date/Time: 7/6/99 08:15 Reason: FD	14 Name (print): Renae Green Initials: RG Date/Time: 7/6/99 Reason: Shamu (Animal Trainer)
2 Name (print): John Tomaszewski Initials: JT Date/Time: 7/6/99 08:15 Reason: FD	15 Name (print): CHUCK TOMASKINS Initials: CT Date/Time: 7/6/99 Reason: VP Animal Training
3 Name (print): OSCAR A. RODRIGUEZ Initials: OR Date/Time: 7-6-99 Reason: FD	16 Name (print): Initials: Date/Time: Reason:
4 Name (print): Jimmy F. Rotondi Initials: JR Date/Time: 08:19 7-6-99 Reason: FD	17 Name (print): Initials: Date/Time: Reason:
5 Name (print): David T. Janssen Initials: DJ Date/Time: 7/6/99 Reason: FD	18 Name (print): Initials: Date/Time: Reason:
6 Name (print): TAMARA WUNDERLY Initials: TW Date/Time: 7-6-99 Reason: FD	19 Name (print): Initials: Date/Time: Reason:
7 Name (print): SUZANNE WALKER JR. Initials: SW Date/Time: 7-6-99 Reason: F.I.	20 Name (print): Initials: Date/Time: Reason:
8 Name (print): CHUCK CARMAN Initials: CC Date/Time: 0715 7-6-99 Reason: SEA WORLD SECURITY	21 Name (print): Initials: Date/Time: Reason:
9 Name (print): JOHN THOMAS Initials: JT Date/Time: 0725 7/6/99 Reason: SEA WORLD SECURITY	22 Name (print): Initials: Date/Time: Reason:
10 Name (print): JOHN MATHEWA Initials: JM Date/Time: 0745 Reason: SEA WORLD SECURITY	23 Name (print): Initials: Date/Time: Reason:
11 Name (print): AL KORDOWSKI Initials: AK Date/Time: 7:30 Reason: Sea World Visit Coordinator	24 Name (print): Initials: Date/Time: Reason:
12 Name (print): Michael Doughty Initials: MD Date/Time: 7:20 Reason: Athletic Trainer	25 Name (print): Initials: Date/Time: Reason:
13 Name (print): Tiffany Hilton Initials: TH Date/Time: 7:25 Reason: EMT Paramedic for SEA WORLD	26 Name (print): Initials: Date/Time: Reason: