

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE  
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO : ~~Major L. J. Cassanova, Chief of Dets.~~ DATE ~~12-11-64~~  
FROM : ~~Jt. James W. Kruehbe, Comm., Homicide Div.~~  
SUBJECT: ~~Continued investigation, Sherman Case.~~

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As a result of information received that a Dr. Stanley Stumpf, who had been a member of Cochner's Clinic, working directly under Dr. Sherman, had been fired from his job and maybe related to the Sherman Case.

On Wednesday, December 9, 1964 at 11:00 AM, interviewed Dr. Harry Morris, Chief of Orthopedics at Cochner's Clinic, and it was learned that Dr. Stanley B. Stumpf Jr. had been connected with the Clinic from July 1st, 1964 until a few months ago when he transferred to Conway Memorial Hospital in Monroe. It should be noted that while he came to Cochner on 7-1-64, his contact with Dr. Sherman would have been restricted to a period not extending 10 days, as during the first part of July 1964, Dr. Sherman was absent from the City. It was determined that Dr. Robert W. Brunfield Jr. had been assigned to the Bone Lab from Jan 1, 1964 to June 30, 1964, and Dr. Stanley P. Felewicz was assigned to the Bone Lab from July 1, 1964 until the date of Sherman's death.

Dr. Morris was asked specifically if Dr. Sherman had referred any matter to him concerning herself and Dr. Stumpf. He replied, "No." He stated that they had contact only a few days. He stated that Dr. Stumpf impressed him as being somewhat immature and related that in his capacity, he had to reprimand Stumpf, primarily for immaturity and later found it necessary to have him transferred to Monroe. He stated that while Dr. Stumpf may have had his problems, Dr. Sherman, he was certain, was not one of them.

Dr. Sherman, in her capacity, was responsible for the assignment of doctors selected for Orthopedic Fellowships and the doctors thus assigned at the time of her death are listed below:

Hospital: Drs. Brunfield, Stumpf, Hoffer, and Liciardi.

Conway Memorial, Monroe: Drs. McFarland and Chisesi

Bone Lab: Dr. Felewicz

Interviewed Dr. Robert Brunfield who was then available, and learned from

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him that Dr. Stumpf was a friend of long standing, both having attended Undergraduate School together. He related the events pertaining to Stumpf's domestic difficulties, separation, and subsequent reconciliation. He went into more details as to the actions of Dr. Stumpf at the clinic which resulted in his assignment to Comway Memorial in Monroe. Dr. Brunfield was much more blunt than Dr. Morris and indicated that it came down to a case of resigning from the clinic or being fired. He further indicated that Dr. Morris obtained a position for him at Monroe as a way out for Stumpf. From the tone of the interview with Brunfield, it was evident that he was a source of information which was related to this office. He was asked specifically if he knew of any difficulty between Sherman and Stumpf, and he replied No. He did tell of the teaching method of Sherman wherein she would "ride" the new men. He, too, brought out that Stumpf and Sherman were in contact only a short time prior to her death. He asked if he could tell us anything at all about Sherman, and he stated that she was a person who kept to herself, was rough on the new doctors, and impressed him as being a lesbian. This was in his mind further confirmed by the attendance of Dr. Mary Bell Saunders to him a suspected lesbian, and Dr. Martin Palmer, a suspected latent homosexual, at the memorial services for Sherman.

Dr. Brunfield seemed appreciative of our interviewing him and related to us that the month of June, he accompanied Dr. Sherman to the Crippled Children's Clinic in Amite, La. and quite possibly we might have found his fingerprints in her car as a result of the trip. Dr. Brunfield also stated that anyone could have been Sherman's killer, even a Dr. on the staff, but he couldn't for the life of him suspect any one person. He even suggested that some deranged patient might have been responsible and told of the extra safe guards he has taken at his home.

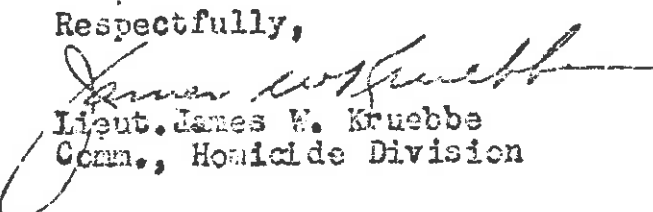
Drs. Hoffer and Liccardi, both at the clinic, however, on the date of our interview were unavailable.

Drs. McFarland and Chisesi are currently assigned to Monroe, La. as is Dr. Stumpf.

Leads to be run out:

Dr. Saunders and Dr. Palmer to be interviewed.

Respectfully,

  
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