

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Dept. Public Safety - Police

To C.F. Wimbish, Commander

From Sgt. Olivia Escobedo

Date 2-8-83

Subject Elimination prints from Wanda Vargas Lopez

On 02-04-83 I was assigned a robbery/homicide case which occurred at the Sigmor Service Station at 2602 S Padre Island Dr. On Monday, 02-07-83 I went to the District Attorney's office and there conferred with Assistant District Attorney Jack Hunter, who was reviewing the offense in preparation for the filing of charges against the alleged suspect Carlos De Luna, DOB 03-15-62. At this time, which sometime around 10:00 a.m. Mr. Hunter requested that I obtain elimination prints from the victim's body. I next called the victim's sister-in-law, Mrs. Ruth Vargas and learned that the victim's body was at Maxwell P. Dunn Funeral Home on 10th Street. I next called the Identification office and spoke with Sgt. O.V. Morales and I told him that I needed for an ID officer to go to Dunn Funeral Home and obtain elimination prints from the victim, Wanda Vargas Lopez. He advised that he would get someone to do so. I asked him if he knew who would be going, he stated no. I then told him to call me back at the DA's office and advise me who would be assigned the call. A few minutes later he did call the DA's office however, I was still in conference with Mr. Hunter and was not able to talk to him then. About ten minutes later, I called Morales in ID and asked him if someone had been assigned the call, he stated that Sgt. Mandy Leal had been assigned and that he was enroute. I then called Maxwell P. Dunn and asked to speak to Sgt. Leal, the receptionist ask that I speak to Mr. Mike Dunn so that he could explain to me why the prints would not be taken at this time. I then spoke to Mr. Dunn, he stated that Sgt. Leal had been there and that he, Mr. Dunn had asked him to return at 1:30 P.M. since the body was then being mourned by the victim's family. I told him I understood the situation and that someone would return at the appointed time and do the prints. At 1:00 P.M. I returned to the station, on my way to my office I saw Sgt. Leal in the hallway, I reminded him to go to the funeral home at 1:30 P.M. Sgt. Leal said that he would not be the one assigned the call then, that he had told Sgt. Morales to make the call at 1:30 P.M. At approximately 1:40 P.M. (I checked my watch when I realized who the call was from) I received a call from Mr. Mike Dunn, who asked if someone was still going to go and obtain the elimination prints. I told him that an ID officer should have already been there, but that I would check and call him back. Mr. Dunn stated that they were preparing the body to be moved to the church and then to the funeral site.

I called the ID office and the phone was answered by Sgt. Morales, I asked him if he still intended to go to the funeral home and print the victim, he said that he would be on his way. I told him that he was late and that he should have already been there, that I had understood from Sgt. Leal that he was to know when he was to be there. I next called Mr. Dunn and told him that the officer would be on his way. On this day, I was informed by Sgt. Curtis Roberts, that on last date, he had been contacted by Capt. M.M. Garza and that he had been told that Sgt. Morales had been unable to obtain the elimination prints due to the fact that the victim had been moved to the church.

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