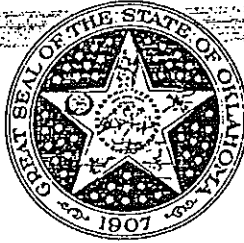


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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER
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MEMORANDUM

December 20, 1995

To The File Of Kenneth Trentadue, Case No. 9504017

On Friday the 15 of February an attempt was made to clarify the role that this office should have in investigating deaths within the Federal Transfer Facility in the 7500 block of South MacArthur, Mrs. Moss placed a call to the Office of the Attorney General in Washington, D.C. After several passes through various personnel we were advised that we would be called back by someone. I specifically asked to speak to an Assistant Attorney General about the prison and about the Trentadue case.

Having not been optimistic about the results of the first call I placed a call to the Office of Mr. Eric Holder the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia. Mr. Holder is someone I met on a recent trip to Washington and had indicated the customary cordialities, if being able to assist please call.

At approximately 3:00 p.m. not having heard anything from the District of Colombia I called Assistant U.S. Attorney in Oklahoma City Mrs. Arlene Joplin. I indicated to her my frustration with the lack of ability to communicate with the D.C. office. She lead me to believe that they had in fact been called by an Assistant U.S. Attorney who basically probably told them to deal with me. I advised her that I felt that the Trentadue problem was a very serious issue that needed full support of the investigative services of the F.B.I. I believe I further informed her that last week in frustration I indicated to Agent Hunt of the F.B.I. that it could not help but occur to me that perhaps the F.B.I. and the Bureau of Prisons were not expediting this investigation as quickly as we hoped would occur. I told her I thought there was a very serious problem at the prison and approximately at this time Mr. Ryan also got on the line. I indicated that I felt Mr. Trentadue had been abused and tortured and at this point was not sure whether his death could be explained as a suicide or whether it should be regarded as a homicide. At any event it certainly needs to be investigated as

a homicide.

I advised her that I had talked to a Sally Saliba in the Attorney Generals Office in Washington. I have considerable concern as to procedures and policies if this agency is to function any further for investigations in this federal facility, or for that matter in the Federal Reformatory in El Reno. I told her that Captain Ron L. Sheffer was cooperative as was the somewhat more redicent Lt. Tom Brumlow. I also told her that the reception was very cool and as I rounded one corner in the prison one of the guards very clearly said they could shove it up their fucking ass.

Mr. Ryan and Mrs. Joplin assured me that it is the intention of the United States Attorney that these deaths be promptly and professionally investigated and they pledged any assistance possible in this case or in any future cases arising in at least the facility in the 7500 block of South MacArthur.

Mr. Ryan was kind enough to give me his sky pager number and stated that if had trouble gaining access to the facility as we have had in this case that we need only to advise him and he will promptly see that proper forensic access and procedures are made available to the death.

I advised him that we would meet further with F.B.I. agents and Technical Investigators of the Oklahoma City Police Department in order to drive as much information as possible concerning the potential manner of death of Kenneth Trentadue.


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