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Plaintiff's Exhibit 0275: Murdock Inventory + Letter

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CUYAHOGA COUNTY CORONER'S LABORATORY
TRACE EVIDENCE DEPARTMENT
RECORD OF ITEMS SUBMITTED FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES.

Dept. 

In re: M. Shepherd
Coroner's case #: 2-97-63

ITEMS: A white cardboard box from John Muldoon

Submitted by: 

Received by: Arnold M. Welch 9/16/97 11:15 AM

Laboratory #: 

Examined by: 

TYPE OF EXAMINATION:

Returned to: 

by: 

 Returned on 7-9-99 at 11:35 AM

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

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Linda Duke
Cuyahoga Co., Coroners office
2121 Edelheit Rd.
Cleveland, OH 44106

Linda:

In an attempt to try and hold together a chain of custody for the items I sent to you in the Sheppard case, I am requesting that you please sign the enclosed receipt and return it to me. If you want to indicate on the receipt that it was turned over to Dr. Dalton by you, that is OK. I'll be asking him to sign a receipt also.

I want to keep this evidence as useful as possible by keeping good records.

Sincerely,

John Murdock
**EVIDENCE RECEIPT**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item No.</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>A zip locked plastic bag containing:</strong></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Item 1</strong></td>
<td>A 9 ¼” x 4” tan colored envelope</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item 1A</td>
<td>A 4 ¼” x 4” x 3/8” thick piece of white material resembling packed cotton - with heavy dark red stains on one side. Approximately ¼ of the red stained area reported to have been cut off and is missing.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Item 1B</td>
<td>A piece of unlined and unmarked paper (5 ¼” x 4”), from a perforated pad, folded around a heavily dark red stained object resembling a mattress button. Approximately 1/10 of this object is reported to have been cut off and is missing.</td>
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<td>Item 1C</td>
<td>Thirteen (13) objects resembling mattress buttons, at least one of which is partially stained with dark red material.</td>
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<td><strong>Item 2</strong></td>
<td>A 2” x 4 1/8” cardboard mailing tube with metal ends addressed to Paul L. Kirk, Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley, California, from Bay View Hospital, 23200 Lake Road, Bay Village, Ohio, postmarked Feb. 14, 1955, Cleveland, Ohio, Rock River BR., bearing 45¢ in postage and registration number 860159. The top metal end bears a handwritten letter “A.” The notation 578 2/18/55 is handwritten on the side of the top half of the mailing tube. This mailing tube contains: A glass vial (1 3/16” dia. x 3 1/8” tall) with black screw cap in place, containing a paper fold reported to contain a quantity of dry dark red powdery material, resembling blood.</td>
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The glass vial bears a white paper label which has the following information:
Item 2 (continued)

Spot: "A"
Person: taking: V.E. Haws, D.O.
Witness: Robert G. Scully A.B., S.T.B.
Date: February 12, 1955
Site: Bottom panel of wardrobe door in bedroom.
(Signed) Robert G. Scully

A zip locked plastic bag containing what is reported to be the original paper fold from glass vial spot "A," now in two pieces.

Item 3

A 2" x 4 1/8" cardboard mailing tube with metal ends addressed to Paul L. Kirk, Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley 8, California, from Bay View Hospital, 23200 Lake Road, Bay Village, Ohio, postmarked Feb. 14, 1955, Cleveland, Ohio, Rock River BR., bearing 45¢ in postage and registration number 860158. The top metal end bears a handwritten letter "B." The notation "578 2/18/55" is handwritten on the side of the top half of the mailing tube. This mailing tube contains: A glass vial (1 3/16" dia. x 3 1/8" tall) with cap in place containing a paper fold reported to contain only microscopic traces of dry dark red powdery material, resembling blood.

The glass vial bears a white paper label which has the following information:

Spot: "B"
Person taking: V.E. Haws, D.O.
Witness: Robert G. Scully A.B., S.T.B.
Date: February 12, 1955
Site: Bottom panel of wardrobe door of Dr. And Mrs. Sheppard's bedroom
(Signed) Robert G. Scully

A gauze pad cushion is present at the bottom of each of the mailing tubes.

Received from John Murdock via Registered Mail No. 9/16/97 E 1129
on (date) 9/16/97 E 1129
Received by Linda M. Luke (Signature) Linda M. Luke
Title Supervisor Agency Cuyahoga Cty Coroner's Lab
Telephone 216-721-5670 Fax 216-721-2555

The box over to Dr. Fabie
did not remove paper 9/17/97 ES/P

Murdock Box - (Kirk 578) Evidence Receipt
Prepared by John E. Murdock