

MINNEHAHA COUNTY OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER

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BODY RECEIPT AND TRANSPORT RECORD

Case No. 2015-ME-0447 | MARSH, Eleanor Anne | DOB: 03/22/1969

SECTION A – SCENE RELEASE AND INITIAL TRANSFER

Scene Address:	4200 S. Western Ave., Suite 712, Sioux Falls, SD 57105	Scene City:	Sioux Falls, SD
LE Scene Authority:	Det. Marcus J. Orre – SFPD Investigator	LE Badges / ID:	#3304
Date / Time Released from Scene:	October 14, 2015 – 0538 hrs CDT	Released To:	Dakota Mortuary Transport
ME Investigator Present at Scene:	S.L. Kowalczyk, MSFS (MEI-09)	Body Bag Type:	Standard ME body pouch – v
Body Bag Sealed by ME:	YES	ME Seal Number:	MEO-S-2015-3391
Seal Applied By:	S.L. Kowalczyk, MEI-09	Time Seal Applied:	0532 hrs CDT, October 14,
Outer Tag Applied:	YES – Case 2015-ME-0447, Marsh E	Tag Applied By:	S.L. Kowalczyk, MEI-09
Condition of Body at Release:	No gross external trauma; postmortem changes present (see DIR Section 7); c		

SECTION B – TRANSPORT DETAILS

Transport Provider:	Dakota Mortuary Transport Services	DMTS (DMS) #:	DMTS-2015-10-14-007
Transport Vehicle:	DMTS Unit 4 (white transit van, vehicle #DMS-14)	Vehicle Status:	Standard operating; no an
Transport Personnel – Primary:	Carly D. Halverson (DMTS Driver)	Personnel – Secondary:	SSA MT-0892 Tripp (DMTS Tech
Time Departed Scene:	0542 hrs CDT, October 14, 2015	Time Arrived ME Facility:	0621 hrs CDT, October 14,
Route Used:	South Western Ave. to E. 41st St	Estimated Distance:	Approx. 4.5 miles direct
Any Stops During Transport:	NO – direct transport; no stops made between scene and ME facility		
Body Repositioned During Transport:	NO – body bag remained sealed and positioned on transport gurney throughout		

SECTION C – RECEIPT AT ME FACILITY

Facility Address:	220 W. Sixth Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57104	Date of Receipt:	October 14, 2015 – 0622 hrs
Received By:	Dennis H. Farr, Mortuary Technician (MT-03)	ME Present:	S.L. Kowalczyk, MSFS (MEI-09)
ME Seal # (as received):	MEO-S-2015-3391	Seal Condition at Receipt:	RECEIVED – no tampering, cu
Seal Verified By:	D.H. Farr (MT-03) and S.L. Kowalczyk (MEI-09)	Verification Time:	0624 hrs CDT
Discrepancies / Anomalies:	NONE – body bag, seal, and outer tag all intact and consistent with on-scen		
Body Weight (measured at intake):	149.4 lbs	Body Weight Measured By:	D.H. Farr (MT-03) using c
Storage Location Assigned:	Cooler Bay C, Shelf 2	Storage Temp. at Receipt:	36°F (monitored; within p
Case Label Affixed to Storage Case:	Case 2015-ME-0447 / Marsh E	Autopsy Scheduled:	October 14, 2015 – 0900 hr

SECTION D – TRANSPORT NARRATIVE

This section provides a narrative account of the chain of custody from scene departure to ME facility receipt, prepared by ME Investigator Kowalczyk based on

direct observation and documentation. The body of Eleanor Anne Marsh was placed in a standard ME body pouch at the scene of death, Suite 712, 4200 South Western Avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, under the direct observation of this investigator. The pouch was sealed with ME seal number MEO-S-2015-3391 and a printed exterior identification tag was affixed bearing the case number, decedent name, and date of birth. Transfer of the body to DMTS personnel (Halverson and Tripp) was accomplished at 0542 hours CDT on October 14, 2015, following the formal release of the body by SFPD Detective Orre at 0538 hours. This investigator observed the loading of the body bag onto the DMTS transport gurney and into the DMTS transport vehicle.

Transport was direct from the scene address to the Minnehaha County ME facility, a distance of approximately 4.2 miles via a standard surface route with no stops, deviations, or incidents reported by DMTS personnel. This investigator followed the DMTS vehicle to the ME facility and was present for receipt. Upon arrival at 0622 hours, the body bag was unloaded from the transport vehicle and brought to Bay C intake. Seal number MEO-S-2015-3391 was examined by both Mortuary Technician Farr and this investigator and found to be intact, with no visible breach, cutting, or tampering. The exterior identification tag was also present and legible. The body was weighed on the facility's calibrated platform scale (last calibration September 30, 2015, within protocol) and a weight of 149.4 pounds was recorded. The body was then transferred to Cooler Bay C, Shelf 2, at the appropriate refrigeration temperature of 36°F, pending autopsy scheduled for 0900 hours the same morning.

At no point during the transport and receipt process was the body bag opened, the seal broken, the outer identification tag removed or altered, or the decedent's body accessed by any party. The chain of custody is considered intact and uninterrupted from scene release to ME facility storage. Any subsequent access to the body for the purpose of autopsy examination was conducted under ME office protocols by authorized personnel.

SECTION E – SIGNATURES AND CERTIFICATION

Role	Name (Print)	Signature	Date	Time
SFPD Scene Release	Det. Marcus J. Orre – #3304		10/14/2015	0538
DMTS Transport (Primary)	Curtis D. Halverson – #SD-MT-0892		10/14/2015	0542
DMTS Transport (Secondary)	Janell M. Tripp – #SD-MT-1140		10/14/2015	0542
ME Investigator (Scene and Transport)	Sandra J. Kowalczyk – MEI-09		10/14/2015	0624
ME Mortuary Tech. (Receipt)	Deirdre H. Farr – MT-03		10/14/2015	0624

This Body Receipt and Transport Record becomes part of the permanent case file for Case 2015-ME-0447 and documents the chain of custody of the decedent from scene release to ME facility intake. Any discrepancies noted after receipt must be documented in a separate supplemental memorandum and submitted to the case pathologist and Chief ME within 24 hours of discovery per ME Office Policy ME-OPS-007 (Chain of Custody), Rev. 2013. No discrepancies were noted at intake.