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New Scotland Yard London

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# New Scotland Yard

## Murder Squad

LOWRY!  
WHERE IS THE  
PATHOLOGIST'S REPORT  
ON THE 1ST CASE!?!  
- MILLER -

Report

File No: SY-98-8-13/JS  
Date: 13/08/1998  
Detective: James Striker  
Offence: Murder, unidentified male corpse

### Sequence of events:

On 11/07/1998, a male corpse was found by hikers in a forest adjacent to Christie's Road. The bones were partly exposed in the region of the right femur. The skull was missing, the body was at an advanced state of decay. The finding was reported at 15:30.

### Particulars:

The hikers who reported the finding were housewife Mrs. Brenda Livinstone, aged 53, and unemployed mechanic John McMurray, aged 50. They stated that they had been returning from the "Silence Inn" restaurant, which is about 2 miles from the site in question.

### Results of investigation:

The owner of the restaurant, Mr. Stewart Myer, confirmed that both witnesses had left the premises half an hour before their call.



Investigations into the matter made it possible to eliminate the witnesses as possible suspects.

The corpse was transferred to the Department of Pathology where a post-mortem was conducted. The victim could not be identified so far.

Further interrogation of witnesses in the area and especially of the residents of Christie's Road was fruitless. A thorough search of the forest by dog squad 19 yielded no further insights into the number of offenders or the exact circumstances and motives behind the deed. The corpse's skull could not be found either.

There are traces pointing to the conclusion that the victim was not killed in the forest, but brought there after the crime was committed. This is indicated by the lack of blood in particular, as wounds such as those detected on the corpse would undoubtedly lead to the loss of a large amount of blood.

Comparing the profile of the deed with the archive of registered deeds did not lead to success.

Further procedure:

With the current facts, the offender cannot be established. In agreement with the head of this department, the case is classified unsolved and will be shelved.

Signed

J. STRIKER

James Striker, Detective

*Miller*  
Miller, Chief Inspector

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#### Report

File No.: SY-MK-98-11-03/SL  
Date: 03/11/1998  
Detective: Steve Lowry  
Offence: Murder, unidentified male corpse

#### Sequence of events:

On 23/09/98, the finding of a completely skeletonised body on the bank of the Thames was reported anonymously at 15:03. The call was made from a phone box in the immediate vicinity of the spot. The caller was not prepared to give his name since he "could do quite well without getting involved with the police" - end of quote.

#### Particulars:

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#### Results of investigations:

A cordon search was started in order to find the anonymous caller, but it was not effective.

Witnesses in the vicinity of the phone box could not give any details about phone calls having been made from that particular phone box at the time in question.

The bones were sent to the Department of Pathology. It proved impossible to identify the victim. Divers searched the Thames for the man's missing head, but without results. Due to the missing head, case SY-MK-98-8-13/JS was consulted for a comparison of case profiles.

Hints from the public led to a butcher's shop in the adjacent Thames Street. According to witnesses, the owner, W. Smith, had been seen near the scene of the crime wearing a bloody coat at the time of the phone call.

Due to these facts, W. Smith was temporarily placed under arrest. He stated, however, that he had gone to the bank of the Thames to relieve himself. He said that he had closed his shop for the time of his absence.

A search of the house and business premises of W. Smith did not produce any useable trails. All the meat offered for sale in Smith's shop derived from animals - human bones were not found either. Due to the general state of the butcher's shop, the health authorities were informed.

When questioned explicitly, W. Smith revealed that he had visited the "Silence Inn" on 11/07/1998. When confronted with the findings of the bones, Smith denied any knowledge whatsoever. He stated that his being there was pure coincidence - according to him, thousands of curious people had been in that part of the forest on that day, after learning about the bone findings on the radio.

W. Smith was released after this interrogation.

#### Further procedure:

Since there were some suspicious factors against Mr Smith from the start, a further investigation of the suspect has been initiated. Mr. Smith was asked not to leave town. In agreement with the head of this department, the case will be shelved until further notice.

Signed

STEVE LOWRY  
Steve Lowry, Detective  
*Miller*  
Miller, Chief Inspector

## University Of London

Department of Pathology  
and Infectious Diseases

Unidentified male corpse  
Discovery: 23/09/1998, 15:03  
Date of post-mortem: 28/09/1998

Your reference: SY-MK-98-11-03  
Our reference: UL/3-22-2-98

29/09/1998

### Forensic Report

The following forensic report was compiled to summarise the results of forensic examinations conducted in the course of the above named circumstances by order of the public prosecutor's office of London.

This report is based on the autopsy conducted in the forensic department of this institute, and includes the results of histological examinations, the anthropological examination of bone findings, the toxicological examination and DNA analyses..

#### 1. Autopsy:

The autopsy revealed that the corpse had been skeletonised, the greater part of the body having been skinned to the bone. Even the ligaments had been removed. The skeleton was almost complete with only the second metatarsal of the left foot and the skull missing. The bones do not point to having been decalcified or the grease having been removed. Some of the bones bear regular narrow notches caused by a sharp instrument, presumably used to remove the soft parts from the skeleton.

No injuries pointing to the cause of death were discovered.

**2. Anthropological Examination:**

Morphological measuring of the remaining bones points to the victim having been a male approximately 22 to 26 years of age.

**3. Toxicological Findings:**

The bone tissue of the left femur was examined for exogenous substances. Tests for more than 5000 known substances merely yielded slight traces of cannabinoids.

**4. Forensic Dental Report:**

Unavailable due to absence of skull.

**5. DNA Analyses:**

A DNA profile was derived from the bone marrow of the right femur (9 STR systems and mitochondrion DNA). These results are available for later reference and comparison.

**Conclusion:**

The body is that of a central European male aged between 22 and 26 years, presumably having lived in Central Europe for the greater part of his life, but almost certainly in recent years. The examination of the subject's bones points to death having occurred approximately two weeks before the discovery of the body. The cause of death could not be ascertained. There was no evidence to suggest poisoning. The body has not yet been identified.

London, 29/09/1998

Prof. Dr. Henderson, Dr. Morgan

## New Scotland Yard

### Murder Squad

**Report**

file No:	SY-MK-99-5-03/SL
Date:	03/05/1999
Detective:	Steve Lowry, James Striker
Offence:	Murder, unidentified male corpse

**Sequence of events:**

Another decapitated body was found in North London in the early hours of 14 february 1999. As in case SY-MK-98-11-03/SL, only the victim's bones were found at the site of the discovery. According to the medical examiner's report, the skull was not the only part of the body that was absent. The ulna and radius of the right forearm were also missing. The condition of the bones points to the corpse having been carefully cleaned.

**Results of investigation:**

Due to the obvious parallels between the two cases, W. Smith, the main suspect in case SY-MK-98-11-03/SL, has been called in for further questioning. The record of the interrogation has been included in this file.

**Further procedure:**

Statements made during the interrogation and the results of the investigation so far point to Mr. Smith as the prime suspect. The suspect has been arrested for the time being to prevent any danger of absconding. The official warrant has been applied for.

A duplicate of this file will be submitted to the public prosecutor's office. A press conference has been scheduled for 8 May 1999.

Signed

STEVE LOWRY  
Steve Lowry, Detective

J. STRIKER  
James Striker, Detective

Miller *Miller*  
Chief Inspector

## University Of London

Department of Pathology  
and Infectious Diseases

19/02/1999

Unidentified male corpse  
Discovery: 14/02/1999, 05:30  
Date of post-mortem: 17/02/1999

Your reference: SY-MK-99-5-03/SL  
Our reference: UL/9-78-J-99

### Forensic Report

The following forensic report was compiled to summarise the results of forensic examinations conducted in the course of the above named circumstances by order of the public prosecutor's office of London.

This report is based on examinations conducted in the forensic department of this institute, and includes the results of histological examinations, the anthropological examination of bone findings, the forensic dental report, DNA analyses and the entomologist's report.

#### 1. Autopsy:

The autopsy revealed that the corpse had been thoroughly and professionally skeletonised, leaving only slight traces of the periosteum and connective tissue. The ulna and radius of the right forearm are missing, as is the skull with the exception of the lower jaw. Softened remains of the brain were found to be adherent to the lower jaw.

As in cases UL/3-22-2-98 and UL/1-12-7-98, all bone findings bear notches caused by a sharp instrument. The histological report proves that all these notches were made by one and the same instrument. Numerous insect larvae and some fully developed insects were found in the soft remains of the brain.

No injuries pointing to the cause of death were discovered.

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#### 2. Anthropological Examination:

Morphological measuring of the remaining bones points to the victim having been a male approximately 45 to 55 years of age.

#### 3. Toxicological Findings:

The remaining brain tissue was examined for exogenous substances. Tests for more than 5000 known substances yielded no results.

#### 4. Forensic Dental Report:

The teeth of the lower jaw were examined and compared with the relevant data bases. No matches have been found so far. All examinations conducted on the teeth point to central European origins. The earliest fillings were over ten years old, while two fillings could have been made no more than a few months ago.

#### 5. DNA Analyses:

A DNA profile was derived from the bone marrow of the right femur and two molars.

#### 6. Entomologist's Report:

Taking the weather situation into consideration, the larvae and fully developed insects found point to the body having been deposited at the site in question between three and four weeks ago.

#### Conclusion:

The body is that of a male between 45 and 55 years of age. The post-mortem examination points to the subject having been of central European origin. The methodical procedure and the results of the autopsy in particular link this case to cases UL/3-22-2-98 and UL/1-12-7-98, thus increasing the likelihood of the perpetrator having been the same on all three occasions. Taking the brain matter and bone findings into consideration and bearing in mind the results of the entomological examination, death appears to have occurred approximately four weeks before the discovery of the body. The exact cause of death could not be discerned. The victim could not be identified so far.

#### Interrogation Record

Interrogation No: SY-MK-99-5-03/SL

Record No: 1024/2/71 A

Date: 04/05/1999

Interrogators: Steve Lowry, James Striker

Suspect: Mr. Walter Smith

SMITH: What am I doing here? What do you want from me?

LOWRY: I'm the one who does the asking! Have you got that, Smith?

SMITH: Yes, yes, okay, no problem ...

LOWRY: Don't talk unless you're spoken to, right? As for there being 'no problem' ... I doubt that one. Where were you in the night of 13 February 1999?

SMITH: In my butcher's shop.

LOWRY: I see. Very well. So tell me, Smith: What does a butcher do in his butcher's shop in the dead of night ... hours after closing time?

SMITH: I was cleaning the place up.

LOWRY: Cleaning, eh? Very interesting. And you really expect me to believe that? Not many people get up to do their cleaning in the middle of the night ...

SMITH: Well, you set the health authorities on me after the first time you questioned me.

LOWRY: Were you alone in your butcher's shop, Mr. Smith?

SMITH: Of course I was.

LOWRY: Of course you were. You wouldn't be so stupid as to let someone watch you cut up that poor devil's body into small pieces and place the meat in a tidy array in your shop window ...

SMITH: Pardon me?!

LOWRY: Yes, that's what you did. And then you drove to North London to get rid of the bones. You came back and cleaned up your butcher's shop so there wouldn't be any clues left for us to find. That's right, isn't it?

SMITH: NO!

LOWRY: Oh, put a sock in it, Smith! You're not the first criminal we've faced here. It was the middle of the night, you were alone, you were seen in the vicinity of the first two crime scenes, you tried to cover up your deed, and you don't have an alibi for the time in question. Don't you realize you're well and truly in the soup?

SMITH: I don't know what you're talking about. You can't pin this on me.

LOWRY: Okay. Don't panic. Do you admit you're an expert when it comes to slicing meat?

SMITH: Well, I ... yes, of course, but ...

LOWRY: I'm not finished! Do you also admit that the bones we showed you must have been treated by an expert?

SMITH: It looks that way, yes ...

LOWRY: And do you admit that your business has been in such deep waters for the past year that you couldn't even pay the rent on your premises?

SMITH: Yes, that's true.

LOWRY: Well then. And then you had the brainwave of saving on the expensive beef by cutting up human beings and selling their flesh in your shop, didn't you? After all, human flesh is free all it takes is a couple of murders.

SMITH: You must be mad!

LOWRY: No, my dear fellow ... YOU are mad. You're a murderer who sells human flesh to unsuspecting old ladies, just to pay off your new TV set. But I'm telling you you're not going to get away with it. Striker, we've heard enough. Let's leave the rest to the public prosecutor.

SMITH: But you don't have a shred of concrete evidence ...

LOWRY: The public prosecutor doesn't need concrete evidence, 'lawyer', all he needs is circumstantial evidence. And that's just what you're giving him. So, stop your whining. I'll see you in court.



THE SUN, 08/06/1999  
FRONT PAGE

## SKELETON MURDERER ARRESTED!

The butchering butcher! Trial fixed for July.

London

(correspondent's report)

London heaves a sigh of relief!

The notorious "Skeleton Murderer", who had been wreaking havoc in the capital with his gruesome deeds for years, has finally been put

**Walter Smith (50) - Butcher.** This man killed three people and sold their flesh in his shop.



behind bars. Scotland Yard presented the results of the police investigation at yesterday's press conference.

"The burden of proof is overwhelming," one

spokesman announced.

The accused, a 50-year old butcher from the south of London, protests his innocence.

See page 6 for crimes, findings and backgrounds.

THE SUN, 19/07/1999  
FRONT PAGE

# GUILTY!

Skeleton Butcher sentenced to life imprisonment.

## London

(correspondent's report)

Justice triumphs: The High Court now regards it as proven that the 50-year-old butcher ("Skeleton Murderer" - **THE SUN** reported) was responsible for brutally killing and dissecting three people.

The gravity of the crime and the perpetrator's

stubbornness have forced the High Court to impose the maximum penalty. Thousands gathered outside the law court to celebrate the verdict.

The counsel for the defence, however, spoke of the matter as a "legal scandal" and announced that he would be appealing against the court's decision. See page 4 for the verdict and reactions.



Following in the footsteps of Jack the Ripper: Butcher Walter Smith (50) was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Investigative: Andrew