

CORONER'S REPORT – CASE SUMMARY
E.G. PRIETO, Sheriff-Coroner

Investigator: Laurel Weeks

Case #: 8721-065-1993

Decedent: Alfredo Fernandez Miranda (A.K.A. John Doe #1)

1 The remains were located on 02/14/1993 outside the Welcome Grove Motel in West Sacramento.
2 Cause of death was determined to be hepatic failure due to portal cirrhosis of liver due to chronic
3 alcoholism, as determined by forensic autopsy. Toxicological analysis revealed a blood alcohol
4 level of 0.80%. No identification was located on the decedent. Per witnesses on scene, the
5 decedent was known as "Dennis McCollum". Attempts to identify the decedent included
6 fingerprint submission to the Department of Justice for identification and multiple checks against
7 missing person cases. No identification was established and the remains were transported to the
8 North Sacramento Funeral home under the authority of the Yolo County Public Administrator
9 for burial at the Woodland Cemetery. Various possible matches were investigated over the years
10 but did not result in identification.

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12 On 10/01/2007, an updated Unidentified Deceased Reporting Form was submitted to the
13 Department of Justice on Yolo County Coroner case #8721-065-1993. Included with the form
14 were copies of fingerprints obtained from the decedent and the coroner's report. No new
15 information was received as a result of the re-submission.

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17 In March of 2008, authorization was received from the Department of Justice to submit a sample
18 of the remains for DNA analysis. On 03/20/2008, the remains were exhumed from the
19 Woodland Cemetery, transported to the Yolo County Morgue via J. Morris, and full body x-rays
20 were obtained and processed. On 03/24/2008, the remains were released to the California State
21 University Chico (CSU Chico) Anthropology department via J. Morris transportation for
22 evaluation. On 08/12/2008, an analysis of the remains was completed by CSU Chico and the
23 report and remains were transported back to the Yolo County Morgue. On 03/12/2009, the right
24 femur was submitted to the Department of Justice (DOJ) for DNA analysis.

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26 On 06/17/2009, I received an e-mail from Elaine Low at the Department of Justice Missing and
27 Unidentified Persons Unit (MUPS) regarding fingerprint searching services offered by the

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1 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) that had proved useful to other agencies in identifying
2 unidentified remains. On the same date I faxed a request to DHS Biometric Support Center-
3 West for fingerprint comparison. On 06/18/2009, I received notification that submission of the
4 fingerprints through FBI IAFIS database resulted in an identification of Alfredo Miranda
5 Fernandez.

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7 A criminal history was then obtained and arrest reports were requested from Sacramento Police
8 Department and Santa Clara County records. On 06/23/2009 an arrest report from Sacramento
9 Police Department from 12/10/1992 was received and featured a right thumb print. Additional
10 fingerprint comparison was made in this office and positive identification was confirmed. On
11 06/24/2009, additional records were received from Santa Clara County which included a full 10-
12 print card and booking photo. An emergency contact entry on the 1992 Sacramento Police
13 Department booking record listed family as a Samuel Miranda residing in La Puente, California.

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15 On 06/25/2009, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department-Industry Station was contacted
16 and requested to perform a death notification in La Puente. They were unable to make contact
17 with family however contact was made with the landlady who stated she would pass on the
18 information. On 06/25/2009, I was contacted by the decedent's nephew, Sam Miranda, who
19 confirmed the decedent had not been heard from for years.

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21 On 06/26/2009, I spoke with Oswaldo Miranda, son of the decedent. Oswaldo indicated that the
22 decedent had history of alcohol abuse. He had not been seen by family members since the late
23 "80's", possibly 1987. Oswaldo indicated that over the years friends would report seeing him
24 around but no established contact was ever made. The decedent was never reported as a missing
25 person. When queried about the tattoo's present on the decedent, Oswaldo confirmed that his
26 mother's name is "Anna" and "Fredy" represented the decedent. On 07/17/2009, the remains
27 were released to Evergreen of Woodland, for return to the family.