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**Doe Name:** Long Beach John Doe.

**Doe Network Case Number:** #132UMCA.

**NamUs Case Number:** #4428.

**NCIC Case Number:** #U773017157.

**NCMEC Case Number:** #1184172.

**ME/C Case Number:** #1978-06979.



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### Case History

At 4:15 AM, the victim's body was located lying face down on Division Street, a half block east of Corona Street, in the Belmont Shore area of Long Beach, California. It appeared he was killed elsewhere and dumped at this location.

Because of the faint stamped imprint of "PAID" on the back of his right hand, some speculate he may have recently spent time at a bar or social gathering.

Based on the quality of the clothing he wore, it is not believed he was a runaway or transient.

Some believe he was possibly killed by serial killer Randy Steven Kraft, based on the fact that his body was less than a mile from where Kraft often picked up his victims.

Despite this, certain characteristics of the *modus operandi* were absent, in comparison to some of Kraft's other victims.

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### Images

In the [Imgur](#) link below, you will find digital reconstructions of the decedent, a photo of their shoes, as well as two post-mortem images of the decedent.

**Please note: The below album contains two images of the decedent after death.**

[Click here.](#)

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## Circumstances of Discovery and Death

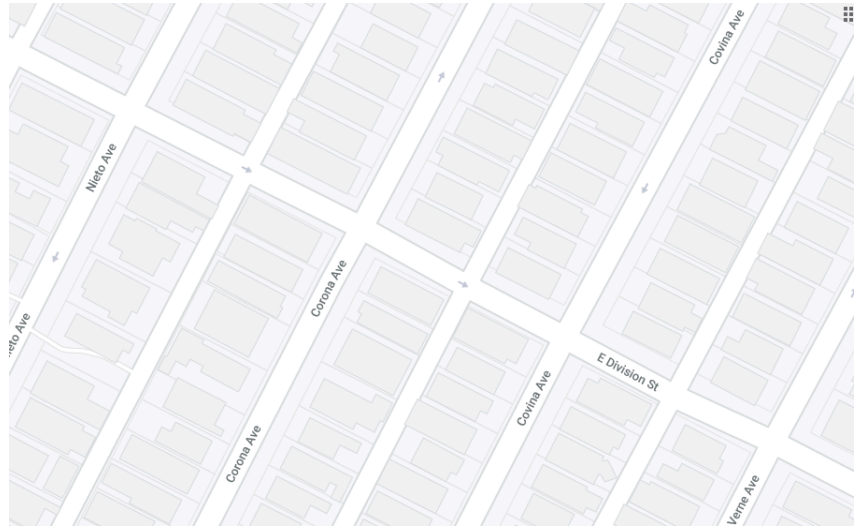
**Date Found:** 3rd of June, 1978.

**Date of Death:** Hours prior to discovery -- 3rd of June, 1978.

**Location of Death:**

Believed to be murdered elsewhere, dumped on

Division Street, a half block east of Corona Street in the Belmont Shore area of Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California.



**Map:** [Click here.](#)

**Cause of Death:** Homicide by strangulation.

**State of Remains:** Recognisable.

**Burial Information:** N/A.

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## Characteristics and Information

**Status:** Unidentified.

**Name:** Unknown.

**Estimated Age:** 15 to 19 years of age.

**Sex:** Male.

**Race:** White.

**Hair:** Brown, extending to just below his ears.

**Eyes:** Hazel.

**Teeth:** Dental information not available.

**Approximate Height:** 5'7" to 5'11".

**Approximate Weight:** 120lbs to 145lbs.

**Distinguishing Marks:**

1. A  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch scar half an inch above his right eyebrow.
2. He had a slim build with a light complexion.
3. Freckles were visible across his face.
4. He had a stamped imprint of 'PAID' on the back of his right hand.

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**Clothing and Accessories**

**Clothing:**

1. Blue T-Shirt with a pocket (size 42 - 44).
2. Blue Levi Jeans,
3. Brown leather belt.
4. Blue socks.
5. Blue/white Redwings running shoes (Pictured).



**Jewelry:** N/A.

**Additional Personal Items:** N/A.

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**Forensics**

**DNA:** Available.

**Fingerprints:** Available.

**Dental:** Not available.

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### Miscellaneous Information

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### Media Reports

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### Contacts

**Agency Name:** Los Angeles County Coroner's Office

**Agency Contact Person:** Betsy Magdaleno

**Agency Contact Phone Number:** 323 - 343 - 0512

**Agency Contact Email Address:** [jdunit@coroner.lacounty.gov](mailto:jdunit@coroner.lacounty.gov)

**Agency Case Number:** 1978 - 6979

**Agency Name:** Long Beach Police Department

**Agency Contact Person:** N/A

**Agency Phone Number:** 562 - 570 - 5703

**Agency Email Address:** N/A

**Agency Case Number:** 1978 - 6979

**Agency Name:** NamUs

**Agency Contact Person:** Allison O'Neal

**Agency Phone Number:** (817) - 372 - 4169

**Agency Email Address:** [allison.oneal@unthsc.edu](mailto:allison.oneal@unthsc.edu)

**Agency Case Number:** #4428.

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## Missing Persons

When considering missing persons for the following, please consider excluding:


- Any female missing person.
- Any Black, Asian, Hispanic or Native American missing person.
- Any missing person under the age 14, or over the age of 20, on the 3rd of June, 1978.
- Any missing person under 5'6" or over 6'0" in height (accounting for possible growth due to age).
- Any missing person with distinguishing marks that may have been difficult to remove (tattoos, significant scars, etc).
- Any missing person with false teeth.






### Related Guides:


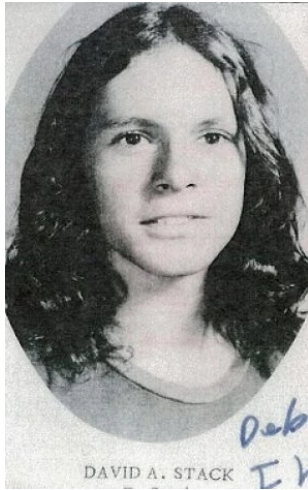

1. [Click here.](#)

### Who has been excluded?

As of the 26th of April, 2021, NamUS have provided the following individuals as being excluded from possibly being the decedent:

Name	State	Profile	Ruled Out By
Robert Coe	Tx		Forensics.
Donald Dumas	CA	No Photo Available.	Forensics.

Jose Espinoza	CA		Forensics.
Daniel Hoffer	CA		Forensics.
John Hundley	OH		Forensics.
Christopher King	CA		Forensics.
Andrew Manthey	CA		Forensics.

Ralph Miller	FL		Forensics.
David Stack	CO		Forensics.
Jean Vincent	CA	No Photo Available.	Forensics.
Patrick Wright	CA		Forensics.

**Exclusions not listed in NamUS:**

Any individual who may have been submitted for exclusion by our community, but who has been ruled out by law enforcement, the medical examiner, or the regional administrator due to vitals or circumstances. These individuals do not appear on NamUS as excluded individuals.



Name	State	Photo	Profile	Submitted by	Excluded by

**Who have we submitted for exclusion?**

**Please Note:** If you would like to submit a missing person for exclusion, it is best to contact the Regional Administrator, Allison O’Neal.

Name	State	Photo	Profile	Contacted By

**Who are we currently considering?**

Name	State	Photo	Profile	Suggested By

## The Research

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### Our Questions

#### The Circumstances:

1. Who was the decedent discovered by?
2. Is this area known to shelter homeless and transient people?
3. Was the victim known to the local area at all?
4. Were there any homeless shelters nearby that may have been questioned regarding the victim?
5. Were any hotels/motels around the area questioned regarding the victim?
6. Were any stores or restaurants in the local area questioned about the victim?
7. Is it possible that the victim was not originally born in the United States?
8. Were any local nightclubs / bars questioned regarding the 'PAID' symbol on the back of the decedent's hand?

#### The Items:

1. What size were the items of clothing found on the decedent? Were they the correct size for the decedent?
2. What was the condition of the clothing items found on the decedent?
3. Were there any items located nearby that may have belonged to the decedent?

#### The Doe:

1. Can genealogical research be conducted?
  2. Is there a toxicology report available?
  3. Was Isotope testing conducted?
  4. Can Isotope testing be conducted?
  5. What was the decedent's blood type?
  6. Was the decedent well groomed?
  7. What was the state of the decedent's fingernails?
  8. Were there any major health issues found during the autopsy?
  9. Was the decedent cremated, or buried? If so, where?
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## Research Updates

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### Contact Made

Agency	Date	Outcome	Related Post

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### Official Reports

Report	Received	Link

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### Media

#### TV

Media Agency	Link

#### Radio

Media Agency	Link

#### Print

Media Agency	Link

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Social Media

Subreddit Name	Link

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## Sources

[The Doe Network - Case #1392UMCA](#)

[NamUS - Case #4428](#)

[LA County Unidentified Person - #1978-06979](#)

[NCMEC - #1184172](#)

[Carl Koppleman Reconstruction](#)

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