

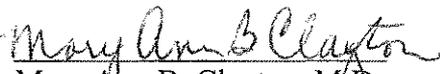
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ADDENDUM REPORT

In August 2005, I participated in a comprehensive review of this case with members of the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office and Dr. Michael Baden. This review included photographs, physical files, items of evidence and aerial videos of the scene of the incident.

On January 27, 2006, I re-visited the site, namely the Rockefeller Lookout on the Palisades Interstate Parkway in Englewood Cliffs, accompanied by Sgt. Stallone and Det. Bordino of the Prosecutor's Office, Lt. Pagan of the Palisades Interstate Parkway Police and Lt. Cioffi of the Englewood Cliffs Police Department. We walked from the parking lot through the wooded area to the rock ledge where the event originated. Lt. Pagan and Lt. Cioffi recounted their observations on the night of the incident and pointed out the location where the subject's body was found.

We then drove down to the base of the cliffs and hiked up to the site where the subject's body was retrieved. Lts. Pagan and Cioffi recalled observing blood, hair and tissue on the trunk of a tree several feet above ground level. The location of the tree was 52+ feet out from the ledge and 119+ feet down from the ledge. I noticed the relationship between the ledge and the tree; the perspective was very different from this angle. After reviewing the subject's injuries as documented in the autopsy report, considering the observations and recollections of experienced rescue/recovery lieutenants, and analyzing myself the three-dimensional configuration of the scene from below, I conclude that the events surrounding the death of Jody Ann Scharf are not consistent with passive descent from the ledge but rather indicate that a propulsive force was necessary. Therefore the manner of death is amended to homicide.


Mary Ann B. Clayton, M.D.
County Medical Examiner
January 4, 2007

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