

NEW ORLEANS POLICE DEPARTMENT

PATROL DIVISION

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INCIDENT REPORT

DET. DIST. 9982	PCT. DET. SQD. Routine Patrol	DET. SQD. SER. No. 34001	U. F. 61. No. 34-G	DATE OF REPORT August 14, 1877
NAME Patrolman Howard Corman, Badge# 32958		ADDRESS 133 Terminal Drive, New Orleans LA 70115		
DATE AND TIME OF OCCURRENCE August 14, 1877 05:47 A. M. P. M.		PLACE OF OCCURRENCE Gulf & Panama Docks		
DATE AND TIME REPORTED August 14, 1877 11:30 A. M. P. M.		DETECTIVE ASSIGNED Det. Harold Warren		

DETAILS:

I was on my assigned route through the docks and warehouse quarter, nearing the Gulf & Panama docks at 5:47am, when I saw sign of a person lying among some shipping crates. I first thought that it was a vagrant asleep. As I moved closer to rouse the subject, I then saw bloodstains. On closer inspection, the victim was dead. He was lying on his back, arms splayed. His chest was opened up, with the full contents visible, ribs opened. The head was thrown back, mouth open.

Since there was obviously nothing I could do to help the victim, I hurried to the nearest adjacent beat where I knew I would find Officer Wood. I told him what I found, and instructed him to get assistance. I would go back and secure the crime scene.

When I got back, some dockworkers had gathered around, and one was endeavoring to go through the victim's pockets. I stopped him and had the men move away from the body. I then inspected the man to make sure nothing was taken. At this time, it was light enough to see details more clearly, and I saw the mark on the victim's forehead. It was a symbol of unknown origin carved into his skin, as if with a sharp penknife or similar weapon. I found a tarpaulin nearby, which I carefully laid across the victim until detectives could arrive on the scene.

Howard Corman

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