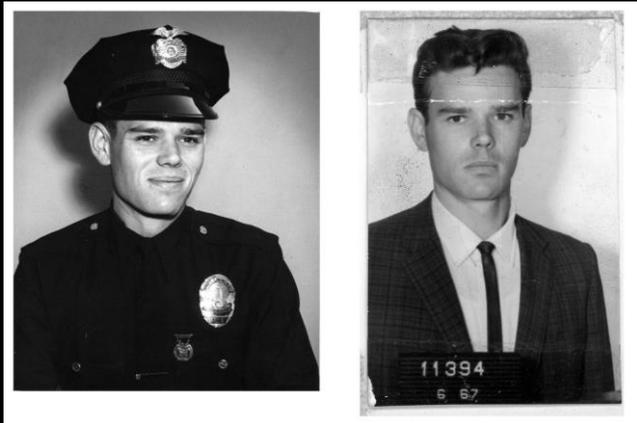




SPECIAL REPORT



LAPD Detective III Steve Hodel #11394 (ret.) Through the Years 56 Years of Criminal Investigations



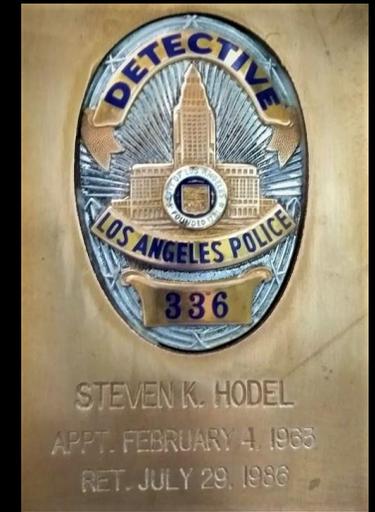
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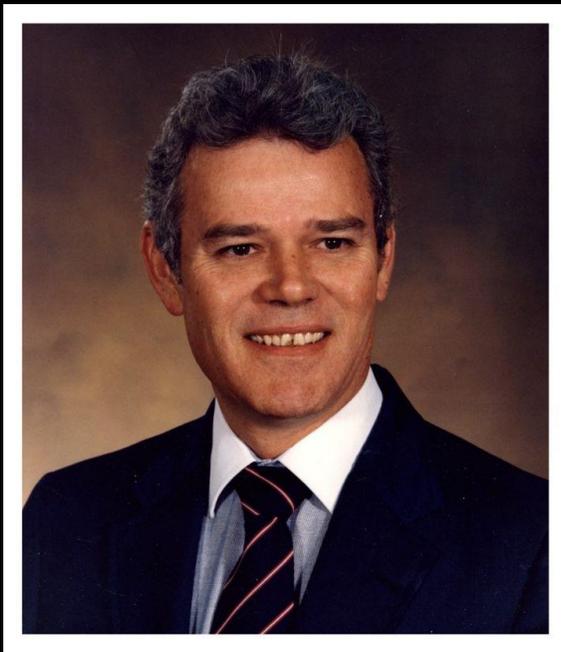
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Feb 4, 1963 – July 29, 1986



Hollywood Detectives 1983

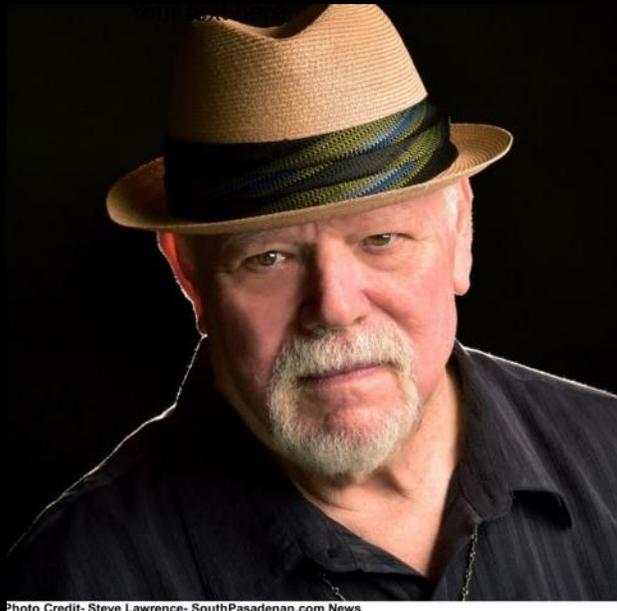


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Hodel Investigations 1986-2018



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“THE 1947 BLACK DAHLIA CASE WAS SOLVED”

By

LAPD Detective III Steve Hodel #11394 (ret.)

OFFICERS & DETECTIVE STATEMENTS

RELATED TO THE INVESTIGATION OF THE

1947 “BLACK DAHLIA” MURDER



LAPD Det. Brian Carr 1999 Black Dahlia Interview at Parker Center

(My book, *Black Dahlia Avenger with solution* would not publish until 2003)

"I'm doubtful the case will ever be solved. It's got signs of serial murder all over it, but again, they never found another murder linked to it."*The suspect appeared to have medical knowledge, and he appeared to have known the victim. Any possibility of releasing any portion of the case files while I'm assigned to the case is non-existent. If this were any other case it would be in a warehouse. Due to the lack of emotional involvement in the Black Dahlia murder investigation, and because I was not able to get to know the victim's parents and family, it is difficult for me to slot unlimited time to the case. When I get emotionally involved in a case, that's a really huge motivating factor.

LAPD Detective Brian Carr (ret.)

2006

"I don't have the time to prove or disprove what he [Hodel] is saying. I'm buried in other cases that are possibly solvable. No, I don't think the case [Black Dahlia] will ever be solved."

Brian Carr

Bill Kurtis "Cold Case Files-Black Dahlia"
Sept 9 2006

Detective Brian Carr

Black Dahlia Assigned Investigator
Interviewed at Parker Center 1999

* Detective Carr in 1999 was unaware of the LADA Hodel/Black Dahlia Transcripts and not having read the investigative files was unaware and ignorant that the original LAPD detectives had actively investigated at least five separate 1940s "Lone Woman Murders" and publicly and in print had stated their belief that many of the crimes "were linked to the same killer."



Officer McBride and her son, Timothy circa 1947. Her son would grow up and join LAPD and rise to the rank of Commander.



McBride and Hodel Meet in 2002 –

In what can be considered one of the strangest interviews of my career , some fifty-five years after the fact, I meet with Officer McBride, the last witness to see and speak with Elizabeth Short. who provides details linking my father to the crime.

LAPD OFFICER MERYL MC BRIDE

(Steve Hodel 2002 Interview of Officer Meryl McBride)

“On the afternoon of January 14, 1950, Elizabeth Short came running up to me while I was on my patrol beat near the Greyhound Bus Depot, downtown LA. She was sobbing in terror and told me she had ‘just run into a former boyfriend in a bar down the street’ and he had just threatened to kill her if he found her with another man. I walked her back to the bar we got her purse, but the man was gone.

Officer McBride resumed her foot patrol duties and about an hour later Elizabeth Short exited another different bar “with two men and a woman.” McBride inquired if she was alright and the victim stated, “Yes, I’m going to meet my father at the Greyhound Bus Station.”

McBride confirmed her “positive identification” with me stating, “I have no doubt that it was Elizabeth Short and never did. What was said in the newspapers ‘that I was unsure’ is simply not true.



Active Head DDA Steve Kay with Steve Hodel 2003 DTLA

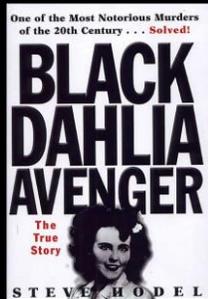
HEAD DDA KAY AND DET III HODEL (ret.) BRIEF LAPD DETECTIVES

Retired Det III Steve Hodel and Head Deputy DA Steve Kay in 2002-2003 made multiple attempts to meet and present findings and evidence on the Black Dahlia and LA Lone Woman Murders investigation to LAPD.

In the six-month period prior to publication four separate meetings were scheduled by then active Head DDA Kay for him and Hodel to meet with the top brass and Robbery/Homicide Detectives. Each time just days before the set date, LAPD cancelled the meeting and said they would “reschedule it.”

Kay and Hodel’s ongoing efforts to brief LAPD prior to the books publication were to no avail and the book, *Black Dahlia Avenger: A Genius for Murder* published on April 14, 2003.*

*The intelligence meeting/briefing with LAPD would finally occur by order of then LAPD Chief Bratton after pressure from the news media and several television documentaries aired. (*Dateline & 48 Hours*)



Original hardback publication 2003

Head DDA Kay and Hodel at the request of Chief of Detectives McMurray and Assistant Chief Sharon Papa presented the evidence at Parker Center on August 13, 2003. (In attendance were: one Asst Chief, one Deputy Chief, one Commander, two captains, and three detectives from Robbery Homicide Division and one LAPD civilian consultant.) In addition to summarizing the evidence, Hodel and Kay informed LAPD of the newly discovered post-publication LADA Hodel Black Dahlia Files and Transcripts and Wire recordings (containing Dr. Hodel’s admissions to “The Black Dahlia and additional murders and police payoffs”) which remained secured in the DA vault. (Det. Brian Carr, present at the meeting admitted he had not read Hodel’s investigation as he was “too busy with other cases.” Carr though ordered by Chief of Detectives McMurray to “check out the DA Hodel Files post-haste” would not obtain copies for another six months.)



LAPD Dep Chiefs Sharon Papa & James McMurray Coordinated Aug 2003 Black Dahlia Briefing

LA HEAD DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY STEVE KAY INTERVIEWS



LA Head DDA Steve Kay

“Steve [Hodel] has taken this way beyond the pictures. [Photo believed to be of Elizabeth “Black Dahlia” Short found in Dr. Hodel’s photo album.] It no longer depends on the picture.”

[L.A. Times Magazine Nov. 21, 2004]

“I have no doubt in my mind that George Hodel murdered Elizabeth Short... If the witnesses were alive today, I believe if I took that case in front of a jury, that I would convict him.” [Rue 13, French television documentary, “The Truth About the Black Dahlia” Nov. 6, 2006]

Stephen Kay

LADA Head Deputy District Attorney



Head DA Kay and Erin Moriarty
“48 Hours” interview
November 24, 2004

Reporter’s question references DA Lt. Jemison’s Follow Up report entry that “tends to eliminate Dr. George Hodel.” (Note careful wording. Dr. Hodel is only suspect out of the twenty (20) that Jemison doesn’t outright eliminate.)

CBS Reporter Erin Moriarty:

“Do you believe that Lt. Jemison really thought that George Hodel should have been eliminated as a suspect?” [per entry in DA file]

Head DA Steve Kay:

“No. I don’t believe that. How can you say that those tapes clear Dr. Hodel? If anything, I think they sound like a guilty man who is ready to take it on the lam.” 7 of 27

LAPD CHIEF WILLIAM H. PARKER

William H. Parker



August 9, 1950 - July 16, 1966

**“We identified the Black Dahlia suspect.
He was a doctor.”***

William H. Parker
LAPD Chief of Police



**Parker sworn in as new
LAPD Chief Aug 1950**

- We know from the LADA Secret Hodel/Black Dahlia Files and Transcripts that “the doctor” Chief Parker was referencing was, “Dr. George Hill Hodel.”

Thad F. Brown



July 18, 1966 - February 17, 1967

LAPD CHIEF OF DETECTIVES THAD BROWN

CASE SOLVED

“The Black Dahlia case was solved. He was a doctor who lived on Franklin Avenue in Hollywood.”*

Thad Brown
LAPD Chief of Detectives
(Promoted to Chief of Police 1966-67)



*We know from the LADA Secret Hodel/Black Dahlia Files and Transcripts that “the doctor” Chief Brown was referencing was, “Dr. George Hill Hodel.”

Photo at lower left reveals a bizarre “tell” by Chief Thad Brown that would not be understood for another thirty-three years. In 1966 at the death of Chief Bill Parker, Chief of Detectives Thad Brown was selected to be the “interim Chief.” At the time I was a three-year rookie patrol officer working Hollywood Division and ordered by the watch commander along with a dozen fellow officers, to attend Brown’s swearing in ceremony at downtown Parker Center.



Officer Steve Hodel and Chief Thad Brown 1966

At the conclusion of the ceremony, as I was exiting the building the chief’s photographer called to me and said, “Excuse me officer, how would you like to have your photo taken with the new chief?” Chief Thad Brown and I walked outside, the photo was taken and I never saw or spoke to him again. I was sent a copy of the photo inter-department mail and threw it in a drawer and forgot about it for the next thirty + years.

Of course, now we know what Chief Brown knew then. (As verified by the Cheshire Cat Grin on his face and the DA Hodel transcripts personally turned over to him by Lt. Jemison in 1950.) Thad Brown in 1950 was the top detective on the original investigation and KNEW the bizarre irony that my father was in fact the Black Dahlia Killer, and he could not resist the “photo op.”

LADA LIEUTENANT FRANK JEMISON

CASE SOLVED



DA Lt. Frank B. Jemison

“We know who the Black Dahlia killer was. He was a doctor, but we didn’t have enough to put him away.”*

Lt. Frank Jemison
LADA Bureau of Investigation

Lt. Jemison was assigned by the 1949 Grand Jury to take over the Black Dahlia investigation from LAPD due to that Department’s lack of progress and a suspected cover-up.

*We know from the LADA Secret Hodel/Black Dahlia Files and Transcripts that “the doctor” Lt. Jemison was referencing was, “Dr. George Hill Hodel.”

In fact Lt. Jemison did “solve the case” and had more than enough to “put him away.” In April 1950 Jemison was in the process of obtaining a felony warrant for Dr. George Hodel’s arrest when Hodel fled the country. Lt. Jemison was then ordered by his superiors to “close out the case and return all evidence and wire recordings and hand them personally over to LAPD Chief of Detectives Thad Brown.” Jemison complied with the order and was then removed from the case and ordered never to speak about it or ever conduct any further investigation. Jemison’s saving grace as noted in my investigation was his secretly locking away a copy of the solved investigation (a “second set of books”) in the DA vault which identified Dr. Hodel as the killer.

LASD UNDERSHERIFF JAMES DOWNEY

CASE SOLVED



CONFISCATED LOTTERY BOOKS — Undersheriff James Downey looks over some of the 30,000 lottery books seized by vice officers during an investigation of the American Sweepstakes Corp. operations. Times photo

Undersheriff James Downey
April 1, 1965 (L.A. Times)

“The Black Dahlia Case was solved, but it will never come out. The suspect was a doctor they all knew in Hollywood, involved in abortions.”

James Downey
Undersheriff
Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department

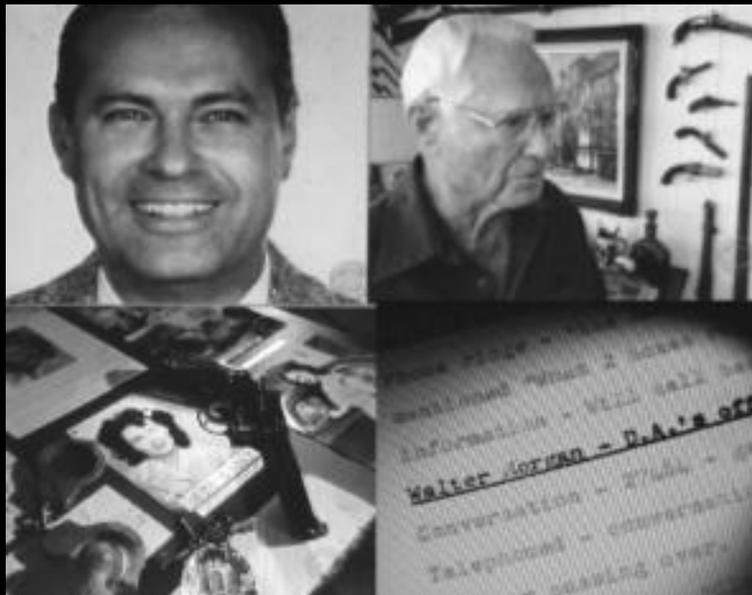


J. Gordon Bowers
LASD Chief of Detectives 1946 examining
evidence in child kidnap/murder

*We know from the LADA Secret Hodel/Black Dahlia Files and Transcripts that “the doctor” Undersheriff Downey was referencing was, “Dr. George Hill Hodel.”

Statement made circa 1966 by Undersheriff Downey to J. Gordon Bowers, LASD Chief of Detectives (photo left) in presence of the Deputy Tom Vetter, Downey’s driver, who himself would later promote to become an LASD Commander.)

WALTER MORGAN DA INVESTIGATOR INTERVIEWS



DA INVESTIGATOR WALTER MORGAN

(Assigned to Black Dahlia Investigation 1949-1950)



2004- 48 Hours Black Dahlia Confidential
CBS investigative reporter Erin Moriarty questions Walter Morgan regarding the Black Dahlia case being closed down and turned back to LAPD

“We had a good bug man, a guy that could install bugs anywhere and everywhere. He worked in the DA’s crime lab. So the chief assigned me to take him over to the house on Franklin, and he was going to install a bug system at the Hodel residence. My chief at the DA’s office had me take him over there and we met the LAPD at Dr. Hodel’s house. It was during the daytime and nobody was home. I remember there were some ranking LAPD officers outside, and no one could figure out how to get in. I suggested, “Well, have any of you officers tried a card to see if it would open the door?” They laughed, so I pulled out my wallet, and took out some kind of a credit card or whatever card I had, slipped it through, and the front door popped right open! They couldn’t believe it. Anyway, our man went in and installed some bugs there. That was our job, to get the bugs installed so we could listen in.”

Walter Morgan

LADA Investigator

Black Dahlia 1949-1950

(Steve Hodel interview 2002)

(CBS 48-Hours “Black Dahlia Confidential” 2004, interviewer asks why Lt. Jemison and Morgan were suddenly and unexpectedly removed from Dahlia investigation and ordered to return files and wire recordings to LAPD Chief of Detectives Thad Brown and not to say anything?)

Morgan:

The only thing I can think is that some money must have transpired between people.

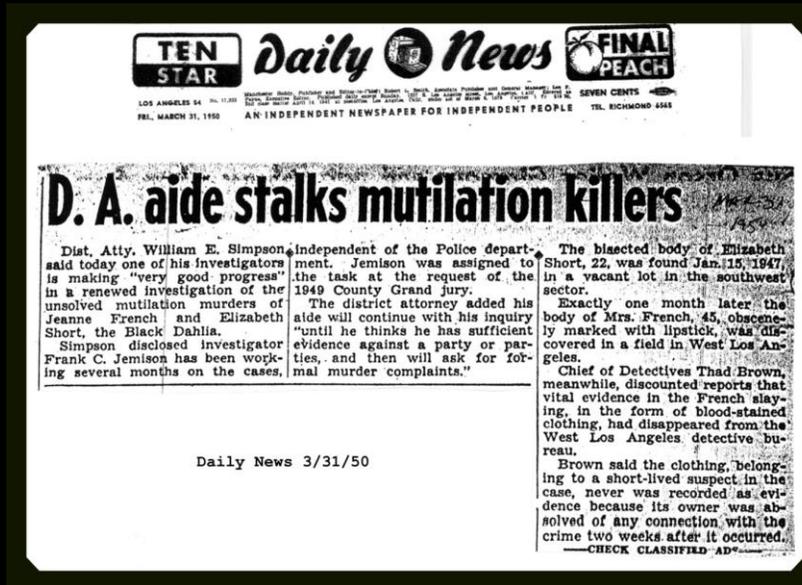
Moriarty:

It sounds like you think it may have been a cover-up of some sort?

Morgan:

Well, everybody thought that.

Article in Newspaper Three Days After Dr. George Hodel Fled from his Residence and Forced DA/LAPD to Terminate Their Six Week Electronic Stakeout



Los Angeles Daily News Mar 31, 1950

(Excerpt)

... Dist. Atty. William E. Simpson said today one of his investigators [Lt. Jemison] is making “very good progress” in a renewed investigation of the unsolved mutilation murders of Jeanne French and Elizabeth Short, the Black Dahlia.

...

“DA Simpson added that Lt. Jemison has been working several months ...and will continue his inquiry until he thinks he has sufficient evidence against a party or parties, and then will ask for formal murder complaints.”

LAPD CHIEF OF DETECTIVES JAMES MCMURRAY STATEMENTS



James McMurray
LAPD Chief of Detectives

“The hardcover book [*Black Dahlia Avenger*] was pretty compelling.”

“Then when all the transcripts and stuff came out from the D.A.’s Office that took it over the top for me. That would have been enough for me to bring a case against Dr. Hodel.”

James McMurray, LAPD Chief of Detectives
[*LA Times*, November 21, 2004.]

“I have told my detectives, unless that can find some major holes in Hodel’s investigation—to **go ahead and clear the Black Dahlia murder.**” [Emphasis mine] [November 2004]

LASD COMMANDER TOM VETTER STATEMENTS



“ In 1962 I was a detective and I was the driver for Undersheriff James Downey who was the Sheriff Department’s No. 2 man. One day he was going to lunch with his good friend, Gordy Bowers, Chief of Detectives. Somehow the Black Dahlia murder case came up in conversation. I heard Jimmy say, ‘Oh that had been solved, but it will never come out. It was some doctor they all knew out in Hollywood.’ In my own professional opinion Hodel has put the pieces together and solved the case.”

... “Yeah, it was a cover-up. Just the scuttlebutt going around that-they had found who had murdered-they had discovered who had murdered her [Elizabeth Short, “The Black Dahlia”] and it was really a cover-up. Somebody had covered it up. Because they were afraid that the doctor had the goods on too many people in high places-police official and city officials-politicians and that-regarding abortions.

Abortions involving their girlfriends-their mistresses. Many of them were married at the time and-they just felt the doctor had a lot of goods on them and perhaps he kept a diary or notes, or something.”

**Commander Tom Vetter
Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department
(CBS Television Interview October, 2004)**

Commander Tom Vetter (ret.)
Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department
Lieutenant Colonel, USMCR (ret.)
President, First Marine Division
2003-2005

“LAPD AUTHOR’S NIGHT” DECEMBER, 2004



LAPD Police Museum
(Old Highland Park Division Station on York Blvd.)



Chief McMurray Steve Hodel Chief Bratton

LAPD Asst Deputy Chief of Detectives James McMurray Detective III Steve Hodel (ret.) and LAPD Chief Bill Bratton. I was one of several LAPD officers being honored at the Los Angeles Police Museum on “LAPD Authors Night” for my then NYT bestseller, “*Black Dahlia Avenger: A Genius for Murder.*” Other LAPD sworn officer/authors honored that same night were: Paul Bishop, Keith Bushey, Joseph Wambaugh, and two screenwriter/officers: Dallas Barnes and Stephen Downing.



LAPD Chief William Bratton

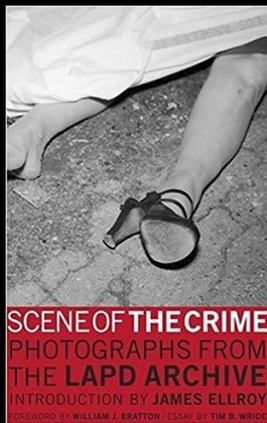
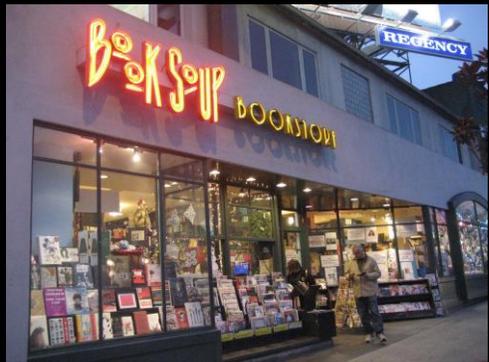
BOOK SOUP BOOKSTORE SIGNING 2004 CHIEF BRATTON TELLS HIS DETECTIVES TO “GIVE IT UP” [STOP INVESTIGATING BLACK DAHLIA MURDER]

Question from audience: “Isn’t it about time we released all the information about the Black Dahlia case? (applause)”

Chief Bratton response:

“I just told our Cold Case Squad guys to give it up. (Stop investigating the Black Dahlia case.)”

“I’m more concerned about the nine (9) murders we had last week, than one going back that many years... I know that is problematic for some people who would like to see it solved. But what would you have to write about if it was solved? Better it go unsolved. There are more and more books being written about it all the time.” (Stunned silence from the crowd for ten seconds.)



LAPD POLICE CHIEF WILLIAM BRATTON

(Book Soup Bookstore, West Hollywood Public Talk, November 2004)

Nov. 16, 2004

2012 Newly Discovered “Black Dahlia” Letters Displayed at LAPD Police Museum Do They Contain Potential Suspect DNA?



LAPD Historical Museum, 6045 York Blvd, Los Angeles CA 90042

The Los Angeles Police Historical Society Museum is in northeast Los Angeles. The historic building, affectionately known as “Old Number 11,” was originally a fully functioning LAPD police station

June 14, 2012

LAPD Chief of Police, Charlie Beck
LAPD Robbery/Homicide, Captain William Hayes
Los Angeles Police Department
100 W. First St. Room 1077 & 5th Floor

Dear Chief Beck and Captain Hayes:

Greetings from Los Angeles.

First, let me commend you both for your outstanding job in making our city's streets safer. The downward trend in violent crime is impressive and can certainly be directly attributed to your and the department's hard work both behind the desks and in the streets. Congratulations!

My name is Steve Hodel, and I am an honorably retired Detective III. My years of service were from 1963 to 1986. Most of my career was at Hollywood Detectives where after working all the separate tables, I settled in to work homicide (fourteen years) and personally handled over 300 separate murder investigations.

By 1982, I was the senior field homicide Detective II, working under my close friend, and longtime partner, Detective III Russell Kuster. (As you know, Russ was shot and killed in October, 1950 after being engaged in a gun-battle with parolee, Sala Marko. Marko attacked Russ while he was dining at a Hungarian restaurant in Hollywood and in the exchange of gunfire, both men were killed.)

I was promoted to Detective III in 1983 and retired three years later in '86.

LAPD Black Dahlia Murder Investigation—Background

You both are likely aware of at least some of the circumstances that unfolded and were presented to me, beginning in 1999, some thirteen-years into retirement.

I am not going to attempt to summarize all that unfolded, but will simply provide a few bullet points so that I can get to the actual reason why I am writing you.

BLACK DAHLIA AVENGER II|382

LETTER NO. 1



Exhibit 2.1

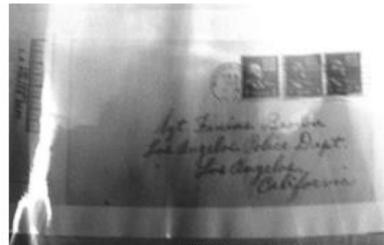
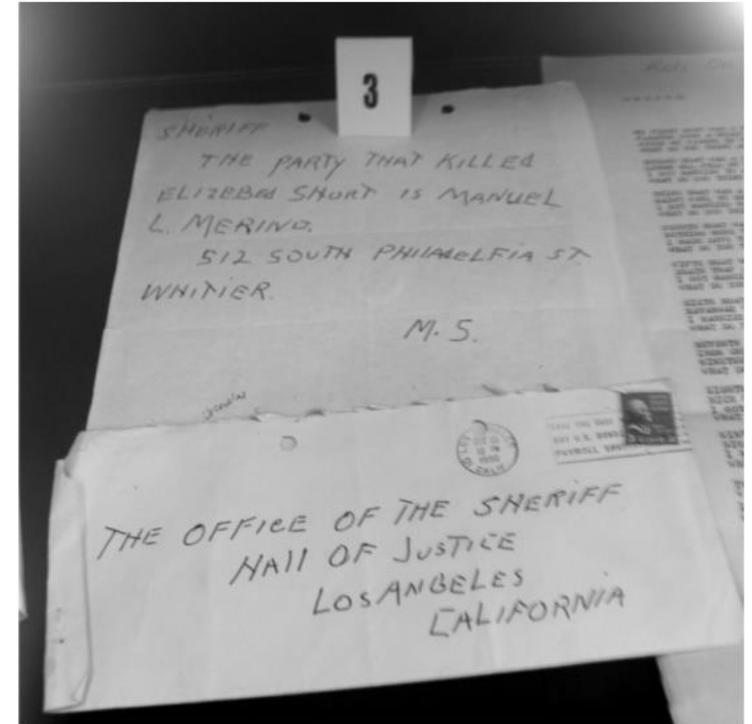


Exhibit 2.2

LETTER NO. 2



Letters 1 & 2 “mailed into to police” potentially containing George Hodel DNA

Page 1 of 6 of my 2012 Letter to Chief Beck requesting to meet with LAPD to present “new evidence” re. potential DNA on two newly discovered letters on display at LAPD Police Museum.



LAPD Chief Charlie Beck

Chief Beck 2012 Response to Steve Hodel Re: Black Dahlia DNA Investigation

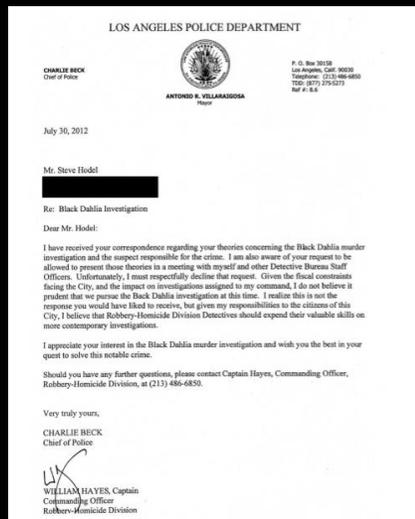
(Excerpt)

“I have received your correspondence ...I am aware of your request to be allowed to present those theories (my Black Dahlia updated linkage and new potential DNA evidence) in a meeting with myself and other Detective Bureau Staff Officers.

Unfortunately, I must respectfully decline that request. Given the fiscal commitments facing the City, and the impact on investigations assigned to my command, I do not believe it prudent that we pursue the Black Dahlia investigation at this time.

...I believe that Robbery Homicide Division Detectives should expend their valuable skills on more contemporary investigations.

I appreciate your interest in the Black Dahlia murder investigation and wish you the best in your quest to solve this notable crime.”



Chief Beck’s 2012 letter response to my request to meet and discuss “new physical evidence” on Dahlia investigation.

**CHARLIE BECK, Chief of Police
Letter to Hodel July 30, 2012**

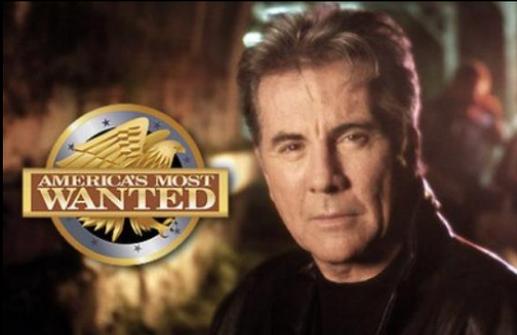
Detective Brian Carr 2006 Television Appeal on America's Most Wanted for "Missing Letter" to test for suspect's DNA



LAPD Det. Brian Carr 1997

Brian Carr makes an appeal on television show, America's Most Wanted aired September 16, 2006.

"...LAPD Detective Brian Carr hopes that DNA evidence can help break the Dahlia case. Carr believes that a letter believed to have been sent by the killer contains trace DNA evidence in the form of the killer's saliva used to close the envelope. That trace evidence could be used to name the killer given the recent advances in DNA testing. The only problem is that the envelope and letter have gone missing from an evidence locker. Cops believe someone took them as a souvenir."



John Walsh
Host of AMW airs 2006
LAPD plea to help find
"Missing Letter"

* **Det. Brian Carr retired from LAPD in Feb. 2009**

LAPD SGT. GLYNN MARTIN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POLICE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

“HARD TO ARGUE STEVE’S SOLUTION”

“Steve’s first book, *The Black Dahlia Avenger*, became a bestselling title. His conclusion that Elizabeth Short was murdered by his own father was supported by a significant amount of compelling evidence, and although the murder is technically unsolved it is hard to argue with Steve’s solution.”

LAPD SGT. GLYNN MARTIN (ret.)

Executive Director, Los Angeles Police Historical Society
The Hot Sheet- Newsletter No. 36, Nov/Dec 2009



LAPD Sgt. Glynn Martin (ret.)



LAPD Detective II Mitzi Roberts

“Steve Hodel knows that we did DNA testing. Well, he should know that? Yes, he should know that. ... I don’t want to say for sure that he [Hodel] knows ... The DNA was done; it was done years ago...”*

*

[In point of fact, No one from LAPD has informed me of any DNA testing. Det. Roberts apparently is unaware that LAPD has had no contact or communications with me since Head DA Steve Kay and I gave the briefing to “the brass” and Robbery/Homicide Detectives Rick Jackson and Brian Carr, back in May 2003.]

“.... I actually agree with you, I think he (Steve Hodel) has made a very compelling theory, I think there’s a lot of things that looks like it and his dad could actually be responsible for the murder of the Black Dahlia.

We have no physical evidence, at this time, sixty-six years later that we can positively link that would help solve or identify the correct perpetrator.” *

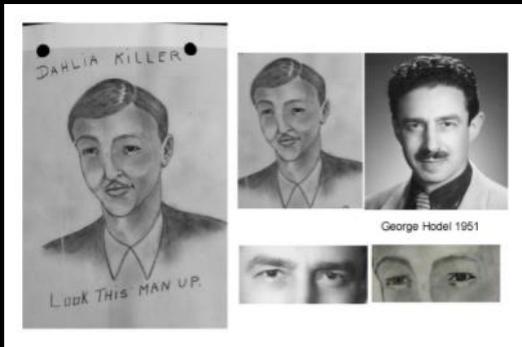
LAPD Detective II Mitzi Roberts
KMEX-Univision Interview “La Dahlia Negra” –
April 2013

* Actually LAPD very likely does have numerous untested physical items from multiple [12] 1940s “LA Lone Woman” Cold Cases (LAPD and LASO) that could well link Dr. George Hodel by way of DNA.

Are the LAPD “Missing Letters” the Same As Those Displayed at the Police Museum in 2012?



Letters 1

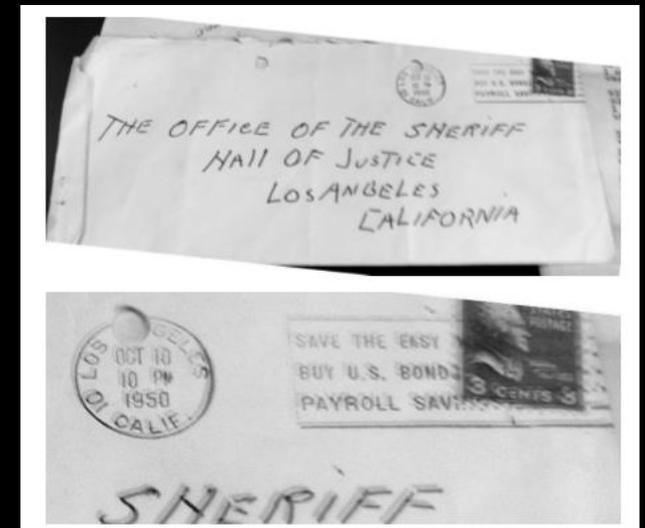


Note reads:
“Dahlia Killer Look
This Man Up”

IS DET. BRIAN CARR’S 2006 “MISSING LETTER” WHICH LAPD BELIEVES WAS “ SENT IN BY THE KILLER” ONE OF THE TWO LETTERS ON DISPLAY AT THE POLICE MUSEUM IN 2012?

DID LAPD FIND THE LETTER IN THEIR PROPERTY DIVISION SOMETIME AFTER 2006?

DID LAPD TEST ONE OR BOTH AND FOUND NO DNA AS HINTED AT BY DET. MITZI ROBERTS IN HER LATER KMEX 2013 INTERVIEW?



Letter 2
HW appears to be GHH’s
And Postmark Oct 10, 1950
is GHH’s Birthday

“CASE SOLVED”

THE BELOW NAMED SENIOR OFFICERS * HAVE INDEPENDENTLY CONFIRMED THAT THE 1947 MURDER OF ELIZABETH SHORT, AKA “THE BLACK DAHLIA” WAS SOLVED AND HER KILLER WAS IDENTIFIED AND FOUND TO BE:

GEORGE HILL HODEL M.D.

WILLIAM H. PARKER (LAPD POLICE CHIEF 1950-1966)

THADDEUS F. BROWN (LAPD CHIEF OF DETECTIVES)

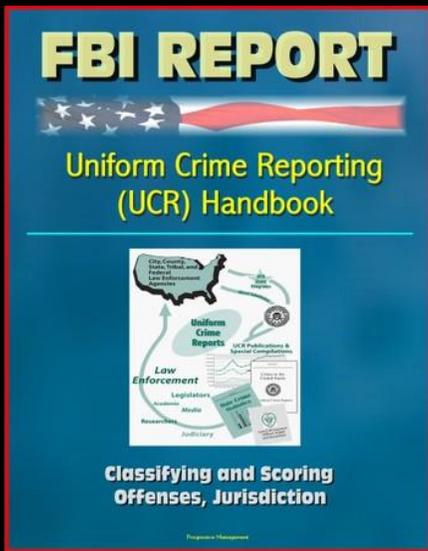
JAMES DOWNEY (LASD UNDERSHERIFF)

FRANK B. JEMISON (LT. LADA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION)

STEPHEN KAY (LA HEAD DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY)

JAMES MCMURRAY (LAPD CHIEF OF DETECTIVES)

* Officers involved in original 1947 names in bold.



LAPD Manual requirements for “Clearing Crimes” are virtually identical to the those of the FBI DOJ Guidelines with the exception that instead of using the term “Exceptional Means” for clearing non-arrest homicides LAPD uses the term “Cleared Other” and requires basically the same criteria as the U.S. Department of Justice.



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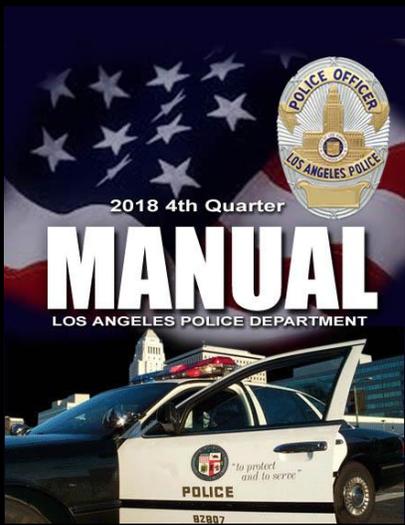
Clearances

FBI Handbook for Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook Guidelines for Clearing Homicides by “Exceptional Means.”

(Verbatim from handbook)

- In certain situations elements beyond law enforcement’s control prevent the agency from arresting and formally charging the offender. When this occurs, the agency can clear the offense *exceptionally*. Law enforcement agencies must meet the following four conditions in order to clear an offense by exceptional means. The agency must have:
 - Identified the offender
 - Gathered enough evidence to support an arrest, make a charge, and turn over the offender to the court for prosecution.
 - Identified the offender’s exact location so that the suspect could be taken into custody immediately.
 - Encountered a circumstance outside the control of law enforcement that prohibits the agency from arresting, charging, and prosecuting the offender.

Examples of exceptional clearances include, but are not limited to, the death of the offender...



LAPD Manual

LAPD MANUAL POLICY FOR “ HOMICIDE SOLVED-CLEARED OTHER” VOLUME 4 710. 20 (Verbatim from manual)

Solved Homicides. When a homicide case is solved, the investigating officer shall submit a Follow-up, Form 03.14.00, containing the following information:

- Synopsis of the occurrence (who, what when, where, etc).
- Suspect(s) – Defendants(s)
- Investigative information positively identifying the suspect(s).
- M.O. used by the suspect(s)
- Criminal charges filed and/or warrant information.
- Postmortem examination information-cause of death

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Area Detective Commanding Officer’s Responsibilities. The concerned Area Detective CO shall review the close-out Follow-Up Investigation report classifying the case status of a murder investigation as “Cleared Other” to ensure that it properly meets the Detective Operations Manual guidelines and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook guidelines for “Exceptional Clearances.” If it does the CO shall complete and sign his or her name on the appropriate approval block on the last page of the follow-Up investigation and forward the original report along with an Intradepartmental Correspondence, Form 15.02.00 to the CO, RHD. The Intradepartmental Correspondence shall be routed via the Area CO and geographic bureau CO for review.

Chief of Detectives Responsibilities. The Chief of Detectives shall have final approval authority for close-out Follow-Up investigation reports classifying the case status of a murder investigation as “Cleared Other.”



“I have told my detectives, unless that can find some major holes in Hodel’s investigation—to go ahead and clear the Black Dahlia murder.”

James McMurray, LAPD Chief of Detectives, November 2004

CAN LAPD CLEAR THE BLACK DAHLIA MURDER “CLEARED OTHER” AS PER CHIEF OF DETECTIVES JAMES MCMURRAY’S ORDER?

HAVE ALL THE LAPD AND FBI DOJ REQUIREMENTS BEEN MET?

- ✓ 1. IDENTIFIED THE OFFENDER? **YES**
- ✓ 2. GATHERED ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT A CHARGE? **YES**
- ✓ 3. IDENTIFIED THE OFFENDER’S EXACT LOCATION? **YES, ASHES BOTTOM SAN FRANCISCO BAY.**
- ✓ 4. CIRCUMSTANCE OUTSIDE CONTROL THAT PROHITS SUSPECT’S ARREST? **YES, HE’S DEAD**