

## STATE OF CALIFORNIA

## CERTIFICATION OF VITAL RECORD

## COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA

## CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

3-86-40-000073

STATE FILE NUMBER		LOCAL REGISTRATION DISTRICT AND CERTIFICATE NUMBER	
1A. NAME OF DECEASED—FIRST   1B. MIDDLE		2A. DATE OF DEATH MONTH, DAY, YEAR   2B. HOUR	
LAFAYETTE RONALD		January 24, 1986   Found 2000	
3. SEX   4. RACE/ETHNICITY		5. SPANISH/THISPANIC	
Male White American		NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
6. BIRTHPLACE OF DECEASED (STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY)		7. DATE OF BIRTH	
NR		March 13, 1911	
8. NAME AND BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER		9. AGE	
Harry Ross Hubbard - unk		74 YEARS IF UNDER 1 YEAR MONTHS DAYS HOURS MINUTES	
10. BIRTH NAME AND BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER		11. NAME OF SURVIVING SPOUSE IF WIFE. ENTER BIRTH NAME	
Dora May Waterbury - MT		Mary Sue Whipp	
12. PRIMARY OCCUPATION		13. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	
Writer		568 09 9422 Married	
14. NUMBER OF YEARS THIS OCCUPATION		15. EMPLOYER OR SELF-EMPLOYED, SO STATE	
40		Self	
16A. USUAL RESIDENCE—STREET ADDRESS (STREET AND NUMBER OR LOCATION)		16B.	
Star Route		16C. CITY OR TOWN	
18D. COUNTY		Creston	
San Luis Obispo		18E. STATE	
CA		19. NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT—RELATIONSHIP	
21A. PLACE OF DEATH		21B. COUNTY	
Residence		San Luis Obispo	
21C. STREET ADDRESS (STREET AND NUMBER OR LOCATION)		21D. CITY OR TOWN	
Star Route (Donovan Road)		Rural Creston	
22. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE		23. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS—CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO CAUSE GIVEN IN 22A	
<p>CONDITIONS, IF ANY, WHICH GAVE RISE TO THE IMMEDIATE CAUSE STATING THE UNDER- LYING CAUSE LAST.</p> <p>(A) <i>Cerebral vascular accident</i> DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF ID DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF (C)</p>		<p>24. WAS DEATH REPORTED TO CORONER?</p> <p>YES (DU)</p> <p>25. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED?</p> <p>NO</p> <p>26. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED?</p> <p>NO</p>	
28A. I CERTIFY THAT DEATH OCCURRED AT THE HOUR, DATE AND PLACE STATED FROM THE CAUSES STATED.		28B. PHYSICIAN—SIGNATURE AND DEGREE OR TITLE	
I ATTENDED DECEASED SINCE   1 LAST SAW DECEASED ALIVE REENTER NO. DA. YR.   REENTER NO. DA. YR.		28C. DATE SIGNED   28D. PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE NUMBER	
9-30-78   1-24-86		25 Jan 86   G 33017	
29. SPECIFY ACCIDENT, SUICIDE, ETC.		30. PLACE OF INJURY	
31. INJURY AT WORK		32A. DATE OF INJURY—MONTH, DAY, YEAR   32B. HOUR	
33. LOCATION (STREET AND NUMBER OR LOCATION AND CITY OR TOWN)		34. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED (EVENTS WHICH RESULTED IN INJURY)	
35A. I CERTIFY THAT DEATH OCCURRED AT THE HOUR, DATE AND PLACE STATED PRO: THE CAUSES STATED, AS REQUIRED BY LAW I HAVE HELD AN INVESTIGATION		35B. CORONER—SIGNATURE AND DEGREE OR TITLE	
35C. DATE FINISHED		36. CEMETERY'S LICENSE NUMBER AND SIGNATURE	
37. DATE—MONTH, DAY, YEAR		38. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORIUM	
Cremation January 25, 1986		Arroyo Valley Crematory, Arroyo Grande, CA not embalmed	
40A. NAME OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR (OR PERSON ACTING AS SUCH)		40B. LICENSE NO.	
Reis Chapel		949	
41. STATE REGISTRAR		42. LOCAL REGISTRAR—SIGNATURE	
A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/> C. <input type="checkbox"/> D. <input type="checkbox"/>		Health Officer	
E. <input type="checkbox"/> F. <input type="checkbox"/>			

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY SAN LUIS OBISPO

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*Julie L. Rosewald*  
COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER

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Office of the

**SHERIFF-CORONER**

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**REPORT ON POST MORTEM EXAMINATION NO. 86-A-015**

NAME OF THE DECEASED: HUBBARD, Lafayette R. Age: 74 yrs

PATHOLOGIST: Karl E. Kirschner, M.D.

DATE: January 25, 1986

LOCATION: Reis Chapel

WITNESSED BY: Chief Deputy Coroner Don Hines

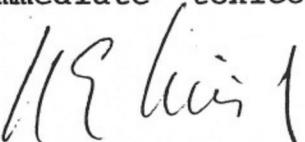
SPECIMENS RETAINED:

MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION:

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** The body of a tall white male said to have been in his 70's. The body shows abundant reddish-white facial hair and eyebrows of reddish-white color. Scalp hair is long, thinning, receding at the forehead and of greyish-white color. Reddish-white body hair is present on the surface. Fingernails are long, unkempt. Nail beds are of bluish-red discoloration. Toenails are long, unkempt and there is bluish-red cyanosis present. The back is covered by livores. There is a bandaide affixed to the right gluteal area where 10 recent needle marks are recognized of 5-8 cm. There are no abnormalities upon inspection of the back. The body is without bruises or injuries or palpable masses.

Post mortem examination was refused because of religious reasons. The case was brought to the attention of the District Attorney's office, Dan Hilford, who advised immediate toxicology be performed on body fluids.

KEK:sk  
1-28-86

  
KARL E. KIRSCHNER, M.D.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT  
CORONER CASE INFORMATION SHEET

8601-1284

CROSS REFERENCE TO CORONER FILE #8936

1-30-86

DETAILS

DECEDENT:

Lafayette Ronald HUBBARD, Sr., 74 yrs., DOB March 13, 1911; Star Route (O'Donovan Road), rural Creston, CA.

DATE OF DEATH:

January 24, 1986. Time found - 2000 hours.

LOCATION:

Residence, inside a motorhome described as a 1982 Blue Bird, California license 1DSP131.

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN:

Dr. Eugene Denk, M.D., G-33017, 5336 Fountain Ave., Los Angeles, CA. 90069; phone: 213 654-5681.

CLINICAL HISTORY:

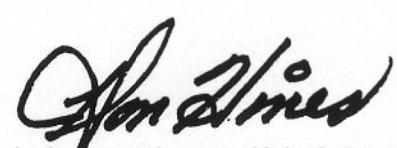
Long standing history of chronic pancreatitis. Recent history of Dysphrasia as of, on or about January 16, 1986.

ATTORNEYS PRESENT AT THE REIS CHAPEL:

Mr. Earl C. Cooley  
9369 Nightengale Drive  
Los Angeles, CA. 90069  
(213) 654-5681

Mr. John G. Peterson  
8530 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 407  
Beverly Hills, CA. 90211  
(213) 659-9965

Mr. Sherman D. Lenske  
Woodland West Bldg., Suite #315  
6400 Canoga Ave.,  
Woodland Hills, CA 91367  
(818) 716-1444

  
/s/ Don Hines, Chief Deputy Coroner  
Coroners Division

## INVESTIGATION

1-25-86/0730 Hrs., Saturday

Writer received a phone call at home from Mrs. Irene Reis, representative of the Reis Funeral Chapel, San Luis Obispo. Mrs. Reis reported that she had just received information of a death that had occurred in rural Creston the preceding night, January 24, 1986. Mrs. Reis reported that the decedent's physician and attorney were at the residence. Mrs. Reis thought it was somewhat out of the ordinary because the death reportedly had occurred Friday evening and no one was contacted until Saturday morning. For this reason, Mrs. Reis reported the death to the Coroner's Office. Mrs. Reis provided writer with the names and addresses of the decedent, the physician and the attorney. A phone number of the residence where the decedent was located was also provided, (805) 239-1715.

Writer telephoned the residence and spoke with Dr. Denk regarding the decedent's medical history. Dr. Denk reported that he had been residing at the ranch and treating the decedent for the past two years. He described the decedent as having displayed signs of Dysphrasia for about eight days and indicated that there was little doubt in his mind that the terminal event was a CVA. Writer told Dr. Denk that his clinical diagnosis seemed proper, however a Deputy Sheriff would be responding to view the death scene. This was quite agreeable with Dr. Denk and he would be standing by awaiting the Deputy's arrival.

Writer asked Dr. Denk if there were any family members present. He asked me to hold on and he would put the decedent's attorney on. That he would be able to supply that information. Mr. Cooley answered the phone and introduced himself as the decedent's attorney. Mr. Cooley told writer that there were no family members present. That the decedent's wife was residing in Los Angeles. Mr. Cooley further reported that the decedent and his wife had been separated for a long time, however their marriage status was married. Writer asked Mr. Cooley if the decedent had executed a Last Will and Testament. Mr. Cooley stated that he had the decedent's Will in his possession. That a Mr. Norman F. Starke, 1404 N. Catalina St., Hollywood, CA. was named as the Executor. Mr. Cooley was advised that a Deputy Sheriff would be responding to the residence and if possible, writer needed a copy of decedent's Will for the records. Mr. Cooley said that this would be done and the phone call was terminated.

Writer then telephoned the Sheriff's Department and spoke to Deputy Donn Hugh. He was given directions to the ranch and requested to send a Deputy to view the death scene. An additional request was made for the Deputy to telephone the Executor named in the Will and obtain his permission to release custody of the ranch to Mr. Cooley. Deputy Charles Gassett was assigned to respond to the death scene and investigate.

Upon completion of this assignment, Deputy Gassett telephoned writer to report his observations. Deputy Gassett reported that there was nothing suspicious about the scene, but that the copy of the Last Will and Testament revealed that the Will was dated January 23, 1986, one day prior to decedent's death. My immediate reaction to this information was whether decedent was in sound mind at the time he signed the Will as Dr. Denk had told me of decedent's clinical history which supported a possible neurological problem.

At this point writer decided to reconsider the matter and instead of permitting the doctor to certify the cause of death, writer ordered an autopsy be performed. This decision was not based on whether or not Dr. Denk had properly diagnosed the immediate cause of death,

but to avoid possible questions pertaining to the cause of death and whether or not the decedent was of sound mind when he signed his Last Will and Testament, should this Will be challenged in a civil court. If this should occur, the immediate cause of death would perhaps be another question at issue, if no autopsy was performed. Writer requested Deputy Gassett to bring a copy of the Will to Reis Chapel and writer would meet him there.

Writer then contacted the Reis Chapel and requested to be contacted when decedent's body arrived at their facility. Later that morning writer received word that the body had arrived at the mortuary. Writer responded to the mortuary to continue the investigation. Present at the mortuary were Attorney Sherman D. Lenske and Attorney Earl C. Cooley. Writer explained the concern over the recent signing of the Will and that writer's intentions were to schedule an autopsy as a measure of prevention against any questions regarding the immediate cause of death, in the event the Will was challenged.

At this time Mr. Lenske presented writer with a Certificate of Religious Belief as set forth in Government Code Section SS27491.43, reading in part:

"I, LaFayette Ronald Hubbard, declare: (1) I am a resident of the State of California and over eighteen (18) years of age. (2) Based upon my religious beliefs, I object to any and all post mortem anatomical dissections or other autopsy procedures being conducted on my body. Such autopsy procedures would violate my religious convictions.

In witness whereof, I have executed this Certificate of Religious Belief this 20th day of January, 1986."

The document bore the signature L. Ron Hubbard, Sr. The document also contained the following witness signatures:

1. Patrick D. Broeker, Star Route Creston, Creston, CA. 93432.
2. Anne M. Broeker, Star Route Creston, Creston, CA. 93432.
3. Stephen J. Pfauth, Star Route Creston, Creston, CA. 93432.

Writer posed the question in request form for permission to conduct a toxicology study to rule out the question whether or not the decedent died as a result of a lethal dosage of medicated drugs or any other substance. Both attorneys had no problem with this process being performed. The attorneys stated that they did not want any problem with the Coroner's Office dealing with the cause or manner of death, but they had an obligation to the decedent's bequest that his religious convictions not be violated. They asked if it would be of any assistance if Dr. Denk responded to the mortuary to answer any medical questions writer may have. Writer requested that he respond for that purpose.

Writer was also presented with the original Will and permitted to read the 13 page document. After reading this document, writer telephoned the Commander of the Detective Bureau, Lt. John Hastie, and briefed him on the circumstances of how writer became involved in this case, the recent signature and date on the Will, the decedent's clinical history reported by his regular physician and the Certificate of Religious Belief. Lt. Hastie was further informed that the body showed no signs of violence or abuse and that permission was granted by both attorneys to conduct a toxicology study in lieu of an autopsy. Lt. Hastie suggested that the on-call Deputy District Attorney be notified and informed of the circumstances.

Writer placed a phone call to the on-call Deputy District Attorney which was Assistant District Attorney Dan Hilford. Mr. Hilford was apprised of the circumstances. Mr. Hilford advised that on the basis that there were no signs of violence on the body, and that the medical history was consistent with what the doctor diagnosed for a cause of death, to complete the toxicology process. If the toxicology was clear, writer should release the body.

County Pathologist Dr. Karl E. Kirschner was called to the mortuary to perform an external medical inspection of the decedent's body and draw blood and urine for the purpose of performing a toxicology study. Blood was drawn from the body, but urine was unable to be obtained due to the bladder being evacuated. Refer to the attached medical inspection report and attached toxicology report for additional information.

A total of 13 photographs were taken of the decedent by writer during this medical inspection process. Fingerprints were also obtained from the decedent as well. By the time the medical inspection was completed, Dr. Denk and Mr. David Miscovige, representative of the Author Services in Los Angeles, arrived at the mortuary. Mr. Miscovige had brought with him a copy of a 1982 Last Will and Testament and a Codicil to a Last Will and Testament dated 1983. Both documents contained the signature L. Ron Hubbard, Sr. The contents of the 1982 Will were basically the same as the most recent Will. The 1983 Codicil appears to be an amendment to the 1982 Will, setting forth his religious belief against an autopsy being performed on his body after death.

Writer explained to Dr. Denk what was transpiring in this investigation and why. Dr. Denk stated that he had no objection to the performing of toxicology studies. He reported that the only medication he had given the decedent was Vistaril and vitamin B-12. The aforementioned attorneys requested that these tests be performed immediately because they chose to cease further action toward proceeding with the cremation process until the Coroner's Office was satisfied that the decedent died of natural causes and not by some lethal drug overdose. Dr. Denk requested to accompany writer to the Sierra Vista Hospital Laboratory and witness the tests performed. Writer, accompanied by Dr. Denk, took the specimen to the Sierra Vista Hospital where the toxicology studies were performed. The results of the toxicology studies revealed no presence of any substance that would be contributory of the decedent's death. Dr. Denk accompanied writer back to the mortuary and writer thanked the attorneys for their understanding and cooperation. The body was released to their custody.

#### 1-27-86/Monday Night

A news release was made by the Church of Scientology in Los Angeles. Following this news release, news media generated news releases to the effect that there was some question as to whether or not the person who expired in Creston on January 24, 1986, was really LaFayette Ronald Hubbard, Sr. Because of this, the investigation included the process of fingerprint comparison.

#### 1-29-86/Wednesday Morning

Writer received a phone call from Attorney John Peterson inquiring if what he heard in a news release, that the death was still under investigation, was true. Mr. Peterson was advised that because of the news media saying there was some question if LaFayette Ronald Hubbard, Sr. was really the person who died in Creston, the Coroner's Office decided to establish positive identification through fingerprint comparison. Mr. Peterson offered to assist in expediting this process by bringing to San Luis Obispo, a certified copy of L. Ron Hubbard's, Sr. latent fingerprints that he had access to. His offer was accepted.

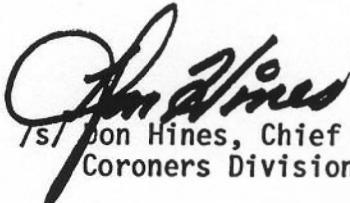
At 1300 hours, Mr. Peterson, Attorney Lawrence E. Heller, Mr. Norman Starkey, the Executor, and Mr. David Miscavige arrived at the Sheriff's Department with the documents. Received from Mr. Peterson were documents described as:

1. A certified copy of a latent fingerprint card from the F.B.I.
2. A United States Navy Certificate of Satisfactory Service card depicting the decedent's name and right index print.
3. A Special Officer identification card depicting a photo and right index fingerprint, issued by the Office of the Chief of Police, Los Angeles.
4. A United States passport dated April 12, 1984, issued by the passport agency in Los Angeles.

These items were presented to the I.D. Technician, Detective C. Feierabend, for comparison. Det. Feierabend examined these documents and found them to compare to the prints obtained from the decedent. Det. Feierabend further reported that he had confirmed all 10 fingerprints in a telephone conversation with the office of the F.B.I. Refer to Det. Feierabend's supplement report for additional details of this process.

#### CONCLUSIONS

Investigation into this death revealed no signs or evidence supporting that the decedent, L. Ron Hubbard, died as a result of suicide or foul play. This office is satisfied that the true identity of the decedent is LaFayette Ronald Hubbard, Sr. Writer concludes that this case is deemed not a coroner's case, therefore jurisdiction was waived and the Certificate of Death was certified by the attending physician, Dr. Eugene Denk G-33017.



/s/ Don Hines, Chief Deputy Coroner  
Coroners Division

jh/0377f

TOXICOLOGY REPORT



DRUGS CHECKED QUALITATIVELY

**ANALGESICS**

Acetaminophen (Tylenol)  
 Ophendrine (Norflex)  
 Pentazocine (Talwin)  
 Phenacetin (Empirin)  
 Propoxyphene (Darvon)  
 Salicylate (Excedrin)  
 Salicylate

**ANORETICS**

Phenmetrazine (Preludin)  
 Phentermine (Fastrin)  
 Phenylpropanolamine

**ANTIARRHYTHMICS**

Disopyramide (Norpace)  
 Lidocaine (Xylocaine)

**ANTIBIOTICS**

Erythromycin  
 Trimethoprin (Bactrim)

**ANTICONVULSANTS**

Carbamazepine (Tegretol)  
 Phenytion (Dilantin)

**ANTIDEPRESSANTS**

Tricyclics  
 Amitriptyline (Elavil)  
 Desipramine (Norpramin)  
 Doxepin (Sinequan)  
 Imipramine (Tofranil)  
 Nortriptyline (Aventil)

**ANTIEMETICS**

Dimenhydrinate (Diamamine)  
 Trimethobenzamide (Tigan)

**ANTIHISTAMINES**

Chlorpheniramine (Chlor-Trimeton)  
 Diphenhydramine (Benadryl)  
 Doxylamine (Bendectin)  
 Methapyrilene

**BARBITURATES**

Amobarbital  
 Aprobarbital (Alurete)  
 Barbituric  
 Butabarbital  
 Butalbital (Fiorinal)  
 Mephobarbital (Mebaral)  
 Pentobarbital (Nembutal)  
 Phenobarbital  
 Secobarbital (Seconal)

**CARDIAC DEPRESSANTS**

Propranolol (Inderal)  
 Quinidine

**DILUENTS, ADULTERANTS**

Procaine (Novacaine)  
 Quinine  
 Strychnine

**DIURETICS, ANTIHYPERTENSIVE**

Spironalactone (Aldactone)  
 Triamterene (Dyazide, Dyrenium)

**EMETICS**

Ipecac  
 Expectorants, COLD AND COUGH MEDICATIONS

Ephedrine (Sudafed)  
 Dextromethorphan  
 Phenylpropanolamine  
 Terpin Hydrate

**HALLUCINOGENS**

3,4 methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDA)  
 Mescaline (Peyote)  
 Phencyclidine (PCP)

**NARCOTICS**

Cocaine - Benzoylegonine  
 Codeine  
 Dolaphine (Methadone)  
 Meperidine (Demerol)  
 Morphine - Glucuronide  
 Heroin as morphine

**STIMULANTS**

Amphetamine  
 Caffeine  
 Methamphetamine  
 Nicotine  
 Strychnine

**TRANQUILIZERS**

Benzodiazepines  
 Chlorazepate (Tranxene)

Chlordiazepoxide (Librium)  
 Diazepam (Valium)  
 Flurazepam (Dalmane)

Oxazepam (Serox)  
 Carisoprodol (Soma)

Chlorthalidone (Taractan)  
 Ethinamate (Valmid)

Ethylchlorvynol (Placidyl)  
 Gluthethimide (Doriden)

Meprobamate (Miltown)  
 Methaqualone (Quaalude)

Methocarbamol (Robaxin)  
 Methyprylon (Noludar)

Phenothiazines  
 Chloropromazine (Thorazine)

Trifluoperazine (Stelazine)  
 Trifluromazine (Vesprin)

Trimeprazine (Temaril)  
 Thioridazine (Mellaril)

Thioxene (Navene)

**OTHERS**

Cimetidine (Tagamet)  
 Hydrocortizone  
 Phenazopyridium (Pyridium)  
 Polyethylene glycol (Chloral Hydrate)  
 Theophylline (Aminophylline)

DRUG SCREEN RESULT:

Trace of Hydrxyzine (Vistaril) detected on blood specimen

submitted.

Not done

CANNABINOID (MARIJUANA) SCREEN: (it requires urine)

NORMAL: Negative

BLOOD ALCOHOL : Negative % NORMAL: None detected

SPECIMEN IDENTIFICATION: HUBBARD, L. HUBBARD

RQOM:

Blood: 2 red vac.

DATE SPECIMEN RECEIVED: 1/25/86

TYPE OF SPECIMEN: vitreous fluid

DATE TEST PERFORMED: 1/25 and 1/27/87

DOCTOR:

SPECIMEN SUBMITTED BY: Sheriff's Coroner (dr. Kirschner)

TECHNOLOGIST:

PA (Signature)

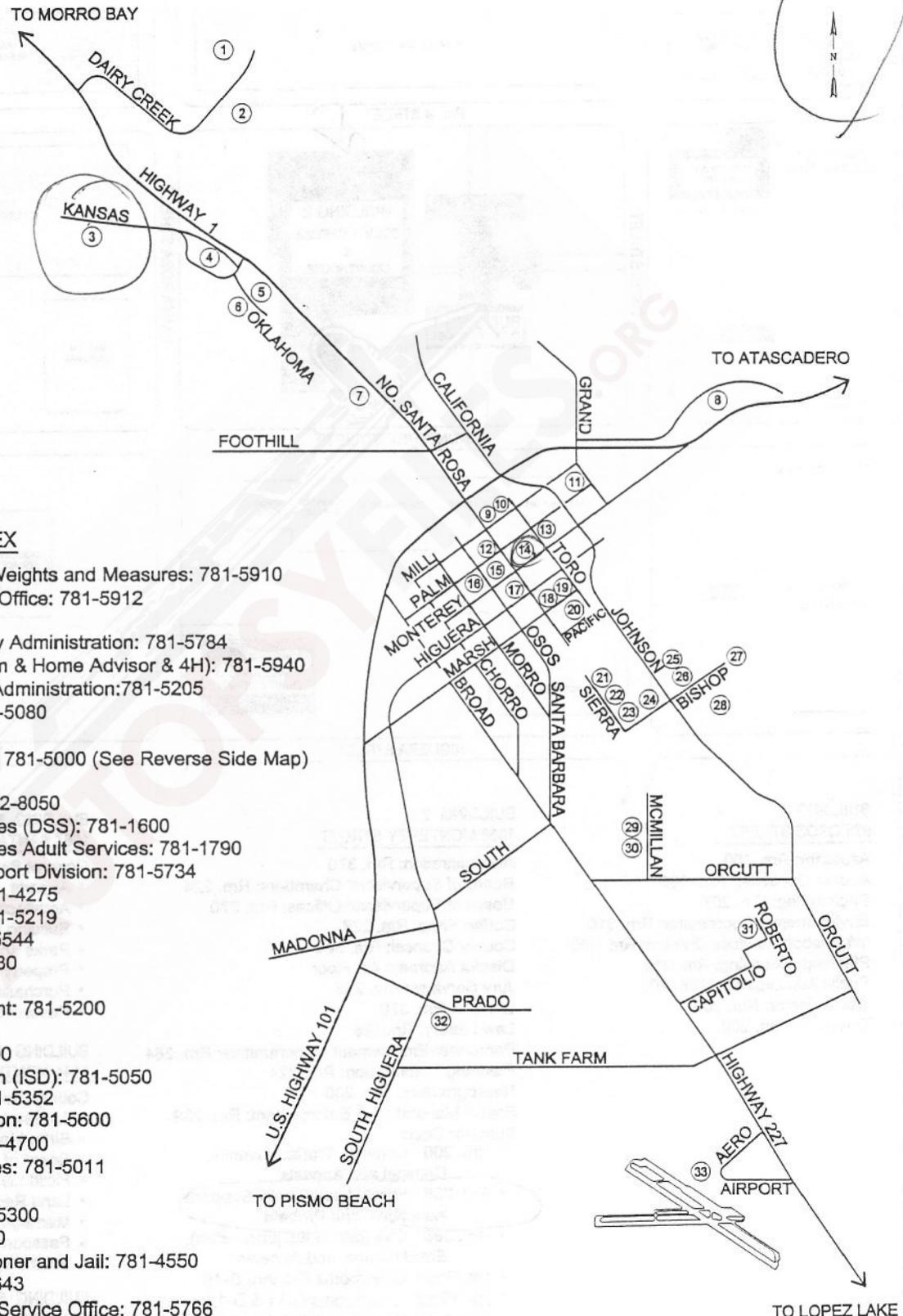
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# PARTIAL MAP OF SLO COUNTY FACILITIES WITHIN THE CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO & VICINITY

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SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA



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7. County Fire/CDF: 543-4244
15. County Government Center: 781-5000 (See Reverse Side Map)
8. Cuesta Park: 781-5219
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32. Department of Social Services (DSS): 781-1600
30. Department of Social Services Adult Services: 781-1790
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9. Grand Jury: 781-5188
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20. Long Range Planning Division: 781-5600
25. Mental Health Services: 781-4700
18. Office of Emergency Services: 781-5011
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27. Probation Department: 781-5300
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5. Sheriffs Honor Farm: 781-4643
11. Veterans Building/Veterans Service Office: 781-5766

SAN LUIS OBISPO SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SAN LUIS OBISPO SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

8601-01284

2-7-86

DETAILS

-25-86 0730 Hrs.

Deputy Bang and I were advised via telephone of a home death on O'Donovan Road east of Creston. We were advised by Deputy Don Hugh that Reis Chapel was enroute to that location to make the removal of the body, and Detective Coroner Don Hines requested that we go to the area and check for anything out of the ordinary.

The scene is located on O'Donovan Road approximately five miles east of Creston. The driveway leading to the scene is marked by a sign stating, "Emanuel Camp". Upon turning right at that sign, which is south, you travel approximately one half mile on a dirt road before coming to a white fence. This white fence is around the perimeter of a 160 acre ranch. There is a large man made pond approximately three acres in size, also a horse race track with an observation tower in the center of the track. Located on the premises is a large white house that sets on a knoll top above the race track and pond. There are stables located southwest of the pond where recreational vehicles are parked behind the stables.

Deputy Bang and I arrived at the Hubbard Ranch at approximately 0800 hours. We were given directions to meet the reporting parties at the stables. At that time I contacted Earle Cooley, who identified himself as Layfayette Ronald Hubbard's attorney. Mr. Cooley then introduced me to Dr. Gene Denk and identified him as Mr. Hubbard's private physician. Dr. Denk then advised me that Mr. Hubbard had died on 1-24-86 at approximately 2000 hours the day before. I then asked Dr. Denk and Mr. Cooley why the delay in contacting the Sheriff's Department. They advised that they wanted to get the will together and expedite the procedures for cremation of Mr. Hubbard's remains.

Deputy Bang and I then requested to observe the body. We were taken to a motorhome behind the stables in which the body was located. The license number on the motorhome, 1DSP131. I entered the motorhome, which was in immaculate condition and observed the deceased laying in a bed in the back of the motorhome. The air conditioner was running in the motorhome. We then went to the back of the motorhome where the deceased was laying and made a visual observation of him. We did not detect any evidence of foul play. Dr. Denk advised us that Mr. Hubbard had a stroke approximately one week prior to his death, and that the cause of death was from the stroke.

I received a copy of the will of Mr. Hubbard from Mr. Cooley. As I checked over the will, noted that it was dated on 1-23-86 and signed by Mr. Hubbard.

After taking possession of the will, I requested to use the telephone. At that time, we went to the main house where I used the phone to contact Detective Coroner Hines. I advised him that I had a copy of the will and that it was dated 1-23-86. He advised that he would like to take possession of the copy as soon as possible. Deputy Bang and I then ended from the call as Reis Chapel arrived to take possession of the body.

**SAN LUIS OBISPO SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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then took the copy of the will to Reis Chapel where the body of Mr. Hubbard was to be transported. I met with Detective Coroner Don Hines at Reis Chapel in San Luis Obispo and turned the copy of the will over to same.

C. Gassett, Deputy #0067  
/0478f Typed/Rec'd 2-7-86

SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
San Luis Obispo, California

# SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

		NUMBER OF ORIGINAL REPORT 8601-1284/Coroner 8936
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CASE IMPACT: #8601-1284. Coroner file #8936

DECEASED: HUBBARD, Lafayette Ronald

PURPOSE OF REPORT: Identify victim.

1-29-86, 1150 hours:

I received four rolled fingerprint cards, two (2) of the right-hand fingers, two (2) of the left-hand fingers, from Chief Coroner Donald Hines of the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Department, after I was requested by Sheriff George Whiting to compare these four (4) cards and to see if I could get them identified as to whom they belonged.

1-29-86, 1155 hours:

I compared all four (4) fingers on the four strips, i.e. 22 M 1 U 0II 10  
L 1 R III 8

After this I decided to contact various agencies to see if they had this classification in their files.

1-29-86, 1205 hours:

I contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C., at (202) 324-2163, and talked to a Fingerprint Specialist James Ford. After giving him the classification, he searched the F.B.I. files and found that a person by that classification was in fact in their files and had a name of "Lafayette Ronald HUBBARD" and an F.B.I. number of 244-210 B. After a short discussion with Mr. Ford, we began a telephonic comparison, finger by finger, until we completed all ten fingers. Both Mr. Ford and I concluded that the fingerprint card he had which was dated 12-16-52 and signed "L. Ron Hubbard," and the four (4) fingerprint strips I had are one and the same.

1-29-86, 1400 hours:

I called the Department of Justice (D.O.J.), Sacramento, California, at (916) 739-5640, and talked to Fingerprint Specialist Dana McKinnon. I gave Mr. McKinnon the finger-print classification and their file number (MO3596544), which I had received from our Records Bureau. Mr. McKinnon said he would search the files and call me right back.

1-29-86, 1420 hours:

Mr. McKinnon called back and said that he had found a fingerprint card in file with that classification, and with the D.O.J. number MO3596544. At this point I asked Mr. McKinnon if he had a social security number on his fingerprint card. He gave me the number 568-09-9422. There was no driver's license number, but a physical description of 5 ft, 190 lbs., gray eyes, reddish hair.

118 OFFENSE IS DECLARED:	
SEARCHED BY ARREST <input type="checkbox"/>	INACTIVE (NOT CLEARED) <input type="checkbox"/>
EXCEPTIONALLY CLEARED <input type="checkbox"/>	UNFOUNDED <input type="checkbox"/>

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER MAKING REPORT	
C. Feierabend, Detective #0057	
Identification Division	
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At this point I asked Mr. McKinnon to go over several fingers with me for a telephonic comparison, different from a full 10-finger comparison, in that we are identifying individual characteristics that are found in the same geographical location and in the same amount in both the four (4) fingerprint strips from Coroner Hines, and the rolled controlled fingerprint card.

After going through the cards, and with the information I had received, which was the same as our Coroner's Office had, there can be no mistaking them as being one and the same; and the name on the fingerprint card is Lafayette Ronald HUBBARD.

1-29-86, 1500 hours:

I received from Chief Coroner Donald Hines an 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 14" piece of blue paper dated March 18, 1983, from the F.B.I., signed by Assistant Director of the Identification Division, Nick F. Stames. On the face of the paper it states, "Title 28, Section 1733, of the U.L. Code," and that the attached fingerprint card is a true copy and is issued on a "Lafayette Ron HUBBARD", with F.B.I. #244-210B. Attached by a cloth ribbon was a set of ten (10) rolled controlled fingerprints, dated 12-16-52 in the lower left-front of card, and a larger bold print number in the upper right front of the card of "244-210-B". The classification is 22 M 1 U 0II 10

L 1 R III

This is a duplicate card of the fingerprint card Mr. Ford of the F.B.I. had in his possession, which is the original. Along with the paper and fingerprint card, I also received two (2) small I.D. cards:

1. United States Navy card, with name of "Lafayette Ronald HUBBARD, Lieutenant #113392" on it. On the back side it has dates of, "November 24, 1941 to February 1946, inactive duty - honorable, #1354635." The right index fingerprint is on the upper right corner, and it is signed "L. Ron HUBBARD."
2. Los Angeles Special Officer card, Badge #2484. Information on the front of the card is filled out by hand, as follows: Name/ "L. R. Hubbard", Residence/ "8250 Lankersheim", Employee/ "Metropolitan Detective", Age/ "36", Height/ "6'", Weight/ "196", Eyes/ "Gray", Hair/ "Red". The right index fingerprint is on the lower right corner of the card, signed "L. Ron Hubbard". On the back side of the card the information is as follows: "Commission no. 82, Badge No. 2484, Gun .45 Colt U.S. Army Model 1911, S/N #90906, Name/ Lafayette Ronald HUBBARD, From/ Metropolitan Detective Agency, Dated/ 1-7-48, Signed/ L. R. Hubbard".

After receiving these cards, I compared all of them to the four (4) strips I had received from Chief Coroner Don Hines, and found the following:

1. The Navy military card was in fact the same right index finger found on the fingerprint strip.
2. The Special Officer Card was in fact the same right index finger, as was found on the strips.

3. The set of ten (10) rolled controlled fingerprints #244-210-B are in fact the same fingers found on the original fingerprint strips I received from Coroner Don Hines. With all of the information and comparisons made, there can be no mistaking that these are in fact the same fingers and that they belong to a person who signed his name on the ten rolled fingerprint card, and two (2) I.D. Cards, and the fingerprint cards in both the F.B.I. and Department of Justice, Sacramento, of "L. Ron HUBBARD".

1-30-86, 0930 hours:

I received from Chief Coroner Donald Hines a thirteen (13) page "Last Will and Testament" of L. Ron Hubbard; dated 23 January, 1986; signed on page twelve (12) "L. Ron Hubbard"; with an inked single fingerprint to the left of the signature.

Also received were two (2) typed pages of "Certificate of Religious Belief", (Government Code SS27491.43) for "Lafayette Ronald Hubbard", dated 20 January, 1986. Both pages have a yellow elongated impression (possibly an attempt to make a finger-print impression) over the signature, along with a brown colored fingerprint impression over the same signature.

It was requested that I try to compare all three (3) pages to see if they could be matched to any of the fingerprints belonging to a person who signed his name "L. Ron Hubbard" on the I.D. cards and the fingerprint card from the F.B.I.

With the knowledge that the right index finger found on the "Special Officer" Los Angeles Police card had been verified as being the right index finger of L. Ron Hubbard, I decided to use it because it is a very clear image to work with.

I first compared the inked impression on page thirteen (13) with the card and found more than enough individual characteristics in the same geographical location and in the same amount to state they are one and the same.

I then began to compare the two (2) brown images to the right index on the officer card and found numerous individual characteristics in the same geographical location and amount to state they are the right index impressions of a person who signed his name on all of the thirteen-page will and two (2) pages of the religious belief; and there can be no mistaking them.

All papers received from Chief Coroner Donald Hines were returned to him. Only copies will be kept in the I.D. files.



Conrad M. Feierabend, Det. #0057  
Scientific Investigation  
mjl/1-30-86

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
CORONER CASE INFORMATION SHEET

REPORTING & ASSIGNMENT:

Officers Assigned Gassett, C.H. 0067 cha Case Number 8601-1284  
Reported By Cooley, Earle C. Date 1-25-86 Time 0700 hrs.  
Address 9369 Nightingale Drive, L.A. 90069 Phone (213)654-5681

DECEDENT:

Decedent's Name Hubbard, LaFayette Ronald Age 74 DOB 3-13-11  
Address Star Route, Creston, CA SSN 568-09-9422

INVESTIGATION:

Place of Death Emmanuel Camp Date 1-24-86 Time 2000 hrs.  
Did Physician Pronounce Death? Yes If Yes, Who? Dr. Denk  
Regular Physician Dr. Gene Franklin Denk N5502264 Telephone (213)467-5200  
Date Decedent Last Seen by Any Physician \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Decedent Last Seen by Regular Physician 1-24-86 0800 hrs.  
Known Illness and/or Medication of Decedent  
Stroke

Was Medication Seized? No Was a Will Located? Yes Was the  
Decedent's Residence Sealed or Released to Next of Kin? \_\_\_\_\_  
Mortuary Making Removal Reis Funeral, San Luis Obispo  
Was Mortuary Directed to Obtain Samples of Blood and Urine? No  
Decedent's Property Left at scene

Disposition of Property \_\_\_\_\_

Next of Kin Mary Sue Hubbard Relationship Wife  
Address L.A. Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

NOTIFICATION:

Was Next of Kin Notified? Yes By Whom? Norman F. Starkey  
Was Coroner's Investigator Notified? Yes Who? 1404 N. Catalina, Hollywood  
Brief Resume of Circumstances Surrounding Death See supplemental

**CERTIFICATE OF RELIGIOUS BELIEF**

**(GOVERNMENT CODE SS27491.43)**

I, LAFAYETTE RONALD HUBBARD, declare:

- 1) I am a resident of the state of California and over eighteen (18) years of age.
- 2) Based upon my religious beliefs, I object to any and all post mortem anatomical dissections or other autopsy procedures being conducted on my body. Such autopsy procedures would violate my religious convictions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Certificate of Religious Belief this 20 day of January, 1986.

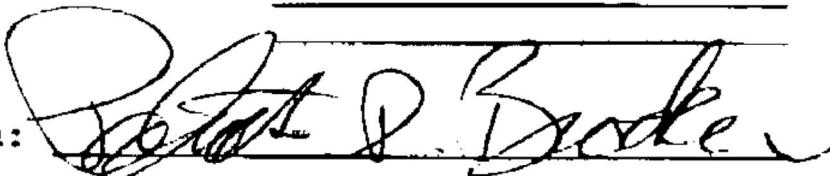


**WITNESSES**

We declare under penalty of Perjury that the foregoing is and correct.

name: PATRICK D. BRDEKER  
(print)

residential address: STATE ROUTE CRESTON  
CRESTON, CA 93432

signature: 

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Name: ANNE M. FLOCKER  
(print)

Residential address: STAR ROUTE CRESTON  
CRESTON, CA  
93432

Signature: Anne M. Flocker

Name: Stephen J. PFAUTH  
(print)

Residential address: Star Route Creston  
CRESTON, CA  
93432

Signature: Stephen J Pauth



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OFFICE OF

SHERIFF-CORONER

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

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San Luis Obispo, California 93406

George S. Whiting

Sheriff-Coroner  
(805) 549-4540

Karl E. Kirschner, M.D.  
102 Santa Rosa Street  
San Luis Obispo, CA. 93401

Dear Sir:

As provided in Section 27491.4 of the Government Code,

State of California, you are directed to perform ~~a~~  
~~medical inspection~~ on the body of

L. Ron Hubbard Sr. - 74 yrs

The body is located at the

Leis Chapel,

San Luis Obispo, Ca.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE S. WHITING  
Sheriff-Coroner

BY:

George S. Whiting  
Coroner's Division  
(805) 549-4514  
or 549-4513