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NEW YORK STATE POLICE

MEMORANDUM

Troop _____ Station HeadquartersDate 2/24/00

To: Case File 00H-611

From: Julie Pizziketti, Supervisor of DNA Services

Subject: Analysis Requests

A meeting was held on 2/24/00 regarding this case, the homicide of 91 year old Ruth Witter. Mrs. Witter was allegedly killed by her great-granddaughter and the great-granddaughter's boyfriend during a robbery. The following items have already been submitted:

- car used to transport victim (already processed by Diana Seaburg)
- some items collected from the car, including three pairs of **gloves** (Items 7, 8 and 10)
- duct tape** removed from the victim's body (Items 16, 17, 18)

-Garry Veeder is currently examining the **duct tape**, collecting hairs and fibers. The duct tape will also be examined for latents. Any hairs not consistent with the victim should be evaluated for DNA.

-The two suspects allegedly wore **gloves** during the incident, and Garry has found fibers on the tape which may match the gloves. Once Garry has completed his analysis of the gloves, they should be examined by a Bioscience analyst using a Lumilight. The victim may have spit up while her mouth was being taped. Any fluorescent areas on the gloves should be preserved for DNA. Cuttings should also be taken from the gloves (fingertip and wrist areas) in an attempt to develop a DNA profile from whomever wore the gloves. **NOTE: the male suspect allegedly bound the victim's eyes and face. The gloves designated as Item 8 are believed to be from the female suspect.**

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To be submitted:

-control samples from both suspects (hair, buccal and blood)

-sexual assault kit from the victim - preserve control blood, examine for semen, examine fingernail scrapings and preserve any biological debris

-clothing believed to have been worn by suspects during the incident - to Garry Veeder for fiber comparison; possible DNA if hairs consistent with victim are observed

- HAIR + RED FIBERS FROM VICTIM TAPE.

Red Fiber CONTAINS

-victim's clothes - to Garry Veeder for fiber comparison

- looking for stuff from trunk or suspect's - Tape

-electrical cord used to strangle victim - to Garry Veeder for Trace analysis

- ch for fibers from gloves

-sheet victim was wrapped in - to Garry Veeder for Trace analysis

- Trunk stuff.

-piece of duct tape with wire found in male suspect's home - to Garry Veeder for comparison with other duct tape

-loose hair found on victim's body during autopsy - DNA on any suitable hair not consistent with the victim's own hair