

FINAL SUMMARY

This was a 30 year old American Indian male who was found hanging by the neck in his jail cell in Adair County Jail in Stilwell, Oklahoma in the early morning hours of 7-31-93. He had reportedly been arrested for violating a restraining order obtained by his ex-wife and resisting arrest. He was placed in a jail cell at about 12:05 a.m. and was found hanging by a strip of material torn from a mattress at about 12:25 a.m. CPR was started immediately and he was taken to Stilwell Hospital where he arrived in asystole. Resuscitative efforts were transiently successful producing a sinus tachycardia and a blood pressure of 110/70. His condition then deteriorated into electromechanical dissociation and he did not respond to further resuscitation.

Autopsy revealed an abraded ligature mark around the neck, superficial incised wounds of the forehead, lacerations of the lip, and abrasions and contusions of trunk and extremities. Blood ethanol 0.20%.