



# THE CITY OF WASHINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



## CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION REPORT

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**INVESTIGATOR:** Lt. Daniel Stanek      **CRIME:** Suicide

**REPORT DATE:** 10/24/06      **INCIDENT NO:** 1-209-83

**VICTIM (S):** William Brock      **LOCATION:** 785 Duncan Ave

**INFORMATION SOURCE:** Investigation

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This officer was contacted by a T.W. [REDACTED] in reference to the above listed incident, which occurred on January 7, 1983. He stated he was the son of the victim, William Brock. He added that his father's death had been ruled a suicide, but he knew it was not. Anderson went on to explain that his father worked at the Volkswagen plant at the time of his death. Brock was involved in a lawsuit against the company and [REDACTED] believes someone from Volkswagen murdered him. He then added that he felt that Brock's wife, Sandra Brock, killed him or had something to do with it.

This officer located the case file and reviewed it. In addition, I spoke with retired Detectives Anthony Popeck, Robert Redlinger and Ed Cochran. The three spoke to me about their recollection of what occurred. Cochran informed me that during his tenure as an investigator with this department, he was also contacted by [REDACTED]. He added that after reviewing the case with the Coroner's Office, he felt there was no reason to re-open an investigation. I also learned from Cochran that Pat Leary of the Pennsylvania State Police, had been contacted by [REDACTED]. I spoke to Leary and he advised that he had looked into the incident after speaking with [REDACTED]. His findings were that no cause to re-open the case was found.

I spoke to the Washington County Coroner's Office and received their case file on Brock. I updated the investigation file with the documents from the Coroner's Office that had not been included.

I also contacted Sandra Brock, the wife of the victim. She explained the circumstances surrounding her husband's death. She stated she was home when it happened. No one else was in the home besides he and her husband and her children. She heard the shot, heard him hit the floor and called police. She has struggled with his death for 23 years and is sometimes contacted by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has also contacted all three of her children. He has made comments to them that their mother killed their father. He has also made comments to Brock about monies owed to him from the settlement between her and Volkswagen. She stated that [REDACTED] claims to be her late husband's son, but this has never been proven or disproven.

This officer, after reviewing the case file and the facts of the case, see no reason to reopen an investigation into the death of William Brock.

MANION ALDER & COHEN

A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
718 FIFTH AVENUE  
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15219  
TELEPHONE (412) 391-6400  
TELEX 86-6382

May 28, 1983

Robert W. Sweeny  
Police Department  
City of Washington  
55 W. Maiden Street  
Washington, PA 15301

Re: Subpoena Duces Tecum  
Sandra R. Brock, et al v.  
Volkswagen of America, et al  
Civil Action No. 83-1192

Dear Lt. Sweeny:

Enclosed herewith is a subpoena duces tecum which is being served upon you in connection with the above-referenced case.

It is my understanding that in lieu of appearing at our offices to testify and produce the materials described in the subpoena, you are going to furnish the materials to us.

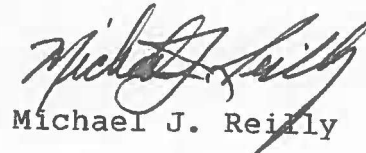
Assuming these arrangements are satisfactory, this will be sufficient to comply with the enclosed subpoena.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to call me at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

MANION ALDER & COHEN, P.C.

By

  
Michael J. Reilly

MJR/kd

cc: Robert O Lampl (w/enc.)

**DEPOSITION SUBPOENA**

<b>United States District Court</b>	DISTRICT Western District of Pennsylvania
SANDRA R. BROCK, et al	DOCKET NO. 83-1192
v.	TYPE OF CASE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CIVIL <input type="checkbox"/> CRIMINAL
VOLKSWAGEN OF AMERICA, INC., et al	SUBPOENA FOR <input type="checkbox"/> PERSON <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DOCUMENT(S) or OBJECT(S)

TO: Lt. Robert W. Sweeny    55 W. Maiden Street  
 Police Department            Washington, PA 15301  
 City of Washington

**YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED** to appear at the place, date, and time specified below to testify at the taking of a deposition in the above-entitled case.

PLACE Manion Alder & Cohen, P.C. 718 Fifth Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15219	DATE AND TIME Wednesday, June 15, 1983 10:00 a.m.
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**YOU ARE ALSO COMMANDED** to bring with you the following document(s) or object(s):<sup>1</sup>

all records concerning the investigation conducted by your Police Department into the death of William Brock.

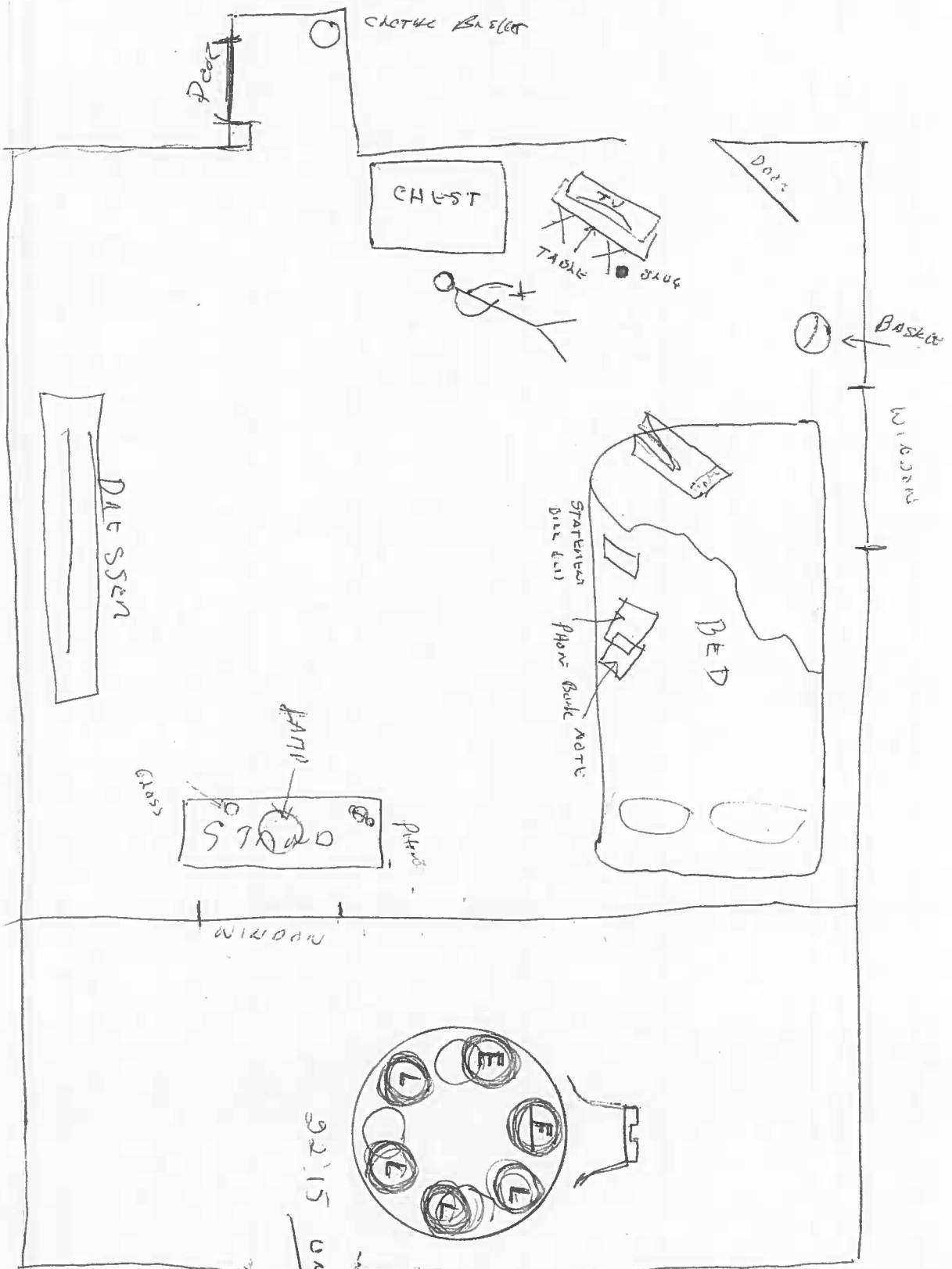
Please see additional information on reverse

Any subpoenaed organization not a party to this suit is hereby admonished pursuant to Rule 30 (b) (6), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, to file a designation with the court specifying one or more officers, directors, or managing agents, or other persons who consent to testify on its behalf, and shall set forth, for each person designated, the matters on which he will testify or produce documents or things. The persons so designated shall testify as to matters known or reasonably available to the organization.

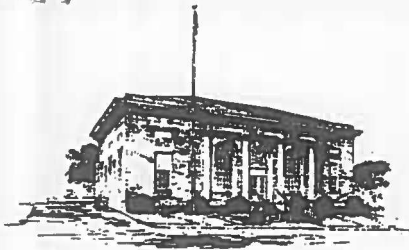
U.S. MAGISTRATE (2) OR CLERK OF COURT 	DATE  <b>MAY 27 1983</b>
(BY) DEPUTY CLERK 	

This subpoena is issued upon application of the: <input type="checkbox"/> Plaintiff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defendant <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Attorney	ATTORNEY'S NAME AND ADDRESS Michael J. Reilly Manion Alder & Cohen, P.C. 718 Fifth Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15219
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(1) If not applicable, enter "none."  
 (2) A subpoena shall be issued by a magistrate in a proceeding before him, but need not be under the seal of the court. (Rule 17(a), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.)



9215 WARDEN OF BED



# City of Washington

55 WEST MAIDEN STREET  
WASHINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA 15301  
412/228-5400



Report on William Brock-785 Duncan, Ave. Washington Pa.

This officer received a call over radio to go to 785 Duncan Ave. Washington, Pa.

They received a call from a women screaming " My Husband is dead/He shot himself.

When this officer arrived at the scene a women was outside of the house directing me towards the house. I entered the house and went upstairs to the middle bedroom

the door was closed. I opened the door . I observed a black male lying on the floor

in front of a chest of drawers. The smell of the gunshot was still in the air. I ~~not~~

noticed a lot of blood . I put my hand on ~~my~~ Mr. Brock throat and it appeared to this

officer that Mr. Brock <sup>was</sup> still alive. I check to see if ambulance was on the way.

Ambulance arrived on scene and started to give treatment. This officer started to make a visual investigation of the scene.

Mr Brock was lying on his left side with his hands acrossed his body. Under his hand was a gun at fist sight the gun appered to be a large cal. Rev.

It appered to this officer that a lot of blood was comming from the right ear.

Mr. Brock was fully clothed/ the drawers to the chest were partily opened.

The clothes cubard was opened. On the bed was some binder paper -white with lines

standard note book paper. On one sheet of paper was some writing. Note inclosed.

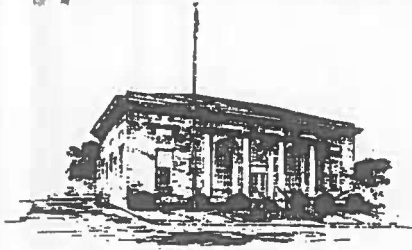
The note was picked up by this officer and preserved. The gun was picked up by this officer and preserved.

Sgt. Taylor arrived on scene. Corner Jackson was called and arrived after the body was removed to E.R.

This officer had the O.R. ( Mr. Fuller) take pictures of the room.

This officer called Tpr. Bevans P.S.P. to go to Hospt. to do a Neutron Activation Analysis Test.

The note was showed to Corner Jackson.



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After Myself, Sgt. Taylor. Corner Jackson were convinced that this was a self inflicted gun shot wound we left the house making sure that the house was locked at least the the front door. I was sur of this I locked it myself.

We left the area Sgt. Taylor went to the Hospt. and I went about my other duties.

*Robert L. Swamy*

LABORATORY DIVISION  
 PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE  
 REGIONAL LABORATORY  
 P. O. Box "P"  
 Greensburg, Pa. 15601

TELEPHONE (412) 834-4400

LAB. REPORT: G83-381  
 REPORT DATE: April 1, 1983  
 INCIDENT NO.: 1-209-83


CASE: **Suicide**  
 VICTIM: **William BROCK**  
 ACCUSED:  
 SUSPECT:  
 PLACE: **Washington, Washington County, Pa.**  
 DATE: **7 January 1983**  
 FROM: **Sgt. Kenneth Torboli, Washington Police Department, Washington, Pa.**  
 DATE: **15 February 1983**  
 ITEMS: **1. One (1) caliber .38 Spl., Rohm, Model 38S, six (6) shot revolver  
 Serial Number FF304070.**

## RESULTS OF EXAMINATIONS:

1. Mechanical examinations of Item No. 1 show it to be in good working order, capable of discharging cartridges designed for use in this type of firearm.
2. Further examinations show that approximately three and one-quarter (3 $\frac{1}{4}$ ) pounds of trigger pressure will cause Item No. 1 to discharge single action and approximately twelve (12) pounds double action.

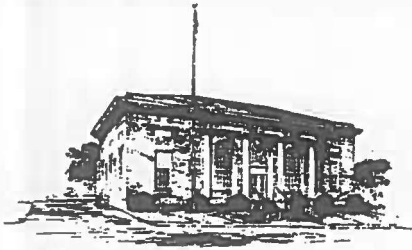
## DISPOSITION OF ITEMS:

At the conclusion of tests and examinations the above listed items were placed into the laboratory evidence room.

  
 Darryl W. Mayfield  
 Tpr., P.S.P.  
 Firearms Examiner

DWM/cls  
 COPIES:

Lt. Robert Sweeny  
 Director, Laboratory Division



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412/228-5400



January 15, 1983

Sgt. Ralph Taylor did receive from Phillip R. Brock the following item.

(1) Imitation wood box marked RG on top and information containing the information for a 38. Cal. weapon Serial # 304070 beleived to have been purchased by Richard H. Brock 5223 Schenley Ave. Pgh. Pa. may have been purchased at Firearms Unlimited.

Date 1-15-83 Time 2:53 Location Washington City Police Dept.

Sgt. Ralph Taylor  
Phillip R Brock  
Hansela Dovey



From: Chief  
To: Captain Popeck

1. Have note signed, dated and report attached at to who found it, date, time, location, ect.
2. Give Coroner a Copy
3. Have Mrs. Brock identify hand writing if possible
4. See if she has note book that paper came out of, or similar type of paper in house
5. Pen or pencil used to write note
6. Ask Mrs. Brock if she wants released to papers, if not, then Coroner will have to release information he desires.
7. Get known hand writing of brock, and submit note to FBI Lab for hand writing
8. Have note checked for prints of brock

Case # 1-209-83/ William Brock Suicide .  
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Jan. 7, 1983

Found under T V Stand in bedroom by this officer one peice of metal which appears to be lead from spent round. This was lying near right leg of TV Stand. This officer was unable to determine how spent round got there.

There was a box of 38 ammo in clothes press.

All evidence leads us to believe that this was a self inflicted gun shot.

1/25/83 0925 hrs. Mr. Ashton and Mrs. Brock came to the station and I.D hand writing.

They stated that they may request a Inquest.

Lt. Robert Sweeny

PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE  
LABORATORY DIVISION  
1800 ELMERTON AVE., HARRISBURG, PA. 17109  
TEL: 717-783-5548  
**REQUEST FOR LABORATORY ANALYSIS**

DATE RECEIVED <b>February 15, 1983</b>		LABORATORY NO. <b>G83-380</b>
SECTION <b>Chemistry</b>		
RECEIVED FROM <b>KWT</b>	RECEIVED BY <b>klb</b>	EVIDENCE STORAGE

1. OFFENSE <b>Suicide</b>	2. LOCATION (CITY-BOROUGH-TOWNSHIP-COUNTY) <b>Washington, Washington Co.</b>	3. INCIDENT NO. <b>1-209-83</b>	4. PROP. INV. NO.	5. DATE OCCURRED <b>1/7/83</b>
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6. VICTIM <b>William BROCK</b>	7. ACCUSED	8. SUSPECT
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9. TYPE OF EXAMINATION REQUESTED <b>Test for blood, hair and skin on gun.</b>	10. SUBMIT REPORT TO (NAME AND ADDRESS OF AGENCY) <b>Lt. Robert Sweeny Washington Police Department 55 W. Maiden Street Washington, PA 15301</b>
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11. ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION
1.	Rohm .38 Cal. Special Serial Number 304070.

12. REMARKS  
**Item #1 to be transferred to Ballistics Section Lab. Report G83-381.**

13. MAY BE DESTROYED AFTER ANALYSIS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	14. SIGNATURE OF REQUESTER <i>[Signature]</i>	15. DATE <b>2-15-83</b>
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In the event of evidence storage problems, all evidence MUST be picked up within 30 days if its destruction by the Lab has not been indicated hereon.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE  
LABORATORY DIVISION  
1800 Elmerton Avenue  
Harrisburg, Pa. 17109

TELEPHONE (717) 783-5548

LAB REPORT: 83-91C  
REPORT DATE: February 4, 1983

CASE: SUICIDE  
VICTIM: William BROCK

INCIDENT NO.: B1-367321

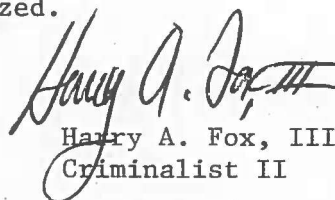
ACCUSED:  
SUSPECT:  
PLACE: Washington, Washington Co., Pennsylvania  
DATE: January 8, 1983

FROM: PSP, Troop "B", Washington, Pennsylvania  
DATE: January 21, 1983

ITEMS: 1. One (1) Neutron Activation Analysis Kit containing nitric acid swabbings taken from the right hand of the victim, William Brock.

RESULTS: The antimony content of the nitric acid swabbings taken from the palm and back areas of the right hand of the victim (William Brock) was insufficient in quantity to be consistent with that of gunshot residue.

DISPOSITION: The evidence was destroyed when analyzed.

  
Harry A. Fox, III  
Criminalist II

COPIES: Pennsylvania State Police  
P. O. Box 488  
Washington, Pa. 15301  
Attn: Tpr. Paul R. Bivens  
File

HAF/cj

PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE  
**GENERAL INVESTIGATION REPORT**

1. INCIDENT NO.

BL-367321

2. DATE OF REPORT

24 January 1983

3. INVESTIGATING OFFICER

Tpr. Paul R. BIVENS

4. TROOP - STATION

Troop "B" Washington 1210

5. SUBJECT (NATURE OF INVESTIGATION OR NAME AND ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL)

Perform a neutron test on the hands of Mr. William BROCK.

TO: Sgt. Ralph TAYLOR  
 Washington City Police Department  
 Washington, PA 15301

6.

INSTRUCTIONS: REPORT WILL BE PREPARED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER: REASON FOR INVESTIGATION, SYNOPSIS OF INVESTIGATION, CONCLUSION, RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENT (WHEN APPROPRIATE), LIST OF ATTACHMENTS (IF ANY) AND DETAILS WHICH SUPPORT THE SYNOPSIS.

REASON FOR INVESTIGATION:

On 7 January 1983, a telephone request for assistance was received from Sgt. Ralph TAYLOR of the Washington City Police Department, Washington County, Pennsylvania. A specific request was made to examine the victim and perform a neutron test on the victim's hands.

SYNOPSIS OF INVESTIGATION:

On 7 January 1983, this identification officer proceeded to the Washington County Hospital for the purpose of performing a neutron test on the victim's hands. The victim was still in the Emergency Room when this test was performed by this officer.

The weapon involved is a R.G., .38 caliber revolver, with the serial number FF304070.

DETAILS:

It was learned that on 7 January 1983, an attempted suicide occurred in the City of Washington, Pennsylvania. The victim, Mr. William BROCK, shot himself in the head one (1) time with a .38 caliber pistol.

This investigation is being conducted by the Washington City Police Department, Washington County, Pennsylvania.



Tpr. Paul R. BIVENS



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PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE  
REGIONAL LABORATORY  
P.O. Box "P"  
Greensburg, Pa. 15601

TELEPHONE (412) 834-4400

LAB. REPORT: **G83-380**  
REPORT DATE: **March 16, 1983**

INCIDENT NO.: **1-209-83**

CASE: **Suicide**  
VICTIM: **William BROCK**

ACCUSED:  
SUSPECT:  
PLACE: **Washington, Washington County, Pa.**  
DATE: **7 January 1983**

FROM: **Lt. Robert Sweeny, Washington Police Department, Washington, Pa.**  
DATE: **15 February 1983**

ITEMS: **1. One (1) Rohm .38 caliber Special. Serial Number 304070.**

RESULTS: **1. No hair or skin was detected on item #1.**  
**2. On the right side of the weapon between the hammer and cylinder Type O bloodstains were found.**

DISPOSITION: **Item #1 was transferred to Ballistics Section on 24 February 1983.**

*Robert E. Vislosky*  

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Robert E. Vislosky  
Criminalist II

REV/kls  
COPIES:

Lt. Robert Sweeny  
Director, Laboratory Division  
Regional Laboratory Files



## WASHINGTON CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Supplemental Report

Date of Report: \_\_\_\_\_

Case Name or Case Number #209 BROCK

Found UNDER TV STAND ONE  
PEICE OF METAL- APPEARS TO  
BE HEAD FROM SPENT ROUND.  
THIS WAS LYING NEAR RT LEG OF  
TV STAND. WAS UNABLE TO  
DETERMINE HOW SPENT ROUND GOT  
THERE.

THERE WAS A BOX OF 38 AMMO IN  
CLOTHES ~~BOX~~ CROSS.

ALL EVIDENCE LEADS US TO BELIEVE  
THIS WAS SELF INFLICTED GUN  
SHOT.

0925 AM 1/25/53 - Mr Washton and Mrs  
Brock come to the office and I D have  
willingness  
They may be requesting inquest by Coroner

Report submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Dear World

I am your leader. Maybe you  
can consider me

# Proof of Identity

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STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, }  
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, } SS.

William Bryant Brock Social Security No. [REDACTED]  
(NAME OF DECEASED)

I, Sandra Renae Brock  
residing at 785 Duncan Avenue, Washington, Pa.

being sworn according to law do depose and say that I identify the body lying here as that of my  
Husband

Whose name is William Bryant Brock

Place of birth Pittsburgh, Pa.

Date of birth June 3, 1951 Age 31 years months days

Nationality American Married or single Married

Occupation Administrator Residing at 785 Duncan Avenue, Washington, Pa.

Employed by Volkswagon of America, Inc. plant

Business address of employer New Stanton, Pa.

(Signed) *Sandra R. Brock*

Sworn and subscribed before me this 8th  
day of January, 19 83

*Farrell Jackson* Coroner

### WITNESS AFFIDAVIT

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
being duly sworn according to law do depose and say

(Signed)

### DEPUTY CORONER'S REPORT

Notified by Washington Hospital Address Washington, Pa.

Cause of death Laceration of Brain due to Gunshot Wound to Head (Suicide)

Autopsy Performed Head Wound Examined by Dr. Abernathy

Body found at Washington Hosiptal

Date of death January 8, 1983 Time of death 8:10 A. M.

Date of accident January 7, 1983 Time of accident 9:24 P. M.

Place of ~~accident~~ Incident: Bedroom of his residence.

Place of burial

Funeral Director and address Harold Burch Funeral Home, 121 Ridge Avenue, Washington, Pa.

Statement of facts January 7th City Police Sergeant Taylor and Lieutenant Sweeny re-  
sponded to a call to the deceased's home and found him lying in the bedroom with  
a .38 caliber revolver beside him. Their investigation found that he had a gun-  
shot wound of the head entering the right side. The bullet had exited and was  
recovered by them. A note was found lying on the bed. Ambulance service removed  
him to the hospital where he died the following morning in the Intensive Care

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT  
Washington County Coroner's Office  
~~TRAUMATIC MORTIS~~ DEATH

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Post-mortem Examination External

Autopsy

Name William Brock

Address: 785 Duncan Ave., Washington, PA 15301

Age 31 Race Black Sex Male DOA Yes  No

Apparent Place of Death Intensive Care Unit, Washington Hospital

Place of pronouncement Intensive Care Unit, Washington Hospital

Pronounced by Dr. Hershey Date 1-8-83

Time 8:10 A.M.

Examined at Morgue, Washington Hospital Date 1-8-83

Time \_\_\_\_\_

Clinical information known by examiner Person apparently shot himself. Call

received by police at approximately 9:24 P.M. on 1-7-83

Body length 167 cm. Body weight 70 kgs. Decomposition None Rigor Complete

Clothing present None

External appearance Electrode marks present on chest. No other remarkable trauma on body. Identification band present, right wrist reading "Brock, William 1-7-83" Silver Mortis  
Intravenous infusion in left antecubital fossa. Endotracheal tube with suction catheter  
present in mouth. This is removed and is in the trachea.  
Marks of identification As above.

Marks of violence: Abrasions, contusions, lacerations, fractures, decapitation  
Gunshot wound of entrance in right parietal bone 2 cm. posterior and 8.5 cm. superior  
to the right ear pinna. This appears as a circular defect 15 mm. with an inverted cone of  
bone avulsed on the inner table of the skull. A linear fracture runs up to the midline  
where a compound fracture is present around the ragged "exit wound". An area roughly 4 x 5 cm.  
is everted in a stellate fashion with numerous comminuted bone fragments and some missing  
bone. The parietal bone on the left is separated at the sagittal suture. Large amounts of  
brain tissue are extruding along with torn fragments of the durs. The comminution extends  
forward and involves approximately 2/3 of the parietal bone on the left. Brain substance is  
bulging into the stellate defect. Hand was examined at approximately 11 P.M. prior to its  
having been cleaned and blood spattering was present on the right hand along with a small

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION: On the basis of the facts presently known, I conclude the  
cause of death was

1.a. Gunshot laceration of brain with marked cerebral edema and hemorrhage due to  
gunshot wound of head, apparently self-inflicted.

b. (due to)

c. (due to)

Present during examination Coroner Jackson of Washington County

Patrolman Edward Cochran of the Washington City Police

Toxicology: Blood  Urine  Other

Conclusion Death due to self-inflicted gunshot wound of head

NOTE: Urine was not obtained due to the fact that an indwelling catheter was in place.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Ernest T. Zuber

M.D.

Physician's Report  
Washington County Coroner's Office  
~~Washington County Coroner's Office~~  
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A6035 - William Brock

Marks of violence:

black smudge on the thumb and some shaped powder grains were seen on examination with a magnifying glass.

WASHINGTON COUNTY  
CORONER'S OFFICE

Ernest L. Abernathy, M. D.  
Ernest L. Abernathy, M. D.

EXHIBIT # ... 013 .....  
DATE .. Jan. 8, 1983 ..  
DECEDENT Wm. Brock ..

Form No. 542 **PHARMAKON**  Check for  
 Date Jan. 10, 83 **687-1440** STAT Service  
 Patient Name William B. Brock Patient ID No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hospital or Facility Coroner's Office Report results to: FLJ  
 Physician or Requisitioner Coroner Farrell Jackson 228-6785

**SAMPLE INFORMATION**

SAMPLE TYPE Sample date 1/8/83 Sample Time 10:00  
pm

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blood/Plasma/ Serum <input type="checkbox"/> Urine <input type="checkbox"/> CSF <input type="checkbox"/> Saliva <input type="checkbox"/> Gastric Contents <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<p style="text-align: center;">MEDICO-LEGAL DOCUMENTATION (ONLY)</p> Time and Date _____ Sample Obtained _____ am _____ pm Requisitioner's Signature Time of Pickup _____ am _____ pm Courier's Signature Time of Analysis _____ am _____ pm Analyst's Signature
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**COPY**

**TESTS ORDERED**

<b>DRUG IDENTIFICATION SCREENS</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coma Screen <input type="checkbox"/> Drugs of Abuse Screen <input type="checkbox"/> Anticonvulsants Screen <input type="checkbox"/> Psychtherapeutics Screen <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ Drugs known to be ingested: <u>None</u>	<b>DRUG QUANTITATION ASSAYS - TDM</b> Specify drug(s) _____ _____ _____ Comments: _____ _____
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**RESULTS**

Coma Screen - blood  
Drugs - negative  
Ethanol and solvents - negative  
Caffeine present - trace level

Date/Time of Report 1/11/83  pm charges 89

**WASHINGTON COUNTY  
 CORONER'S OFFICE**  
 EXHIBIT # 013  
 DATE Jan. 8, 1983  
 DECEDENT Wm. Brock

**CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**  
(Coroner)

**COPY**

PRIMARY DIST. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

STATE FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Type or Print in Permanent Ink

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DECEDENT

A. \_\_\_\_\_  
B. \_\_\_\_\_  
C. \_\_\_\_\_  
D. \_\_\_\_\_  
E. \_\_\_\_\_  
F. \_\_\_\_\_  
G. \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS

1. Name of deceased (First) **William** (Middle) **Bryant** (Last) **Brock** Sex **2 Male** Date of death (Mo., Day, Yr.) **3 Jan. 8, 1983**

Race - (e.g., White, Black, American Indian, etc.) **Black** Age last birthday **5A. 31** If under 1 yr. Mos. **5B.** Days **5C.** Date of birth, Mo./Day/Yr. **6A/6/3/51** State or foreign country of birth **6B. Pa.** County of birth **6C. Allegheny** City, Boro. or Twp. of birth **6D. Pittsburgh**

County of death **Washington** City, Boro. or Twp. of death **7A. Washington** Hospital or Institution (If not either, give street address) **7C. Washington Hospital** If hosp. or inst. indicate DOA, OP/EN, or inpatient (specify) **7D. Inpatient**

Mailing Address (Street or RFD No.) **7B. Washington** (City or Town) **7E. Washington** (State) **7F. Pa.** (Zip Code) **7G. 15301** Marital Status **8. Married** Surviving Spouse (If wife, give maiden name) **10. Sandra Renae Ivery**

8. **785 Duncan Avenue** **Washington Pa.** Social Security Number **15301** Usual Occupation (Kind of work done during most of working life) **14A. Administration** Kind of business or industry **14B. Automobile**

Citizen of what country? **U.S.A.** Was decedent ever in U.S. Armed Forces? **Yes** Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

11. Where did deceased actually live? **a. State Pa.** **b. County Washington** Did deceased live in a township? **Yes** No, deceased lived within actual limits of \_\_\_\_\_ township: \_\_\_\_\_ city or bor. \_\_\_\_\_

Father's name (First) **Richard** (Middle) **Brock** (Last) **Brock** Mother's maiden name (First) **Rabecce** (Middle) **Brock** (Last) **Brock**

16. Informant's name (Type or Print) **Sandra Renae Brock** (Street or RFD No.) **785 Duncan 188.** Mailing address **Washington Pa. 15301** Location (City, boro. twp.) **Washington Pa.** (State) **15301** (Zip Code)

18A.  Burial  Removal  Other **19B. 1/12/83** Date of burial, etc. **19C. Washington** Name of cemetery or crematory

19A.  Signature of medical director and license number **FD - 009033-1**

20A. Registrar's Signature **Ann D. Shapiro 63-575** Date received by registrar **21B. 1-12-83**

21A. Name and address of funeral establishment **190. Washington, Pa. Harold D. Burch Mortuary 121 Ridge Avenue 208 Washington, Pa.**

DISPOSITION

CERTIFIER

Conditions If Any Which Gave Rise To Immediate Cause Stating The Underlying Cause Last Cause OF DEATH

24. Farrell Jackson, Rm. 303 Courthouse Square, Washington, Pa. 15301

26. Immediate Cause: **(A) Laceration of Brain**  
Due to, or as a consequence of: **(B) Gunshot Wound to Head**  
Due to, or as a consequence of: **(C) Self-inflicted**

27. Autopsy  Yes  No  
28. Was case referred to Medical Examiner or Coroner?  Yes  No

29. Interval between onset and death **11 hours**  
Interval between onset and death  
Interval between onset and death

PART II Other Significant Conditions - Conditions contributing to death but not related to cause given in Part I (a)

29A.  No  Yes **29F. at home**

29B. **785 Duncan Avenue, Washington, Pa.**

29C. **785 Duncan Avenue, Washington, Pa.**

29D. **785 Duncan Avenue, Washington, Pa.**

29E. **785 Duncan Avenue, Washington, Pa.**

29F. **785 Duncan Avenue, Washington, Pa.**

29G. **785 Duncan Avenue, Washington, Pa.**

IS THIS CERTIFICATE A RECIPROCAL?  YES  NO

January 8, 1983

Re: William Brock, Deceased.

Washington City Police found a note on his bed.

Note: "Dear World - I am your leader - Maybe you can consider me"

(The note was not dated nor signed)

Gun found at scene by Detective Taylor and Lt. Sweeny was a .38 caliber hand gun. Examination found four live shells and one fired shell in empty chamber.

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Dear World

I am your leader. Maybe you  
can consider me

Washington County, ss:

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AN INQUISITION, indented, taken at Washington in the County of Washington on the 8 day of January A. D. 19 83

before me FARRELL JACKSON, coroner of the county aforesaid, upon the view of the body of

WILLIAM BROCK

then and there lying dead, upon the oath of Mr. FARRELL JACKSON, Coroner, charged to inquire, on the part of the Commonwealth, when, where and how, and after what manner the said WILLIAM BROCK

came to his

death, do say upon his oath that the said WILLIAM BROCK

Age 31 Sex Male Social Relations Married Occupation Administrator

Nationality American Body identified by Sandra Brock, Wife

Notified by Washington Hospital

of the death of WILLIAM BROCK

INVESTIGATED AND FOUND that the said WILLIAM BROCK was pronounced dead January 8, 1983 at 8:10 A.M. at Washington Hospital, Washington, Pennsylvania. January 7th City Police Sergeant Taylor and Lieutenant Sweeny responded to a call to the decedent's home and found him lying in the bedroom with a .38 caliber revolver beside him. He had shot himself at 9:24 P.M. Their investigation found he had a gunshot wound of the head entering the right side. The bullet had exited and was recovered by them. A note was found lying on the bed. Ambulance service removed him to the hospital where he died the following morning in the Intensive Care Unit. Chief Deputy Coroner Doctor Abernathy and Coroner Farrell Jackson examined the body at 10:00 A.M. the 8th and found cause of death. Information received was that the decedent was depressed and concerned about a situation that existed at the Volkswagon Plant in New Stanton where he was employed. Did not empanel jury.

VERDICT:

DEATH WAS ATTRIBUTED TO LACERATION OF BRAIN DUE TO GUNSHOT WOUND TO HEAD. (SUICIDE).

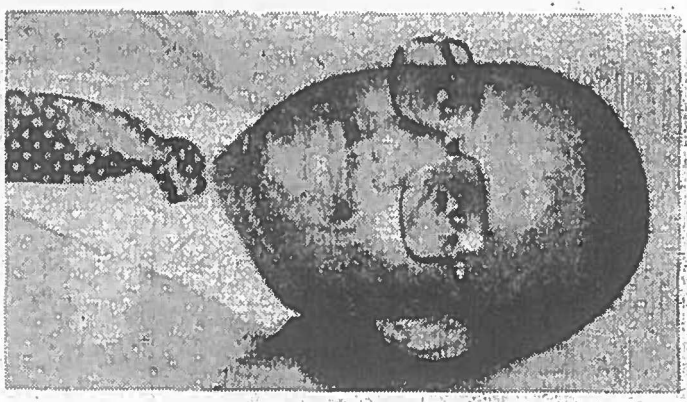
And so the Coroner aforesaid, upon his oath as aforesaid, says that the aforesaid WILLIAM BROCK

for the cause aforesaid in manner and form aforesaid, came to his death and not otherwise.

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# Suicide Attributed To Job Pr

By Paul King, Staff Writer



WILLIAM BROCK

At age 31, William Bryant Brock had a lot going for him. An assistant personnel administrator at Volkswagen of America Inc.'s New Stanton plant, he had recently been elected president of the Washington branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Brock, the father of three young children, also was a man of conviction. For more than four years, he had fought fervently for the rights of minorities working at Volkswagen.

On Friday, the frustrations associated with that fight apparently overcame the Duncan Avenue resident. Brock shot himself Friday night, and died in Washington Hospital 11 hours later.

Family members and friends attributed the suicide to the pressures

brought on by the battle, which culminated last week in a \$70 million class action suit being filed in U.S. District Court against the automaker. The suit was filed by nine current and former black company employees. Brock was not listed as a plaintiff in the suit.

The suit contends that Volkswagen denies preferential shifts to black workers and discriminates on merit and general salary increases at its southwestern Pennsylvania assembly plant. In addition, the suit alleges that Volkswagen unjustifiably discharges blacks and gives them bad recommendations in the business community.

In the letter, published by a Pittsburgh newspaper, Brock said company officials threatened him with sexual harassment charges unless he tried to convince other employees to

drop the federal lawsuit.

Brock's attorney, Robert Lampl, said that on his advice, Brock tore the letter and threw it away rather than release it to a reporter as he had intended. Lampl said the letter was retrieved and reconstructed in his office.

Brock wrote that company officials "tried to muscle group spokesman Bill Brock into convincing the apparent hardliners to reconsider there (sic) suit or face sexual harassment charges by two white female employees."

"He was always trying to work out the problems (at Volkswagen) rather than go to a lawsuit," said Louis Waller, an NAACP board member. "He was always against the suit. It (the racial problem) was really getting to him. He was always trying to make things right."

"The guy was a brilliant Waller added. "He had a lot of ball and we were looking for working with him as president NAACP."

Brock was the consensus for branch president last December replacing Steven Bryant Jr. chose not to seek re-election to conduct his first board Thursday.

"We had a meeting scheduled Friday," said Waller, a past president. "He wanted to come to my house and get some pointers running the meetings." Brock then to meet with the other Saturday, Waller said.

But Brock called Waller afternoon and told him he "couldn't make it." Waller explained, "I think he might be able to make it." But Brock never kept the appointment. He came home "strangely" according to members, talking incessantly. wife promised they would talk

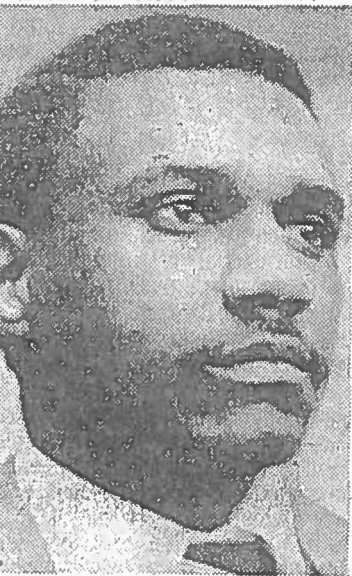
# A Decision At VW Then Suicide

By JERRY BYRD  
And EDWINA RANKIN

The men hugged each other as long-lost brothers, the clean-cut conservative and the bearded so-called radical. Finally together after months of suspicion and loathing.

Charles Penn, 31, and all of 6-foot-5, hugged his clean-shaven and smaller Volkswagen co-worker, William Brock, Friday afternoon while three other men in the law offices of Robert O. Lampl looked on.

Until a week ago the two men had been at philosophical odds. Penn, his personal and professional life rent by death threats, wanting to do something; Brock, a former Equal Employment Opportunity coordinator and a believer in negotiation, insisting they wait.



**WILLIAM B. BROCK**  
Signed VW suit on eve of suicide.

Brock had finally relented. Friday afternoon he informed his attorneys he would join in the \$70 million class action suit alleging racial discrimination filed in U.S. District Court against the Volkswagen of America Inc. plant in New Stanton, Westmoreland County.

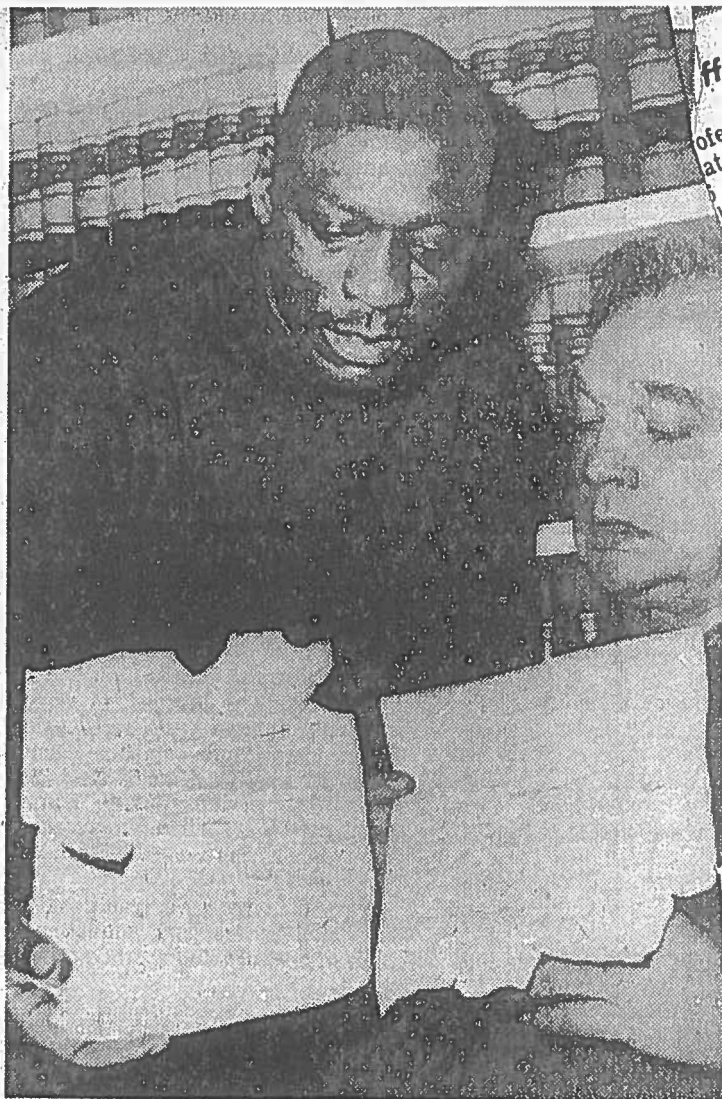
Friday night Brock shot himself in the head. He died yesterday morning in Washington Hospital, Washington County. Washington County Coroner Farrell Jackson ruled the death a suicide.

He left behind a letter alleging that plant officials had threatened to disclose a sexual harassment complaint against him if he failed to stall the court action planned by the Volkswagen Black Caucus, for which he acted as spokesman.

Tom McDonald, director of public affairs for Volkswagen of America in Troy, Mich., said "I can categorically say . . . that there is absolutely no truth to the report that members of the corporation in any way whatsoever tried to influence Mr. Brock in regard to the lawsuit.

"We would in no way authorize our attorneys or other Volkswagen

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Press Photo by Donald J.

**VOLKSWAGEN'S 'VEILED THREAT'** backfired and only William Brock to join a discrimination suit against the com said a statement written by the VW executive, then torn before he fatally shot himself Friday. Prepared for a reporter, it was pieced together yesterday by adviser Ashton, right, and Nate Smith, a long-time friend.

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employees) to infer that any such action be taken on Mr. Brock's part whatsoever.

"This is a very, very sensitive area, and tragic happenings of (Friday) night and (Saturday) morning just compound the sensitivity."

Chet Bahn, a spokesman at the company's New Stanton plant, said the company extends "our deep sympathy to (Brock's) family and his many friends."

At Brock's home last night, his wife and family said Brock talked frequently about the sexual harassment complaint and the company's threats.

"He told me he would ask her (the alleged victim) in front of witnesses whether he had ever made any sexual advances toward her. In a room full of people she would deny it. She admitted these (charges) are lies. This is what he told me she said," Mrs. Brock said.

"Then, they (company officials) would call him aside and say if you go down to the lawyer's office and join the lawsuit we are going to bring this up. They were blackmailing him. That is the way he told it to me."

In a two-hour interview Friday afternoon, Brock talked excitedly of his agonizing decision to participate in the suit, of how he had battled "to tears" the group's decision to file on Jan. 4.

He and Penn, a Volkswagen production supervisor, left Lamp's Downtown office at 6:30 p.m., heading for a restaurant.

When he got back to his home in Washington, Brock was "acting upset," Fredda Nelson, Brock's mother-in-law, said her daughter, Renae, had told her. "When he came home he just wanted to talk, talk, talk. And he rambled a lot."

The couple's three children were making a lot of noise, so Brock's wife promised him they would talk later if he'd go upstairs.

"The next thing (Renae) knew, was that she heard a shot," said Mrs. Nelson.

Brock, 31, had been a Volkswagen employee since 1977. He was recently elected president of the Washington County NAACP and was an assistant personnel manager at the plant.

Brock's handwritten statement was recovered yesterday from a wastebasket in Lamp's office. He had planned to give it to a reporter yesterday, but Lamp and Brock's friend and adviser, Nate Smith, convinced him to tear it up.

"It was just too damaging and it might have been misunderstood," said James Ashton, also involved in the case.

His acquaintances said Brock feared the damage from the alleged sexual harassment grievance — which he said is unfounded — would affect his family and his credibility.

yesterday, said in part:

"The ... threat along with the offer of crumbs has caused (me) to join the suit as well as start legal proceedings against VW and (the woman) or any other pawn willing to falsify the facts for expediency."

Schatzman said "He was a person who was no dummy ... an extremely intelligent man. We'd get a chance to talk briefly about how things were going at VW. He was always optimistic about what he could do."

"He would never openly say the company was screwing up. He always talked in symbols."

After Brock's reunion with Penn Friday, the men talked about their experiences at Volkswagen and why, after more than a year of negotiations that appeared to be bearing fruit, a lawsuit was filed.

Penn pulled a picture from a large folder filled with hate literature he said was found at the plant. The picture was of a bomb — that turned out to be fake — which nonetheless chilled both him and his family.

The "bomb" was found in his desk drawer at work in November. Later, a telephone caller said "Hey, nigger, next time it'll be a real one."

The FBI is pursuing an "active investigation of an incident at the plant directed against a black male" in November. A spokesman would not be more specific yesterday. Penn said he had contacted the agency.

"We have posters, plastic Ku Klux Klan crosses, hangman's nooses," said Ashton. "It's amazing the company let all this go on."

Brock, who formerly was Equal Employment Opportunity coordinator at the plant, had been trying to help resolve grievances between black salaried and hourly workers and management.

The talks produced optimistic news releases one day, denials and pessimism the next as, Brock said, the company tried to play one black faction against the other.

"They'd tell me they were going to make monumental changes, then I'd report what they said, then they'd say I misrepresented their position. They were trying to make it appear I was out for myself."

"I'm certain now the company had ill intent," Brock said Friday.

Still, the "internal negotiations" may have continued, had it not been for an incident at a cocktail party late last year.

A government official, after several drinks, leaked an alleged plan to rid the plant of Black Caucus members one by one. Shortly afterward, two blacks were reprimanded on the same day. One was reprimanded for using a bathroom that was not in his section, Ashton said.

"There was a lot of agonizing over filing that suit, but it was a

at Penn, she said, were just that until the layoffs started.

"Since the publicity started this week, people are starting to talk about it. They're saying VW is going to quit making rabbits and start making jungle bunnies."

Family members reported that Brock said the sexual harassment was never formalized but the company threatened to take that action if he joined the lawsuit.

His wife said he had told her about a number of problems blacks were having at Volkswagen and "he just couldn't see why the blacks had to go through all of this just to be treated right."

Brock's brother-in-law, Tykie Dorsey, a former Volkswagen employee, said blacks were treated so badly at the plant that even whites who associated with them were given a hard time.

The family members attributed Brock's death to the way the company had treated him and not simply to the sexual harassment accusation.

Brock's sister, Haisela Dorsey, said, "It will all come out in time," referring to the class action lawsuit.

She said the company "used this sexual harassment to try to control him. He loved his family deeply. He loved his children. He never had any desire for anyone at Volkswagen. That was tool they used to defame him."

As an elementary and high school student, he tested as a genius, according to his family.

Brock formerly had operated a custodial service in Washington, called Reliable Custodian Inc. Until his death, he had done performance management for businesses in Washington and also conducted performance management seminars at the Beaver Campus of the Pennsylvania State University.

Brock graduated magna cum laude from the University of Pittsburgh.

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT  
Washington County Coroner's Office  
~~TRAUMATIC MORTIS~~ DEATH

Post-mortem Examination External  Autopsy

Name William Brock

Address: 785 Duncan Ave., Washington, PA 15301

Age 31 Race Black Sex Male DOA Yes  No

Apparent Place of Death Intensive Care Unit, Washington Hospital

Place of pronouncement Intensive Care Unit, Washington Hospital

Pronounced by Dr. Hershey Date 1-8-83

Time 8:10 A.M.

Examined at Morgue, Washington Hospital Date 1-8-83

Time \_\_\_\_\_

Clinical information known by examiner Person apparently shot himself. Call

received by police at approximately 9:20 P.M. on 1-7-83

Body length 167 cm. Body weight 70 kgs. Decomposition None Rigor Complete

Clothing present None

External appearance Electrode marks present on chest. No other remarkable trauma on body. Identification band present, right wrist reading "Brock, William 1-7-83"  
Intravenous infusion in left antecubital fossa. Endotracheal tube with suction catheter present in mouth. This is removed and is in the trachea.  
Marks of identification As above.

Marks of violence: Abrasions, contusions, lacerations, fractures, decapitation  
Gunshot wound of entrance in right parietal bone 2 cm. posterior and 8.5 cm. superior to the right ear pinna. This appears as a circular defect 15 mm. with an inverted cone of bone avulsed on the inner table of the skull. A linear fracture runs up to the midline where a compound fracture is present around the ragged exit wound. An area roughly 4 x 5 cm. is everted in a stellate fashion with numerous comminuted bone fragments and some missing bone. The parietal bone on the left is separated at the sagittal suture. Large amounts of brain tissue are extruding along with torn fragments of the dura. The comminution extends forward and involves approximately 2/3 of the parietal bone on the left. Brain substance is bulging into the stellate defect. Hand was examined at approximately 11 P.M. prior to its having been cleaned and blood spattering was present on the right hand along with a small

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION: On the basis of the facts presently known, I conclude the cause of death was

1-a. Gunshot laceration of brain with marked cerebral edema and hemorrhage due to gunshot wound of head, apparently self-inflicted.

b. (due to)

c. (due to)

Present during examination Coroner Jackson of Washington County

Patrolman Edward Cochran of the Washington City Police

Toxicology: Blood  Urine  Other

Conclusion Death due to self-inflicted gunshot wound of head

NOTE: Urine was not obtained due to the fact that an indwelling catheter was in place.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Ernest J. Zuber M.D.

Form No. 542 **PHARMAKON**  
Date Jan. 10, 83 **687-1440**

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Patient Name William B. Brock Patient ID No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Hospital or Facility Coroner's Office Report results to: FLJ  
Physician or Requisitioner Coroner Farrell Jackson 228-6785

### SAMPLE INFORMATION

#### SAMPLE TYPE

Sample date 1/8/83 Sample Time 10:00  
am

- Blood/Plasma/ Serum
- Urine
- CSF
- Saliva
- Gastric Contents
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

#### MEDICO-LEGAL DOCUMENTATION (ONLY)

Time and Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Sample Obtained \_\_\_\_\_ am \_\_\_\_\_ pm Requisitioner's Signature  
Time of Pickup \_\_\_\_\_ am \_\_\_\_\_ pm Courier's Signature  
Time of Analysis \_\_\_\_\_ am \_\_\_\_\_ pm Analyst's Signature

### TESTS ORDERED

#### DRUG IDENTIFICATION SCREENS

- Coma Screen
- Drugs of Abuse Screen
- Anticonvulsants Screen
- Psychtherapeutics Screen
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

#### DRUG QUANTITATION ASSAYS - TDM

Specify drug(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Drugs known to be ingested: None

### RESULTS

Coma Screen - blood

Drugs - negative

Ethanol and solvents - negative

Caffeine present - trace level

Date/Time of Report 1/11/83 am

### WASHINGTON COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE

EXHIBIT # 013

DATE Jan. 5, 1983

DECEDENT Wm. Brock