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Peter Thomson
4001 Aster Trail
Excelsior, Minnesota 55331

Re: David Bird Thomson, missing person

Dear Peter,

Thank you for sending the information on your missing brother. I can tell you that he is not one of our unidentified bodies, here in Idaho. I also ran computer comparisons and searches against the Washington state unidentifiends, and there does not appear to be a match there either. He is now in my missing person file, so any unidentified bodies found will be automatically checked against his dental information.

Let me explain a little about the information that you send me. The dental charting is only an "interpretation" of the x-rays (radiographs). That means, that since dental films are two dimensional, it is not possible to know the status of the outer and inner tooth surfaces (a filling on the tongue side of the tooth would appear the same as one on the cheek side). As a result, to avoid erroneous matches or mismatches, these have to be ignored when entering NCIC. When I entered the information in our computer data base, I entered several possible variations. Therefore, your brother has more than one entry in my missing person file.

The current NCIC dental entry for David is completely wrong. I have filled out a form for you based on my interpretation of the radiographs. You may want to ask your local police agency to make the corrections through their terminal.

I have duplicated the x-rays that you sent me and have forwarded all of the information to two forensic dentists in Montana and Washington. They are:

Gary Bell, D.D.S.
9730 3rd Ave. N.E. Ste 204
Seattle, Washington 98115

David Johnson, D.D.S.
Doctor's Plaza
2800 11th Ave. S, Ste 24
Great Falls, Montana 59405

You also have a very good forensic dentist in your area who you may want to contact.

Ann Norrlander, D.D.S.
825 Nicollet Mall, Ste 1553
Minneapolis, Minn. 55402

It is unfortunate that state systems are not available to handle these kinds of cases the way they should be. Family members should not have to contact distant agencies and individuals in search of missing loved ones. Your case is the perfect example of how the system is failing.

~~Unfortunately, politicians are not interested when we try to explain the grief that thousands of families are experiencing.~~

If you have any questions, need something explained better, or if I can be of any further assistance to you in your search, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Gerald F. Jones, D.D.S.
Deputy, Bonner County Coroner
Diplomate, American Board of Forensic Odontology

MISSING PERSON DENTAL REPORT

TODAY'S DATE 8/15/93

PATIENT'S NAME David Thomson

DATE OF LAST TREATMENT -

CHARTING DENTIST'S NAME G.F. Jones

CHARTING DENTIST'S ADDRESS P.O. Box 819
Priest River, Idaho 83856

CHARTING DENTIST'S TELEPHONE NUMBER 448-2215

DENTIST'S REMARKS Charting done from old radiographs only

X-RAYS AVAILABLE? YES NO

DATE LAST X-RAYS WERE TAKEN 12/1/78

DENTAL MODELS AVAILABLE? YES NO

PHOTOGRAPHS OF TEETH AVAILABLE?
YES NO

(ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

	FEDERATION DENTAIRE INTERNATIONALE (FDI)	DECIDUOUS	UNIVERSAL PERMANENT	STATUS	RESTORATION / CARIES					REMOVABLE APPLIANCES	OTHER CHARACTERISTICS
					MESIAL	OCCUSAL	DISTAL	BUCCAL	LINGUAL		
UPPER RIGHT	THIRD MOLAR	18	1	001/	033/	065/	097/	129/	161/	193/	225/
	SECOND MOLAR	17	2	002/	034/ 1	066/ 1	098/	130/	162/	194/	226/
	FIRST MOLAR	16	3	003/	035/	067/	099/	131/	163/	195/	227/
	SECOND BICUSPID	15	A 4	004/	036/ 1	068/ 1	100/ 1	132/	164/	196/	228/
	FIRST BICUSPID	14	B 5	005/	037/	069/	101/	133/	165/	197/	229/
	CUSPID	13	C 6	006/	038/	070/	102/ 9	134/	166/	198/	230/
	LATERAL INCISOR	12	D 7	007/	039/ 3	071/	103/	135/	167/	199/	231/
	CENTRAL INCISOR	11	E 8	008/	040/ 3	072/	104/ 9	136/	168/	200/	232/
	CENTRAL INCISOR	21	F 9	009/	041/ 3	073/	105/	137/	169/	201/	233/
	LATERAL INCISOR	22	G 10	010/	042/ 3	074/	106/	138/	170/	202/	234/
UPPER LEFT	CUSPID	23	H 11	011/	043/	075/	107/ 9	139/	171/	203/	235/
	FIRST BICUSPID	24	I 12	012/	044/	076/ 1	108/ 1	140/	172/	204/	236/
	SECOND BICUSPID	25	J 13	013/	045/ 1	077/ 1	109/ 1	141/	173/	205/	237/
	FIRST MOLAR	26	14	014/	046/ 1	078/ 1	110/ 1	142/	174/	206/	238/
	SECOND MOLAR	27	15	015/	047/ 1	079/ 1	111/	143/	175/	207/	239/
	THIRD MOLAR	28	16	016/ 2	048/	080/ 1	112/	144/	176/	208/	240/
	THIRD MOLAR	38	17	017/ 1	049/	081/	113/	145/	177/	209/	241/
	SECOND MOLAR	37	18	018/	050/ 1	082/ 1	114/	146/	178/	210/	242/
LOWER LEFT	FIRST MOLAR	36	19	019/	051/ 8	083/ 8	115/ 8	147/	179/	211/	243/
	SECOND BICUSPID	35	K 20	020/	052/ 1	084/ 1	116/ 1	148/	180/	212/	244/
	FIRST BICUSPID	34	L 21	021/	053/	085/ 1	117/ 1	149/	181/	213/	245/
	CUSPID	33	M 22	022/	054/	086/	118/	150/ 1	182/	214/	246/
	LATERAL INCISOR	32	N 23	023/	055/	087/	119/	151/	183/	215/	247/
	CENTRAL INCISOR	31	O 24	024/	056/	088/	120/	152/	184/	216/	248/
	CENTRAL INCISOR	41	P 25	025/	057/	089/	121/	153/	185/	217/	249/
	LATERAL INCISOR	42	Q 26	026/	058/	090/	122/	154/	186/	218/	250/
	CUSPID	43	R 27	027/	059/	091/	123/	155/	187/	219/	251/
	FIRST BICUSPID	44	S 28	028/	060/	092/ 1	124/ 1	156/	188/	220/	252/
LOWER RIGHT	SECOND BICUSPID	45	T 29	029/	061/	093/ 1	125/ 1	157/	189/	221/	253/
	FIRST MOLAR	46	30	030/	062/ 1	094/ 1	126/ 1	158/	190/	222/	254/
	SECOND MOLAR	47	31	031/	063/ 1	095/ 1	127/ 1	159/	191/	223/	255/
	THIRD MOLAR	48	32	032/ 1	064/	096/	128/	160/	192/	224/	256/

DENTIST — CHECK HERE IF ALL 32 TEETH ARE PRESENT WITHOUT DECAY, RESTORATION, OR ANY UNUSUAL CHARACTERISTICS. (TERMINAL OPERATOR — ENTER THE CODE ALL IN THE DCH FIELD.)

DENTIST — CHECK HERE IF INFORMATION IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR CODING THE ABOVE CHART. (TERMINAL OPERATOR — ENTER THE CODE UNK IN THE DCH FIELD.)