

July 9, 1982

Chief of Detectives
Edindale Police Department
Edindale, CT 06103

Dear Chief:

I must once again ask for your assistance on a case involving one of my clients.

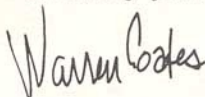
As you are no doubt aware, Mr. Marshall Robner, the industrialist and philanthropist, was found dead yesterday morning in his home. As far as I can determine, he was found dead on the floor of his library, the victim of an overdose of Ebullion, a medicine which he had been taking lately for severe bouts of depression. He had been alone during the night, and the door to his library had been bolted from the inside. Police had to break the door down with axes, I'm told, to get inside.

While I am completely convinced that there was no foul play involved in Mr. Robner's death, it is disturbing that Mr. Robner had called me only three days earlier for the purpose of informing me that his will was to be altered. In fact, I was expecting to hear from him this week so that he could deliver the papers to me. Given the size of the Robner estate, I feel that a more complete investigation should be undertaken, if for no other reason than to quash the suspicions which are inevitable in these circumstances.

I phoned Mrs. Robner this morning and informed her of my intention of having you take on the case. She was reluctant to be of assistance, but I convinced her to allow you to come around at eight o'clock tomorrow morning and spend the day.

I will be at the house at noon tomorrow for the reading of the current will, which Mr. Robner wrote a few years ago. I hope to see you then.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Warren Coates". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Warren" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Coates".

Warren Coates



CORPUS DELICTI

Union Memorial Hospital, Lakeville, CT

Summary of findings from Coroner's Examination

Name Robner, Marshall		File No. H657/SJ43.1		Date 7/8/82		
Sex Male	Race Caucasian	Color of Eyes Brown	Color of Hair Gray	Ht. 5'11	Wt. 192 lbs.	Distinguishing Marks None
Apparent Cause of Death Drug overdose (Ebullion)						



Front

Back

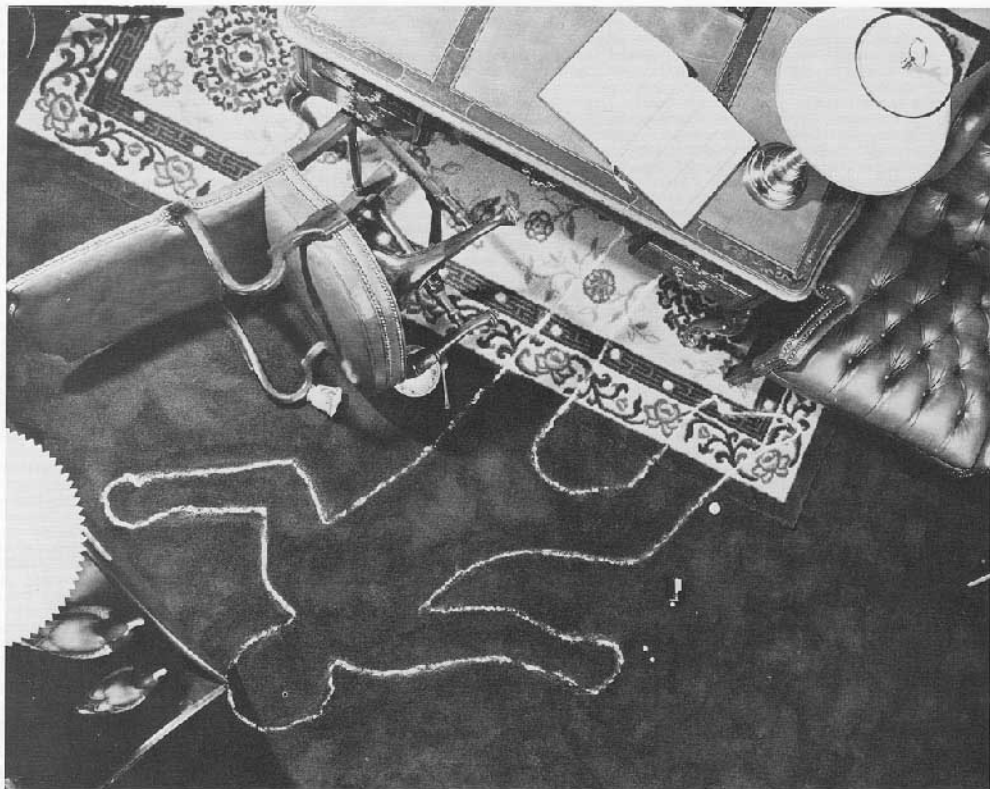
There were no injuries or marks of a suspicious nature, except a small bruise on the left temple (consistent with falling to the floor from a chair).

Analysis of the blood of the deceased revealed a blood level of 27mg% for Ebullion. The therapeutic range of this drug is normally 4 to 6mg%. A fatal dose, while not specified by the manufacturer, has been found to be in the 10-20mg% range. A routine analysis for other common drugs was unproductive.

Findings were unremarkable except for massive liver damage consistent with overdose of Ebullion, and 10mg of Ebullion recovered from the stomach. Death occurred at 1 AM, plus or minus one hour.

The blood level of Ebullion and the massive liver damage consistent with Ebullion toxicity lead to the inevitable conclusion that the deceased died of an overdose of that drug.

Xavier Hockmyla
Medical Examiner



Physical Evidence

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Tablets found
Near the Body

Spec. 7/14/72