

**Dr. David Oxley was the Medical Examiner for Southwestern Virginia for thirty years or more. He has now retired and the police and prosecutors have lost a**

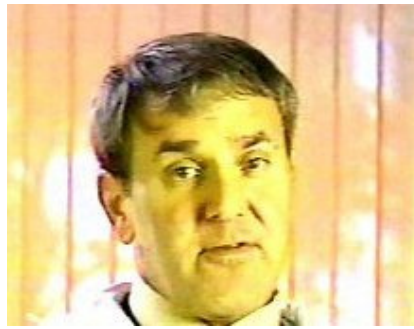


**valuable asset. He gave them most anything they wanted in all those years he was working. These people, in the Virginia State Crime Laboratories, are just police in lab coats. Thoroughness was not one of Oxley's strong points. As in the case of Blaine Hodges, you may remember, he had the assistant roll the dead man out, made a cursory examination on the body, and determined he had been dead longer than the other Hodges. He, apparently, didn't take into account Blaine Hodges body had been baking for an hour and a half in the upstairs of the house, right above the smoldering fire. The bedroom where he lay was like a pizza oven, the blood was bubbling from his head wound. Yet, Oxley said he had been dead longer than the rest and it was never considered again.**

**Dr William Mussallo, Assistant Medical Examiner at the time, wasn't a lot more thorough. I specifically *asked Mussallo in person* if he had examined Teresa Hodges mouth for other body fluids and he said he DID NOT. He is either incompetent or a liar. How can anyone do an autopsy and leave out something that important? Teresa Hodges was found on the couch on her stomach, placed there after she had been strangled, or strangled there, and she was wearing only panties. Her shorts were across the room and the rest of her clothing under her body. There was a large clump of hair on the stairs which indicates she put up a fight before being killed. Mussallo is now the *Medical Examiner for North Dakota.***

### **"Dr." William Mussallo**





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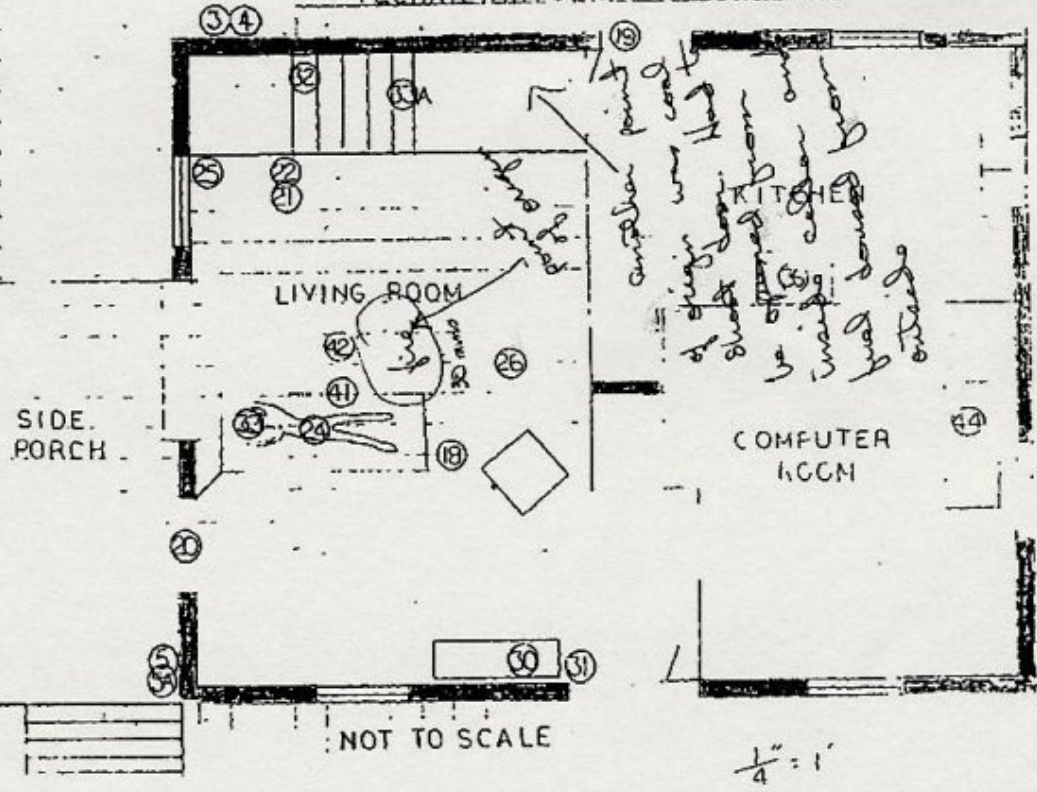
**Most of the evidence was not tested because Keesee and another "investigator" Humphreys ordered it halted in early September. They had determined Earl Bramblett was the killer and didn't want anything to show anyone else did it.**

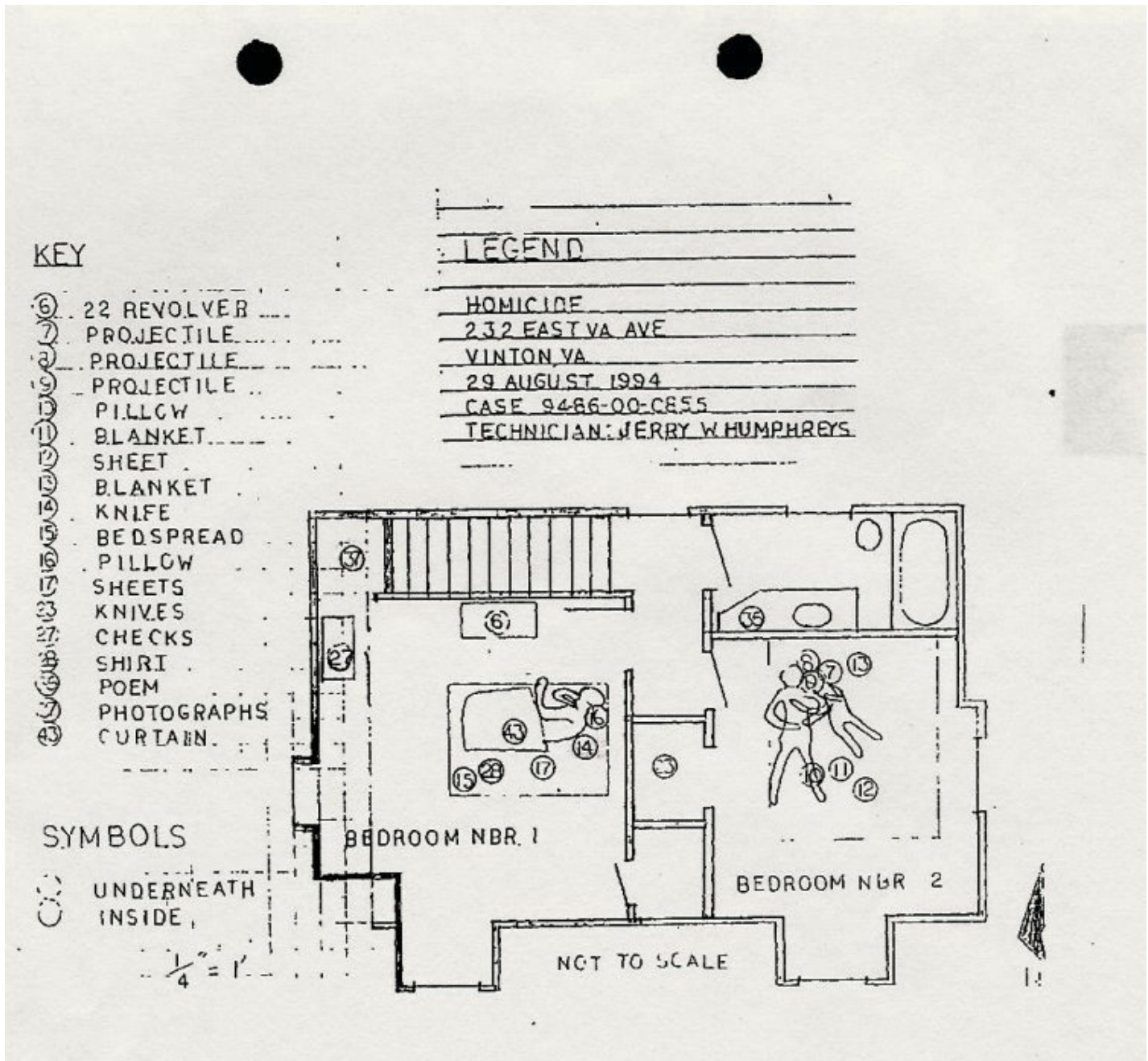
KEY

LEGEND

- 3 SOIL
- 4 SOIL
- 5 TELEPHONE BOX
- 5A CABLE AND TELEPHONE WIRE
- 18 CAN
- 19 NOTE
- 20 NOTE
- 21 RUG
- 22 CONTAINER
- 24 CLOTHING
- 25 SHORTS
- 26 HAMMER
- 30 MONEY
- 31 TAPE
- 32 CARTRIDGE
- 32 HAIR
- 33A HAIR
- 25 BCASE
- 41 DEBRIS
- 42 DEBRIS
- 14 DISCS

HOMICIDE  
 232 EAST VA AVE  
 VINTON, VA  
 29 AUGUST 1994  
 CASE 9486-00-0855  
 TECHNICIAN: JERRY W. HUMPHREYS





**There was no door on bedroom #1, just a curtain that had been pulled down and thrown across Blaine Hodges Body. The Bedroom door #2 was almost closed. The landing at the top left hand corner was where the fire was smoldering and flamed up when the front door glass was broken, creating a draft, when the fire was first discovered.**

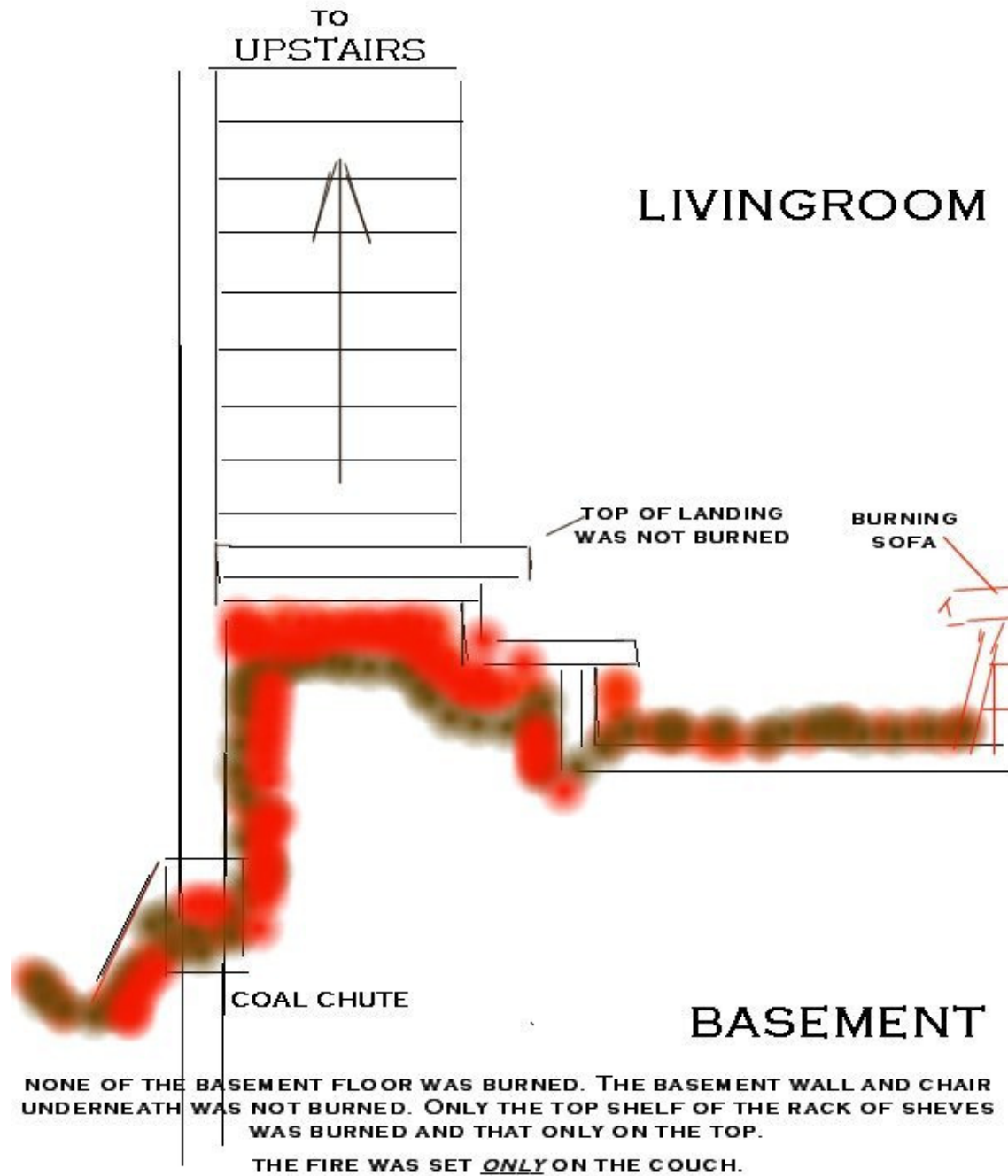


As you can see from this picture, the Hodges house sustained very little structural damage except to the landing in the living room leading to the upstairs. The rest was cosmetic and all would have cost very little to repair. The house was owned by one of Blaine Hodges brothers and it was demolished a few months after the crime. There is nothing there except a vacant lot now.



This is the why and how nothing else was burned. The "Fire Investigator" knew nothing about fire, he was a State Police Investigator at the time, and came to court as a "Fire Expert" after he retired, and it was obvious he didn't know anything about fire from the tape that was made by the police and Fire Marshall. The tape was not played in court because it showed all sorts of wild guesses. Here is how the fire traveled after it had used the oxygen in the house because all the windows had been closed. There had been a scatter rug between the landing and couch.

# FIRE PATH



Testimony by the fireman was he stepped on the landing and flooring fell into the basement and only another fireman grabbing him prevented him from falling into the basement also.

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September 13, 1996

Barry Keesee  
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SA Keesee:

REF: OFS # WL95-5287 Your case # 94-36-00-0855

The following supplemental information is provided concerning my Certificate of Analysis dated September 7, 1994. Specifically reference is made to the fifth paragraph in which I stated that the items 7, 8, 9, 101 and 102 were determined not to have been fired through the item 6 revolver. This information was based on class characteristics. At the time of the report was issued no firearm like the item 6 revolver had been encountered which had class characteristics of six (6) lands and grooves inclined to the right. These type firearms normally had eight (8) lands and grooves inclined to the right. Because the barrel was missing it was assumed this missing barrel would have the standard eight lands and grooves inclined to the right.

During the spring of this year while working at the Tidewater Laboratory, Norfolk, VA I had occasion to examine a firearm just like the item 6 revolver. This firearm had a loose barrel which could easily be removed. The class characteristics of this revolver was six (6) lands and grooves inclined to the right. Attempts to verify other firearms of this type having six (6) lands and grooves are on going, however, if one is available it would follow others were also manufactured with these class characteristics.

Therefore, it is possible that the item 6 did fire the items 7, 8, 9, 101 and 102 bullets. No positive conclusion can be reached without the recovery of the barrel. Again it should be stated that all these bullets were fired through a rifled barrel and if the item 6 revolver was used that barrel was removed after these bullets were fired.


The report also lists two other firearms that might have fired the bullets. These were Harrington & Richardson and Freedom Arms. Neither of these manufacturers produce 22 Magnum firearms that produce firing pin impressions like those present on the items 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, 6F, 53A, 53B, 53C, and 53D. This would eliminate these two manufacturers revolvers from having fired the listed cartridge cases.

To summarize it is possible for the item 6 revolver to have fired the items 7, 8, 9, 101 and 102 bullets prior to the removal of its barrel and the Harrington & Richardson and Freedom Arms revolvers do not produce firing pin impressions like those on the submitted cartridge cases.

Barry Keesee  
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If further information concerning the revolver is developed I will inform you as soon as possible. And if I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to ask.

Respectfully,

  
 William E. Conrad, Sr.  
 Forensic Scientist

**This is the letter written to Keesee two years after he first said the piece of firearm couldn't be the murder weapon. Three months after he says he found this "new evidence."**

AFFIDAVIT OF WILLIAM CONRAD:

I, William Conrad, of 1303 Stony Creek Dr., Fredericksburg, VA, do hereby state the following:

1. I testified as a firearms expert for the Commonwealth in the 1997 capital murder trial of Earl C. Bramblett.

2. In the course of my work on the Bramblett case I wrote the letter dated September 13, 1996, to Sgt. Barry Keese of the Virginia Department of State Police, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

3. This affidavit is to clarify what is stated in that letter and in my testimony in that case and is given voluntarily at the request of Mr. Bramblett's habeas counsel.

4. The firearm referenced in the letter which I examined while working at the Tidewater Laboratory was itself not an Arminius revolver. I do not recall the name of the case or the jurisdiction in which the case arose involving the Arminius-like firearm with six lands and grooves to the right. That firearm was, as is stated, like an Arminius and had a loose barrel. These characteristics put me in mind of the Arminius firearm found at the crime scene in the Bramblett case.

5. I have not in my experience ever come across an Arminius handgun exhibiting six lands and grooves right.

  
WILLIAM CONRAD

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_, to-wit:

Subscribed, sworn, and acknowledged before me by William Conrad this \_\_\_\_ day of December, 1999.

Notary Public

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**This is the document he gave much later saying he lied at trial. Its people like William Conrad that makes forensic "evidence" worthless. Here is William Conrad's picture. His lies killed Earl Bramblett.**



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