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**CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS**

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TO: **Sheriff  
Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Department  
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**Attention: Investigator Wesley G. Simmons**

**Re: Abduction/Rape/Sodomy**

Your Case # - - -

FS Lab # **78-00405**

Victim(s):



Examiner: **Joan Faunce**

Suspect(s): **SPRUILL, Charlie**

Date Received **7-18-78**

Evidence Submitted By: **Investigator Wesley G. Simmons**

- Item #1 - Physical Evidence Recovery Kit from suspect.
- Item #2 - Six (6) sheets of white paper upon which suspect stood during collection of suspect PERK items.
- Item #3 - Brown pants worn by suspect at time of arrest.
- Item #4 - White T-shirt worn by suspect at time of arrest.
- Item #5 - Undershorts worn by suspect at time of arrest.
- Item #6 - Shirt worn by suspect at time of arrest.
- Item #7 - Green pants recovered from home of suspect.
- Item #9 - Physical Evidence Recovery Kit from victim.
- Item #10- Mustache hair sample from suspect.
- Item #11- Victim's clothing (dress, panty hose, slip, bra, panties and rope-type tie belt).
- Item #12- Hairs recovered from back seat of victim's vehicle.

**RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:**

- Item #1 - No blood group factors were identified on the saliva or pubic area swabs from the suspect. No spermatozoa were identified in an extract of the pubic area swabs. Seven (7) Caucasian pubic hairs, all visually and microscopically consistent with pubic hairs submitted from the victim (Item #9), were recovered from the pubic area swabs. The appearance of the roots of each of these seven (7) hairs was consistent with roots of hairs having been pulled in an actively growing state. No Caucasian pubic hairs were noted in the pubic comings.

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## RESULTS OF EXAMINATION: (continued)

Item #2 - Debris from the papers upon which the suspect stood included three (3) Caucasian pubic hairs visually and microscopically consistent with pubic hair submitted from the victim (Item #9) and several negroid hairs.

Items #3-#7 - No seminal fluid or Caucasian hairs were found on any of these items of suspect clothing.

Item #9 - No spermatozoa were identified on either vaginal smear submitted. Tests on the saliva swabs and unlabeled swabs indicated the secretions on each are type O. No spermatozoa were identified in an extract of the unlabeled swabs. The "extraneous material from the vulva" included a negroid hair fragment similar visually and microscopically to head hair of the suspect (Item #1) and a negroid head hair similar in most respects to the head hair of the suspect. The pubic combings from the victim consisted of eight (8) Caucasian pubic hairs visually consistent with pubic hair of the victim.

Item #11- No seminal fluid was detected on any of the items of victim's clothing. Hairs recovered from the clothing included three (3) Caucasian pubic hairs and three (3) negroid hairs or hair fragments. The two (2) negroid hair fragments were visually and microscopically consistent with suspect head hair (Item #1). The third negroid hair was unsuitable for comparison purposes. All Caucasian pubic hairs were visually and microscopically consistent with victim pubic hair.

Item #12- Hairs recovered from the back seat of the victim's auto included seventeen (17) Caucasian pubic hairs visually consistent with pubic hair of the victim. Nine (9) of these hairs were examined microscopically and found to be microscopically consistent with pubic hair of the victim. In addition, the sample included three (3) hair fragments with characteristics usually associated with Negro hair. One (1) of these hair fragments was similar microscopically in most respects to pubic hair of the suspect. A second fragment was similar microscopically to head hairs submitted from the suspect. The third negroid hair fragment was unsuitable for comparison purposes.

Items #1 through #15 (except the mounted hair slides) were released to Investigator Wesley G. Simmons 10-10-78.

/ JF:smp

STATE OF VIRGINIA  
CITY/COUNTY OF Richmond, to-wit:

[Signature]  
Forensic Scientist

THIS day personally appeared before me, Shirley M. Patterson, a notary public, in and for said city/county in the Commonwealth of Virginia, Joan Faunce, who signed the foregoing Certificate of Analysis, before me, and after being duly sworn, made oath (1) that he performed the analysis and/or examination the results of which are herein contained, (2) that said analysis and/or examination was performed in a laboratory operated by the Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services of the Commonwealth or authorized by such Division to conduct such analysis and/or examination and (3) that this Certificate of Analysis is true and correct.

Given under my hand this 16 day of October, 19 78

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Notary Public

My commission expires September 29, 19 79

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1 Q Dress, panty hose, slip, bra, panties  
2 and rope-type belt, is that correct?

3 A That is correct, sir.

4 Q Did you go, Mr. Simmons, to the scene of  
5 where this incident was supposed to have occurred?

6 A No, sir, I did not.

7 MR. HARRIS: That's all. Answer  
8 Mr. Butts or Mrs. Harvey, please.

9 MRS. HARVEY: No questions.

10 MR. HARRIS: Stand down, please.

11 Thank you.

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13 WITNESS STOOD ASIDE.

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15 MR. HARRIS: Miss Joan Faunce.

16 Mr. Clerk, will you swear her?

17 THE CLERK: Do you swear the evidence  
18 you give shall be the truth, the whole truth and  
19 nothing but the truth so help you God?

20 WITNESS FAUNCE: I do.  
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3 JOAN FAUNCE, a witness being called on  
4 behalf of the Commonwealth, having been previously duly  
5 sworn, testified as follows:

6 DIRECT EXAMINATION

7 BY MR. HARRIS:

8 Q Would you state your name, please?

9 A Joan Faunce.

10 Q Now, would you turn, please, and speak  
11 to the ladies and gentlemen of the jury and speak loud enough  
12 so they can hear you. I believe you are Miss Faunce, is that  
13 correct?

14 A Yes, sir.

15 Q Where do you live?

16 A I live in Richmond, Virginia.

17 Q And what is your profession or occupation?

18 A I am a forensic scientist.

19 Q What is a forensic scientist?

20 A A forensic scientist is an individual who  
21 applies the principles of science to matters pertaining to  
22 law. I examine, for instance, evidence brought in by law en-  
23 forcement agencies for blood and body secretions, hair and  
24 fibers and report my findings.

25 Q By whom are you employed?

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1                   A                   I am employed by the Division of Consoli-  
2 dated Laboratory Services, Bureau of Forensic Science.

3                   Q                   Is that an arm of the Commonwealth of  
4 Virginia?

5                   A                   Yes, sir, it is. It is the crime lab  
6 system for the Commonwealth.

7                   Q                   All right. How long have you been  
8 employed by the Commonwealth of Virginia in this capacity?

9                   A                   For just a little over six years.

10                  Q                   Would you state briefly for the ladies  
11 and gentlemen of the jury what your background and qualifica-  
12 tions are for the position of forensic scientist, that is  
13 your educational qualifications and your experience?

14                  A                   Yes, sir. My educational background  
15 consists of a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science  
16 Degree in Biology from Mary Washington College and the College  
17 of William and Mary.

18                                   When I came with the lab in 1973, I  
19 underwent a period of rather intensive training in the field  
20 of forensic serology. During that time I learned the tech-  
21 niques of the field and I examined casework along with an  
22 experienced examiner.

23                                   Towards the end of that period of time  
24 I was given a mock trial case to work up and was subjected to  
25 mock trial experience. Subsequent to and during that time I

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1 took several short courses in my field of serology; a course  
2 in microscopy for the criminalist at McCrone Institute, Chicago;  
3 a course in advanced techniques and bloodstain analysis at  
4 the F.B.I. Academy in Quantico, Virginia; and a course on  
5 hairs and fibers at Georgetown University.

6 Q Now, Miss Faunce, have you, since 1973,  
7 been working specifically in any particular field of endeavor?

8 A Yes, sir, I have.

9 Q And I know you probably don't know, and  
10 maybe it's not a fair question, but do you engage in this type  
11 of work everyday or certainly during every week of examining  
12 various items of evidence submitted to you by police depart-  
13 ments throughout the State of Virginia?

14 A Yes, sir, this is my sole responsibility.

15 Q Now, did you have some items of evidence  
16 submitted to you involving the case that we have under investi-  
17 gation here today of charges against a Charlie Spruill?

18 A Yes, sir.

19 Q Can you tell us when these items were  
20 delivered to you and by whom?

21 A On July 18, 1978, I received a number of  
22 items from Investigator Wesley G. Simmons.

23 Q After receiving these items, did you pro-  
24 ceed to make the usual examinations of these that you normally  
25 make?

A Yes, sir.

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1 Q Did you submit back to the sheriff's  
2 department a written report of what was given to you and what  
3 your findings were?

4 A Yes, sir, I did.

5 Q I ask you to look at this document and  
6 tell us if that is the report you sent back?

7 A Yes, sir, this is my report of my  
8 analysis.

9 MR. HARRIS: If Your Honor please, I  
10 would like to introduce this as Commonwealth's  
11 Exhibit Number 15.

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13 NOTE: At this time the aforementioned  
14 Certificate of Analysis is marked and filed as  
15 Commonwealth's Exhibit Number 15.

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17 BY MR. HARRIS:

18 Q Miss Faunce, if you will, please, you  
19 may refer to your notes and report, read to the ladies and  
20 gentlemen of the jury the items of evidence, physical evi-  
21 dence, submitted to you for examination in this case.

22 A I received on the 18th of July, 1978, a  
23 physical evidence recovery kit from the suspect, Charlie  
24 Spruill; six sheets of white paper upon which the suspect  
25 stood when the suspect's PERK was collected; brown trousers



1 worn by the accused at the time of the arrest; white T-shirt  
2 worn by the accused at the time of the arrest; undershorts  
3 worn by the accused at the time of the arrest; a shirt worn  
4 by the accused at the time of the arrest; green trousers from  
5 the home of the accused; and a physical evidence recovery kit  
6 from the victim, [REDACTED] a pulled or standard sample of  
7 mustache hair from the accused; several items of the victim's  
8 clothing and hair recovered from the back seat of the victim's  
9 vehicle.

10 Q Now, after getting these items of evi-  
11 dence into your possession, did you run each item of evidence  
12 through your normal course of microscopic investigation and  
13 whatever other investigations you do with these items?

14 A Yes, sir.

15 Q Did you, in the report, write up the  
16 results of your examination?

17 A Yes, sir, I did.

18 Q Now, would you specifically go through  
19 what is in this report and read it to the ladies and gentlemen  
20 of the jury, please, and I will stop you as we go along if I  
21 have any questions.

22 A In the physical evidence recovery kit  
23 from the suspect I identified no blood group factors on the  
24 saliva or pubic area swabs. No spermatozoa were identified in  
25 an extract of the pubic area swabs.

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1 Q When you used the word spermatozoa, is  
2 that what we commonly call sperm?

3 A That is correct.

4 Q Go ahead.

5 A Seven Caucasian pubic hairs were identi-  
6 fied on these pubic area swabs of Charlie Spruill. These  
7 Caucasian pubic hairs were consistent microscopically with  
8 the standard pulled pubic hair sample of the victim, [REDACTED]  
9 [REDACTED]. It was also noted by microscopic examination that  
10 the root characteristics were consistent with hairs that had  
11 been forcibly pulled.

12 Q Now, let me stop you right there, if I  
13 might. You indicated here seven Caucasian pubic hairs all  
14 visually and microscopically consistent with pubic hairs sub-  
15 mitted from the victim. Do you mean they were consistent with  
16 other evidence of hair you had from [REDACTED]?

17 A A standard hair sample from [REDACTED].

18 Q These seven came from the suspect's PERK  
19 kit or were found on his person?

20 A They came from -- they were on the pubic  
21 area swabs taken of the suspect's pubic area.

22 Q These pubic hairs came from his pubic  
23 area?

24 A Yes, sir.

25 Q All right. You also indicate that the

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1 appearance of the roots of these pubic hairs taken from  
2 [REDACTED] was consistent with roots of hairs having been  
3 pulled in an actively growing state, in other words you mean  
4 they were pulled from her body?

5 A They were forcibly pulled, yes, sir.

6 Q Continue on with item two of your report,  
7 please.

8 A Item two was the paper upon which Charlie  
9 Spruill stood while the physical evidence recovery kit items  
10 were collected from his person. This I examined for trace  
11 evidence, possible hair, any other evidence that may be of  
12 value. I found, in addition to some Negro hair, I found three  
13 Caucasian hairs which were like those from the pubic area  
14 swabs of Charlie Spruill, exhibited characteristics that were  
15 visually and microscopically consistent with the pubic hair  
16 sample from the victim.

17 Q All right. Continue on with items three  
18 through seven.

19 A Items three through seven were the cloth-  
20 ing of Charlie Spruill. On these items of clothing I did not  
21 identify any seminal stains nor did I find any Caucasian hairs.

22 Q Go ahead. I'll come back to that. Go  
23 to item nine.

24 A Item nine was the physical evidence  
25 recovery kit from the victim, [REDACTED]. I did not identify

1 any spermatozoa or any seminal fluid on the vaginal smear or  
2 on the unlabeled swabs. There was an item labeled "extraneous  
3 material from the vulva". This material included a Negroid  
4 hair fragment similar visually and microscopically to the  
5 head hair of the suspect and Negroid head hair similar in most  
6 respects to the head hair, the standard head hair sample of  
7 the suspect.

8 Q Let me stop you right there. If I under-  
9 stand what you are saying is that there was submitted to you  
10 some extraneous material obtained or taken from the vulva of  
11 the victim, [REDACTED]?

12 A Yes, sir.

13 Q In that material you found a hair frag-  
14 ment that, when you examined it microscopically and visually,  
15 it compared to a head hair sample that had been submitted to  
16 you from the accused, Charlie Spruill?

17 A That is correct. I believe there were  
18 two hairs.

19 Q Two, all right.

20 A That were similar to those of the head  
21 hair of Charlie Spruill.

22 Q Go ahead to item eleven.

23 A No seminal fluid was detected on any of  
24 the victim's clothing. In addition to Caucasian hairs, Cau-  
25 casian pubic hairs, there were also three Negroid hairs on the

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1 victim's clothing or hair fragments.

2 One of these was unsuitable for comparison  
3 purposes. But of the other two, they were both consistent  
4 with the head hair of Charlie Spruill.

5 Q All right. Go ahead to item twelve,  
6 please.

7 A Item twelve were the hairs recovered  
8 from the back seat of the victim's vehicle. In this sample  
9 there were seventeen Caucasian pubic hairs which were consist-  
10 ent visually and microscopically with the victim's own pubic  
11 hair. In addition, there were three hair fragments which were  
12 Negroid in character and one of these fragments was similar  
13 microscopically in most respects to the pubic hair of Charlie  
14 Spruill.

15 The second fragment was similar micro-  
16 scopically to head hairs submitted from Charlie Spruill and  
17 the third fragment was unsuitable for comparison.

18 Q All right. Now, after making your  
19 examination of these items of evidence, did you return these  
20 or this evidence to anyone from our sheriff's department?

21 A Yes, sir, I did. I returned all of  
22 these items except the hair slides to Investigator Simmons  
23 on the 10th of October, 1978. The hair slides were later  
24 returned to a member of the sheriff's department.

25 MR. HARRIS: All right. I believe

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that's all I have. Thank you.

MR. BUTTS: You don't intend to  
introduce the report?

MR. HARRIS: I have introduced it  
as Exhibit 15.

MR. BUTTS: He has?

MRS. HARVEY: He introduced it.

No questions.

MR. HARRIS: Thank you, Miss Faunce.

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WITNESS STOOD ASIDE.

MR. HARRIS: I want to call  
Haskins Cox or either Ruby Fox. I think  
I omitted something I want to get in the  
record. Come back, Mrs. Fox, if you will,  
just one moment.