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This is a follow-up by Inspector Bill Chandler to the letter of April 5, 2006 from Walt Hendrick concerning his "exploratory observation project" in the death of Christopher Mark Jenkins, HCSO case number 02-319091. See attached letter for details.

I have been a licensed peace officer in Minnesota since 1979. I have been involved in water related death investigations for over 24 years and have been confirmed as an expert witness for grand juries and in criminal and civil courts on water related death investigation.

I had Captain Ken Schilling and Lieutenant Jeff Storms of the HCSO also review the Hendrick letter. Both are also considered water related death experts in Hennepin County. They are in agreement with my findings.

Hendrick speculates on a number of possible areas that Jenkins could have entered the water and ended up where his remains were recovered. Since there is still no physical evidence or known witnesses that indicate where Jenkins actually did enter the water, these are all conjecture but all remain possibilities.

It should be noted that the last known witnessed location reported to the Minneapolis Police of Jenkins, places him walking across the Hennepin Avenue Bridge over the Mississippi River from downtown towards the Nicollet Island/left descending bank area.

In reviewing Hendrick's document, several of his statements support Jenkins entering the water from this last known area. These include;

- Professor Mohseni's statement to Hendrick.
- At least one of Hendrick's tennis ball tests.
- Hendricks mannequin tests.
- One of Hendrick's opinions.

Hendricks states that he believes that while it is a possibility, it is less likely that Jenkins entered the water from the area of the Hennepin Avenue Bridge and Nicollet Island. Hendrick's opinion is that it is more likely that Jenkins entered the water approximately one mile upriver from the Hennepin Avenue Bridge. He presents nothing conclusive to support this opinion.

Hendrick's raises questions concerning ice around the body at the time of recovery. Based on my years of experience and review of the photographs at the time of recovery, I find nothing unusual with the body condition based on time in the water or the ice conditions around the body and shoreline. We have many documented cases for bodies being in a similar condition and position in the river.

In reviewing the photographs, there is clearly ice around the shoreline, other debris and objects in the water. This ice is consistent with the ice on the body. There is obviously the exact same type of ice around the downed tree that the body is floating up against.

The water temperature at the time of recovery was 33 degrees Fahrenheit and the air temperature was 35 degrees Fahrenheit. From my experience the condition of Jenkins body is consistent with being in the water

since the time of disappearance. The body temperature had to have been close to the same temperature of the water. Given the river and weather I find nothing unusual for the ice conditions.

Based on the facts and information presented to me, it is my opinion with reasonable certainty that Jenkins more than likely entered the water from the Hennepin Avenue Bridge/Nicollet Island area.

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