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### LISA MCPHERSON

Lisa McPherson, Flag public living in Clearwater, TL., dropped her body this evening while being taken to a hospital in New Port Richey, FL.

Lisa had been staying at the Fort Harrison Hotel at 210 South Fort Harrison Avenue after having gone into a psychotic, break on the 3.8 th of November,, 1995. She had a room in on@ of the back cabanas, #174. She had attendants with her The purpose for having the attendants with her was 'to ensure her safety; to keep her from hurting herself and others and to provide her with basics such food, rest and hygiene and to assist bar to come out of the psychotic break.

This evening whan Janis Johnson examined Lisa she noticed bruises on her body that were not healing as brusies normally would which she recognised as a sign of a more severe infection. She called Dr. Minkoff (David) seeking his advice. He advised that Lisa be taken to the hospital for treatment. Main explained to Dr. Minkoff the concern ha bad with this which is that she did not want to end up in psych hands. Dr. Minkoff than said that Lisa should be taken to his hospital in New Port Richey, She was immediately taken, but on the way to the hospital she got worse and died at the hospital. Driver was Janice Johnson and accompanying her was Laura Arrunada, MLO staff.

An autopsy will be dona to officially determine tha cause of death,

#### BACKGROUND

Lisa started Scientology services in 1982 (July) in Dallas, Texas.. The first Flag service she did was the Keeping Scientology Working Course in June 1983. Lisa did her lower Bridge at the Southwest Mission in Dallas, TX. She came to Flag in 1986 for her CCRD in 1986 but did not attest to tha state of Clear until September, 1995.

Lisa was a staff member in the Southwest Mission in 1984 but it is not known at this time for how long sh@ was a staff member there\*

There is a note that Lisa bad joined the Sea org in 1989 but did not stay very long (under one year)

Specifics on Lisa'a case track are as follows

Lisa did the Purification Rundown from 26 July 82 to 11 august 82. She has a heavy drug history. She had Life Repair Objectives (which were quickied and done twice later), Self-Analysis List 1, ARC Straightwire (which was left incomplete in 1983), a lot of wordclearing, ethics conditions and study handlings throughout 1984.

She did her Scientology Drug Rundown in 1585, though this was quickied at the time and more had to be done on this in 1988 along with further Objectives. She also had the False Purpose Rundown list 10-A in 85.

In 1986 (along with her Scn Drug RD review and further Objectives) Lisa also did a Green Form 40 (quickied) and a CCRD which found her not Clear. Then had quickied Grade 0, quickied Grade I and did her Grade II, including a Jo'burg.

In Dec 86/Jan 87 she had a PTS Rundown (items were Mom, Don and Theresa), Then she had Grade III and Grade XV (some ser facs not run as ser facs). This was followed by a large amount of wordclearing, Falsa Data stripping and O/W writ@ up@ up to the

and of 1987.

In as 88 she had study handlings and ethics handling.

She did no auditing in 1989 and 1990.

in 1991 she got an HCO sec Check for leaving staff. ,

In May 1991 Lisa came to Flag and wanted to & CCRD. She received a PTS correction List, PTS C/S 1, PTS Interview, Dynamic Sort out Assessment (old vsrsion) and then did the CCRD. (She felt she'd gone Clear last life time.) The CCRD found her not to be Clear. Also in 1991, Lisa her KTL Clay Table Processing.

In 1992 Lisa was sick and roller costering constantly despite having done her PTS Rundown, She then did a long assist program.

Lisa completed KTL and and LOC in 1993 and than did her whole NED pgm and attested to NED Case completion. She want Clear at that point but this was not recognized at the time Also in 1993 Lisa got Wordclearing Method 1 (very quickied and got another Green Form 40 done (again quickied)

In 1994 Lisa did L11 in June 1994, Lisa got LX Lists and another Green Form 40 was attempted and dropped. She is then put onto Expanded Grades. She got through her ARC Straightwire and part of Grade 0, gets an Int handling and gets her PTS Rundown flattened (items were Sandy, Porter, Dad, Carla Davis, and Kurt Payne). Then Grade 0 and Grade 1 were completed and Lisa got started onto 1-12 which she completed in Feb 95.

In June 1995 Lisa caved in and actually went into a spin (psychotic break). She stayed in the spin despite attempts to handle. Finally, she was gotten out of the spin, completed hers review and attested to the state of Clear. This was 7 September 1995.

Since then, up until her psychotic break on 18 November 1995 she had done several ethics handlings at her work, AMC Publishing, owned and operated by David and Bennetta Slaughter in Clearwater. She had been writing O/Ws for weeks and was acting strangely the last couple of days prior to her break which was not reported to Flag.

On the 18th Bennetta had driven Lisa to where her car was parked, dropped her off there and expected her to meet her at Bennetta's home. On the way to Lisa's car, which was parked at AMC Publishing, they drove past an automobile accident which was located 1 1/2 blocks away from the office and Lisa's car. The police were there, the paramedics, etc. What appears to have happened after Bennetta dropped Lisa off at her car is as follows:

As Lisa was approaching the accident in her car leaving the office, she herself had an accident. She ran into the back end of a boat which was being towed by a vehicle. The motor of the boat came loose from the boat and some damage was incurred to the other party by Lisa. She and the other party exchanged information (names and phone numbers) so that matters could be handled by the respective insurance companies. According to the other party who later called Lisa's apartment looking for her) there was a question as to whether or not Lisa had insurance to cover the damage to his motor. The other party then left the scene and it was after that Lisa went into her psychotic break. She stripped off her clothes in front of them and was walking near the scene of the other accident. They gained control of her and had one of the paramedics there take her Morton Plant Hospital,

From Morton Plant Hospital Lisa phoned the Slaughter

residence. Bennetta was not there as she'd gone out to look for Lisa worried because she had not shown up at her bouse. David Slaughter and a Scientologist living in their home, Mary DeMoss went over to Morton Plant Hospital to help Lisa. They had no idea at the time what had occurred earlier at the scene of the two accidents. An OT VIII chiropractor in Clearwater also went to the hospital, Jeanne Dekaiser. DeMoss contacted OSA Flag with the data about the psych break and that Lisa was in the emergency room with the threat of getting committed.

Prediction I/C and Social Reform Off went to the hospital as well as the Snr C/S/ FSO, 'Alain Kartuzinsky: Two of the MLOs also arrived shortly afterward. They were Judy Goldaberry-Weber and Emma Shamehorn. The doctor on duty was r-factored that it was against Lisa's beliefs to speak to any psychiatrists and that this was highly unacceptable (to send one to see her). Lisa was in one of the back rooms at the time, along with Mary and Jeanne. Alain was gotten back there to see her.

A psych nurse was sent to examine Lisa as opposed to a psychiatrist. Lisa assured him that she was OK and would not hurt herself nor anybody else. She was fairly lucid at the time He adjudicated that Lisa could be released into the care of Judy Goldsberry-Weber who the hospital staff and duty doctor are familiar with. They know she takes care of the Church of Scientology staff and parishioners who go to the hospital\*

Lisa was than taken to the Fort Harrison and was set up in Cabana #174. Susan Schurenberger stayed with her. (Susan had stayed with Lisa whan she was in earlier spin in Aug 95.)

During her stay in the cabana Lisa did not improve except for after having been givan aspirin or sedatives. She was regularly violent with the girls staying with her\*

This evening, she was examined by Janis Johnson (MLO). She contacted Dr. Minkoff who advised taking Lisa to the hospital. Current data from Dr. Minkoff is that it appears Lisa's body was overwhelmed by a sudden infection which might have been meningitis. The virus could have taken its effect on the body in as little as 8 -10 hours. The autopsy will be done tomorrow.

Much love,  
Prediction I/C  
OSA Flag

5 DEC 95

DEBRIEF OF CALL TO DR. DAVID MINKOFF RE LISA MCPHERSON:

Tonight I spoke to Dr. David Minkoff regarding Lisa Mcpherson. Minkoff is an OT 8 who is an MD and he works at the Hew Port Richey hospital, outside of CW.

I asked him to relate *to me* what had happened and he told me the following.

He said that tonight about 7:30 - 7:45 PH he received a call from Janice Johnson, the MLO FSO.

Janice said that she had seen Lisa McPherson, who was staying in one of the cabanas at the Fort Harrison, and that Lisa looked very sick. Janice said it looked like Lisa had a bad infection and wanted to know if she should be given antibiotics.

Minkoff told Janice that it was better to get her to the hospital and that she should bring Lisa in to see him.

Janice took Lisa and two staff (the SSO and an assistant from her MLO office) with her and drove to the Mew Port Richey hospital, about 45 minutes away.

When they arrived at the hospital, Lisa was brought back to the Emergency room where Minkoff was working.

Minkoff said that he looked at her and he could see that she was dead.

He said that Janice Johnson stated that Lisa had been gasping and had labored breathing, enroute.

They worked on her for about 20 minutes trying to resuscitate her, giving her CPR and antibiotics, but to no avail.

He said that it appeared that she had been overwhelmed by an infection, one which she could not fight off.

He said that it appeared to him as if there had been some infection that overwhelmed the body in maybe 8-12 hours.

He said that she had marks on her which may be due to the infection, where the infection discolors the flesh under the skin. There was bruises on her hands and feet he said.

He said that he thinks that she may have had meningitis, which is an infectious disease.

He stated that even if she had been brought to another hospital in the area (ie closer to the FH), he felt she still would have died.

Janice Johnson was spoken to by the hospital staff but did not know Lisa's address, phone number, next of kin, Social Security number, etc and explained that she had just been the one to drive Lisa to the hospital and had forgotten to grab Lisa's purse with her ID etc as she was in a hurry.

Minkoff spoke to terminals at the FSO by phone and was given the address and phone number of Lisa.

Minkoff spoke to the Nursing Manager at the hospital, and she tried calling the phone number of Lisa's apartment in CW (to get her roommate to get data on Lisa) but that there was no answer.

Minkoff said that it is routine in matters such as these, where a patient dies quickly when coming to the hospital, that it becomes a Coroner's case. He said that starting tomorrow (Wed) a Coroner will ask questions about the case, and basically will just want to get things answered for himself - what happened, how did she get sick, etc. He said that the Coroner, once through, will sign the death cert.

He said that there will be blood tests done Wed.

He said that since this might be an infectious disease, he will ensure we get notified tomorrow as soon as he knows, as to what disease it was and then we should take precautions that whoever on the Base was in contact with Lisa should get antibiotics.

Minkoff is going to contact us first thing Wed as soon as he hears any data from the coroner and from Lisa's blood tests re this infection.

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Heather Hoff -

starter staying with Lisa 1 week ago Wednesday. She started at 400pm and was on flat out till 1:30pm on thursday. While Heather was with her Lisa was not violent, she tried to trip heather a couple of times but no other real aggression. She ate some food and took some vitamins at the time. She was very active at the time and was moving around the room a lot.

Heather was then off and the next day While the the Sir RAP and Dir I & It were with her Lisa became very violent. Heather was called back over as Lisa had not been violent when she was there. Once Heather arrived the Dentist was there and got 0-12 aspirin down her throat. Also possibly got her to take benadrii (a sleeping pill)

Heather was then off until 3 days ago when she was put back on. Once she returned to the room she found that Lisa was pale, weak and slept more. Per heather Lisa has not been active in the last 3 days.

During the last 2 days Heather attempted to give her food. Sometimes she would eat and sometimes she would spit it out. Per Heather she also had a lot of bruises on her legs, feet, arms, etc from kicking things hitting the walls etc.

Today, most of the day Lisa was in bed to saying anything or not moving, she was breathing. She was given a bath.

heather left to go to dinner when Laura arrived. Laura said Lisa looked sick and should go to the doctors.

Rita Edwards (Boykin)

Rita was first on the watch Sunday/Monday 26 and 27 th of November. At that time Lisa was extremely agitated and active. She was combative with the other girls staying with her and would ramble on about things, occasionally threatening to attack them.

Rita was then off for a few days, and then came back onto it last Thursday, 30 Nov. At that time she noticed that Lisa was not walking around much and sat on the bed quite a bit. She reported that she was weak and not eating much at all. Couple of days ago she seemed to be doing better. However the last 24 hours she has noticeably dropped weight.

Last 24 hours Lisa had a swollen jaw on the left side of the face and when attempting to feed her complained about pain in the throat. Rita did administer magnesium shots to Lisa including today.

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Lesly Woodcraft -

Was with Lisa for 1 night, two weeks ago on 24 November. She said that Lisa was extremely agitated and moved around the room a lot. She got agitated a couple of times while Lesly was there and slapped Janis Johnson several times through out the night. She did not sleep that night, she was very non-coherent and would chatter continuously while she was there. She also spent a lot of time in the bathroom turning the water on and off and banging the shower hose around. She then got herself drenched and sprayed water all over the room. Floor got wet. At this point once Joan arrived Lesly went out to get dry clothes for Lisa.

Joan Stevens -

She was also with Lisa for one day the same day and came in to replace Lesly. When she got there, Lisa was awake and agitated, she became more agitated and became violent towards Joan, Poking her in the eye and attempting to do it several times. She then attacked Joan with a potted plant in the room, which they took away from her. She then started to hit at things in the room and broke a lamp hanging from the ceiling. There was then glass all over the floor. She then became more and more violent and broke more glass in the bathroom. She then went and got back on her bed and then jumped off landed on the wet floor and then hit her head on the floor. She then attempted to hit her head again on the floor which the watch prevented her from doing. At this point security was called in and she was gotten onto her bed and the room was cleared, all towel bars, hair dryers, glasses etc were removed. The room was then cleaned up.

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Came in at the tail end of the above. She also was also with Lisa for one day. Nothing more happened once she was there other than Lisa being agitated.

Patricia Stracener

Was with Lisa for one night 1 December from 10:00pm to 300 am When Patricia arrived Lisa was asleep. Patricia started to clean the room, Lisa then woke up and started to become agitated came up and slapped Patty several times. Patty would push her arms back down to her side. She was very incoherent and rambling on. Lisa then got sick and vomited. Patty got scared so she called in security who said that it was fine. They cleaned it up. Per Patty Lisa was always moving around.

Kenya Smyth -

Was with Lisa for 2 nights, 24th of Nov. First night she arrived Lisa was very agitated and Kenya helped calm her down.

and then Lisa fell asleep. She then slept for 8 hours. The next night when Kenya arrived, Lisa was babbling on a lot and talking and was very agitated. She moved around the room a lot. Later Hiede Sesary arrived, another watch member, to replace Valerie Demange. She was not as good with Lisa so Kenya got Valerie back into the room.

Valerie Demange -

Was with Lisa for a few days within about 3 days of Lisa's arrival. Lisa was very agitated at the time and moved around lot. Valerie was then off for a 2 days and then put back on, when she got back she noticed that Lisa looked very tired and had only been getting 3 - 5 hours of sleep per night. She was taking Vitamins and protein drink.

Laura Arrunada - MLO Asst.

Laura started with Lisa two weeks ago. Lisa at this time was very strong and fighting all the time, walking, talking, cleaning the walls, sticking her hands in her mouth alot. There were 3 staff with Lisa. Lisa was with Silvia at first and later with Valerie and then with Rita. The first week she was still very strong and kicking and fighting.

Lisa was eating at some times and other times was putting the food on the floor. She was eating bits at a time. The girls helped her to eat and drink and tried to help her keep eating by offering it to her.

Laura was off for 5 days and then started again last Saturday. Lisa was less strong and sitting and walking more. She was sitting and laying on the floor, rolling around, walking and talking non-sequitor That day she got a magnesium shot and she slept and the next day she was better and not talking non-sequitor. She was only drinking protein shakes and not eating much solid foods. She was then two days looking better and was sleeping this week and talking to Laura at times in PT and watching her. Then two days later - yesterday she was refusing the protein shake and when Laura arrived today she was looking bad, she was not moving her body. Laura took her to give her a shower. After the shower she was sleeping. Laura was watching her to see that her expiratory range was OK. Her respiratory range and pulse was OK. Laura told Janis, that Lisa was not eating and maybe needed an IV. Janis came to see her and saw she was looking bad. Today her skin color changed to ivory color and looked septic. Janis called the SNR C/S Office and called to Dr Minkoff to get Ok to bring Lisa there to the hospital. Two days ago Lisa was helping to put her clothes on and then deteriorated in the last 24 hours very badly. IT was when Laura arrived today that she noticed her doing bad.

Lisa had been sleeping better for the last 3 nights so had not been given any chloral hydrate in the last 3 days. He was being given magnesium injections however.

Janis Johnson - MLO

Lisa arrived at the FH on 18 Nov, after being gotten out of Morton Plant. Suzanne Schuremberger stayed with her the first weekend. Lisa was agitated and got violent with Suzanne over the weekend. Janis also knows that Lisa got violent with other people who were staying with her (including Janis). People were staying with Lisa to make sure she did not hurt herself and that she ate and slept. Lisa thought Janis was a psych and would get very enturbulated and violent when Janis came to check on her, so Janis would just check with the people staying with Lisa how she was doing. Janis got Lisa herbs and chloral hydrate to help her sleep, which she was starting to do the last 3 days, until she got sick.

Tonight, Janis was given a message when she got into the office at 7:00PM that Laura needed her. She went to the cabana and saw that Lisa was septic and had bruises on her body which looked like they were from an infection and were not healing properly. Laura said she had looked like that when she first saw her today at 5PM. She ran and talked to Alain at that time and discussed with him what they could do. They both called Dr. Minkoff and told him that Lisa was septic and that she needed antibiotics. He said that he would have to see Lisa before giving her antibiotics and that they should bring her to see him at New Port Richey hospital, but that he would only be there until 10. Janis went and got directions to the New Port Richey hospital from Emma and arranged for Paul Greenwood to come along to help. She went back to the cabana and helped Laura get Lisa ready to go. Lisa had had diarrhea, so Janis helped Lisa change her. Janis noticed that Lisa had lost a lot of weight. Janis told Lisa they were taking her to Dr. Minkoff. Lisa acted like she hurt everywhere, but was not hostile and acknowledged Janis in a friendly way.

Paul and Laura lifted Lisa into Janis' van and sat in the back with her. Janis drove. It took 45 minutes to get to the hospital. At one point, Janis heard Lisa's breathing get fast and harsh for 10 - 15 seconds and then go back down.

When they got to the hospital Janis opened the door to the van and saw Lisa. She thought that she still had some circulation from the way her skin looked. She got an orderly and nurse to come and get her. They put her in a wheelchair. Janis could see that Lisa's blood pressure was very low. Her skin still had color and she thought she saw Lisa breathing. Later, she was standing outside the emergency room where Dr. Minkoff was working on Lisa and saw the EKG screen, which showed no signs of

life.

Because of the way Lisa's skin looked, Janis thinks she had a severe infection; like meningitis. Minkoff thought the same thing and is having a blood test done. Minkoff asked Janis why she hadn't brought Lisa in earlier and Janis said that Xisa had not looked this sick before today.

The hospital staff wanted to know basic information about Lisa, social security number, address, etc but Janis had left in such a hurry she forgot Lisa's purse and did not know any of this data. This had to be called in for.

Paul Greenwood:

SSO Paul Greenwood was called tonight and told to go assist Janis Johnson take someone to the hospital who was sick. He went to the cabana, saw Lisa there with Laura A. Janis had gone to get the car. When he saw Lisa she was awake, but looked very sick and was breathing heavily. He asked Laura what they were going to do and she said they were going to take Lisa to the hospital. He and Laura tried to have Lisa walk between them, but she was too sick, so he carried her to the car. He sat in the back with Lisa and Laura and Janis drove. Paul did not know which hospital they were going to. It took about 45 minutes to get there, on the way to the hospital, Lisa's breathing became labored and then got fainter and fainter just before they arrived. When they got to the New Port Richey hospital Janis went in to get a doctor. An orderly took Lisa into the hospital in a wheelchair. That is the last he saw her.