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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

CASE NUMBER

246

BOROUGH OF

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Report of Death

By

Keenan

M. D.

Assistant Medical Examiner

Name of Deceased

Keenan Costa

Last Residence

738 E 214th St

Date and time

Of Death *March 20/25 at 3:15 PM*

Examiner Notified *March 20/25 at 4:35 PM*

Body Examined *March 21/25 at 1:15 PM*

Reported by

Police

From

27

Place of Death

In front of 756 E 213th St

Body found at

same

Character of Premises

Excavation

Pronounced Dead by

Hughes - Fardson

Removed to

Mary

By

Police

Age

39 Years

Months

Days; Color or Race

white

Place of Birth

Italy

How Long in U. S. (If of Foreign Birth)

21 years

How Long Resident in City of New York

3 years

Occupation

Idiom

Civil Condition

married

Father's Name

Fortunato

Father's Birthplace

Italy

Mother's Name

Guiseppa Cioffa

Mother's Birthplace

Italy

Identified by

Pala

Residence

27

WITNESSES

Name

Residence

Frank Cacalva

3534 Holland Ave

Pte Sebastian Carras #11126 27 Pte

State the circumstances and particulars of death (condition of body and clothing, method of examination), criminal violence, casualty, suicide, suddenly when in apparent health, unattended by a physician, in prison, or in any suspicious or unusual manner.

I hereby certify that on the 21st day of March 1925
I made an Autopsy of the body of Gennaro Cesta
now lying dead at Fordham Morgue
and upon investigation of the essential facts concerning the circumstances of the death and history of the case,
I am of the opinion that the cause of death was Suffocation by sand.
Excavation caved in -- Acc.

The 27th Pct. reports that while working in an excavation, on a sewer, in front of 656 E. 223rd Str., he was buried beneath a quantity of sand and rock, which resulted from a cave-in at that place. The body was removed to Fordham Morgue for autopsy.
Autopsy performed at Fordham Morgue, March 21, 1925, at 1:15 P.M.

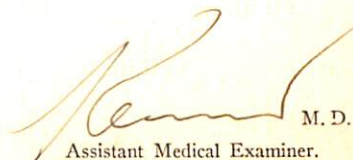
The body is that of an adult white male, apparently 39 years of age. Eyes suffused. Face cyanosed. Anterior and posterior surface of the body, from the nipples upward, including the neck, markedly cyanosed. No marks of external violence.

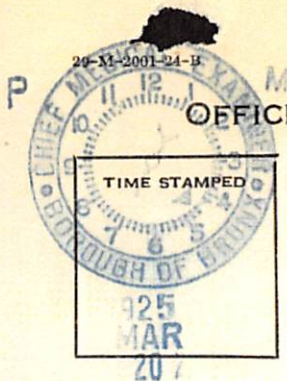
The thoracic organs removed en bloc. The lungs are greatly distended, completely filling the pleural cavities. On section they drip dark fluid blood, and show a considerable quantity of oedema.

Mucus membrane of the trachea and larynx violet blue in color. Free hemorrhages are present in the connective tissue around the larynx and oesophagus. A quantity of fine sand, mixed with mucus, is present in the trachea.

Other organs negative.

Referred to District Attorney


M. D.
Assistant Medical Examiner.



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NOTICE OF DEATH

Reported by Police

Precinct No. 27

Name of Deceased John Peta

Residence 738 E 214 St

Age 39 7/24 40 Nativity Italy

Color White Civil Condition Married

Occupation Laborer

Date of Death March 20/24 3³⁰ pm

Place of Death Excavation ft 660 E 223 St

Body now at _____

Reported Cause of Death Cave in of excavation

Body Claimed by Furciato 11 yrs 34 yrs

Residence Italy

Body Identified by Giuseppa Costello

Residence Italy

Dr. _____

Remarks: 27 Pct reports deceased was buried
in cave in of excavation while at work
on a sewer in front of 660 E 223 St
Pronounced dead by Dr Hughes Ford

Reported
3/20/25
M.H.P.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF NEW YORK

March 21st, 1925.

From 27th Precinct
To The Medical Examiner, Bronx County.
Subject : ACCIDENTAL DEATH.

1 - At or about 3:30 P.M., March 20th, 1925, John Cesta, of 738 East 214th Street, 40 years of age, while at work in excavation in front of new building, 660 East 223rd Street, sides suddenly caved in on him. body examined by Dr. Hughes of Fordham Hospital and pronounced dead.

Witness: Frank Cacalva, 3534 Holland Avenue, Bronx.

2 - Case reported by Ptl. Sebastian Carrao, #11126, 27th Precinct.

3 - Body recovered by the Fire Department which was called to dig body out of excavation.

4 - District Attorney, Medical Examiner, and Detectives notified.

Thomas J. Ryan
Lieutenant.