

Final Report

This report was submitted on 11/23/2020 by Prudence Bickerstaff. It was compiled after weeks of investigation, suspect interviews, analyzing crime scene investigation photos, collecting evidence, and a full review of the ME report.

Although it at first appeared as if Mr. Bishop had died in suspicious circumstances, this investigator has discovered this was not the case. Certainly, there were suspicious instances that led many to believe that foul play had resorted in the death of the Director, and the strange nature of the crime scene would give nod to that thought process. However, what happened is much less nefarious and more a series of unfortunate events.

On the day of the event, Mr. Bishop had not been able to take a break for lunch. The library was short-staffed that day, and he was working through his break period. He had also failed to pack a lunch. Though this normally isn't a big deal, it can result in low blood sugar. This was a signal to me that something strange was afoot because the ME notes had said that Aric's blood glucose level was unusually high. This can happen when a body is stressed and when there is a presence of insulin.

Aric's body had been put through the ringer throughout the day. Not only had he skipped lunch, but he received a minor concussion when he hit his head on the table while picking up cards. He had also had a book cart hit him in the head while he was attempting to move it not too long after. Each event was hard on his body.

The rope? Well, that occurred after he was attempting to straighten the quilt. He reached up to straighten it, wrapping it around his shoulders to keep it from falling too far, and was trying to turn, and somehow twisted just right, resulting in the rope wrapping around his neck. However, it wasn't tight enough to strangle him, and this is not what killed him. It looks as if he passed out in this moment while trying to straighten the quilt.

He fell to the ground, hitting his head again, and the quilt fell on top of him, smothering him. But what ultimately caused his collapse?

It was the high glucose that tipped me off. Aric shouldn't have had a high level in his system after not eating anything throughout the day. He hadn't even had time to finish his Starbucks drink. I did a search of the trash at the library, and found the glass that had cut Aric, realizing just what it was. A vial.

Aric had broken Tessa's insulin vial, and due to the fact that he already had a cut on his hand (a small one from repairing a book earlier that day) the insulin went directly into his system. It was more than his body could handle, and when his body continued on in a stressed pattern it caused him to go into an insulin induced state of shock.

Therefore, Aric did not die of foul play, but instead a series of unfortunate events.

It's a sad day for the library world. Respectfully submitted, Pru.