

Ionia County Police  
James Gregory Maynard  
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Time: 7:35 am

**Incident Report:** At approximately 7:35am, a young female youth was walking to a friend's house in Lyons. As she walked over the bridge across the Maple River, south of Muir, Michigan she saw a human body floating along the south bank of the river, hung up on dead tree branches. She also observed a man wading north across the river away from the corpse. His head was shaved, and it had what appeared to be a lightning bolt type tattoo down the back of his head.

Fingerprints identified the corpse to be Eugene F. Smiley, aka, Bob Helms, aka Robert Helmsly, aka Sparkles the Clown, Caucasian, male, age approximately 55. Height: 5'7", Weight: 250 lbs. Last known employer is Dragston Circus entertainers. He was working on the midway of the Ionia Free Fair, as an entertainer making balloon toys for young children.

**Previous Criminal Record:** Numerous arrests for Pedophilia, but no convictions.

Under the alias Robert Helmsley was arrested in Little Rock Ark. in May 9, 1999, for allegedly soliciting young males for sex. He allegedly bought them alcohol and made his approach when the victim was inebriated. No conviction because the perp. jumped bond and fled the state.

Under the alias Bob Helms, was arrested in South Bend Ill. for allegedly molesting a teen-age boy after purchasing alcohol for the youth, in August 23, 1992. No conviction because the perp. jumped bond and fled the state.

Eugene F. Smiley was arrested in Omaha Neb. for allegedly molesting a young male at the Nebraska State Fair, July 10, 1981. No conviction because the perp. jumped bond and fled the state.

**Cause of Death:** Drowning. There was a severe blow to the back of the head, most likely rendering the victim unconscious. It is currently unknown whether the victim was in the River or placed there. The victim was holding a necklace with an original arrowhead which has been identified as indigenous to this area. No weapon has been found.

**Pending Investigation:** The identity of the man observed crossing the river is ongoing. His whereabouts is currently under investigation and when found he will be interrogated for any information relevant to this situation.

**Signed:** John Wabash.

Officer Wabash hands the report to the Captain, "I doubt we will find the guy with the tattoo. Besides, it seems he did the world a favor." He says with a twisted smirk.