

**Narrative:**

On or about October 8, 2020, I received a call from Dale Coffelt advising he was just given a box of human skeletal remains from Vickie Dawson. Vickie advised she was involved with the Fraternal Order of the Eagles and the remains were used in their initiation ceremonies years ago. When the Eagles decided they weren't going to be used, the remains were placed in a box and she offered to house them in a shop on her property. Years later Vicki decided to take them to the funeral home to be properly buried.

Upon inspecting the remains I could see that it is an anatomical skeleton used for education. Dale thought it might be prudent to have some sort of analysis completed before it was buried. The request for burial is from current members of the Eagles. I spoke to a couple different Eagles members who had varying stories of the skeleton and how it came to their organization. Some thought it was a local Asian-American woman who "was found in Hope." It appears as though the historical information regarding this skeleton is based on local legend rather than fact.

On 10/09/2020, I requested assistance from Dr. Kirsten Green-Mink at the University of Montana's Anthropology Department. She put me in contact with Professor Dr. Randy Skelton who advised he could have a student look at the case sometime around April. Based on the photos I sent him, he advised it's possible this skeleton is an anatomical specimen imported from India back in the 80's.

**UPDATE:**

On Saturday March 13<sup>th</sup> I transported the remains to UofM and met with Megan Copeland who is the student performing the analysis.

I received a final anthropology report from U of M on 08/25/2021. The summary of findings suggests that this anatomical skeleton is probably a male, an adult between the ages of 25-40, has a stature of 5'1"-5'6". The individual exhibits a combination of European and Asian characteristics and could potentially be from India. Refer to attached Anthropology report.

After receiving the remains back, I transported them to Coffelt Funeral Home to be buried.

UPDATE: On 05/06/2024 I received a phone call from Dale Coffelt who told me that the Eagles no longer wanted the biological specimen buried but would rather donate it to my office for educational purposes. Deputy Coroner Tonya Wilson responded to the funeral home to retrieve the box which is being held now at the Bonner County Coroner's office.

<b>Autopsy:</b>		<b>Funeral Home:</b>	Coffelt F.S.
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<b>Valuables:</b>	
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Coffelt F.S.

Coroner's Report

<b>Name:</b>	Anatomical Skeleton
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<b>DOB:</b>		<b>Age:</b>		<b>SSN:</b>	
<b>Home Address:</b>					

<b>Next of Kin:</b>		<b>Relationship:</b>		<b>Phone#:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>					

<b>DOD:</b>		<b>TOD:</b>		<b>TP:</b>	
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<b>Place of Death:</b>	Not known
<b>Lat/Long:</b>	

<b>PMD:</b>		<b>Phone#:</b>	
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<b>Reporting Coroner:</b>	R. Beers
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	

<b>Cause of death:</b>	Unknown, most likely natural	<b>Manner:</b>	
<b>Other contributing factors:</b>			

<b>Released To:</b>		<b>Relationship:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>		<b>By Whom:</b>	

**Notes:**

**Disposition:** Case closed.

