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STATE OF COLORADO

OFFENSE REPORT

1. Reporting Agency

RCSO

2. Case Report Number

CR#920472

3. Connecting Case Report Numbers

DR#922043

4. Initial Offense Classification

Investigated Death

5. OCL

6. OFF

7. UCR Code

8. STT

9. UCR Score

10. Offense Reported:

☒ Dispatch () Citizen

() On View () Supervisor

11. Juvenile

() Yes ☒ No

() Unknown

12. CCIC Entry Date/Time

13. NCIC Entry Date/Time

14. ORI Number

C00540000

15. UCR Disposition

() Change to () No Change, Remains

☒ Open () Unfounded () Cleared by Arrest () Exceptionally Cleared

16. Exceptional Clearance Category:

() Victim Failure to Prosecute () Prosecute for Lesser Charge () Juvenile () Other Jurisdiction

() Duplicate Charges () Suspect Incarcerated () Suspect Death () Declined by D.A.

17. UCR Entry Date/Time
Operator I.D.18. UCR Officer
Assault Activity19. UCR Officer
Assault Weapon20. UCR Officer Assault
Assignment21. UCR Officer
Assault Time22. UCR Officer
Assault Score23. UCR Officer
Assault Cleared

24. Location of Occurrence

3.4 miles south of Milner off RCR 179 (Titty Peak Ranch)

24a.

25. Geo-Code

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26. Date - Time
Occurredon
or between

Month

Day

Year

Time

07

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1031

27. Date - Time
Reported

Month

Day

Year

Time

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92

1035

CODE: V - Victim RO - Registered Owner RP - Reporting Party LIST FIRM NAME AND CORPORATE NAME, IF DIFFERENT
W - Witness LP - Last Person in Possession TH - Title Holder D - Discovered Crime PA - Person Accepting Document P - Person Securing Premise

28. Code

29. Name (Last, First, Middle)

30. Sex

31. Race

32. Age

33. Date of Birth

34. Occupation

V

BODTCHER, Lindy Allen

M

W

41

01-04-51

Oil Well Worker

35. Address

Res. 275 N. Center, P.O. Box 164, Elsinor, UT

Zip Code

84724

36. Telephone (X = Day)

None ()

Bus.

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28. Code

29. Name (Last, First, Middle)

30. Sex

31. Race

32. Age

33. Date of Birth

34. Occupation

RP

TERRILL, Michael L.

M

W

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03-11-52

Foreman

35. Address

Res. 373 Ogala Lane, Gillete, Wyoming

Zip Code

82716

36. Telephone (X = Day)

307-686-6641 ()

Bus.

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37. Property

A. Currency

B. Jewelry

C. Clothing

D. Vehicle (Local)

E. Office Equipment

F. Radio, TV, Cameras

G. Fire-arms

H. House-hold goods

I. Con-sumables

J. Live-stock

K. Misc.

L. Total

STOLEN

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38. Section

IF PROPERTY ITEMIZATION, USE THE FOLLOWING FORMAT:

39. Item No.

40. Quantity

41. Brand Name

42. Property Description (Include Serial Number)

43. Stolen (\$)

44. Recovered (\$)

45. UCR Property Type

Synopsis: On 07-30-92, Lindy BODTCHER and other workers were clearing an oil platform after attaching two sets of tongs to a pipe to break a joint loose. A tong broke and a large piece of metal struck BODTCHER in the back of the head and right shoulder. Efforts to revive failed. Investigation continuing.

Officer involved: E. Doyle P-21

RCSO

N. Wessel P-27

RCSO

P. Pirnat D-21

RCSO

Mark Shearon, Coroner's Office

86. Oper. I.D.

() Yes () No

46. Reporting Party Signature: I affirm this information is true and correct

47. Copies sent to:

OSHA, Dept. of Health, Coroner

48. Officer Signature, Number and Unit

49. Supervisor Initials and Date

50. Assigned To

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RCSO

Officer: P. Pirnat

DR#922043 CR#920472

Victim: BODTCHER, Lindy

Date: 07-30-92

Classification: Investigated Death

Offense Status: Open

Recommend Case:

Officers involved: Steamboat Ambulance
(con't) OSHA
Department of Health

Suspects: None

Charge: NA

Criminal History: NA

Property Loss/Damaged: NA

Injuries: BODTCHER - head injury to back of head
- right shoulder possibly broken, cut

Witnesses: VOIGT, Rex DOB: 01-16-61 Age: 30
535 14th Street, Rawlins, WY 82322
Phone: 307-324-7301 (H), 307-324-6954 (W)

SCHLOESSER, Peter DOB: 09-26-59 Age: 32
198 Spruce Street, P.O. Box 918, Hayden, CO 81639
Phone: None

ANTHONY, Robert Joe DOB: 02-28-50 Age: 42
844 20 Road, Grand Junction, CO
Phone: 303-242-7054, 303-244-0624 (message)

BILLS, Douglas M. DOB: 03-28-42 Age: 50
P.O. Box 903, Thayne, WY 83127
Phone: None

REESE, Don
Pacific Enterprises Oil Company

Officer Signature: P. Pirnat
Unit: Investigations
Number: D21

**INVESTIGATIVE REPORT
ROUTT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Case Number 920472

DR Number 922043

Date: 073192

CASE STATUS: Open pending results of autopsy and ruling by coroner.

On Thursday, 073092, at about 1155 hours, I was notified by Undersheriff Art Fiebing of the death of a man in an industrial accident. I responded to Routt Memorial Hospital to meet Deputy Eileen Doyle who had been out on the scene Refer attached supplemental) and to interview witnesses at the hospital.

I met Deputy Doyle who briefly told me what she knew of what happened on the oil rig and that the road to the rig was located south of Milner off of RCR 179.

I then interviewed Rex VOIGT, who was at the hospital. VOIGT stated he was sitting in his truck waiting to go onto the rig when a worker came running down the stairs. VOIGT stated he knew something was wrong and went up on the platform. VOIGT stated he is a volunteer fireman for Rawlings. VOIGT stated the man was barely breathing and had a very weak pulse when he first got up to him. VOIGT stated the man then stopped breathing and he began CPR. VOIGT stated he thought the accident happened between 1030 -1045 hours. VOIGT stated he did not know the man who was hit. VOIGT could not add any thing else.

I was then met by Mark Shearon who told me that Coroner Dayle Hammock was out of town. Shearon agreed to handle the death certificate, fingerprinting, and the photos of the body. I would do interviews and investigate the scene.

Shearon and I then interviewed Peter Schloesser, a co-worker and close friend of Bodtcher in a conference room at the hospital. SCHLOESSER stated he was several feet up the derrick above the platform when the accident occurred. SCHLOESSER stated they were breaking loose a collar and had put the tongs on until there was some tork. SCHLOESSER stated that as the men were leaving the floor area and going to a shack on the platform, SCHLOESSER stated he saw one set of tongs break and hit Bodtcher. SCHLOESSER stated the force of the blow knocked Bodtcher down.

SCHLOESSER stated Jose Salazar was walking off with Bodtcher and the piece did not hit him. The driller was douglas Bills, a brother-in-law to Bodtcher. SCHLOESSER stated he would estimate

Bodtcher being about 15' - 20' from the drill when the accident occurred. SCHLOESSER stated Bodtcher was wearing his hard hat at the time he was struck.

SCHLOESSER stated the well is an oil drilling well and the rig was located on Titty Peak Ranch. SCHLOESSER stated Bodtcher was working as a motorman. SCHLOESSER stated they were working for Adcor Drilling and their office was in Denver. I was given Terry Harper as a contact person with a phone of 825-0481.

I asked Schloesser about the working conditions and if he felt there were any safety concerns he had. SCHLOESSER stated they were working the rig with a four man crew when he said they normally use a five man crew. In addition, SCHLOESSER stated he felt the tongs were very worn and that may have contributed to the accident.

SCHLOESSER stated Bodtcher's mother was deceased. Bodtcher's father is Lindy Robert Bodtcher and living in Utah. SCHLOESSER stated Bodtcher has two sisters, Diana Flanigan in Richfield, Utah, and Rea Bills who was divorced from Douglas Bills. SCHLOESSER was very upset over the death and could not provide any further information on the accident.

Shearon and I then interviewed Robert Anthony in the same room. ANTHONY stated they had just gotten to the drill collars and had clamped on the tongs. The driller had told everyone to get clear before he broke the joint loose. ANTHONY stated that it was standard procedure for everyone to clear the floor except for the driller for safety in case something comes loose.

ANTHONY stated he was walking to the right hand side of Bodtcher, about five feet away, when the accident happened. ANTHONY stated Bodtcher was hit and the force just drove him right into the floor. ANTHONY estimated Bodtcher was about 12' - 15' from the tongs at the time.

ANTHONY stated there was a man in front that Bodtcher fell on when he went down. ANTHONY stated they were headed into the dog house building at the edge of the floor. ANTHONY estimated the rig's floor as being about 30' X 30'. ANTHONY estimated the piece that hit Bodtcher as being about 18" X 9" in size and weighing about 40 pounds.

ANTHONY stated he saw Bodtcher bow twice and at first had his eyes open and rolled back. Then his eyes closed and he never saw them open again. ANTHONY also stated he saw blood gushing out of Bodtcher's nose immediately after being hit.

ANTHONY stated he felt the tongs were working OK. He admitted that they were worn but he said all equipment on a rig is worn. ANTHONY felt that if the tongs had not been working properly, they would not have even gripped. ANTHONY also stated they were told to clear

the floor in plenty of time. he had no idea as to why the tongs broke the way they did. Anthony had no additional information.

I then was able to talk to Douglas Bills, a former brother-in-law to Bodtcher. The interview was conducted in the hospital conference room.

BILLS stated he was standing right next to Bodtcher when the accident occurred. BILLS stated they were stripping pipe out of the hole. BILLS estimated Bodtcher as being about 12' - 15' from the pipe at the time. BILLS stated he was on Bodtcher's right facing the pipe. BILLS stated they were pulling on the pipe with a cat head when the jaws on the tong broke, flew apart and Bodtcher. BILLS was very distraught and was unable to provide any further information at the time.

I then responded to the scene of the accident. Deputy Doyle had returned to secure the scene until she was relieved by Deputy Nance Wessel. Deputy Wessel left when I arrived at about 1505 hours. I talked with Mike Terrill, foreman of the rig and then had Terrill show me around so that I could get photos.

TERRILL stated he was standing looking out a window just to the right of the door as you look out from the room. TERRILL stated they were breaking out a crossover connection. They had put the tongs on the pipe and had applied tork. TERRILL stated the driller had told the men to move. TERRILL stated the driller kept tork on the tongs when all of a sudden there was a pop and Bodtcher was hit in the head. TERRILL stated when he saw the piece break off, he was ducking because he thought it was going to go through the window.

TERRILL stated the time was 1031 hours by his watch when the accident happened. TERRILL stated there was so much noise and confusion that he ran down off the platform to use the phone rather than the one in the dog room.

TERRILL stated the platform is about 19.5 feet off the ground and the platform is about 30' X 20'. TERRILL stated some red items that were by the back wall of the room on the platform were not there when the accident happened but were moved there to facilitate the removal of Bodtcher by rescue personnel. TERRILL also pointed out the gauges the driller watches while handling the controls. The gauge on the lower left was the gauge being watched when the accident happened. The gauge was equipped with a red indicator to show when excessive pressure was being applied. TERRILL also stated that the control being used was the lower left knob on the control panel. TERRILL stated Bills moved the lever as the men went past him.

I took photos of the gauges and controls and where people were at. I also saw the piece that had broken off. The piece was about the

size of that previously described to me and was heavy. The broken piece was still where it had landed, next to the door of the dog room. TERRILL stated the small piece of metal someone had picked up and placed next to the large piece. TERRILL did not know where that piece had been. TERRILL stated they had not moved anything other than washing down the floor of the blood.

I then briefly talked to Don Reese, the drilling engineer. REESE could not add much as he was in his office trailer when the accident occurred. He did make a notation as to times of different things that happened (refer attached).

I took pictures of the rig from the ground level and left the scene at about 1505 hours. The road in to the site began at the marked edge the Titty Creek Ranch by a cattle guard on Routt County Road 179. The road from RCR 179 to the site was about 1.2 miles long. The entrance was about 3.4 miles south of U.S. Highway 40 at Milner on RCR 179. Refer attached map for approximate location.

Upon my return to the Sheriff's Office, I talked briefly with Cling Miller of OSHA concerning the accident. I was told that investigators from OSHA would be up from Denver on Friday (073192). I later talked to Lyle McKenzie of the Department of Health and was told they would be up on Friday (073192) or Monday (080392). I told both agencies that I would get all my reports ready for them as well as getting a set of pictures for them.

On Friday, 073192, at about 1000 hours, Mirth A. Deshler from OSHA contacted me on her way to investigate the accident. I informed her of what materials I would have available and reports.

No other action by this office at this time. Case remains open pending a final decision by the Coroner's Office.

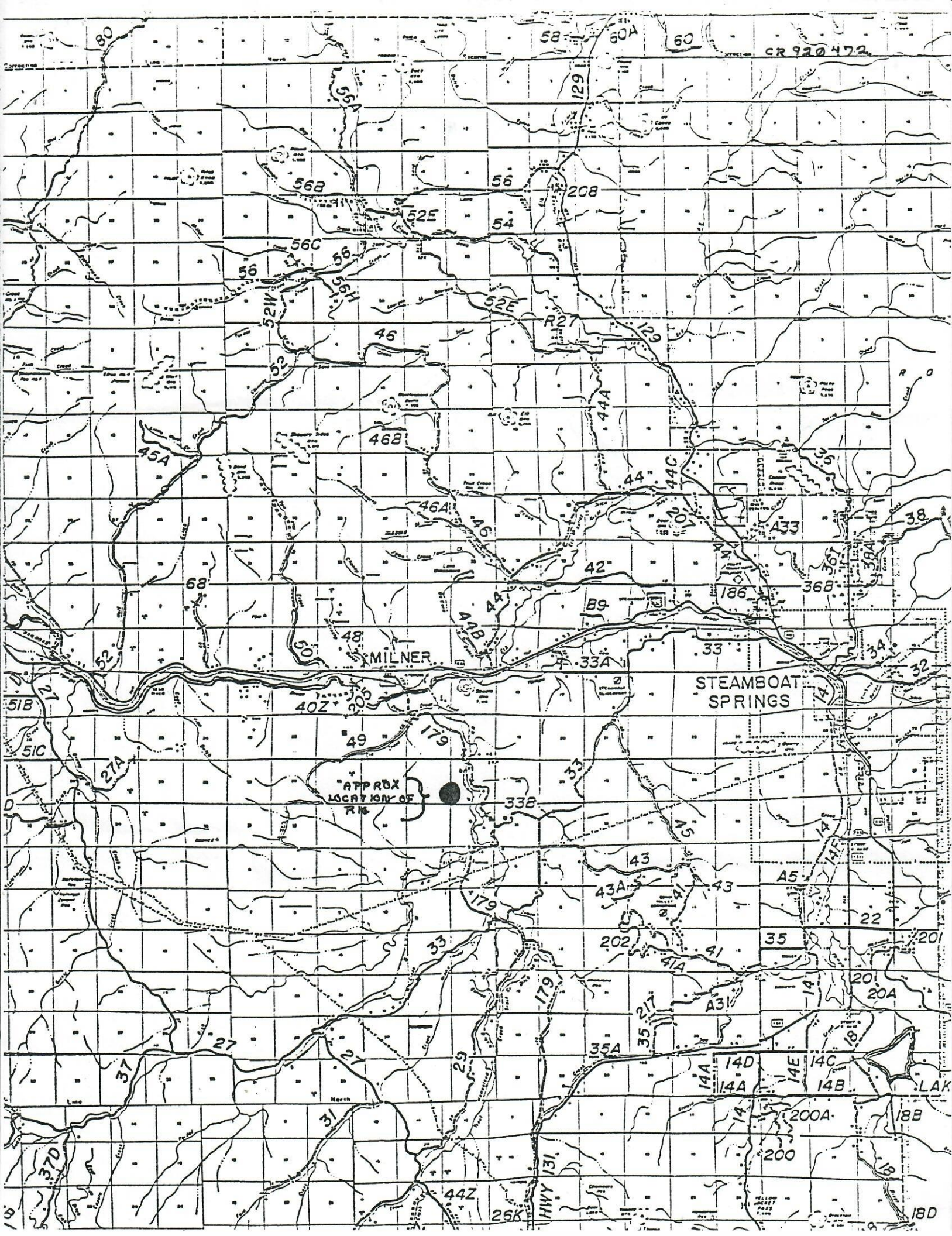
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P. Pirnat, D2-1
Investigator, RCSO

7-30-92 PEOC-NVG 32-26 Sec. 26, T6N, R81W. Routt County, Colorado

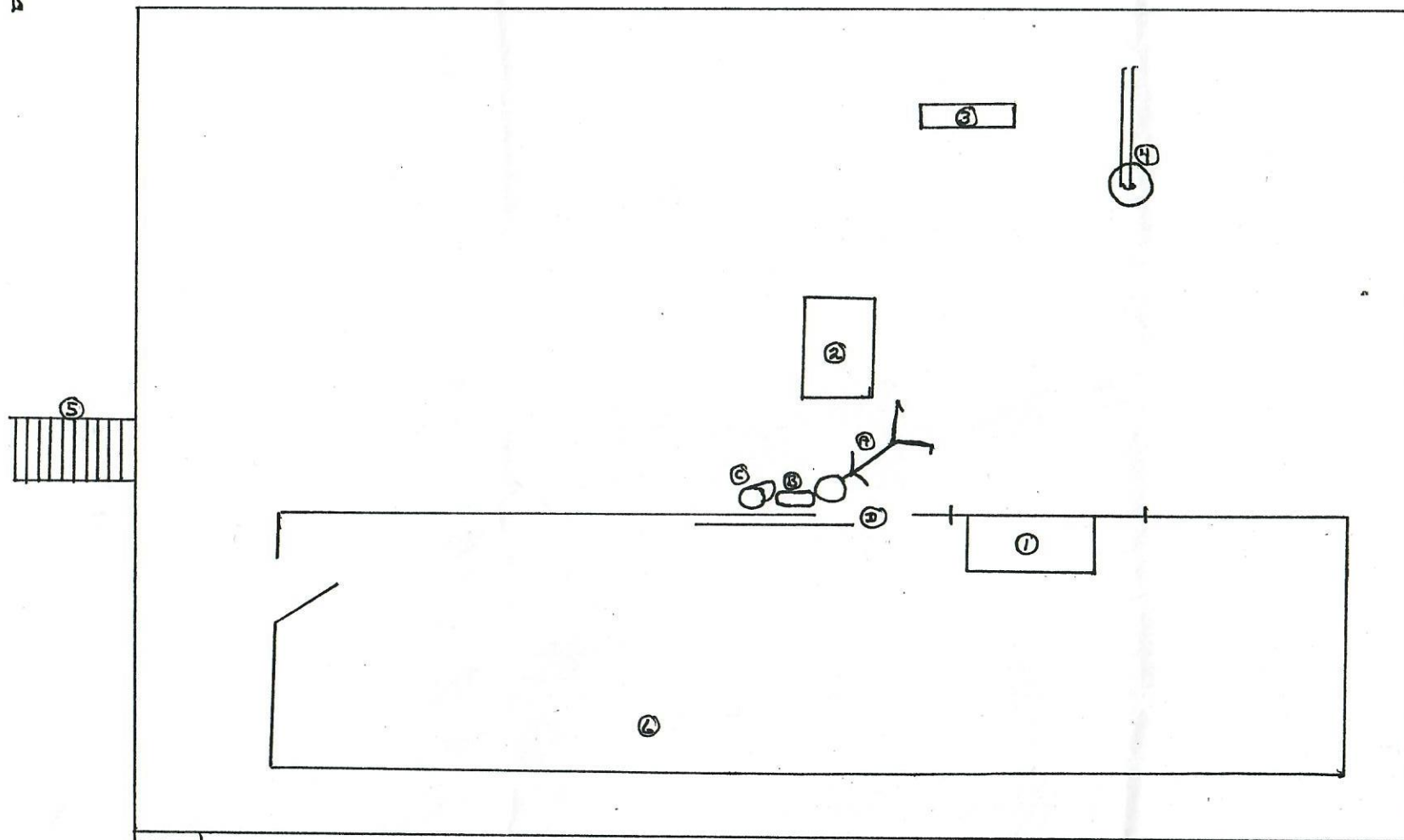
- 10:31 AM Tool Pusher came to the PEOC trailer and said that he had a bad accident and asked us to call a ambulance. Larry Kidd got on the phone and I went to the rig floor. The injured roughneck was laying on his stomach with his head turned sideways. He had a cut on the back of his head bleeding some. I told the tool pusher to get a compression bandage for it. The injured was also bleeding slightly from the nose. His breathing was shallow and erratic. The pulse was erratic and very weak. Took his dentures out.
- 10:45 Unable to find any pulse in neck, arm pit, or wrist. Unable to find any sign of breathing with a piece of glass. The injured man was starting to turn blue. Got five men to turn him over on his back taking care to not twist or move his back or neck. Started CPR.
- 10:52 Sheriff department personnel arrived. Helped with CPR. Estimated time of arrival.
- 10:58 Ambulance arrived. Took over first aid treatment.
- 11:08 Ambulance took injured to hospital

Don Reese
Drilling Engineer
Pacific Enterprises Oil Company



NOT TO SCALE

CR 9220472
DR 922043



- (6) BODY ABOUT 2' FROM DOOR INITIALLY FACE DOWN
- (7) BROKEN METAL FROM TONG
- (8) HARD HAT OF VICTIM
- (9) SLIDING DOOR

- (1) DESK
- (2) CONTROL PANEL
- (3) GAUGE PANEL
- (4) DRILLING PIPE & HOLE
- (5) STAIRS
- (6) SHED

P. PINNAT D2-1 073172

**INVESTIGATIVE REPORT
ROUTT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Case Number 920472

DR Number 922043

Date: 080492

CASE STATUS: Case closed, accidental death.

On Tuesday, 080492, I contacted Coroner Dayle Hammock and verbally confirmed the death of Lindy Allen Bodtcher as being caused by massive head injuries. Hammock stated the death has been ruled accidental.

No further action. Case closed as accidental death.

P. Pirnat

P. Pirnat, D2-1
Investigator, RCSO

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Dennis -

8/26/92

Hello - here is the accident report for the recent fatality in Rott Co.

I spoke with PEOC rep. Larry Kidd, who was sitting the well, at length about the accident. The head of the tongs broke while they were trying to break out a drill collar connection. A piece of broken metal hit Lindy Bodtcher from behind and severely injured him. The roughnecks were heading into the doghouse but were not quite inside yet. To top it off, Larry said that what they thought was a connection (that they were bearing down on) really was not.

OSHA has investigated the accident - I don't know their results yet. I do know that proper emergency numbers (etc.) were on the rig - Larry Kidd is good about that. Let me know if you need any more info. Take it easy -
Brian