

**Dental report on the body thought to be Scott Lafferty
(D.O.B. 25/04/1957)**

(My Ref: NB1807)

**Report of *Nathan Brown*
for *Avon, Somerset and Wiltshire Police*.**

Dated: 22/05/2018

Specialist Field: *Forensic Odontology*

On the instructions of: *David Rushton,
Avon, Somerset and Wiltshire Police.*

Nathan Brown

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1. 1. Preface

1.1. Name, qualifications, address of author

Name: Nathan Lee Brown

Qualifications:

- BDS - Bachelor of Dental Surgery (Bristol, 1997)
- MFDS RCPS - Member of the Faculty of Dental Surgery, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons (Glasgow, 2000)
- Ph.D. – Doctor of Philosophy (Bristol, 2004)
- MSc Forensic Odontology (Glamorgan, 2010)
- Diploma Forensic Medical Sciences (AFMS, London, 2011)
- Diploma Forensic Human Identification (FFLM, London 2012)

Address: 

1.2. Short curriculum vitae

I qualified with a dental degree in 1997 and am registered with the General Dental Council (number 73094). In 2010 I completed an MSc course in Forensic Odontology with a distinction (a degree course, which educates me in how to identify the deceased from teeth and their surrounding structures) and two forensic diplomas, one specifically related to human identification. I have been involved with hundreds of human identification cases in the South West, Wales, and London including high profile cases. I lecture to dentists and mentor forensic odontologists.

I am a member of the British Association of Forensic Odontologists, sit on the committee and am treasurer for the Association. I work as an independent Forensic Odontologist.

Of particular relevance to this case

- The human identification cases I have been exposed to.
- Experience in general dental practice.

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2. Summary of Dental Findings

2.1 This is a dental report on the body thought to be Scott Lafferty (DOB 25/04/1957).

2.2 All teeth that were present just prior to death remained in situ. Two teeth were filled.

2.3 The dental records of Scott Lafferty (DOB 25/04/1957) included written notes, a chart and x-rays and have been examined and compared to the teeth of the deceased.

2.4 I have concluded that the body may be established as that of Scott Lafferty (25/04/1957).

3. Chronology of events

3.1 Instruction – 18/05/2018

David Rushton (Avon, Somerset and Wiltshire Police) requested assistance with the identification of a body at Flax Bourton Mortuary, Bristol.

3.2 Post-mortem examination of the body – 22/05/2018

I conducted a dental examination of the body thought to be Scott Lafferty (25/04/1957) at Flax Bourton Mortuary, Bristol on 22/05/2018 at approximately 9am.

3.3 Examination of ante-mortem dental records – 22/05/2018

Shortly after doing the post mortem examination I examined the dental records for Scott Lafferty DOB 25/04/1957.

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4. Post-mortem examination

My findings were as follows:

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- i. All of the teeth that were present just prior to death remained in situ.
- ii. All four wisdom teeth were missing antemortem (MAM), meaning they either never developed, or were extracted during life. In the upper jaw thirteen teeth were present. In the lower jaw thirteen teeth were present.
- iii. Seven teeth had a tooth coloured filling (17, 25, 26, 36, 45, 46, 47). The tooth surfaces the fillings extended onto are detailed on the chart below.
- iv. The other teeth present were unrestored.
- v. Dental x-rays were exposed at post-mortem (see Appendix 1)

11	Present	Present	21
12	Present	Present	22
13	Present	Present	23
14	Present	Present	24
15	Present	O TCR	25
16	MAM	MO TCR, OP TCR	26
17	O TCR	Present	27
18	MAM	MAM	28

18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
RIGHT															
48	47	46	45	44	43	42	41	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38
LEFT															

48	MAM	MAM	38
47	O TCR	MAM	37
46	MODV TCR	O TCR, lingual fracture	36
45	O TCR	Present	35
44	Present	Present	34
43	Present	Present	33
42	Present	Present	32
41	Present	Present	31

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5. Findings in ante-mortem dental records of Scott Lafferty DOB 25/04/1957 and comparison with my post-mortem findings.

5.1 I examined the records and dental chart for Scott Lafferty DOB 25/04/1957. The records included written records, three x-rays dated 20/01/2011 and a dental chart from 'Stephen Badham and Associates', 147 Charles Street, Milford Haven, SA73 2HP. The last recorded dental visit was 21/03/2011.

5.2 The ante-mortem findings for individual teeth and fillings were entirely compatible with the post mortem findings, including the number, position and type of teeth present, and the position, size and materials used for the fillings. The Dental radiograph comparison was particularly useful (see Appendix 1).

6. Conclusion

From my dental examination I am satisfied that the body may be established as that of Scott Lafferty (DOB 25/04/1957).

7. Statement of truth, knowledge and independence

I understand in the preparation of this report my duty is to the court and that the duty overrides any obligation to the person who has instructed me and by whom I will be paid and that I have complied with that duty to the court. I believe the facts I have stated in this report are true and the opinions I have expressed are correct. Should further information come to light I would be grateful to have access to it as it may influence the conclusions I have thus far come to.



22/05/2018

Nathan Lee Brown

Date

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