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Mr. SMITH stated that the result of his investigation to date indicated that the victim was a bootlegger and was known to subject MOORE and other officers in Meriwether County. According to Mr. SMITH, the results of his investigation to date were substantially the same as those by the Sheriff's Office of Meriwether County as herein reported.

Photographs of victim's automobile taken at the scene of the wreck and the skid marks were made by GBI Agent SMITH.

Mr. SMITH stated that he was present on November 2, 1952, at the time Dr. HERMAN JONES performed an autopsy on victim's body which was then located in the People's Funeral Home in Columbus, Georgia. Mr. SMITH stated that at the time of this autopsy he personally examined victim's body stating that the same bore no bullet holes or other signs of physical violence. He disclosed that the autopsy reflected that victim died from brain concussion and internal injuries.

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Dr. LAWSON JOHNSON, Johnson's Hospital, advised that victim was brought to his hospital at approximately 2:00 or 3:00 a.m. on the morning of October 30, 1952, and the victim's body was brought to the hospital by BILL MOORE known to Dr. JOHNSON as a state revenue agent and BILL HALL, the town marshal at Warm Springs, Georgia. Approximately ten or fifteen unidentified Negroes accompanied victim's body.

Dr. JOHNSON stated that victim at the time of his admission was unconscious and in a state of shock. He was not X-rayed and no autopsy was performed at the hospital. His left arm was broken (chewed up) and he had several rib fractures on both sides. His body was covered with dirt and grass and appeared to Dr. JOHNSON as a "typical wreck victim". Victim had a long scalp wound on the front of his head and forehead approximately six inches long.

Dr. JOHNSON stated that victim died in his hospital at approximately 10:00 p.m. on October 30, 1952. He died as a result of a brain concussion and other internal injuries sustained in the above described wreck. Dr. JOHNSON stated that victim's body bore no signs of physical mistreatment. No bullet holes were found. According to Dr. JOHNSON, the victim's wallet was intact at the time of his admission to the hospital but that no money was contained therein. He stated that he had been informed by subject MOORE that victim had wrecked his car while being chased by subject as a bootlegger at a rate of speed estimated at ninety miles per hour.