

Raymond Williams - Murder

Sunday, July 29, 2001

On Sunday morning, July 29th, 2001, shortly before 7:20 am, the body of 36-year-old Raymond Williams was found in a vacant lot on the south side of Jack's Hotel, 652 Main Street (torn down in 2008, now the site of the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority building and parkade).

An autopsy conducted at St. Boniface Hospital determined that Raymond died as a result of a single gunshot wound to the head. No other injuries were noted on his body. The autopsy further revealed that Raymond was possibly laying down when he was shot. Raymond was well-known in the Main Street area as a person who suffered from addiction to solvents.

While Raymond's last known movements are unknown, he was not seen by members of the Main Street Project who made their rounds of the area between 2:30 am and 3:15 am that morning. As such the murder happened sometime between 3:15 am and 7:20 am.

As Raymond suffered from addiction issues, it is very likely that he was passed out and laying on the ground when he was shot. As there was no evidence of a physical struggle or that any other crime had been committed (a change vial containing \$8.00 was found in his pockets), the motive for his death is unknown.

Five months later the body of 42-year-old Paul Harper was found near the same location.

