

The autopsy also revealed some changes in the lungs caused in part probably by a period of assisted ventilation and also by the terminal aspiration of stomach contents but these findings are unlikely to have contributed to or accelerated death.

In view of the lapse of time between the assault and his death, an analysis for the presence of alcohol was not carried out following the autopsy. On his initial admission to hospital however an analysis carried out at that time revealed an alcohol concentration of 221 mg. per 100 ml. Such a level would leave no doubt that he was moderately intoxicated at the time of the incident. Also it is well recognised that alcohol intoxication exacerbates the effects of head injuries and may well have played a part in the fatal outcome in this case.

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