

## CMS 57853D

Mufon case 57853

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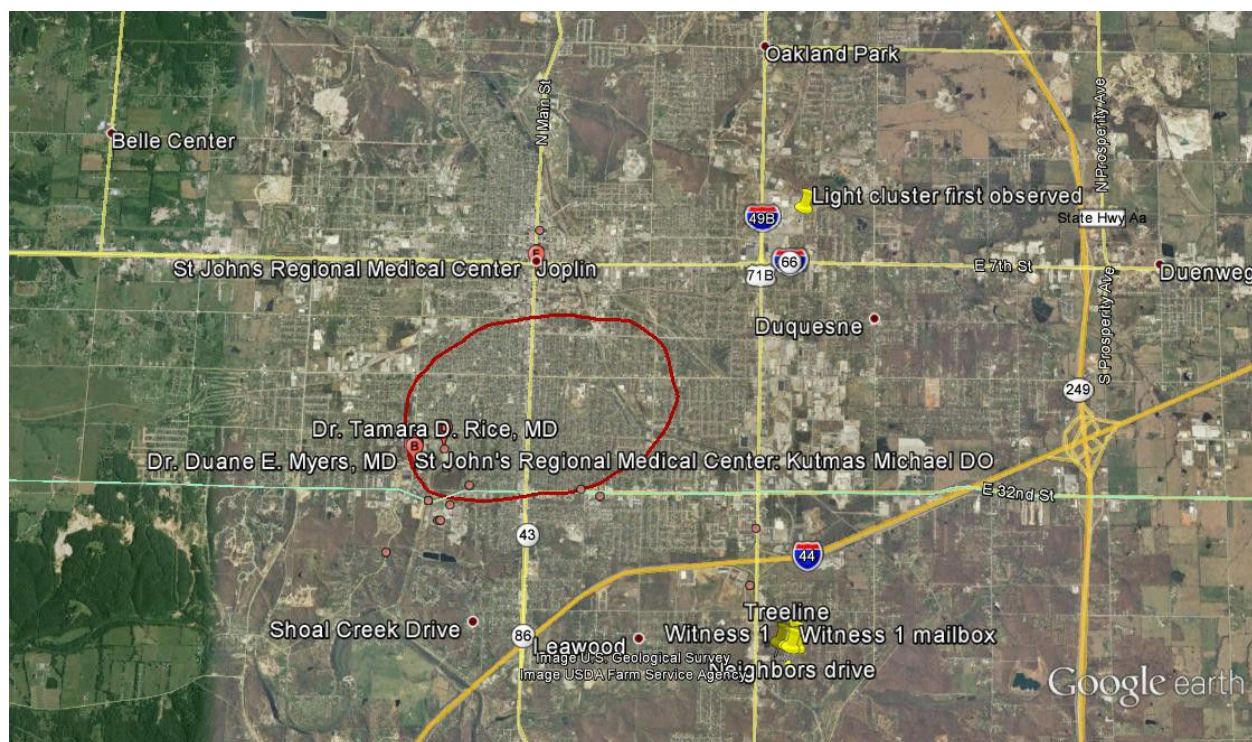
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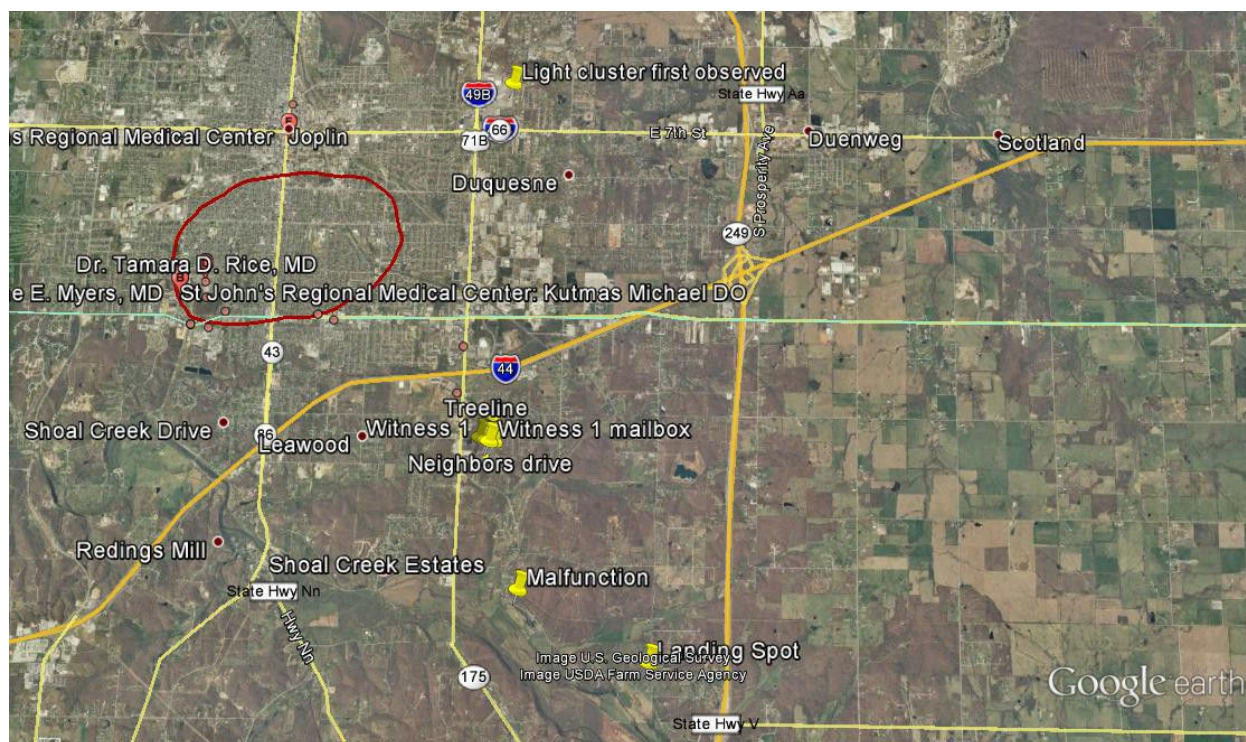
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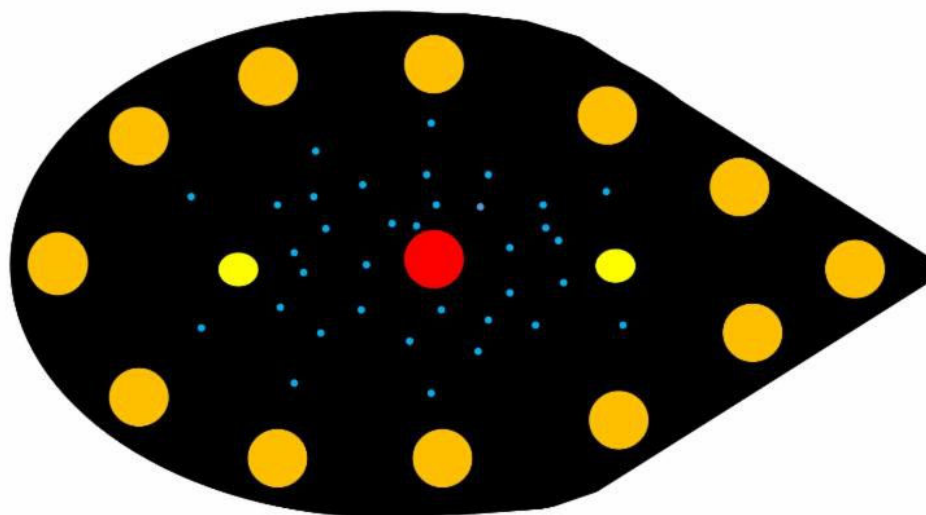
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#### 08 / 17 / 2015 Investigators update.

On 8/16/15 this investigator was emailed a copy of the newly chosen "Top Ten Cases for 2014." This case was chosen as one of the top ten. At the time of this report, I was a Kansas F.I. who also assisted Missouri investigators when they had an increase in their caseloads. It was requested that I accompany ASD Margie Kay for security reasons. She was the lead primary investigator and stated that she would be the one writing the report, releasing me of that responsibility, and following the chain of command, I followed her direction. Even though I was directed that it was not necessary for me to compose a report summary, I did compose a summary for my own personal notes. Approximately 8/14/14, I uploaded those personal notes to the CMS in case they could be of some assistance in the future thinking that the case would be closed by the ASD. I am not sure of the date, but sometime later, I was contacted by Mo. SD Ziegelmeyer8/16/15 who stated that she had been contacted by someone above her in the chain of command who was asking if I was the only investigator on the case as there were no additional reports uploaded to the CMS. The SD advised that the ASD was also involved and she confirmed this with me. She also communicated with the ASD that her report was not included on the CMS. At that time, Missouri investigators were experiencing their report information and photos being looted and shown as reports on other internet websites. When the ASD did upload her report and other documentation, she used all of the attached file positions. It is not known at this time what happened to the report I filed, but I offer my explanation that my report must have been overwritten when the ASD inserted her information. Today, 8/16/15, I am including my personal notes report in the CMS "Report Completion Box." I am stating clearly here, that if there is any recognition due that it was the ASD who was primary investigator and is the one who should be recognized and given credit for her work.

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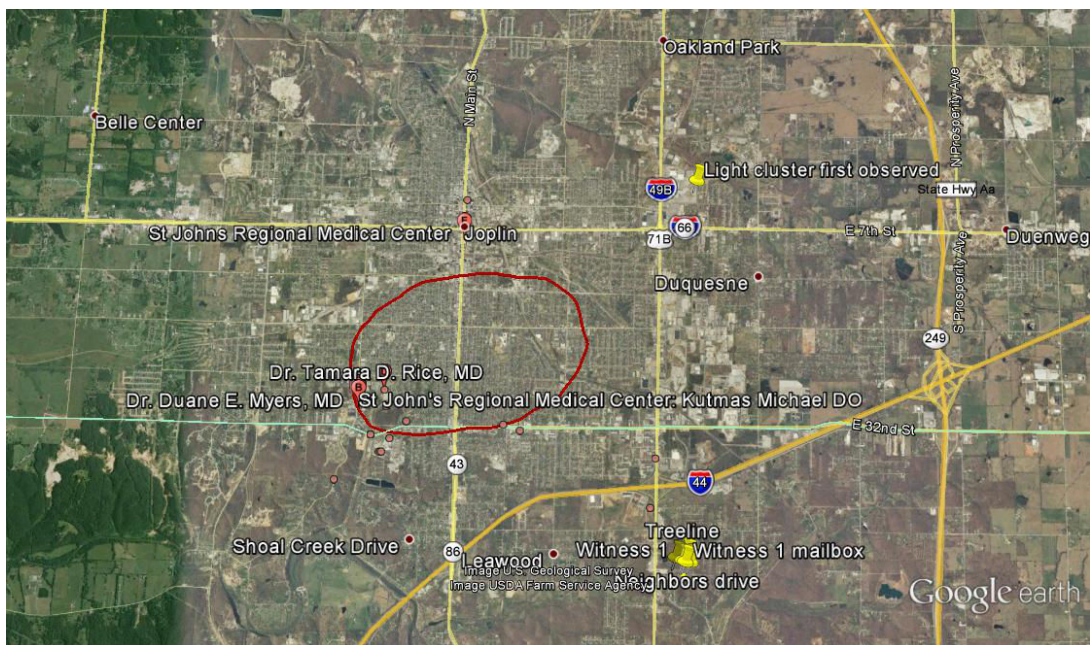


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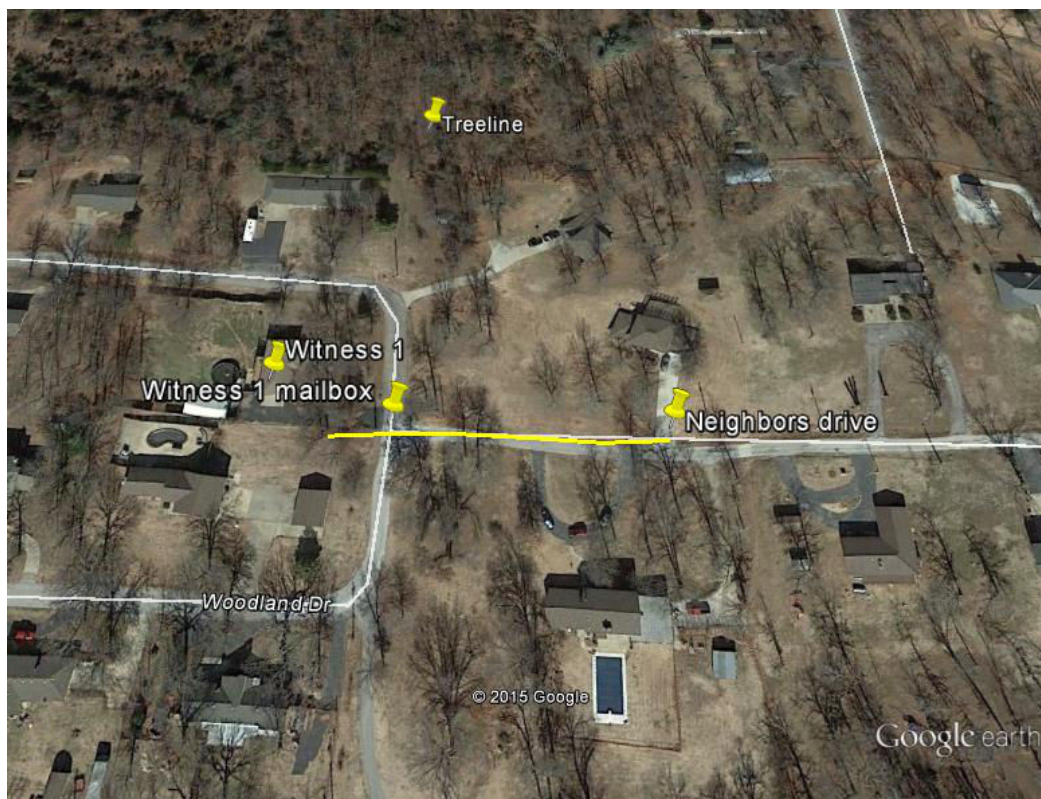
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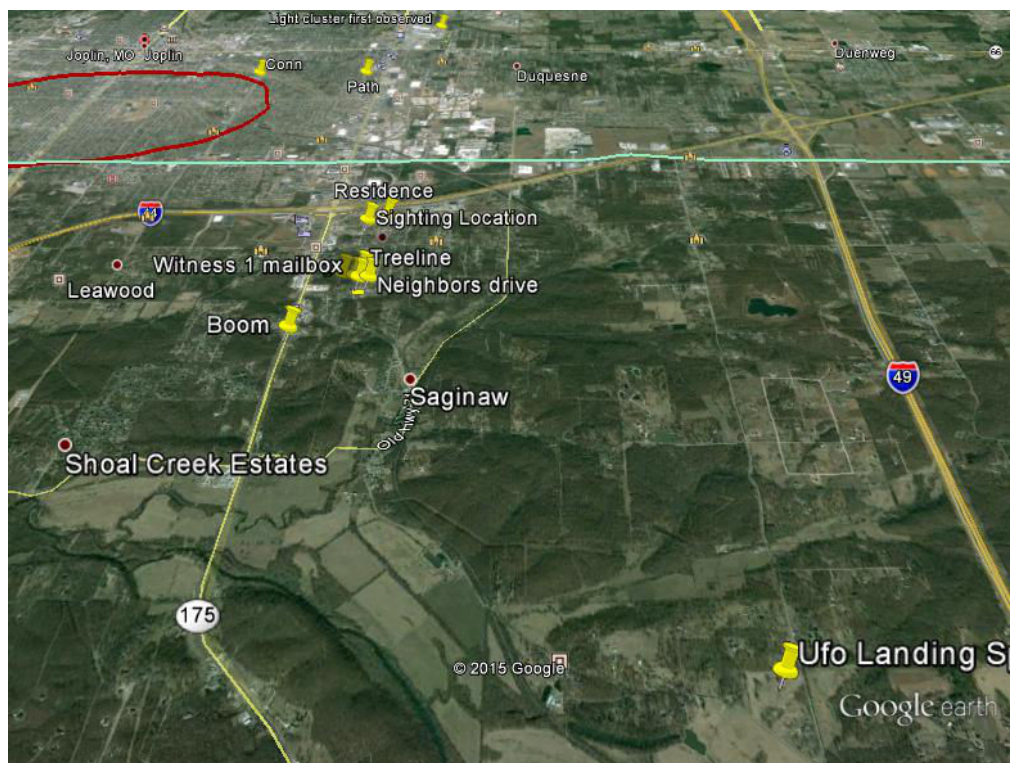
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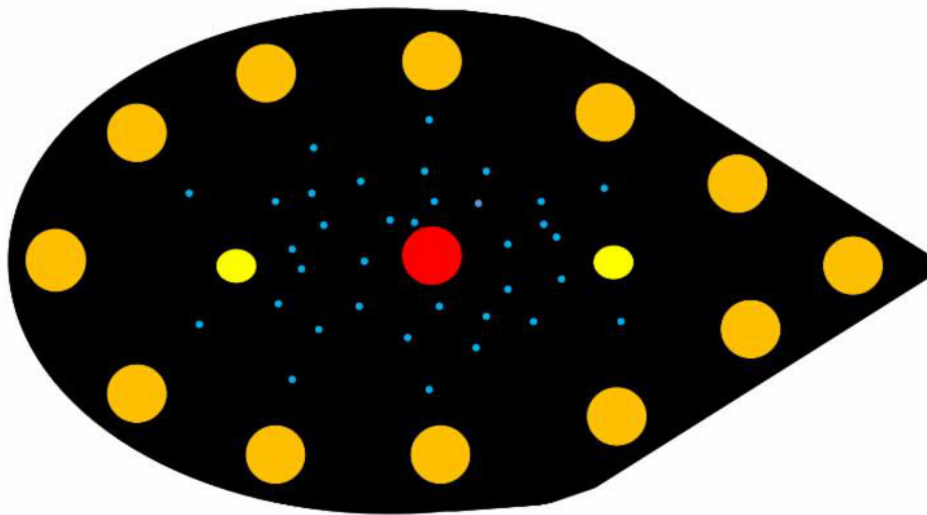
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Sometime after the 14<sup>th</sup>, it was determined that this should be a Star Team case and all who were involved were advised not to disclose any information about the case. I saw DZ on 8 / 01 / 2014 and she informed me that she and someone else were going to be the ones looking into the Star Team investigation of this case. To my knowledge, a Star Team investigation has not been conducted.

08 / 17 / 2015 Investigators update.

On 8/16/15 this investigator was emailed a copy of the newly chosen "Top Ten Cases for 2014." This case was chosen as one of the top ten. At the time of this report, I was a Kansas F.I. who also assisted Missouri investigators when they had an increase in their caseloads. It was requested that I accompany ASD Margie Kay for security reasons. She was the lead primary investigator and stated that she would be the one writing the report, releasing me of that responsibility, and following the chain of command, I followed her direction. Even though I was directed that it was not necessary for me to compose a report summary, I did compose a summary for my own personal notes. Approximately 8/14/14, I uploaded those personal notes to the CMS in case they could be of some assistance in the future thinking that the case would be closed by the ASD. I am not sure of the date, but sometime later, I was contacted by Mo. SD Ziegelmeyer8/16/15 who stated that she had been contacted by someone above her in the chain of command who was asking if I was the only investigator on the case as there were no additional reports uploaded to the CMS. The SD advised that the ASD was also involved and she confirmed this with me. She also communicated with the ASD that her report was not included on the CMS. At that time, Missouri investigators were experiencing their report information and photos being looted and shown as reports on other internet websites. When the ASD did upload her report and other documentation, she used all of the attached file positions. It is not known at this time what happened to the report I filed, but I offer my explanation that my report must have been overwritten when the ASD inserted her information. Today, 8/16/15, I am including my personal notes report in the CMS "Report Completion Box." I am stating clearly here, that if there is any recognition due that it was the ASD who was primary investigator and is the one who should be recognized and given credit for her work.