



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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### COMMITTEE DESCRIPTION:

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The FBI has contributed to defending American citizens' civil rights ever since it was founded, and so continues to be one of the Bureau's primary responsibilities. The Bureau closely collaborates with its partners to prevent and address *hate crimes*, color of law offenses, and Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE). Additionally, the FBI has developed connections with prosecutors, non-governmental organizations, community and minority

groups, and state & local law enforcement agencies. Besides, it promotes the advantages of information sharing and intelligence sharing, while seeking to increase the reporting of civil rights breaches and provide proactive approaches for spotting and resolving patterns in this area. FBI is the principal federal agency in charge of looking into potential transgressions of federal civil rights laws. Every person living in the United States, both citizens and non-citizens, has their civil rights protected by these laws. The FBI is authorized to look into threatening offenses committed abroad against Americans and American interests, as well as occasionally misdemeanors committed abroad by Americans. Said malfeasances include hostage-taking and abductions that are unrelated to anarchism, executing and assaulting U.S. federal authorities and other people who are protected by international law, intemperate exasperations committed in the U.S. government property, and the extermination of Americans, by Americans. Moreover, the FBI seeks to find American fugitives who run abroad. Above all, considering the implementation of the international law enforcement parts, the network of legal attache offices around the world, is possible to say that the Federal Bureau of Investigation, effectively conducts international felony investigations with the



purpose of fulfilling its main pillar: Compliance of Human Rights.

## **TOPIC: CECIL HOTEL**

### **HISTORICAL CONTEXT**

The Cecil Hotel's dark reputation did not emerge overnight. It never occurred to three hoteliers, William Banks Hanner, Charles L. Dix, and Robert H. Schops, to wager on developing a grand and outstanding hotel in downtown Los Angeles in 1924. It would ultimately become a luxurious hotel with 19 floors, marble, and statues made of alabaster. At a time when downtown Los Angeles was expanding at large rates, the plan was to draw businesses and elite tourists.

The Cecil Hotel, located in Downtown Los Angeles' Skid Row, first welcomed guests in 1927. For two years, it remained completely unexceptional and superficial hotel. However, in 1929, the Great Depression hit due to the stock market crash, the collapse of world trade due to incorrect governmental decisions, and bank failures. The Great Depression left no other option than for low-income individuals to populate the Skid Row area. Skid Row was a fifty-six block area in downtown LA, where ex-convicts and formerly institutionalized individuals, would live. With its original customers, Hotel Cecil was no longer able to



survive. At that point, its owners made the decision to cut the cost and convert it into a long-stay hotel. The Cecil Hotel in downtown Los Angeles quickly changed from being the finest hotel and leading tourist bet, to a sinister location where the most nefarious in Los Angeles was kept.

Undeniably, the zone began to get extremely unsafe. The lack of vision by its members, made it one of the most impoverished areas in the entire world. Henceforth, in 1970 the Policy of Containment, made presence. The policy mainly focused on 'containing', any negative aspect, in order to contribute to the success of the city. Needless to say, the Skid Row neighborhood featured every single contemptuous aspect, which helped raise the Cecil Hotel's prominence: One of the most threatening locations on earth.

Historically, the Cecil Hotel was known for its mysterious events, which left the public with no explanations. Many individuals are unsure if the Cecil Hotel is being eaten by a dark energy nexus, since it has had the dreadful chance to experience; missing people, self destruction, overdoses, substance dealers, sexual workers, individuals who perform unlawful sexual intercourses, and serial killers. The Cecil Hotel is responsible for the lives of 18 individuals.



As if this weren't enough, the hotel's reputation has been created as a result of some historical precedents. The Cecil Hotel had an unsettling history with people like: W.K Norton, Grace Magro, Erwin Nablett, Dorothy Seger, Elizabeth Short (The Black Dahlia), Richard Ramirez (The Night Stalker), and Jack Unterweger (The Austrian Serial Killer) who were involved in major human rights transgressions.

### **Primary Demises**

In the depths of the Great Depression, in 1931, there was the first self harming passing reported at the Cecil Hotel. After taking poison pills, W.K. Norton, a visitor who had signed into the hotel under a different name, was discovered diseased in his room. Benjamin Dodich, 25 years old, was wounded from a weapon in his head. Louis Borden, a sergeant in the US Army Medical Corps, took his own life in 1934 by slitting his own throat after writing multiple handwritten notes.

Grace Magro's body was left hanging on the power lines when she fell out of one of the windows in 1937. Whether it was that she self harmed herself, or a felony, it was never established by the authorities. Erwin Nablett, another Army officer, poisoned himself to death in 1939. A 45-year-old teacher named Dorothy Seger took her own



life in the same manner in 1940. It was only the start. When the 1940s began, the Cecil was no longer recognized as the Hotel Cecil; it was instead known as *The Suicide Palace*, across the city. Dorothy Jean Purcell, then 19 years old, and her boyfriend, were spending a night at the hotel in 1944. He claims that in the middle of the night, Dorothy woke up, went to the restroom, and gave birth to a child she thought had been born being passed away. The infant's body was discovered in an adjacent building days after the women hurled it out the window.

At the same rate that fatalities and *self destruction* occurred, the black legend rapidly spiraled out of control. In 1954, Helen Gurnee, 55 years old, who was registered at the Cecil Hotel under a different name, leaped from the seventh floor. Pauline Otten, then 27 years old, and her husband were guests at the Cecil Hotel in 1962. One evening after a heated argument, Pauline locked herself in the bathroom. She ultimately threw herself out the window and landed on a person who was crossing the street. They both perished at once.

The history of the Cecil was stained by yet another horrible incident in 1964. A 79-year-old former telephone operator named Goldie Osgood was discovered



deminished in her bedroom. The bedroom rug had been used to *strangle*, stab, and perform an unlawfull sexual intercourse, on the victim. Her room was not broken into. The Police quickly detained 29-year-old Jacques B. Ehlinger. He was spotted by numerous witnesses close to the area where Goldie planned to feed the pigeons. Blood covered his clothing. Closing the case was necessary.

The start of a new decade did nothing to lighten Cecil's troubled past. The crimes occurred in the hotel on a daily basis. Both the horrific passings and the *self luquidation* persisted. Comparable to Jeffrey Thomas Paley's from 1976. Having purchased a weapon, the 26-year-old climbed to the roof and started *shooting* 15 bullets into the street. Fortunately, nobody was hurt, but Cecil was once again in the news, nourishing its dreadful reputation.

#### The Black Dahlia- Elizabeth Short:

Elizabeth Short, often known as the Black Dahlia, was an American woman who was found deceased in the Leimert Park district of Los Angeles, near the Cecil Hotel on January 15, 1947. Due to the horrific nature of the misdemeanour which included the corpse being cut in half at the waist. The native of Boston, spent her formative years in both Florida and New England before going to California, where her father



resided. Despite the fact that she had no recorded performing credits or occupations from her stay in Los Angeles, it is widely believed that Short was an aspiring actor. After her death, she would be given the moniker "Black Dahlia," as newspapers at the time frequently referred to particularly graphic felonies. The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) launched a thorough investigation when her body was found, leading to the identification of over 150 suspects but no arrests. Long-lasting cultural curiosity has been created by Short's unsolved *murder* and the circumstances surrounding it, leading to several theories and public speculating.

Her liquidation is generally considered as one of the most famous unsolved homicides in American history and one of the oldest unsolved cases in Los Angeles County. Her life and passing have served as the inspiration for several books and movies. It was also one of the first significant felonies in post-World War II America to garner widespread attention, according to historians.

#### The Night Stalker- Richard Ramirez

Ramirez ruled out his first victim in June 1984 when he abused her sexually and exterminated a widow who was 79 years old. (In 2009, Ramirez was linked to the liquidation of a nine-year-old girl in April



1984 when his DNA was found at the scene; Ramirez was not charged with the crime.) After that, he reportedly waited around eight months before starting to eliminate people, again. The majority of the fatalities were during house invasions in the Los Angeles region. Many of Ramirez's victims (some of whom survived) were beaten and subjected to sexual assault; also, Satanic symbols were frequently discovered at the execution scenes. Eventually, a fingerprint was found, which helped identify Ramirez.

Six days after his last known liquidation, on August 30, 1985, Ramirez's identity and picture were made public. The next day, a man in East Los Angeles saw Ramirez and called the police. After a chase, Ramirez attempted to steal a car but was encircled by people and assaulted until police arrived.

Ramirez, a self-described Satanist, made several allusions to the devil during his court appearances; he even drew a pentagram on his hand. Early in 1989, his trial got underway, and in September, he was found guilty of 13 murders as well as a number of other offenses. He was given a death sentence over two months later. The judge said his crimes demonstrated "cruelty, callousness, and viciousness beyond any human understanding". Ramirez never apologized, and after being given his punishment, he said, *"Big deal. Departure*



*from life, just makes part of the cycle"*.. Although he was suspected of having committed further unlawful sexual intercourses and liquidations, no new charges were ever brought against him. Ramirez received a cancer diagnosis when he was in San Quentin State Prison and on death row. 2013 saw his passing.

Ramirez's room was on the 14th floor, in the Cecil Hotel. But as far as its known, the Night Stalker never brought any of his victims back to the hotel. It was simply a safe place for him to return after committing extermination. Kim Cooper, Los Angeles Historian, had a conversation with Richard Schave, where they addressed the presence of Richard within the Cecil Hotel. 'After committing some of the most brutal murders that happened in southern California ever, he would come back to the Cecil. In the middle of the night, he would be in the back alley covered in blood, taking off his clothing.' 'He would walk in his blood-stained underwear, barefoot, up to his floor and into his room. Repeatedly,' added Richard Schave, another local historian. 'No one's got a problem with that, because it's that kind of heavy place,' Cooper added. Richard Ramirez's presence at the Cecil tells you a lot about the kind of place that it was.'



### **The Austrian Killer- Jack Unterweger**

Johann (Jack) Unterweger was born on August 16, 1950 into a low-monetary income family in the Austrian town of Judenburg, where his childhood, according to his own testimony, was constant suffering, full of abuse.

In 1974, when he was 24 years old, he committed his first executions. His victim was an 18-year-old German woman named Margaret Schäfer whom he sexually assaulted and then beat her unconscious with an iron bar. Once on the ground, he *strangled* her with her own bra and threw her into the woods to let her corpse rot. The police had to investigate for almost a year to discover that Johann Unterweger was "the murderer of the sex worker", as he was called in the media, which, in reality, devoted a few inches to the matter. The trial was quick, because Johann quickly confessed to his acts. The most striking thing highlighted by the chroniclers who covered it was that he cried all the time. In front of the court he said that he was sorry, that he would never do something like that again and begged to be given a second chance. He was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Unterweger, who had attained literary achievement while behind bars, was given freedom in 1990. He produced novels,

plays, and stories as his writing career took off, and he was in demand for bookstore readings and talk programs. His autobiography was taught in schools, and Austrian radio read his children's stories. Before Unterweger moved to the United States in September 1990, a murderous rampage took place as the Austrian author was swiftly rising to fame. Blanka Bockova, a Czech sex worker who relocated to Prague to study its red-light district, was strangled with her underpants. Over the following six months, seven other sex workers in Austria also passed away in the same manner.

Unterweger traveled to Los Angeles to learn more about the red-light area, and he claimed to have even ridden with the LAPD. Three sex workers; Shannon Exley, Irene Rodriguez, and Peggy Jean Booth, were strangled with their bras during his visit to the Cecil Hotel, where he had set up shop. Unterweger's preferred signature knot was used to do this. Police in Graz eventually uncovered sufficient evidence to apprehend Unterweger after keeping him under observation on the offchance that he had committed murders in Austria. He had already fled with his lover Bianca Mrak across Switzerland and France by the time police arrived at his residence. After running away, Unterweger was eventually apprehended in Miami, Florida, in 1992. The jury later found him guilty of nine of the

eleven exterminations for which he was sent back to Austria. Unterweger received a life sentence without the possibility of parole in 1994. Jack Unterweger took his own life in Graz-Karlau Pris, the 29th of June, 1994.

to be found, or is on the run, visits the hotel.

**CAUSES:**

**The Great Depression 1929:**

The Great Depression, which lasted from 1929 to 1939, was the worst economic downturn in the history of the industrialized world. It started after the 1929 stock market catastrophe. Consumer spending and investment fell during the following years, which led to sharp drops in industrial output and employment as faltering businesses laid off workers. When the Great Depression peaked in 1933, there were 15 million unemployed Americans and nearly half the nation's banks had failed. The United States' economy grew quickly throughout the 1920s, and from 1920 and 1929 (a time period known as "the Roaring Twenties") the country's overall wealth more than doubled.

At that point, unemployment had increased and production had already decreased, driving up stock values well over their true value. Additionally, the agricultural sector of the economy was struggling owing to the drought and declining food prices, low wages, the proliferation of consumer debt, and banks' surplus of huge loans that couldn't be repaid. In the summer of 1929, when consumer spending dropped and

**Woman's body found in hotel's water tank**

Authorities say the remains are those of a Canadian who was last seen on Jan. 31

By ANDREW BLANKENSTEIN AND ADOLFO FLORES

For days, residents of the Cecil Hotel in downtown Los Angeles believed something was amiss. At least one said there was flooding in one of the fourth-floor rooms, while others complained about weak water pressure.



ELISA LAM was identified as the woman found in the water tank.

"We did a very thorough search of the hotel, but we didn't search rooms we could only find if we had probable cause that a crime had been committed."

**'Night Stalker's**



Price is distressed

**Search for Man Ends in Finding Body at Hotel**

Missing from his home at 912 Strand avenue, Manhattan Beach, since last Saturday, according to police, W. K. Norton, 46 years of age, was found dead in a hotel room at 640 South Main street yesterday morning. A number of capsules, believed to have contained poison, were given by police as evidence

**SPECIAL Daily Police Bulletin**



WANTED INFORMATION ON ELIZABETH SHORT Between Dates January 9 and 15, 1947

**'Pigeon' Goldie Is Slain In Her L. A. Hotel Room**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The coroner said yesterday that "Pigeon" Goldie Osgood, a 65-year-old woman familiar around Pershing Square, was strangled, raped and stabbed. Mrs. Osgood's body was found in her downtown hotel room Thursday night. An autopsy disclosed she had been choked to death with a hand towel, the coroner said. Mrs. Osgood's trademark was a woman was stabbed

**Suicide Kills Man**

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Mrs. Pauline Otton, 27, Los Angeles wrote a suicide note to her husband then leaped nine stories from the Cecil Hotel. George Giannini, 65, a transient was struck by Mrs. Otton's

Newspaper, crimes in the Cecil Hotel, retrieved from : <http://urbsite.blogspot.com/2013/04/cecils-many-fires.html>

The Cecil Hotel is an alternative to an apartment living for people who don't have a deposit. This means that the payments are done in a way that they can not be found or registered. This is the reason behind the fact that every individual who doesn't want



unsold products started to accumulate, manufacturing output also slowed, the American economy experienced a slight recession. However, stock prices kept rising, reaching astronomical heights by the fall of that year that were incomprehensible in light of projected future earnings.

Henceforth, in 1932, when the nation was in the throes of the Great Depression and there were almost 15 million unemployed people, Democrat Franklin D. Roosevelt won the election by a wide margin. At the end of the fourth wave of banking panics, every state in the United States had ordered the closure of all remaining banks by Inauguration Day (March 4, 1933), and the U.S. Treasury lacked the funds to pay all federal employees. FDR, as he was commonly called, still exuded a serene vitality and optimism, memorably saying "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

### **Policy of Containment 1970:**

The Cold War saw the United States pursuing a containment-based foreign policy. The doctrine, which was first outlined by George F. Kennan in 1947, claimed that communism needed to be confined and isolated in order to prevent it from spreading to other nations. Foreign policy advisers in the United States held the



view that, like a line of dominoes, as soon as one nation adopted communism, the entire region would follow suit. Where Skid Row is today, the train passed through downtown Los Angeles in the early 20th century. Additionally, a neighborhood sprung up around the train tracks, much like it did in many other cities across the nation. According to Bryan Eck, a city planner in Los Angeles, the region's proximity to the rail and food markets "introduced a big itinerant population in terms of the railroad workers and agricultural laborers."

Prior to the 1970s, the majority of residents of Skid Row resided in low-cost flats or hotels with single rooms (sometimes referred to as "SROs"). There were some low monetary income people, but not as many as now. Skid Row was still seen as a rough area where people went to obtain illicit substances, and to sleep on benches, albeit it was not yet the enormous tent city that it would later become. A concept to relocate Skid Row's residents originated in 1972 as a result of the growth and development of both Skid Row and the larger downtown area of Los Angeles. The so-called "Silver Book Plan," which was created by a group of local businessmen and supported by numerous city politicians, effectively called for the demolition of Skid Row to make way for development.





Meanwhile, activists started formulating plans for how to respond. They contended that destroying Skid Row would only lead to population dispersal and citywide relocation. Thus an odd alliance between residents of other areas who were afraid of having Skid Row in their backyard and activists from Skid Row. The "Silver Book Plan" was contrasted with a "Blue Book Plan." This new strategy suggested a containment strategy.

The opposing proposal to destroy Skid Row. Although it was not a binding contract, it continued to guide the city's policy in this area for many years. And it was an entirely original strategy intended to employ "inducements" to keep locals as much as possible inside the boundaries of their community. Skid Row would include amenities, but a "buffer zone" would be formed by fortified barriers surrounding the perimeter. This containment plan's actual content can be extremely harsh: The city began to put the containment policy into practice after it was formally adopted in 1976, including many of its thorough and unsettling recommendations for precisely how to contain Skid Row's population. On the streets that bordered Skid Row, "unpleasant design" techniques were employed, including obnoxiously bright lights, to deter *homeless* people from wanting to enlarge their area. Additionally,



police personnel were more inclined to let people be, if they remained under the containment area.

The containment strategy was partially pragmatic for the city and the people of Skid Row, but it also had a dehumanizing effect. 'A warehouse is a place where you store trash', according to Dogon. Therefore, the plan was to concentrate all of Los Angeles' undesirable residents in one place. For better or worse, Skid Row in Los Angeles quickly established itself as the go-to location for the city's low-income population. It provided food, restrooms, bathing, and other amenities. In other cases, if a patient didn't have a definite address, the hospital would even discharge them to Skid Row. In many ways, the city was pushing its rapidly expanding low-monetary resources population which was fueled by the *crack epidemic* in the 1980s into the neighborhood. The number of destitute individuals was rising due to the onset of President Ronald Reagan's "*War on Drugs*" and the government's severe cuts to the welfare system.

But things on Skid Row have changed a little during the past few decades. There are fewer low monetary, no housing individuals, and they aren't huddled together on the streets anymore. Even while other similar districts across the



nation have been devoured by gentrification and their residents have been dispersed throughout their respective cities, Skid Row has persisted as a haven for homeless people to dwell and get resources. The sense of community in Skid Row has also become stronger over time. The area has evolved into a focus for advocacy against homelessness and lack of resources in addition to social services. When activists devised the containment strategy in 1976, they also included a chart that showed precisely where Skid Row's boundaries would be. To guarantee that locals would be left alone, they were attempting to reach an agreement. Currently, campaigners are trying to control development and prevent the rest of the city from moving in, rather than trying to contain Skid Row residents.

### **ELISA LAM CASE**

Elisa Lam, a twenty-one year old student in the University of British Of Columbia. Born in Vancouver, Canada, the 30th of April 1991. Elisa had an ordinary and exceptional childhood, along with her parents, and sister. She was full of excitement and dreams, had no record of negative behaviors, and a promising future was ahead of her. Elisa visited downtown LA, by herself the 28th of January 2013, with the desire of exploring the world. She had a



completely organized itinerary, which she followed entirely.

Without knowing much about the city, Elisa decided to stay in the Cecil Hotel. Entirely unaware of the abnormal sequences of events that she would later experience. She planned to stay four days, and she was meant to check out from the hotel, the 1st of february, 2013. 'She never left the hotel', the LAPD (Los Angeles Police Department) claimed repeatedly. The first days of her stay were completely normal. Hence, her tragedy started the 31st of January 2013, it was the last day that she spoke to her family, and the last day that she was publicly seen.

At 5pm, Elisa Lam visited a bookstore called 'The Last Bookstore'. Hours later, she was seen entering the Cecil Hotel, accompanied by two male individuals. One of the men gave her a box, and proceeded to leave, while Elisa entered the hotel. 506, was the number of her room, it's imperative to highlight the fact that not all of the floors possessed security surveillance, and (coincidentally), Elisa's floor had no cameras, no evidence, and no way of knowing what happened to her.

Elisa went to the 14th floor after leaving the box in her room. She was last seen on video surveillance, acting extremely odd, in an



elevator. The sequence of events happen as it follows; Elisa enters through the door while swinging one arm and appearing weak. Later, she leans over to view the panel and begins pressing each of the central buttons desperately. She then glides to the corner of the elevator, tucks her head out, scans the left and right sides, and then quickly makes her way to the end of the elevator, as if running away from someone. She exits the elevator and immediately begins to make a square shape with her feet. Later, she takes a step towards the elevator's left.

She returns to the elevator after a minute and begins pressing the buttons for all the floors, but she particularly presses the button labeled "door open." Once more, exiting the elevator on the left side, she begins to flex her hands while maintaining the hard appearance of someone who is uptight. As a result, she begins counting with her fingers, exits the elevator to the left, and the elevator keeps running as usual. After leaving the elevator, she followed a straight path which led to fire staircases, which were the path in order to arrive at the rooftop. The 31st of January the first flier communicating her disappearance, came out;



## COMMUNITY ALERT Notification

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### MISSING PERSON

The Los Angeles Police Department is seeking information regarding the disappearance of Elisa Lam.

**SUMMARY:** Elisa Lam was last seen on January 31, 2013, at the Cecil Hotel at 640 S. Main Street in downtown Los Angeles. Lam was traveling alone from Vancouver, Canada, and arrived in Los Angeles, California, on January 26, 2013. Her final destination was Santa Cruz, California. She takes public transportation including Amtrak and buses.

**NAME:** Elisa Lam

**DESCRIPTION:** Female, Chinese (Canadian)  
black hair, brown eyes, 5'4", 115 lbs.,  
DOB: 04/30/91

**LAST KNOWN ADDRESS:**  
640 S. Main Street in downtown Los Angeles

**LANGUAGE SPOKEN:**  
English (Fluent)  
Cantonese

**ADDITIONAL:**  
Possibly suffers from mild depression



Elisa Lam

Anyone with information concerning this case is asked to contact Detectives Wallace Tennelle and Greg Stearns at the Homicide Special Section, Robbery-Homicide Division, at (213) 486-6890, during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.). During non-business hours, weekends and holidays, contact the Detective Information Desk of RACR Division at the 24-hour, toll-free number at 877 LAPD 247 (877-527-3247). To send cell phone text tips, text the word "LAPD" and your message to CRIMES (274637). To send web tips, log onto [www.ladonline.org](http://www.ladonline.org) and click on "Anonymous Web Tips."

Original missing flier Elisa Lam . Retrieved from ;  
<https://7dejunio.com/casos-sin-resolver-la-historia-real-de-elisa-lam-y-el-misterio-de-la-nueva-serie-de-netflix/>

### Week one:

Eventually, the police department went into her room to obtain any type of evidence. Thus, it was already too late. The hotel possessed a policy that if any items were left in a room, those were taken to the staff's cellar, and stored for a month. The individual who collected Elisa's personal belongings, said that the room was completely organized, but something was off. However there was no evidence of



forced entry, and no evidence of illicit substances. Afterwards, the police department searched throughout the whole hotel with the assistance of tracking dogs. Detectives with canines were assigned to check the roof. There was even the help of a helicopter which illuminated the roof, and found nothing.

### **Week two:**

It became of public knowledge that Elisa suffered from depression and bipolarity. She was prescribed with; Wellbutrin, Lamotriguine, Quetiapine, and Venlafaxine. After performing the autopsy, the authorities discovered that she was undertaking her medications. In the past, she had an episode where she lacked her medications, and this generated a negative effect on her. Additionally, after more investigation was made, the authorities revealed that when Elisa arrived at the hotel, she was sharing a room with three other girls. Nonetheless, her roommates started complaining about her, since they claimed that she would disturb them by writing notes where she would say '*save yourself*', '*go home*', '*leave now*'. Subsequently, Elisa was transferred to room 506, where she was left alone.



### **February 20th 2013**

Nineteen days after her disappearance, guests started complaining about the water pressure. Evidence points out that the water from the hotel was either red or black. That is why, an employee of the hotel *Santiago Lopez* went to check the water tanks. He proceeded to look at the second tank. He found her, she was floating in the water, with her face floating up, in a state of moderate decomposition. She had no clothes on, since they were on the bottom of the tank. The authorities were immediately called, and they proceeded with the process to take her out. The water was drained out, by a whole and her body softly floated off, and exited the tank by the access point.

### **REPERCUSSIONS**

Undeniably, Elisa Lam's case generated a dreadful reputation for the Cecil Hotel, and for its employees. The former manager of the Cecil Hotel; Amy Price, was multiple times accused of the case. With this in mind, Amy decided that the best decision to make was to create a new hotel called 'Stay On Main'. With this new system, it was possible to separate the Cecil Hotel from the Stay On Main hotel. The hotel was created in the year 2011, and it was an anticipation towards all the negativeness that the Cecil hotel was receiving. Needless to say, creating a new hotel didn't change



anything, as unfortunate events kept taking place. The system was distributed as it follows. The tenants (who lived there) were located on the second and third floor. The 'Stay on main' hotel was located on the fourth, fifth, and sixth floors. And the Cecil hotel was in the rest of the building. (Elisa Was on the fifth floor in 'Stay on Main', but passed away on the 'Cecil hotel').

### **Autopsy:**

Elisa Lam's passing was denominated as *accidental drowning*. The anatomic report stated that she suffered no trauma, but that her body was in a state of moderate decomposition. It states as follows; twenty one year old female Asian, whose body weighs 121 pounds, measures 66 inches, and her body appears to be thin. The skin shows 1 inch of scar on the right knee, and a 1/4 round erosion on the left knee. The head is "normocephalic", and covered by brown hair. There is no balding in the hair, and can be identified as straight. The examination of her eyes reveal that their color is brown. She lacks petechial hemorrhages of the conjunctive of lids and/or sclera. Upper and lower teeth make presence while the dentures are absent. There is no chest deformity. The anus is distended, and shows pooling of blood in the subcutaneous tissues, which are in charge of surrounding the orifice.



The body is going through changes such as greening, except from the feet and the lower legs. The scalp skin and hair can be easily pulled. The head and face are 'bloating' with an appearance of bulging in her eyes. Her right cheek is dried out and possesses the brown color. Skin slippage takes place on her chest, arms left lower leg. The internal soft tissues and organs represent the 'emphysematous' change and autolysis. There was no precedent of any therapeutic intervention. Her clothing was mainly based on a pair of black shorts size men's medium with a logo on the left front of the leg. A green shirt labeled JJM. One pair of black underwear, one pair of black polka dot sandals labeled Birkins, and one red shirt with a front zipper.

Regarding the neck: The tongue is used to dissect the neck organs layer by layer before removing them all at once. In the deep tissue of the left posterior tongue, there is a center of erythema. There is no sign of trauma. There are no lesions, and there is no evidence of trauma to the gingiva, lips, or oral mucosa. The larynx doesn't have any edema. The larynx and hyoid bone are both unharmed. The locations don't show any signs of severe bleeding. The mucosa, submucosa, or cartilage of the larynx and proximal trachea are not damaged as a result of the transverse cutting along their length. Hyoid bone does not exhibit signs of



trauma. The surrounding neck organs, investing fascia, strap muscles, and visceral fascia do not exhibit any hemorrhage. Both thyroid lobes are visible.

Considering the chest and abdominal cavity; There is 200 cc of dark brown fluid in the left pleural cavity and 300 cc in the right. The lungs have a lot of volume. Late postmortem softening, discoloration, and crepitation are present in the soft tissues of the thoracic and abdominal walls. The abdominal wall's subcutaneous fat is 1/2 inch thick. Breasts are sectioned and inspected as usual with no abnormalities visible. The abdominal cavity's organs are all present and arranged normally. There isn't any fluid accumulating. There are no signs of peritonitis in the peritoneal cavity. Adhesions don't exist.

Bearing in mind the cardiovascular system: The aorta is elastic and uniform in size throughout, and the arteries that emerge from it are distributed correctly. The thoracic segment is not tortuous or enlarging. There is no atherosclerosis in the abdominal aorta. The lower's abdominal section does not enlarge. There is no aneurysm found. The aorta principal branches are normal.

The genital system is a defining aspect of this whole autopsy, that is why it is as it



follows: The uterus is symmetrical and has an expanded uterine cavity. The fallopian tubes lack any notable features. The postmortem darkening of the endometrium. The cervix and vagina are typical for the patient's age and exhibit obvious post-mortem discoloration. For further dissection, the cervix and superior vaginal walls are kept. The superior vaginal wall has been dissected afterwards, although there is no sign of damage. The endocervical canal and ectocervix are unremarkable. Circumferential vertical slices are done, showing no signs of stress to the underlying tissues. For the age, the ovaries are healthy.

## **CURRENT SITUATION**

### **Theories**

Many existing theories have emerged towards finding the responsible of Elisa Lam's passing. Henceforth, another set of theories which demonstrate what could of possibly happened to Elisa. Despite the fact that the case has already been ruled out by the Los Angeles Police Department, as accidental drowning, the FBI considers that there is much more to the story.

### **Involvement of Cecil Hotel Employee**

Taking into consideration the video in which Elisa Lam appeared for the last time, studies have been made and they show the



following results. The video has been slowed down by 33%. Was there anything that wasn't seen?. Additionally, in the video when the elevator is about to close, it suddenly moves six inches in the same direction, and only takes one second. On top of that, the seconds in the video are not clear. It appears as if someone wanted to block any view of the time constraints. As it can be seen, the video was edited before it was released to the public. The only individuals who had access to the video, before the police department, were the employees of the hotel. Furthermore, on the rooftop, there was a door which connected the last floor to the roof, but there was a key to that door that only employees possessed. Considering the fragile state in which Elisa Lam was in the elevator, it is suspicious that she was able to climb fire stairs (which had no protection), as easily. She must have been taken there by an employee who possessed the key, through the door. As if this were not enough, the Cecil Hotel is responsible for the loss of life of 18 individuals. However, not a single worker from the hotel, has been able to stop an extermination, or an accident to occur. Behaviors such as these ones, by the employees of the Cecil hotel make the Federal Bureau Of Investigation, wonder if something is being covered up. Notwithstanding, the security surveillance never worked properly. Neither the owner,



or the manager, ever worried about hiring either safety guards, or improving the quality of the cameras.

### Los Angeles Police Department

The LAPD went to the rooftop with canines in order to look for any evidence that pointed out where Elisa Lam was. Henceforth, they didn't find anything. The public argues that they were covering up something or someone, because it was impossible that if they opened the tanks, they never saw Elisa. As a matter of fact, the LAPD has been involved in numerous dishonesty cases, and it has been investigated by the FBI. LAPD officers have been involved in major cases of transgressions of human rights. Some of them being : calamitous *shootings*, paralysis and framing citizens, *stealing* , dealing with illicit substances, bribes, and many more. The FBI considers essential to bear in mind the many cases in which the Los Angeles Police Department has failed to comply with it's job.

### A. Steven Eugene Wahington

Afro-American man Steven Eugene Washington, was hesitant around strangers, had autism and learning problems. He enjoyed trains and was 27 years old. He was executed in March 2010 by LAPD members of the gang enforcement squad. Washington, according to the authorities,



disobeyed their orders and they mistakenly believed he was grabbing for a weapon. Washington was actually unarmed, and it's possible that his learning difficulties and overall unease around strangers prevented him from directly obeying the cops. The ACLU requested the LAPD to reassess its guidelines on when to use lethal force after Washington's passing.

**B. Rampart Scandal** An anti-gang section known as Community Resources Against Street Hoodlums was part of the Rampart division (CRASH). Many of the policemen in this unit were involved in misbehavior, such as forging documents, breaking into banks, selling illicit substances, and planting evidence. In 1997, undercover officer Frank Lyga shot one CRASH officer, Kevin Gaines. It was determined that the occurrence was a result of road rage and self-defense. Illicit substance that Lyga had placed in evidence vanished after he was exonerated and reinstated on the job. Rafael Perez, a CRASH officer, was found when the missing substance was investigated. He may have used the narcotic to implicate Lyga as vengeance for what had happened to Gaines. Then Perez was discovered, he consented to divulge information regarding the shady Rampart and other scandals-related activities. He named more than 70 officers. The LAPD was forced to make over \$125 million in settlement



payments to the victims of the dishonesty scandal and their families as a result of Perez's findings.

**C. Ronald Weekly Jr**

A group of four LAPD police violently detained 20-year-old African American college student Ronald Weekley Jr. in August 2012 while he was skating close to his house. Weekley was initially stopped because he was skating on the wrong side of the street. Weekley ultimately had a concussion, a broken nose, and a broken cheekbone. He was hit in the face after being detained and arrested, according to video taken of the incident by a bystander. Weekley was arrested for defiant behavior. He then brought a civil rights action, claiming that the police had transgressed his rights, but he was unsuccessful in his efforts in June 2014.

**D. Luis Valenzuela and James Nichols**

Two LAPD officers, James Nichols and Luis Valenzuela, are charged with imposing themselves on at least four women while doing their official duties. Either female police informants or previously detained women were the complainants. The two detectives allegedly drove their victims to a remote location where they kept watch while the other threatened to put the woman in jail if she refused to provide the desired sexual services.





Despite these allegations, the department took a long time to conduct a thorough investigation. The first charge was made in January 2010, but the detectives weren't addressed until January 2013. Valenzuela and Nichols were charged with employing excessive aggression while apprehending Brian Mulligan, a Deutsche Bank official, adding another feather to their already illustrious careers. Although Mulligan claims he was kidnapped against his will and threatened by LAPD officers, the police maintain that he was high at the time of his arrest. Chief Charlie Beck initially claimed he was troubled by the accusations. The punishments for Valenzuela and Nichols' actions in 2018 were 25 years each after they pleaded not guilty.

As it can be seen, the LAPD has failed to comply with its job. There have been many cases within history where said policial organization, has transgressed several human rights. Where is the compliance with basic international humanitarian law? In which point do this policial figures, start recognizing civilians as human beings? What has to happen in order for this organization to start exercising their labor? With all the theories, with all the proves, and with all the testimonies, how is it possible that the LAPD addressed this dreadful *crime* of Elisa Lam as "*accidental drowning*"?

#### **Two males:**

Hours before Elisa's disappearance, she entered the hotel with two men who gave her a box, and left. Some theories say that they had something to do with it. The truth is, the police never found the box. It just disappeared. Additionally, Elisa used to be supremely close with her sister, and she never mentioned the two individuals. Did she just met them? Did they forced her to do something? How odd is it that 10 minutes before Elisa Lam is last seen, she is with these two males? The police never identified these two individuals, and the lack of interest within the investigation, left this theory, open to interpretations.

#### **Sexually assaulted:**

The community argues that Elisa Lam was sexually assaulted, and that is the reason why she had her clothes off when they found her. Nonetheless, the autopsy proves otherwise. On top of that, other theorists say that she had no clothes on because they were producing weight on her, and as she was trying to exit the tank, she didn't want the extra weight of her clothes, which were an impediment for her to get out. However, on the skid row area, sexual assaults were recurrent. From the scandal of the LAPD police of Luis Valenzuela, to the possible involvement of Jack Underweger who was



well known of executing unlawful sexual intercourses. Individuals such as these ones, may inspired the community which populated the Skid Row area, to carry out said actions.

### **Duration**

The police department claims that there is no way of knowing how much time Elisa spent in the tank. Meaning that during those nineteen days that she disappeared, a lot of things could have happened to her, and she could have been in the tank, less time than expected. It curious how the release of the information concerning Elisa's case, was periodical. There was no contudent timeframe or evidence which proved that the time in which the information was released to the public, was the same time in which the information was discovered. If the timeframes didn't match, there were more possibilities that someone could manipulate the evidence.

### **Imitation of the movie Dark Water**

A 2005 American remake of the 2002 Japanese horror movie Dark Water was released. A mother and daughter who discover dark water dripping from their bedroom ceiling. They soon learn that the family who once lived in the apartment above them vanished inexplicably, and that their apartment has flooded. When Dahlia eventually locates the body of the little child



who had once been in the apartment above, she learns that the child had been abandoned by her parents and had accidentally fallen into the water tower of the building, where she perished.

Many have noted how the film's most fundamental story lines closely resemble those of Elisa Lam's passing, with the LAPD being brought to the Cecil Hotel's roof after guests reported their taps were producing black-tinted or dark water. Others pointed out that the Dark Water trailer contains numerous instances where apartment building elevator controls appear to be malfunctioning, evoking memories of the 2013 viral video of Lam acting suspiciously in a hotel elevator. Millions of people have watched the CCTV footage, which depicts the 21-year-old student acting erratically and jumping in and out of the elevator as if she were trying to hide from someone. Online conspiracy theories have suggested everything from ghosts to alien abduction as the possible causes of her strange behavior.

### **Took her own life away:**

She suffered from depression and bipolar disorder. In addition, she stopped taking her medications. This may have caused secondary effects. Thus, there was no possible way that Elisa could have thrown herself to the tank since there was no



handle inside the tank. Someone must have placed her there. However, some theorists say that the lid was opened when she was found, and others say that the lid was closed. The state of the lid, concerning the water tank, is uncertain.

#### **Executed:**

Theorists say that she might of been executed, as in the elevator she looked as if she was trying to scape from someone. It also looked as if someone was pressing the elevator buttons, just so that she couldn't leave. Others claim that within the video surveillance in the elevator, there is a foot of a person who is not her's, which appears to be taking her somewhere. Nonetheless, the fact that the theory which alludes to the fact that she was exterminated, does not mean that said act was carried out by a human being. There are numerous thoughts which owe to the fact that there where supernatural forces within the hotel.

#### **Abusing of substances:**

The theory that she was taking illicit substances was present throughout the whole investigation. Nevertheless, within the autopsy there was no evidence of illicit substances.

#### **Involvement in the tuberculosis outbreak:**

At the time where Elisa visited the Cecil hotel, the tuberculosis outbreak was a



present factor. The guests of the Cecil Hotel got tested several times, and four days before Elisa arrived to LA, there was a test used in order to determine if a person possessed the sickness or not. This test was called LAM-ELISA. Her name, spelled backwards. The test existed four days before she disappeared. Is it a coincidence? The name of the test was given before anyone knew Elisa's case. How did this happen?

#### **Elisa Lam- Biological Weapon:**

There is a theory which is based on the fact that Elisa Lam, came to Los Angeles, as a part of a governmental campaign with the purpose of infecting the homeless (with the tuberculosis outbreak,) with the purpose of reducing the population. Is well known that the Skid Row area gained its reputation due to the Policy of Containment, to the Stock Market Crash, and to the great Depression. Factors such as these ones, ruled out the destiny of this particular area in LA. As bothering as the Skid Row area was to the higher hierarchical clases which conformed LA, a considerable size of the population used to live there. Besides , is important to denote that the Skid Row area was populated by ex-convicts, and by former institutionalized individuals. These type of people could be considered as an obstruction to society. It would make sense if the government wanted to take action in



order to eliminate that part of LA, which never seemed to success. Because Lam attended the University of British Columbia, which has a highly respected tuberculosis research center, conspiracy theories suggested that she was employed as some type of biological weapon. This theory was supported by the fact that Lam was a student there. Since the postmortem report revealed Lam did not exhibit any TB symptoms, this theory has been disproved. Unless there is something else which validates it...

### **The last bookstore:**

The day that she disappeared she was seen at *The Last Bookstore*. The webpage has not been modified since 2009 (4 years before Elisa Lam visited LA). If the webpage of the bookstore is entered, and if the area of 'register information' is clicked, a zip code will appear. If the zip code is placed on google maps, it shows the direction of the cemetery where Elisa Lam was buried, along with a picture of the grave in which she is buried.

### **Morbid- Pablo Vergara**

It turns out that Morbid spent a few days at the contentious Cecil Hotel in 2012, a year before Lam's passing, when he documented some of his journey. An unintentional YouTube upload by the musician that may



have raised the first red flag for internet experts and US authorities was a video.

Days after Elisa Lam vanished, the band Morbid published a music video featuring a diseased woman and references to Ted Bundy and Elizabeth Short, also known as the Black Dahlia and who is said to have perished in the Cecil Hotel bar. A fact which the authorities refuted. Soon later, the Mexican artist also published a song in which he talked about a young child who drowned and lost her life. People searching the internet for any information that would help them solve the case of Elisa Lam's passing came across these components. And that's where things started to get difficult for Vergara.

Many people started to interpret Morbid's work as an admission that he was involved in Elisa Lam's executions. When a Taiwanese news site published photographs and songs of Morbid, identifying him as one of the suspects in the crime and highlighting his supposed affinity for death and satan, suspicion toward the Mexican musician increased. The singer emphasized in a video that he had nothing to do with the case and that he had been at home working on music when Elisa passed away, but the amount of online and media persecution the Mexican suffered led Vergara to lose his social media accounts. Additionally, the PGR launched a



probe on him. "I was taken aback and perplexed. I had never heard of Elisa Lam before that", mentions Pablo Vergara. He then describes how baseless claims made by online critics who believed his music to be sinister and dreadful caused him to try self harming and winded up in a mental ward.

"Some of the lyrics talk about death and murder. But it's just lyrics, it's just music. It's art," says Vergara, reaffirming that this does not make him a liquidator. Some say that he is the victimary of Elisa, but he denies any type of involvement. Pablo claims that he has evidence of tickets and passports which prove that he was not in LA around that time.

### **Portal to another dimension (elevator game):**

It is a Korean myth, cases have shown that it is real. The requirements to play this game are that there has to be one building, at least ten stories high. It is essential to highlight the fact that Elisa Lam entered the elevator on the fifth floor, and later directed herself to the fourteenth floor.

The first step of the game is to enter the elevator alone. Then press the button for the fourth floor, remain in the elevator and go to the second floor, press the button for the sixth floor, press the button for the



second floor, press the button for the tenth floor, and press the button for the fifth floor. When the fifth floor is reached, a young woman with a red dressing garment will enter the elevator. Do not look at her. She is not what she seems. Press the button for the first floor, exit if it's possible. If the elevator goes to the tenth floor, just go with it , and if the same woman is still there, you will know that the portal to another dimension was opened, you will just feel it.

### **Life after Death**

Some say that the Cecil Hotel was full of spirits and dark energies which consumed every guest. Said energies made individuals perform actions against their will. The fact that at least 18 people died in the Cecil hotel, just proves that there is an evil spirit which legislates over the hotel.

Some online investigators have conjectured that Elisa Lam was indeed being plagued by the Cecil spirits on the night she was last seen. The video of Lam in the elevator serves as the main connection for this theory. This line of thought suggested that Lam's unpredictable behavior was a result of her experiences with the numerous fatalities on the Cecil's property. Some religious figures have remained seized on the matter, they posses theories which proves the reason behind the fact that



these souls remain in the hotel. Said religious figures have stated how God is the only one able to take a life off a human being. Meaning that he is the only being, capable of suppressing the life of an individual. With this said, if a person failed to comply with this ideology by taking his/her own life, it means that they have to experience every situation, and remain in the same place, just as if they were alive. Additionally, the same theory of life after death, considered multiple perspectives, just as the ones which were previously mentioned. Notwithstanding, some believed that the Cecil Hotel was a purifying place. This belief took place, due to the fact that every sinner which entered the hotel, ended up paying for his/her acts, by passing away.

### **Victims:**

Making reference to the numerous cases which took place along the history of the Cecil Hotel, a new theory has emerged. Considering the cases of : Elizabeth Short, Jack Unterwegger, Richard Ramirez, W.K Norton, Grace Magro, Erwin Nablett, Dorothy Seger, and of course Elisa Lam, a pattern has been detected. Due to the fact that every single historical passing within the parameters of the Cecil Hotel, was addressed as *suicide*, another theory takes place. Some theorists say that each and every one of the souls which conformed the



Cecil Hotel entered into Elisa Lam's body. This process is called *Ensoulment* which is the moment in which an individual acquires an external soul. The theory is based on the following: Due to the fact that all the 18 individuals whose lives were taken away, were a form of *self extermination*. With this said, those unwanted and suffering souls, entered into Elisa's body, with one purpose. This theory explains it all. It explains the abnormal sequence of events which took place on the elevator : minutes before Elisa disappeared.

### **Elisa Lam was never alive**

There are multiple factors which make the audience wonder, the true origins of Elisa Lam. Considering how brilliant Elisa Lam was, and how close-bonded she was with social media, along with the famous history which the Cecil Hotel possessed, is practically impossible that Elisa Lam had no knowledge of the historical events which emerged in the Cecil Hotel. Additionally, the British University of Columbia is well known for having medical studies, specially in the '*Tuberculosis Outbreak*'. Some sources confirm that she went to LA as part of a project within her university, where she was studying the tuberculosis cases, presented in Skid Row (the place where Cecil Hotel was located).



How is it possible that the name for the antibody, was the same one as Elisa?. The LAPD department claimed how, when they got the news that she disappeared and they checked into their Hotel room, it was so organized that it seemed that no one slept there. If it's well thought, the only times where Elisa was seen publicly or in camera, she acted extremely odd. Elisa acted as a paranormal figure who had invaded her soul. The time where she was with her roommates, she acted odd. The time where she had phonecalls with her family, she acted odd. More importantly, the time where she was last seen on video surveillance footage, in the elevator, she was acting extremely odd. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, has jumped into the conclusion that there is a common pattern presented each time that Elisa was seen. She acted different, uptight, as if some presence was bothering her. Besides from the fact that the building was old, the video surveillance, still worked. The month, the week and the day prior to Elisa's disappearance, the cameras filmed every client perfectly. There was no difficulty within the cameras. However, those same cameras failed to capture Elisa on more than one circumstance. She was a supernatural being which only appeared whenever she wanted to, in order to spread a message. The only video footage which recorded something possibly linked to her



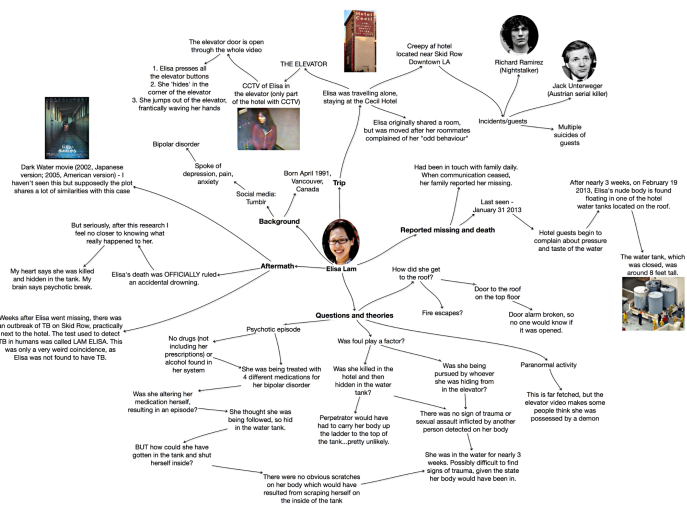
disappearance, was the one where she appeared in the elevator, acting sufficiently odd to believe that there was something wrong with her. Neither the cameras nor the hotel's age were ever at fault. Elisa never existed, hence there were no technological difficulties in the cameras' failure to record her. And because of her superhuman abilities, she only permitted others to see her when it was absolutely necessary. Elisa was seen numerous times, yet it was not in vain. She purposefully made herself visible when she did so.

Her passing was denominated as *accidental drowning*. Notably, when cases such as this ones happen, there are traces of illicit substances, of unlawful sexual intercourses, of attempted execution. Thus, Elisa's case never contained any connection within these actions. The Cecil Hotel is known for having a past with illicit substances, sexual workers, and self extermination. How is it possible that the one case which is not adressed as self extermination, does not posses any kind of actions linking to the ones previously mentioned? Well, its because Elisa never existed. A soul could never be charged for ingesting illicit substances, or of any type of sexual abuse.

The LAPD is qualified with sufficient intelligence and resources to adress cases such as these ones. Aren't they? Well, why

were't they able to determine the duration of Elisa Lam within the water tank? They are unsure if she spent the nineteen days in the tank, or if she was placed the same morning she was found. Why are they unsure? Because Elisa Lam, never existed. The FBI also wonders: what could possibly make the public have the certainty that the body in which the autopsy was performed is indeed Elisa Lam's body? Considering the reputation which the LAPD has gained, the FBI would like to know: what assures the International community that the LAPD is being truthful regarding the final verdict of the case? Amy Price, the former manager of the Cecil Hotel, was multiple times accused of the executions. What assures the audience that she did not conveniently cover someone by making the scene look as *accidental drowning*, and that she didn't alter the scene in order to *save* the image and reputation of the Hotel?

Beyond any doubt, nothing was as it appeared to be in the Cecil Hotel. This is why, the theory which considers Elisa Lam nonexistent, makes a whole lot of sense.



Timeline, Elisa Lam's sequences of events in the Cecil hotel . Retrieved from : <https://www.talkmurderwithme.com/blog/2018/9/3/elisa-lam>

Cases such as these ones, are an impediment to the international community to be safe. Currently, there are many perspectives which emerge to the fact of what could have possibly happened to Elisa. The governmental and policial forces have failed to comply with their job. Instead of maintaining peace and looking for the responsables of the incident, they just addressed it as an '*accidental drowning*'. How will the community trust it's government again, if it will allow misdemeaours such as these ones, to remain unpunished? How will a government with such capacities, ignore a case that has generated global commotion?





## INTERNATIONAL ACTORS

### Division of Perceptual Studies:

"The scientific empirical investigation of phenomena that suggest that currently accepted scientific assumptions and theories about the nature of mind or consciousness, and its relation to matter, may be incomplete," reads the mission statement of the Division of Perceptual Studies (DOPS) at the University of Virginia School of Medicine.

What kinds of "phenomena" are acceptable? ESP, poltergeists, near-death experiences, out-of-body experiences, and "claimed memories of past lifetimes" make up the majority of the traditional Fortean list. A small but dedicated team of scientists with strong credentials and an aptitude for statistics may be found at DOPS. "For me, I was interested in this effort for an analytic approach to studying survival of personality after life. The goal for me, personally, is to determine what evidence there is for the idea that some individuals can survive death."- Stated Ian Stevenson, founder of DOPS. With this said, is imperative to highlight the fact that the DOPS organization is well known for addressing abnormal activity cases. This example is implemented with the purpose of calling attention to other governmental of



scientific studies which have taken place through similar jurisdictions.

### Cold Case Foundation

An alarming analysis of FBI data revealed that, since 1995, only roughly 64% of massacres in the United States have been successfully solved, leaving 36% of fatalities each year unresolved. The amount of unsolved Cold Case executions burdens police departments and the staff tasked with investigating them with increasing costs and workloads. The conditional requirement that they be WORKED is also the main solution to them. Cases do not get cold and occasionally appear to be forgotten for lack of attention; the victims, their families, and the detectives who worked them never forget them. They must make sure that a Cold Case is never dependent on a lack of finances or other resources. Although there is always a need for Law Enforcement to handle cold cases, there are never enough funds or resources to deal with these horrific acts. In addition to giving families impacted by violent crime hope and support, we are committed to halting the terrible compounding effect of cold cases. The Cold Case Foundation is committed to educating the public and forming alliances to help and supply law enforcement with whatever resources are required to bring about resolution.



### **Federal Bureau of Investigation Perspective**

Bearing in mind the ruling made by the LAPD as *accidental drowning*, the Federal Bureau of Investigation is sure that in Elisa Lam's Case, that there is much more to the story. Multiple theories are provided above, however, if there is any inconsistency within one of the theories, or if there is another theory considered as pertinent to discuss, the doors are open. The FBI is aware of the fact that the LAPD possesses full control and jurisdiction over the Cecil Hotel (due to its location). Notwithstanding, with the FBI being the primary federal law enforcement organization in the United States, it **declares the case of Elisa Lam, as an Unsolved Mystery.**

### **ORIENTATION AND OBJECTIVE OF THE COMMITTEE**

Towards the discussion of the Cecil Hotel, more specifically the Elisa Lam's case, delegates are expected to comply with the following parameters. Firstly, an appropriate representation of their delegations towards the topic has to be made. Delegates must bear in mind the jurisdiction of their delegations, along with how involved they have been in similar cases. The use of directives plays an essential role through the committee. Above all, delegates are encouraged to adopt a specific perspective regarding the final judgement of the case. It is expected for the delegates to find another

resolution, rather than *accidental drowning*. Delegates must provide relevant facts and data which proves that whichever is the theory that they are defending, is nothing else, than the mere truth. The social, political, cultural, and economic aspects must be taken into consideration. Terms such as the *Great Depression*, and the *Policy of containment*, must play an essential role throughout the debate. A new legal framework could be established for cases similar to these one. Said framework, must work under a specific jurisdiction which can be backed up by treaties, conventions, or organizations, which adapt to these kind of circumstances. Within the closing ceremony, the chair will declare the final verdict of the case. To conclude, delegates are expected to have a positive and encouraging attitude in order to find the responsible of the case. Evidence, testimonies, and witnesses play a fundamental role for the well functioning of the committee. The chair is open to any solution which holds accountable those, who have committed unlawful actions towards the case.

### **GUIDING QUESTIONS**

1. Does the delegate consider it appropriate to adopt positions regarding abnormal activities? Is it more appropriate to adopt



logical theories, which can be explained? If so, which ones?

2. Considering the previous case, which of the provided theories does the delegate consider accurate to address Elisa Lam's case?

3. How will the delegate prove the theory?

4. Besides the existing theories, is there any other theory which has not been mentioned, which addresses the way in which Elisa Lam passed?

5. Considering the existing theories, does the delegate believe that there is one in particular which is nonsense and thereby should be ignored? If so, which one? Explain.

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