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Death of Church Founder's Son Still a Mystery

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Mystery continued to shroud the death of Geoffrey Hubbard, the son of Church of Scientology founder L. Ron Hubbard, as officials here asked Tuesday for a delay in the release of the cause of death.

Dr. G. Sheldon Green, chief Clark County medical examiner, asked for the delay so he could consult with outside pathologists.

Young Hubbard, 22, of Clearwater, Fla., was found unconscious in his car near McCarran International Airport on Oct. 28.

Because he carried no identification, he was taken to a local hospital as a "John Doe." He failed to respond to treatment and died Nov. 12.

Authorities were able to determine his identity by tracing the serial number of his car.

His identification and his car's license plates were found later under a rock in the desert near where the car was found.

Initial autopsy results showed no indication of drugs or other toxic substances, officials said, adding that there also were no signs of foul play or suicide.

Last week investigators said they had no cause of death and that they were awaiting the results of microscopic tests on tissue from young Hubbard's vital organs.

Churchman's Son Dead

LAS VEGAS—The body of a young man who died in a hospital after being found in a semicomatose state in an automobile last month has been identified as that of the son of L. Ron Hubbard, founder of the Church of Scientology, authorities said Monday. The cause of Geoffery Quentin McCaully Hubbard's death was not immediately determined.

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