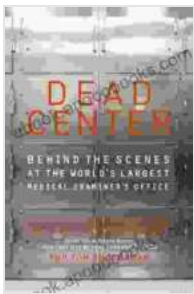


# Behind The Scenes At The World's Largest Medical Examiner Office: Uncovering The Secrets Of Death Investigation

Death is an inevitable part of life, but what happens after someone dies? Who investigates the cause of death and how do they determine what happened?



## Dead Center: Behind the Scenes at the World's Largest Medical Examiner's Office by Shiya Ribowsky

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In this article, we will take you behind the scenes of the world's largest medical examiner office and introduce you to the fascinating world of forensic pathology. You will learn about the different types of death investigations, the role of the medical examiner, and the cutting-edge technology used to solve crimes and determine the cause of death.

## What Is Forensic Pathology?

Forensic pathology is the branch of medicine that deals with the investigation of death. Forensic pathologists are medical doctors who have

specialized in the examination of dead bodies to determine the cause and manner of death.

Forensic pathologists work closely with law enforcement officers to investigate suspicious deaths, such as homicides, suicides, and accidents. They also perform autopsies on bodies that have been found decomposed or have been subjected to trauma.

### **The Role Of The Medical Examiner**

The medical examiner is a government official who is responsible for investigating deaths that occur within their jurisdiction. Medical examiners are usually physicians who have specialized in forensic pathology.

The medical examiner's office is responsible for determining the cause and manner of death, as well as issuing death certificates. The medical examiner may also Free Download additional tests, such as toxicology tests or DNA analysis, to help determine the cause of death.

### **The World's Largest Medical Examiner Office**

The New York City Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) is the world's largest medical examiner office. The OCME investigates approximately 25,000 deaths each year.

The OCME is a state-of-the-art facility that houses a team of highly skilled forensic pathologists, forensic scientists, and other professionals. The OCME also has a state-of-the-art autopsy suite and a DNA laboratory.

### **Behind The Scenes**

In this section, we will take you behind the scenes of the OCME and show you the different departments and sections that make up this world-renowned institution.

## **Autopsy Suite**

The autopsy suite is where forensic pathologists perform autopsies on bodies. Autopsies are performed to determine the cause and manner of death. During an autopsy, the forensic pathologist will examine the body externally and internally, and will collect samples of tissue and fluid for further testing.

## **Toxicology Laboratory**

The toxicology laboratory is where forensic scientists test for the presence of drugs and alcohol in the body. Toxicology tests can help determine if a person died from a drug overdose or if they were under the influence of alcohol at the time of their death.

## **DNA Laboratory**

The DNA laboratory is where forensic scientists perform DNA analysis on evidence collected from crime scenes and from bodies. DNA analysis can help identify victims of crimes, and can also be used to link suspects to crimes.

## **Uncovering The Secrets Of Death Investigation**

In this section, we will introduce you to some of the fascinating cases that have been investigated by the OCME.

## **The Case Of The Missing Girl**

In 2010, the OCME investigated the case of a missing girl named Kyra Franchetti. Kyra was last seen playing in her backyard, and her disappearance sparked a massive search effort.

The OCME was able to use DNA analysis to identify Kyra's body, which had been found in a wooded area several days after she disappeared. The OCME determined that Kyra had been murdered, and her killer was eventually convicted of her death.

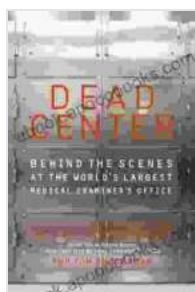
### **The Case Of The Serial Killer**

In 2011, the OCME investigated the case of a serial killer named Michael Garland. Garland was responsible for the deaths of at least four women.

The OCME was able to use DNA analysis to link Garland to the murders. Garland was eventually convicted of the murders, and he is currently serving a life sentence in prison.

The world of forensic pathology is a fascinating and complex one. The professionals who work in this field are dedicated to uncovering the secrets of death and helping to solve crimes.

If you are interested in learning more about forensic pathology, I encourage you to visit the website of the National Association of Medical Examiners: <https://www.nameweb.org/>.



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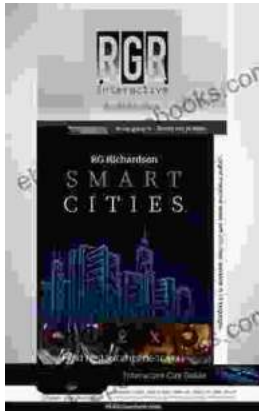
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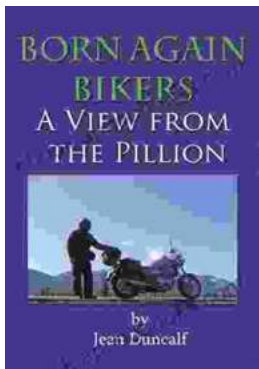
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