

29 studies on monkeys. Her job was primarily the preparation and staining of slides. These were simply from the organs supplied to her at autopsy, and she would not necessarily know that a substitute monkey had been supplied for the sick, male monkey. Mrs. Jordan however did mention this at one time to Dorothy Miner, but she is not certain whether or not Dorothy Miner would have paid any attention to this sort of comment or remembered it as she was prone to drink heavily, frequently drank the test alcohol in the laboratory, etc.

Mary Ann Stephens: This individual is now married and her present name and address are not known to Mrs. Jordan. Mrs. Jordan knows that her duties primarily involved making blood counts on rats, and she does not believe that she had very much to do with the monkey studies and doubts that she knew that there had been a substitution. She knows that this individual did not work directly with the monkeys, and that she has also left the firm.

Mike: Mrs. Jordan does not know this individual's last name. She knows that he worked for the firm during the last part of the Mer 29 studies on the monkeys and he assisted Bruce Umberger in caring for the monkeys, which was his primary job. She knows that he also helped weigh the rats on the Mer 29 studies. She knows that Mike was very good with the monkeys and while he was present she was sure that the monkeys were properly dosed and cared for.

She said that he liked a good time and would frequently come in late on a Monday morning after being out all weekend. She was sure that if Mike were one of the individuals on duty on a weekend that the monkeys would be properly dosed, but it was during the times when neither she nor Mike were on duty on a weekend that she noticed the discrepancies in the number of remaining Mer 29 capsules.

Mrs. Jordan finally resigned her position with the firm at the conclusion of the Mer 29 studies on the monkeys because of her dissatisfaction with the way the work was being run by Dr. King. She refused to sign her final work charts which she had to work up at the insistence of Dr. King using the substitute monkey. Although Dr. King had ordered her not to tell about this substitution, she was not sworn not to tell.

Mrs. Jordan and her husband are high class public spirited people. Mrs. Jordan is understandably very much distressed about this whole affair and was initially reluctant to sign the enclosed affidavit. She finally did willingly swear to and sign the affidavit, however, because of her realization of her duty as a public minded citizen to the general public.

Mrs. Jordan was told that I personally did not know what the final outcome of this investigation would be, but I assured her that it was of vital importance, and that the matter was being given very careful top level consideration.

THOMAS M. RICE,
Supervisory Inspector.

Enclosures:

4-pg. aff. of Beulah L. Jordan.

3-pg. aff. of Bruce I. Umberger.

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF OHIO,
County of Hamilton:

Before me, Thomas M. Rice, an employee of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Food and Drug Administration, designated by the Secretary, under authority of the Act of January 31, 1925, 43 Statutes at Large 803 (5 U.S.C. 521); Reorganization Plan No. IV, Secs. 12-15, effective June 30, 1940; and Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1953, Secs. 1-9, effective April 11, 1953, to administer or take oaths, affirmations, and affidavits, personally appeared Mrs. Beulah L. Jordan in the county and State aforesaid, who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

My name is Mrs. Beulah L. Jordan. I reside at 3825 Trebor Drive, Cincinnati 36, Ohio.

I worked as a technician in the Toxicological Laboratory of the William S. Merrell Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, for approximately 2½ years from the fall of 1956 to the early summer of 1959.

During this time I assisted in a toxicological study on Mer 29 using monkeys. This experiment ran approximately 16-18 months. It involved 6 to 8 monkeys