

STATUS REPORT



INTERVIEWS

FAMILY

DR. CORDELIA MAE

Cordelia is understandably distraught over the disappearance of her husband. While fully cooperative with the investigation, she claims no knowledge of any reason for the disappearance.

STEVIE MAE

Stevie is extremely upset about her father's disappearance. Interviews with her have, however, elicited no useful information.

STAFF

NEW DAWN CREW

Full interviews with the New Dawn Crew have not yet been possible.

SECURITY PERSONNEL

Security has been exceedingly cooperative with this investigation. Requisitioned records have added little, however, to the body of knowledge.

DR. MARTHA CRAPPERT

Dr. Crappert has been one of the most helpful people in explaining the station's layout and potential hiding places for Dr. Mae.

Steven Mae Investigation Update

Dr. Steven Mae has apparently vanished without a trace from Wasilei Station, having last been almost three weeks ago. While Dr. Mae has yet to be found, this investigation is uncovering both motive and opportunity to explain this seemingly mysterious disappearance.

What We Knew

Known Truths

While the facts we have are few, they are essential to understanding this case:

- ◆ Dr. Mae was last seen on November 30th, approximately two hours before the New Dawn arrived
- ◆ First noticed missing at approximately 6:00 PM on November 30th—the following day, the New Dawn left on its return trip to Earth
- ◆ Dr. Mae was not seen leaving the New Dawn upon its arrival on Earth
- ◆ Intensive searches of the Station have yet to reveal any sign of Dr. Mae

What We Now Know

Investigative Results

After Dr. Mae was discovered to be missing, a number of searches were conducted, each being more intensive than the preceding one. However, these searches have unfortunately revealed nothing.

Concurrently, the Orbicon Security team was pouring over their detailed logs, attempting to locate Dr. Mae in one of them. Both Orbicon staff and myself have looked over this information, but no sign of Dr. Mae has been found.

I then held a number of interviews; some are highlighted at left. However, no interview conducted has yielded any information—those with the most contact

with Dr. Mae, including Dr. Bronco, Dr. Crappert, or Dr. Cordelia Mae, gave no indication that Steven was unhappy on the Station, had made any enemies, or was in any way planning on leaving the Station.

Looking into Dr. Mae's personal effects, there was no sign of any conflicts with Station residents that would indicate foul play. Further investigation into personal computer files reveals no mention of a plan to leave.

However, there are intriguing addenda to this. Some of Dr. Mae's clothing was found to be missing, as well as a small amount of money (in addition to whatever he was carrying on him at the time). Also, the doctor's Driver's License was found to be missing, although his Passport was found to remain on board the Station.

What We Believe

Theories

In any missing persons case, there are two categories into which the vast majority of cases fall.

Foul Play

Most missing persons cases are the result of foul play. However, all evidence has pointed away from this being the case: there is no known conflict with which Dr. Mae was involved, and no trace of his body or of any struggle was found.

Furthermore, the Orbicon Security team has not found any record that would indicate this would be the case. Since much of the station is covered by surveillance of one sort or another, any foul play



STEVEN MAE

BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Mae started his career at the young age of 15 when he entered into the internship program at NASA. He continued to work at NASA while continuing his education, eventually earning his PhD. In 1999, Dr. Mae joined the Orbicon team and has been amazing his colleagues ever since.

On September 25, Dr. Mae was recognized by American Association of Aeronautics Research (AAAR) for his work on new "smart" environmental technology currently in use in all Orbicon vessels and prototypes.

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would be very difficult to keep hidden from the trained Security staff.

“Runaways”

While not as common, this seems to be the case in this instance. The missing personal items point to at least some modicum of prepared departure on Dr. Mae's part.

How Dr. Mae would effect such a disappearance is still unknown. The public areas of the Station have been searched, with no signs of a possible struggle found. The maintenance tunnels along the transport tube from Port Rosetta to the Environmental Section contain many areas in which Dr. Mae could hide. However, I have been informed that it will take a minimum of nine days to thoroughly complete searching this section.

The only effective way off the Station is the New Dawn—however a search upon its arrival December 6 did not yield positive results.

Dr. Crappert has pointed out that there are maintenance air locks to access equipment related to the Environmental

systems, the solar panels that are being constructed, and emergency life pods, in the unlikely event the station need to be evacuated. The emergency life pods were searched—all are accounted for and do not show signs of use. Having tested the security procedures at the air locks, I feel assured that Dr. Mae would not be able to pass through them without leaving some trace.

The most likely scenario thus presented is that he bribed one or more crewmembers to hide him in the New Dawn, as well as from the search that took place upon arrival on Earth, making his escape after Security personnel and other officials had departed.

What Remains To Be Done Current Actions

On-board searches are still being conducted—specifically in the aforementioned transport tube. While these searches are being conducted, I will continue conducting interviews on the Station, as well as furthering my study of Dr. Mae's personal logs, files, and folders.

However, while these files may still yet yield information, the most promising of his documents have turned up nothing relevant to the investigation.

As of now, only minimal action has been taken to search for Dr. Mae on Earth. In the interest of confidentiality, no indication has been made that Dr. Mae has gone missing from the station. However, I have begun mobilizing my resources for the possibility that a ground search will begin. Again, though, no mention of the doctor's disappearance has been made to any person not residing on the Station.

Even in the unlikely case that an Earth investigation were to be initiated by Orbicon Corporation, such a search can be conducted with relative success remotely. More important searching remains to be done on the Station, and I remain assured that Dr. Mae will be located.

