

Drowning Death of Nolan Webster

January 7th 2007

Oasis Cancun, Cancun, Mexico

On the 7th day of January 2007 at approx 4pm I was walking along the pool side with my wife (Jamie) I observed a male pulling a second male (victim) from the floor of the pool. At first I thought that it was some type of event or joke but quickly realized that it was an emergency situation.

I ran to the edge of the pool where I met the male with the victim. I grabbed onto the victim with both hands and pulled him out of the pool. I laid the victim onto his back and checked his vital signs. I was unable to locate a pulse on the victim and the victim had no signs of breathing. I observed a purplish substance coming out of the victim's mouth. There appeared to be blood running from his nose as well.

I attempted to arouse the victim by touching his face and arms. There was no response from the victim. I then stood up above the victim and screamed for help. I yelled approx 10 times asking for someone to help. I screamed that I needed a doctor, nurse or paramedic. I then yelled for anyone who knew CPR.

A young male in his 20's was standing next to me. This male stated that he did not know CPR but was willing to assist. I knelt beside the victim and started clearing out his mouth attempting to clear any obstruction from his airway. After clearing the airway I started CPR compressions. As I was compressing his chest more of the substance was exiting his mouth. Again I cleared the airway. I returned to the chest area and once again commenced chest compressions. This continued for approx 10 minutes. Every few minutes I stood up and screamed for help. At one point I observed the victim make gurgling noises and believed that he was becoming responsive but once I stopped the compressions the noises stopped as well. There were a few times during the resting phase of compressions that the victim appeared to have sucked back a breath, at this point I stopped the compressions to see if the victim was responding. When the victim remained VAS (Vital Signs Absent) I would continue the compressions.

I observed a male dive into the pool from the opposite side and swim to our location. This male identified himself as a member of the US Military Reserves and stated that he knew CPR. Again I started chest compressions and he assisted with mouth to mouth rescue breathing. This continued for approximately 10 more minutes.

I then observed the male life guard running from the beach direction. I had observed this life guard several times on the beach the past few days, "rescuing" people who swan out too far and were in danger of not being able to swim back to shore. The life guard ran across the pool bar and stopped just short of our location. I looked at the life guard and he just shrugged his shoulders as if he didn't know what to do.

At this time a female attended our location. She stated that she had some type of medical background and knelt down beside the victim. I then moved away from the chest area to allow her to take over the CPR. At approximately the same time another male attended our location and stated that he was a trauma room nurse and he too knelt beside the victim to assist. I then stood up and watched their attempts to rescue the victim.

I observed a male who appeared to be a doctor (as he was wearing a long white coat and had a stethoscope around his neck) attend the pool and look at the victim. He did not attempt to assist in the rescue. I stood off to the side away from the victim and rescuers.

Approximately 5 minutes after I stepped away from the victim I observed two paramedics running towards the victim. They were carrying equipment bags and what appeared to be an oxygen tank. The paramedics leaned over the victim and checked his vital signs, pulled a white sheet from one of their equipment bags and placed it over the victim. I heard the male, who stated that he was a nurse, argue with the paramedics asking for them to help the victim. I heard someone say that he needed compressed oxygen and that he was willing to give it to him but the paramedics refused to give him the oxygen bottle. I observed a short struggle over the equipment bags between the assisting witnesses and the paramedics.

I was shocked that the man who appeared to be the resort doctor did not attempt to assist in the rescue of the victim. I simply could not believe that

the paramedics made no attempts to revive the victim at any point. The entire time that this event was occurring a pool bartender of the resort just stood by and watched. He made no attempts to call for help or assist.

After a short time a female attended the location. She appeared to be a staff member of the resort as she carried a hand held radio and was adorned with a resort identification badge. She was informing people to stay away from the victim and telling everyone to move back. Everyone who was assisting was told to move away from the victim. My wife and I remained on scene for approx 20 minutes after being told to leave. I asked the female if she required my information, I stated that I assisted in attempting to rescue the victim. She stated no and asked that I just leave the area. I observed the staff place plastic pool chairs around the victim while he lied on the floor beside the pool.

My wife and I left the scene and returned to our rooms. I still did not believe what just occurred. I have been a Police Officer in Canada for 10 years and have seen many deaths but never have I seen such a poor attempt by medical staff (Doctor / Paramedics) to assist a person in need of medical treatment.

We returned to the scene approx 2 hours later and observed that the victim was still lying near the side of the pool. Another 2 hours went by, we returned to the scene and I couldn't believe that the victim was still lying there.

The next day I attended the front desk of the resort to inquire about the victim. I requested to know his name and home town. The clerks advised that they were not able to provide any information and turned me away.

My wife and I returned home from our vacation and attempted to locate information on the internet regarding the incident but had negative success. One year later January 10th 2008 I observed a post on a resort review website from the mother of the deceased (Maureen Webster).

On the 14th day of January 2008 I forwarded an email to Maureen Webster informing her of the events that took place that disappointing day in January 2007.

Our thoughts and prays go out to Nolan Webster and his family.