

Bernard Hasse

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Roll Strangles Patient to Death

Deputy Coroner Christopher J. Murphy has withheld, pending an autopsy, a death certificate for Bernard Hasse, 32, St. Elizabeths Hospital patient since 1948.

Hasse asphyxiated himself Wednesday on a roll he snatched from a table as attendants were escorting him from lunch, police said.

Police said attendants told them their patient crammed the roll into his mouth during a convulsion, and strangled before they were able to extricate it.