

John R. Pumphrey

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Police Probing Death

John Pumphrey Aged 74 Years, Succumbs to Injuries

Coroner Nevitt, assisted by Detective Berman of police headquarters, is making an investigation of the death of John Pumphrey, seventy-four years of age, who died today at his home, 1340 11th street southeast, of injuries sustained August 23.

Pumphrey, who was employed as a watchman at a new building at Champlain and Euclid streets northwest, was found unconscious in a ditch near the building, the morning of August 23, by Robert Smart of 1010 7th street southeast and Thomas Boswell of Grant road. He was at the bottom of the ditch, which was about fifteen feet deep.

Pumphrey was given treatment and revived sufficiently to say he had fallen into the ditch. He was taken to his home. It was not until today, however, when his death occurred, that the police were notified of the accident.