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Death is a terrible thing, but every death has to be solved, and some deaths just don't add up. That's why I got interested in the coroner business. As a kid I wanted to be a police officer, but as I grew up I started to get better at science and math. I got very interested in shows with a scientific mystery theme. If I became a coroner I would be involved with all of that, I would be the person to go to the scene of the crime and figure out how they died.

A coroner is the second person to be called when there is a death. They have to come in and investigate the death. They would investigate the death by doing an autopsy which involves taking samples of the hair, skin, and internal organs to figure out how they died. A coroner also needs to figure out where the death happened, what was involved in the death, who was the deceased, and what time it happened. So being a coroner, I would need to have a strong stomach, I would also have to be used to being around death, a lot.

As a coroner, work environments would change almost daily. I could be at the death scene examining evidence, I could be in the lab doing an autopsy or in court providing evidence in the case of a victim of crime. I could be talking to the deceased loved ones for more evidence or interviewing people in the close vicinity of the death scene. As I coroner I would need to keep strong because sometimes I would need to go talk to the family or friends of the deceased and it could get very emotional. Also, it is a lot of pressure because if I get one little thing wrong, I could mess up the whole case for the victim.

Becoming a coroner would be an amazing accomplishment for me. In order to get there, I need to get stellar grades so I can get a good degree. I would need to take a class in forensic science and technology and also take a class on medicines. One thing as a coroner, you have a choice to do the autopsy or have a pathologist do the autopsy on behalf of the coroner. If I wanted to do the autopsy myself I would need to take a class on pathology/ experimental pathology. This job also would help me support a family when I am older and I would be working a normal hourly job unless there was a death at night. Being a Coroner is my dream job and I would love to get the opportunity to try it.