

Natalie had bruises — including some on her face — when her body was recovered

Natalie Au

COVER-UP

Coroner finally breaks 35-year silence with **SHOCKING COURTROOM CONFESSION**

CHILLING blunders from the nation's top coroner — buried under a stone wall of silence for 35 years — let Robert Wagner skate after his wife Natalie Wood was murdered!

That's the stunning conclusion of a top legal analyst after former L.A. County Medical Examiner Thomas Noguchi finally confessed — under oath — he **FAILED** to scrape for foreign tissue samples under the dead woman's fingernails while conducting her postmortem!

Despite hinting in his new testimony that he suspected foul play, Noguchi officially ruled Natalie's Nov. 29, 1981, death was an "accidental drowning" — but he's been proved **DEAD WRONG!**

An explosive new investigation has reclassified the tragedy as "drowning and other undetermined factors" based on a series of bruises

found on her body — marks Noguchi discounted, another damning error that let Natalie's killer cheat justice!

"It was a mistake not to get nail clippings. The only question is: Was it intentional?" powerhouse attorney Sam Perroni told *The National ENQUIRER*.

Perroni deposed Noguchi as part of his effort to get police to release top-secret files on Natalie's death.

During the interrogation, when asked whether he collected the actress's fingernail clippings, Noguchi answered: "I don't remember."

Yet, astonishingly, under the "general evidence" section of Noguchi's lengthy autopsy report, it's revealed Natalie's nail clippings were **NOT** collected.

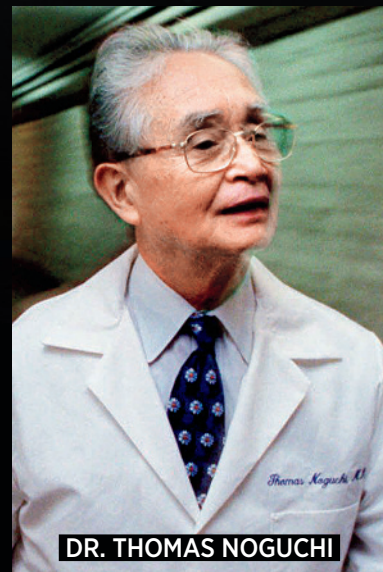
By failing to do that, Noguchi sidestepped a

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probe into whether Natalie was murdered, said Perroni, a former no-nonsense federal prosecutor in Little Rock, Ark.

In his book "Coroner," Noguchi wrote "in any case of unusual death it is a first duty of medical examiners to suspect murder."

Yet, in Natalie's case, Noguchi failed to consider murder because he may have been afraid of "opening up a can of worms," said Sam, who provided *The ENQUIRER* with the 46-page transcript



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