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Local Man Found Dead, Tattoo Connection Coincidental

Jeremiah Standish, age 82, was found dead yesterday evening in his home when a neighbor noticed that his mail had been stacking up outside his door for several days and called the police. Police sources confirmed that Standish had been dead for more than a day but would not say how much more. Officials have attributed the man's death to natural causes.

An unusual twist on this story is that Standish was the third person to die in the last month with an unusual tattoo on his left arm. The tattoo, which features an abstract symbol, was also found on the bodies of Horace Kotter and Jacob Lancaster, two elderly Eastfield residents who died several weeks ago, also of natural causes. Police sources have noted the connection but dismiss it as a coincidence.

Anton Wallace, a professor of sociology at Mandrake University, recognized the tattoo as the emblem of a long-defunct Eastfield fraternal organization, the Order of the Tower.

"They were very influential in the 1930s," said Wallace, an avid scholar of local history. "But they disbanded after only a few years. The police raided one of their meetings and a scandal ensued. No one wanted to be associated with them after that."

A funeral for Standish has been scheduled for early next week.