

1 hernia repair?

2 A On October 7th and he had his surgery on
3 October 8th, 1980.

4 Q And what exactly did you do to him?

5 A Well, we repaired the incarcerated hernia
6 and in doing so removed the contents of the sac which
7 appeared to be a small knot of fat which originates
8 inside the abdominal cavity, but we noticed at the
9 time of surgery that this was unusually firm.

10 We went ahead and sent that to the
11 laboratory for examination and went on and closed the
12 hernia defect and completed the operation, and he was
13 discharged, I believe, one or two days later.

14 Q And, therefore, approximately how long did
15 Mr. Vandergucht spend in the hospital as a result of
16 the hernia operation?

17 A I believe it was three days.

18 Q And I assume when you say that you performed
19 surgery on him, you had to make an incision and
20 actually operate?

21 A That is true.