





Exhumation

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- ▶ the retrieval of a previously buried body for post-mortem examination
 - ▶ Followed by a first autopsy or re-autopsy
 - ▶ moving of graveyard
 - ▶ suggestion that a death was due to criminal action
 - ▶ ancient or historical circumstances

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- ▶ a suspicion of poisoning → samples of earth from the surface of the grave, from other parts of cemetery, soil above coffin
 - ▶ full photographic record
 - ▶ bodies without identity → shallow grave in Ďáblice graveyard

Exhumation vs. retrieval of a clandestinely buried body:



- Exhumation must be differentiated clearly from the retrieval of a body clandestinely buried body by the criminals. In the latter case, the body was never legally buried (or inhumed) in the first place.
- Retrieval of such a body is NOT exhumation