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SLD Case #:

**OMI-NONPEND-1508-008** 

OMI Case #:

2015-03820

Submitter: Office of Medical Investigator

1101 Camino De Salud, NE **UNM School of Medicine** Albuquerque, NM 87102

Decedent:

Jefferson Herrera

Physician:

LORI PROE

Date of Birth:

1986

Date of Death:

7/30/2015

Social Security #:

Gender: Male

Specimens Received:

Femoral Blood

Heart Blood

Vitreous, Preserved

Sample #:

2015205872

Source:

Femoral Blood

Date Received:

8/3/2015 15:13

The toxicological results for the above sample are listed below:

Method

Ethanol

0.17 g/100 mL

GLC

The measurement of uncertainty is ± 4.8% at a confidence level of 95%.

Testing Note(s):

The femoral blood was tested for the following drugs-of-abuse using immunoassay: cannabinoids,

cocaine metabolite, methamphetamine and opiates. No drugs were detected.

Sample #:

2015205874

Source:

Vitreous, Preserved

Date Received:

8/3/2015 15:15

The toxicological results for the above sample are listed below:

Ethanol

0.20 g/100 mL

GLC

Method

The measurement of uncertainty is ± 4.8% at a confidence level/of 95%.

Reviewer Signature:

Date of Review:

9/23/2015

**Print Name:** 

Gerasimos Razatos

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Case Number: 2015-03820 Deputy Field Investigation HERRERA, JEFFERSON

#### Central Office Investigator

## Field Investigator

Medical Investigator

Rhonda Moya

Joseph Sookov

Lori Proe DO

Arrival time: 7/30/2015 10:02:00 AM

Decedent last name: HERRERA

Decedent first name: JEFFERSON

Decedent middle: J.

Decedent suffix:

Residence address:

SSN:

Birth date: 1986 12:00:00 AM

Age: 29
Gender: Male

Race: American Indian

Hispanic flag: False

Residence zip:

Residence city:

Residence county:

Residence state:

Reported by: Wendy

Reported date: 7/30/2015 7:45:00 AM

Reported by org: OMI

Identification by person name:

ID relation: Cousin
ID method: Visual
ID type: Positive

Pronounced date: 7/30/2015 10:39:00 AM

Pronounced by:

Place of death: Residence

Hospital/hospice/nursing home:

Where at facility/scene:

Pronounced zip:

Pronounced addr:
Pronounced city:

Pronounced county: Sandoval

Pronounced state: NM

**GPS latitude:** 36.12434N **GPS longitude:** 107.4515W

Mortuary:

Mortuary reported by:

NOK name: James Herrera Sr.

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} Time of injury unknown? & False \\ Time of injury approx? & True \\ Injury at work: & No \\ \end{tabular}$ 

Injury zip:
Injury place:

Injury city:

Injury county:

Sandoval

Injury state: NM

Death circumstances:

Per the FBI, this is an ongoing investigation. At this time witnesses and suspects are still being interviewed.

The best information at this time is as follows:

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Shortly before midnight on Wednesday 07-29-2015 the decedent and his brother-in-law were either in the process of vandalizing or committing a crime at another location separate from the scene.

The decedent and his brother-in-law fled the scene of the original incident and began heading towards the family home which sits in a very rural part of Sandoval County on the Navajo Nation. The home sits solely in an open desert area far from other residences on an access road. The home is 13.7 miles south / southeast of New Mexico Highway 550 around mile marker 98 (heading north / northwest, towards Farmington).

Somewhere, which is not clear at this time during the ride back to the family home they either stopped or were stopped by another party or parties.

At this time a currently unnamed subject fired 3 or 4 shots into the vehicle occupied by the decedent and his brother-inlaw. The shots were fired from the rear of the vehicle leaning more towards the drivers side. Early investigations reveal that the weapon was a "long gun" and is possibly an AK47 semi-automatic rifle (per FBI).

Multiple rounds struck the vehicle. At this time the decedent was the operator of the vehicle and began profusely bleeding and was not able to continue to drive. The decedent's brother-in-law removed the decedent from the front drivers seat and placed him on the back seat of the car and continued towards the family home. The vehicle stopped on the service road in front of the family home at the entry gate to the property.

Navajo Nation Police were contacted at 0033 hours on 07-30-2015. Officers arrived on scene at 0218 hours. Federal Bureau of Investigations were contacted who in-turn contacted OMI-New Mexico at 0730 hours on 07-30-2015 for investigation and autopsy.

#### Describe scene:

Remote desert area in Sandoval County, NM 13.7 miles south / southeast of New Mexico Hwy 550 roughly mile marker 98.

Located a green and red four door compact vehicle at rest on a dirt access road in front of the only house for miles.

The vehicle's back window is broken out completely and a defect noted to the middle center of the windshield (unknown if it is new or old).

Interior of the vehicle is "splashed" with blood, the front seat passenger floor board is soaked with blood and several beer cans. The back seat passenger floor board is also soaked with blood. The decedent is laying across the back seat with his feet on the drivers side rear floor board.

#### Describe decedent:

The decedent is on the back seat of the vehicle laying right lateral recumbent with hands and arms drawn toward his face, his feet rest on the floor of the drivers side rear floor board.

The decedent presents wearing a white short sleeve t-shirt stained with blood, grey "dickies" long pants, black leather belt, white socks and grey high top tennis shoes.

29 year old, Native American, male, roughly 65 kilograms.

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HEENT: Round, intact, with a defect noted to the left neck just inferior of midway to shoulder. Second defect noted to the lower right corner of the mouth with a "tear / jagged" laceration type injury and damage to right side of mouth and anterior portion of upper lip and gums.

Thorax: Round, intact, symmetrical, anterior of chest appears normal, the posterior midpoint left scapula has a circular defect noted. Some livor mortis noted on the right lateral posterior chest.

Abdomen: Flat, intact, without masses or rigidity noted. A skin "growth" noted to the left side of the abdomen above the pelvic crest. Retroperitoneal reveals some light livor mortis around the lower right abdomen above the pelvic crest.

Pelvis: Stable and intact.

Extremities: x 4 intact. Rigor mortis noted to the upper extremities in a drawn position towards the head. \*\* Rigor mortis broke to gain access to the face and neck for examination and photos.

#### Past medical history:

No information about past medical history available.

#### Comments:

Bag seal #009048.

Brookwood (Melissa) transported.

#### Clothing and valuables:

White blood soaked t-shirt.

Black cotton "Dickies" grey long pants.

Black leather belt with holes all the way around and silver buckle.

Grey brief style underwear.

White socks.

Grey "high top" tennis shoes.

Front left pants pocket has .31 cents and a drivers license / ID.

Other pockets are empty.

No jewelry, rings, watches noted on the decedent.

Medications located at:

Medications turned over to:

Medications turned over date:

Medications turned over by:

Medications counting witness by:

Medications log:

No medications on patient and none located in vehicle.

CODMI consulted: Rhonda Moya

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CODMI instructions:
Send for autopsy.
One way mileage:

# **DEATH INVESTIGATION SUMMARY**

Case Number: 2015-03820

HERRERA, JEFFERSON J.

County Pronounced: Sandoval
Law Enforcement: Federal Bureau of Investigations - Albuquerque
Agent: Special Agent: Ross Zurercher
Date of Birth: 1/1986
Pronounced Date/Time: 7/30/2015 10:39:00 AM

Pronounced Date/Time: 7/30/2015 10:39:00 AN Central Office Investigator: Rhonda Moya Deputy Field Investigator: Joseph Sookov

# **CAUSE OF DEATH**

Gunshot wound of back and neck

**MANNER OF DEATH** 

Homicide

Lauren Dvorscak MD

Forensic Pathology Fellow

Lori Proe DO

Associate Medical Investigator

All signatures authenticated electronically

Date: 8/13/2015 2:55:09 PM

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#### **DECLARATION**

The death of HERRERA, JEFFERSON J. was investigated by the Office of the Medical Investigator as a consultation and not under the statutory authority of the Office of the Medical Investigator.

I, Lori Proe DO, a board certified anatomic, clinical, and forensic pathologist licensed to practice pathology in the State of New Mexico, do declare that I personally performed or supervised the tasks described within this Death Investigation Summary document. It is only after careful consideration of all data available to me at the time that this report was finalized that I attest to the diagnoses and opinions stated herein.

Numerous photographs were obtained along the course of the examination. I have personally reviewed those photographs and attest that they are representative of findings reported in this document.

This document is divided into 8 sections with a final Procedural Notes section:

- 1. Summary and Opinion
- 2. External Examination
- 3. Medical Intervention
- 4. Postmortem Changes
- 5. Evidence of Injuries
- 6. Internal Examination
- 7. Microscopy
- 8. Postmortem Computed Tomography

Should you have questions after review of this material, please feel free to contact me at the Office of the Medical Investigator (Albuquerque, New Mexico) - 505-272-3053.

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**Medical Investigator** 

**Medical Investigator Trainee** 

Lori Proe DO

Lauren Dvorscak MD

### **SUMMARY AND OPINION**

This 29-year-old man, Jefferson Herrera, died of a gunshot wound of the back and neck.

According to reports, Mr. Herrera was the driver of a vehicle shot from behind on the evening of July 29, or early morning of July 30, 2015. After he was shot, another individual put Mr. Herrara in the back of the car and drove the car toward the family home. Police were contacted and found Mr. Herrera dead when they arrived on the scene.

Autopsy revealed an adult male with an indeterminate range of fire gunshot wound that entered the left upper back, went through the left shoulder blade and left neck, went into the oral cavity and out the right side of the mouth. The trajectory was back to front, left to right, and upward.

Along the track of the gunshot wound were scrapes and an oval defect of the left. This wound may represent a partial exit and re-entry of the bullet or a skin tear that occurred as the bullet traveled close to the skin surface.

While no major blood vessels or organs were damaged along the wound track, it appears that Mr. Herrera lost a significant amount of blood from his injury; he may have also inhaled some of the blood, which would have caused significant breathing difficulties.

Natural disease that did not cause or contribute to death included a non-cancerous, small tumor of one kidney.

The manner of death is homicide.

Case Number: 2015-03820 External Examination HERRERA, JEFFERSON

**Medical Investigator** 

**Medical Investigator Trainee** 

Lori Proe DO Lauren Dvorscak MD

**External exam date time:** 7/31/2015 8:44:00 AM

Authority for examination: OMI

ID confirmed at time of exam: Yes

Means used to confirm identity: Visual

Other verification means:

Location of orange bracelet: Right wrist

Name on orange bracelet: Decedent name

Other name on orange bracelet:

Location of green bracelet: Right wrist

Name on green bracelet: Decedent name

Other name on green bracelet:

Hospital ID tags or bracelets? No

If yes specify stated name and

location:

 Body length (cm):
 176.00

 Body weight (kgs):
 60.20

 BMI:
 19.43

Development: Well-developed

**Development comments:** 

Stature: Well-nourished

Age: Appears to be stated age

Skin comments:

A 1.8 x 1.5 x 0.6 cm, raised, smooth, well circumscribed lesion, containing, soft, green-gray material, is on the left anterior hip.

Scalp hair color: Black
Scalp hair length: Short

**Eyes:** Both eyes present

Irides:BrownEyes corneae:CloudedEyes sclerae:CongestedEyes conjunctivae:Translucent

Eyes petechiae: No Palpebral petechiae: No Bulbar petechiae: No

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 $\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{Facial petechiae:} & No \\ \mbox{Oral mucosal petechiae:} & No \\ \end{array}$ 

Nose: Normally formed Ears: Normally formed

Lips: Other

**Facial comments:** 

See the "Evidence of Injuries" section.

Facial hair: Goatee

Facial hair color: Black

Maxillary dentition: Natural

Mandibular dentition: Natural

Condition of dentition: Adequate

**Dentition comments:** 

See the "Evidence of Injuries" section.

Neck: Abnormal - See Evidence of Injury

 $\begin{tabular}{lll} Trachea midline: & Yes \\ Chest development: & Normal \\ Chest symmetrical: & Yes \\ \end{tabular}$ 

Chest diameter: Appropriate

Abdomen: Flat

Anus: Unremarkable
Back: Unremarkable

Spine: Normal External genitalia: Male **Breast development:** None Breast masses: None Right hand digits complete: Yes Left hand digits complete: Yes Yes Right foot digits complete: Left foot digits complete: Yes

**Extremities:** Well-developed and symmetrical

 $\begin{aligned} & \text{Muscle group atrophy:} & & No \\ & \text{Senile purpura:} & & No \\ & \text{Pitting edema:} & & No \\ & & \text{Muscle other:} & & No \\ \end{aligned}$ 

Tattoo(s)

Tattoos present:
Yes
Tattoo right shoulder:
Yes
Tattoo right arm:
Yes
Tattoo right forearm:
Yes
Tattoo right hand:
Yes
Tattoo right hand digits:
Yes
Tattoo left shoulder:
Yes

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|---------------------|------------|-----|----------------------|--------------------|
| Tattoo left forear  | m:         | Yes |                      |                    |
| Tattoo left hand:   |            | Yes |                      |                    |
| Tattoo left hand o  | digits:    | Yes |                      |                    |
| Tattoo left thigh:  |            | Yes |                      |                    |
|                     |            |     | Cosmetic Piercing(s) |                    |
| Cosmetic piercing   | g present: | No  |                      |                    |
|                     |            |     | Scar(s)              |                    |
| Scar(s) present:    |            | Yes |                      |                    |
| Scar suprapubic:    |            | Yes |                      |                    |
| Scar right knee:    |            | Yes |                      |                    |
| Scar right lower l  | eg:        | Yes |                      |                    |
| Scar left knee:     |            | Yes |                      |                    |
| Scar left lower leg | g:         | Yes |                      |                    |

#### Scar comment:

Multiple, brown, 0.3-0.6 cm, scars are on the suprapubic area, posterior shoulders, back, and buttocks.

# External exam comment:

The hands are covered by paper bags, sealed with tape at the wrists, for the preservation of possible evidence.

| Reporting Tracking        |                                       |  |  |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Reported by:              | Lauren Dvorscak MD                    |  |  |
| Verified by:              | Lori Proe DO on 8/13/2015 11:45:23 AM |  |  |
| Reviewed and approved by: | Lori Proe DO on 8/13/2015 2:55:09 PM  |  |  |

Case Number: 2015-03820 Medical Intervention HERRERA, JEFFERSON

**Medical Investigator** 

**Medical Investigator Trainee** 

Lori Proe DO Lauren Dvorscak MD

Evidence of medical intervention: No

**Report Tracking** 

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Medical Investigator Trainee

Lori Proe DO Lauren Dvorscak MD

External exam date: 7/31/2015 8:49:00 AM

Body temperature: Cool subsequent to refrigeration

Rigor mortis: Fully fixed

Livor mortis - color: Pink

Livor mortis - fixation

(if applicable):

Fully Fixed

Livor mortis - position

(if applicable):

Posterior

Livor mortis - blanching and

patterns (if applicable):

Right sided and faint posterior livor mortis is present.

State of preservation:

No decomposition

Drying of exposed mucous

membranes:

Yes

Report Tracking

Reported by: Lauren Dvorscak MD

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Case Number: 2015-03820 Evidence of Injury HERRERA, JEFFERSON

**Medical Investigator** 

**Medical Investigator Trainee** 

Lori Proe DO

Lauren Dvorscak MD

Are there any injuries:

Yes

Evidence of Injury:

Autopsy date:

7/31/2015 8:43:00 AM

| # | Injury         | Location | Injury Description   |
|---|----------------|----------|--|
| 1 | Firearm injury | Back     | GUNSHOT WOUND OF LEFT BACK, INDETERMINATE RANGE  |
|   |                |          | Entrance:  |
|   |                |          | On the left upper back, 26.8 cm below the top of the head, 12.3 cm left of the posterior midline and 12.1 cm right of the left acromion process, is an entrance gunshot wound consisting of a 1.9 x 0.4 cm, oval defect with a 0.1-0.5 cm, wide, eccentric, pink, marginal abrasion which is widest at 6 o'clock. Soot, unburned gunpowder particles and gunpowder stippling are not visible on the skin surrounding the wound.                  |
|   |                |          | Path:  |
|   |                |          | The hemorrhagic wound track sequentially perforates the skin and soft tissue of the left upper back, left scapular spine, the soft tissue of the left shoulder and neck (including the left sternocleidomastoid, left omohyoid, and left sternothyroid muscles), left posterior hyoid, epiglottis, central tongue, right mandible, right maxilla, the right first maxillary bicuspid and the soft tissue and skin of the right labial commisure. |
|   |                |          | Along the wound track is a 2 x 0.4 cm, gaping, oval defect, with a pink, 0.1 cm x 0.3 cm, marginal abrasion at 7 o'clock, of the left, lateral neck. Multiple, 2 - 3.2 cm, red-brown to redpink abrasions are clustered above and below the wound. The oval defect is located 23 cm below the top of the head, 10.1 cm left of the anterior midline and 9.2 cm superior to the left acromion process.  |
|   |                |          | Associated Injuries:   |
|   |                |          | Associated injuries include abundant blood in the larynx, trachea and right, mainstem bronchus.  |
|   |                |          | Exit:  |
|   |                |          | On the right labial commissure, 18 cm below the top of the head, 3.3 cm right of the anterior midline of the face and 14 cm left of the right earlobe, is an exit gunshot wound consisting of a 2.3 x 1.3 cm irregular, stellate laceration without marginal abrasion. The wound contains fragments of the fractured right first bicuspid.   |
|   |                |          | Trajectory:  |
|   |                |          | The wound track travels from the decedent's left to right, back to front, and upward.  |
|   |                |          | Clothing:  |
|   |                |          | On the left upper back area of the blood-stained, white t-shirt, and corresponding to the entrance gunshot wound is a 2.1 x 0.6 cm defect with frayed edges. Soot or unburned gunpowder particles are not visible on the fabric surrounding the defect.  |
| 2 | Blunt injury   | Head     | A $1.3 \times 0.3$ cm, red-purple abrasion is on the superior helix of the right ear. The right earlobe has a $0.5 \times 0.2$ cm laceration.  |

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| 3 Blunt inju | ıry        | Extremity | On the left posterior knee is a 3.0 contusion.                        | x 2.5 cm, red-purple |
| 4 Blunt inju | ıry        | Trunk     | Multiple, brown, 0.3-0.6 cm, heal suprapubic area, posterior shoulded |                      |

Report Tracking

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Case Number: 2015-03820 Internal Examination HERRERA, JEFFERSON

Medical Investigator Medical Investigator Trainee

Lori Proe DO Lauren Dvorscak MD

Date of Autopsy: 7/31/2015 8:43:00 AM
Date of Internal Exam: 7/31/2015 8:44:00 AM

**BODY CAVITIES** 

 $\begin{array}{lll} \hbox{Chest cavities examined:} & Yes \\ \hbox{Abdominal cavity examined:} & Yes \\ \hbox{See evidence of injury section} & No \\ \hbox{Organs in normal anatomic} & Yes \\ \end{array}$ 

position

Other organ position comments

Diaphragm: Intact

Serosal surfaces: Smooth and glistening

Body cavity adhesions present:  $N_O$  Fluid accumulation present:  $N_O$ 

**HEAD** 

Brain examined: Yes
See separate forensic No

neuropathology consultation report

See evidence of injury section:  $$N_{\rm O}$$ 

See evidence of medical Intervention section:

See postmortem changes section:  $$N_{\rm O}$$ 

Brain fresh (g): 1490

Brain fixed (g):

Facial skeleton: See Evidence of Injury

Calvarium: No fractures
Skull base: No fractures

Skull comments:

**Dura mater:** Unremarkable and without masses

No

Dural venous sinsuses: Patent

**Leptomeninges:** Thin and transparent

Epidural hemorrhages /

hematomas:

Absent

Subdural hemorrhages /

hematomas:

Absent

Subarachnoid hemorrhages: Absent

Cerebral hemispheres: Symmetrical
Gyral and sulcal patterns: Unremarkable

Gyral convolutions and sulci: No widening or flattening of gyri and no narrowing of sulci

Uncal processes: Unremarkable

**Internal Examination** HERRERA, JEFFERSON Case Number: 2015-03820 Cerebellar tonsils: Unremarkable **Cranial nerves:** Unremarkable Basilar arterial vasculature: Unremarkable Cerebral cortex: Unremarkable White matter: Unremarkable Unremarkable Corpus callosum: Deep gray matter structures: Unremarkable Brainstem: Unremarkable Cerebellum: Unremarkable **Spinal Cord** Spinal cord examined: No Middle Ears Middle ears examined: No Neck Neck examined: Yes See Evidence of Injury section: Yes See Evidence of Medical No Intervention section See Postmortem Changes section: No Subcutaneous soft tissues: See Evidence of Injury Strap muscles: See Evidence of Injury Jugular veins: See Evidence of Injury Carotid arteries: Unremarkable Tongue: See Evidence of Injury **Epiglottis:** See Evidence of Injury Hyoid bone: See Evidence of Injury Larynx: Unremarkable Palatine tonsils: Not examined **CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM** Heart examined: Yes See separate Cardiovascular No Pathology report: See Evidence of Injury section: No See Evidence of Medical No Intervention section: See Postmortem Changes section: No Heart Normal Right coronary ostium position: Left coronary ostium position: Normal Supply of the posterior Right coronary artery myocardium: Heart fresh (g): 260.0 Heart fixed (g): Coronary artery stenosis by atherosclerosis (in percent):

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| Right coronary of                        | stium:             | 0  |                                    |
| Proximal third rig                       |                    | 0  |                                    |
| Middle third right                       | coronary artery:   | 0  |                                    |
| Distal third right                       | coronary artery:   | 0  |                                    |
| Left coronary ost                        | ium:               | 0  |                                    |
| Left main corona                         | ry artery:         | 0  |                                    |
| Proximal third lef descending coro       |                    | 0  |                                    |
| Middle third left a descending coro      |                    | 0  |                                    |
| Distal third left ar<br>coronary artery: | nterior descending | 0  |                                    |
| Proximal third lef coronary artery:      | t circumflex       | 0  |                                    |
| Middle third left of coronary artery:    | rircumflex         | 0  |                                    |
| Distal third left ci artery:             | rcumflex coronary  | 0  |                                    |
|  |                    | Cardiac Chambers and Valves:   |                                    |
| Cardiac chamber                          | s:                 | Unremarkable   |                                    |
| Tricuspid valve:                         |                    | Unremarkable   |                                    |
| Pulmonic valve:                          |                    | Unremarkable   |                                    |
| Mitral valve:                            |                    | Unremarkable   |                                    |
| Aortic valve:                            |                    | Unremarkable   |                                    |
| Right ventricular                        | myocardium:        | No fibrosis, erythema, pathologic infiltration of adiposoftening or induration | ose tissue or areas of accentuated |
| Left ventricular m                       | nyocardium:        | No fibrosis, erythema, or areas of accentuated soften                          | ing or induration                  |
| Atrial septum:                           |                    | Unremarkable   |                                    |
| Ventricular septu                        | m:                 | Unremarkable   |                                    |
| Right ventricular thickness:             | free wall          | 0.4 cm   |                                    |
| Left ventricular fr                      | ee wall thickness: | 1.3 cm   |                                    |
| Interventricular s                       | eptum thickness:   | 1.3 cm   |                                    |
|  |                    | Aorta  |                                    |
| Aorta examined:                          |                    | Yes  |                                    |
| Orifices of the ma<br>branches:          | ajor vascular      | Patent   |                                    |
| Coarctation:                             |                    | No   |                                    |
| Vascular dissecti                        | on:                | No   |                                    |
| Aneurysm format                          |                    | No   |                                    |
| Complex atheros                          |                    | No   |                                    |
| Other aortic path                        | ology:             | No   |                                    |
|  |                    | Vena Cava  |                                    |
| Great vessels exa                        |                    | Yes  |                                    |
| Vena cava and m                          |                    | Patent   |                                    |
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RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

Lungs examined: Yes See separate Cardiovascular

Pathology report:

No

See Evidence of Injury section: No See Evidence of Medical

Intervention section:

No

See Postmortem Changes section: No Lung right (g): 550 Lung left (g): 240

Upper and lower airways: Other - See comments Pulmonary parenchyma color: Dark red-purple

Pulmonary parenchyma congestion

Moderate amounts of blood and frothy fluid

and edema:

Pulmonary trunk:

Free of saddle embolus

Pulmonary artery thrombi: None

Pulmonary artery atherosclerosis: None

Other airway and lung comments:

The larynx, trachea, and right tranchiobronchial tree are filled with moderate amounts of blood and mucoid material. (See the "Evidence of Injuries" section.) The right lung is more congested than the left.

#### **HEPATOBILIARY SYSTEM**

Liver examined: Yes See Evidence of Injury section: No See Evidence of Medical No

Intervention section:

See Postmortem Changes section: No Liver (g): 1155 Bile vol (mL): 5 Gallstones autopsy: No

Gallstones autopsy desc:

Hepatic parenchyma (color): Red-brown Hepatic parenchyma (texture): Unremarkable

Hepatic vasculature: Unremarkable and free of thrombus

Gallbladder: Unremarkable

Gallstones: None

Intrahepatic biliary tree: Unremarkable Extrahepatic biliary tree: Unremarkable

### **GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM**

Alimentary tract examined: Yes See Evidence of Injury section: No See Evidence of Medical No Intervention section:

See Postmortem Changes section: No Stomach contents vol (mL): 150 Case Number: 2015-03820 Internal Examination HERRERA, JEFFERSON

Stomach contents description:

Brown-yellow, thick, chunky material

Appendix found: Ye

Esophagus

Course: Normal course without fistulae

Mucosa: Gray-white, smooth and without lesions

Stomach

Mucosa: Autolyzed

Pylorus: Patent and without muscular hypertrophy

**Small Intestine** 

Luminal contents: Partially digested food

Mucosa: Unremarkable

Caliber and continuity: Appropriate caliber without interruption of luminal continuity

Colon

Luminal contents: Formed stool

Mucosa: Unremarkable

Caliber and continuity: Appropriate caliber without interruption of luminal continuity

**Pancreas** 

Form: Normal tan, lobulated appearance

**GENITOURINARY SYSTEM** 

Genitourinary system examined: Yes See Evidence of Injury section: No See Evidence of Medical No

Intervention section:

See Postmortem Changes section: No

Kidneys

Kidneys capsules: Thin, semitransparent

Cortical surfaces: Smooth

Cortices: Normal thickness and well-delineated from the medullary pyramids

Calyces, pelves and ureters: Non-dilated and free of stones and masses

Kidney right (g): 95
Kidney left (g): 105
Urine volume (mL): 120

Urine description: Yellow, clear

**Urinary Bladder** 

Urinary bladder mucosa: Gray-tan and smooth

Male

Male: Yes

Testicles

**Location:** Bilaterally intrascrotal

Size: Unremarkable
Consistency: Homogeneous

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Other testicle comments:

**Prostate Gland** 

Size: Unremarkable Consistency: Homogeneous

Other prostate gland comments:

RETICULOENDOTHELIAL SYSTEM

Reticuloendothelial system

examined:

Yes

See Evidence of Injury section: No See Evidence of Medical No

Intervention section:

See Postmortem Changes section: No

Spleen

Spleen (g): 60

Spleen parenchyma: Diffluent Spleen capsule: Intact

Spleen white pulp: Indiscernible

**Bone Marrow** 

Color: Red-brown, homogeneous and ample

Lymph Nodes

Regional adenopathy: No adenopathy

**Thymus** 

Thymus (g):

Parenchyma: Absent (involution by adipose tissue)

**ENDOCRINE SYSTEM** 

Endocrine system examined: Yes See Evidence of Injury section: No See Evidence of Medical No

Intervention section:

See Postmortem Changes section: No

**Pituitary Gland** 

Size: Normal

**Thyroid Gland** 

Position: Normal Size: Normal

Parenchyma: Homogeneous

**Adrenal Glands** 

Adrenal right (g):

Adrenal left (g):

Size: Normal

Yellow cortices and gray medullae with the expected corticomedullary ratio Parenchyma:

**MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM** 

Musculoskeletal system examined: Yes

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See Evidence of Injury section:

Yes

See Evidence of Medical Intervention section:

No

See Postmortem Changes section: No

Bony framework: Unremarkable

Musculature: Unremarkable

Subcutaneous soft tissues: See Evidence of Injury

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS** 

Report Tracking

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Verified by: Lori Proe DO on 8/13/2015 12:10:19 PM
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**Medical Investigator** 

## **Medical Investigator Trainee**

Lori Proe DO Lauren Dvorscak MD

#### Microscopic description:

HEART: Rare, patchy, hypertrophic myocytes

LUNG: Moderate, intra-alveolar collections of red blood cells; postmortem, bacterial colonies; non-polarizable, lamellated, foreign material in an intra-alveolar and intra-bronchiolar distribution; mild, perivascular, black, pigment deposition

LIVER: Rare, macrosteatotic hepatocytes; single focus of limited, portal and interface, chronic inflammation

KIDNEY: A 0.2 cm, well circumscribed, hyalinized lesion composed of bland, stellate spindle cells is in the right renal medulla. There is otherwise no significant histopathologic diagnosis of the kidneys.

SKIN: Unremarkable, keratinizing epithelium with central cavity containing keratinaceous debris; no cyst lining evident

BRAIN: No significant histopathologic diagnosis

\*Unless otherwise indicated sections are stained only with hematoxylin and eosin (H&E).

| Block | Tissue Location                                   | Description | Stain |
|-------|---|-------------|-------|
| A1    | Left lung, left kidney, left cardiac ventricle    |             |       |
| A2    | Right lung, right kidney, right cardiac ventricle |             |       |
| A3    | Liver, cardiac ventricular septum, skin lesion    |             |       |
| A4    | Brain   |             |       |

**Report Tracking** 

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### **Medical Investigator**

Lori Proe DO

**Date of examination:** 7/31/2015 8:43:00 AM **Study date:** 7/31/2015 7:31:00 AM

Accession number: 2015-03820

Exam type: Postomortem full body
Technique: Computed tomography

Comparison: None

Comments:

Review of the postmortem, computed tomography scan reveals subcutaneous gas of the left back and fractures of the left scapula fracture, left hyoid bone, right mandible and right maxilla. No retained, radio-opaque objects are identified.

There are patchy areas of consolidation of the right lung.

Report Tracking

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**Case Number:** 2015-03820

Decedent Name: HERRERA, JEFFERSON

Pathologist: Lori Proe DO

Fellow/Resident: Lauren Dvorscak MD

Date of Examination: 7/31/2015 8:43:00 AM

# Morphology technican(s) present

| Yellow Sheet   | Morphology Technician |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| Identification | Danielle Sanchez      |
| Autopsy        | Danielle Sanchez      |
| Evidence       | Danielle Sanchez      |
| Evidence       | Danielle Sanchez      |
| LabOther       | Danielle Sanchez      |
| Attendees      | Danielle Sanchez      |
| Radiology      | Danielle Sanchez      |
| Retention      | Danielle Sanchez      |
| Toxicology     | Danielle Sanchez      |
| Toxicology     | Danielle Sanchez      |
| Toxicology     | Danielle Sanchez      |

# Morphology technican supervisor(s) present

| Yellow Sheet   | Morphology Technician Lead |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| Identification | Michael Jarvis             |
| Autopsy        | Asheley Coriz              |
| Evidence       | Michael Jarvis             |
| Radiology      | Michael Jarvis             |
| Retention      | Michael Jarvis             |
| Toxicology     | Erika Cavalier             |
| LabOther       | Erika Cavalier             |
| Attendees      | Michael Jarvis             |

# **Autopsy attendees**

# Other morphology technicians present:

Michael Jarvis- Senior tech. Rebecca Avery - Staff Tech.

# Specimens obtained for toxicology testing

Use antemortem specimens for

testing:

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

Femoral blood collected: Yes Heart blood collected: Yes Blood other collected: No

Preserved vitreous collected: Yes
Un-preserved vitreous collected: Yes

Kidney tissue collected:
Liver tissue collected:

Gastric contents collected:

Brain tissue collected:

Muscle tissue collected:

Other tissue collected:

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Specimens obtained for laboratory testing

#### HIV serology: No HIV spin and store: Yes HCV/HBV serology: No Influenza serology: No Other serology: No Freezer protocol: No DNA card: Yes Metabolic screen: No Cytogenetics: No Med-X protocol: No Urine dipstick: No Blood cultures (bacterial): No

Other bacterial culture (specify):

Lung cultures (bacterial):

Spleen culture (bacterial):

Stool culture (bacterial):

CSF culture (bacterial):

Mycobacterial culture (lung): No
Mycobacterial culture (other): No

No

No

No

No

Viral Cultures: No

# Approach to autopsy dissection

Rokitansky evisceration: No Virchow evisceration: Yes Modified evisceration: No

Special autopsy techniques

Anterolateral rib arc dissection: No **Back dissection:** No

Posterior rib arc dissection: No

Extremity soft tissue dissection: No Eye enucleation: No

Maxilla or mandible resection: No

Spinal cord removal (anterior): No Spinal cord removal (posterior): No

Other dissection(s):

HIV serology:

Pericranial membrane removal:

Vertebral artery dissection (in situ):

Layered anterior trunk dissection:

Neck anterior dissection:

Neck posterior dissection:

Cervical spine removal:

Facial dissection:

# **Tissues retention**

Stock jar with standard tissue

Inner middle ear evaluation:

retention:

Yes

No

No

Yes

No

No

No

No

No

No

Rib segment: Yes Pituitary gland: Yes Breast tissue (women only): No

Brain retention: No Spinal cord retention: No

Cervical spine retention: No Heart retention: No

Heart-lung block retention: No Rib cage retention: No

Long bone retention: No

Other retention, specify:

### Disposition of tissues retained for extended examination

Specimen outcome: Not applicable; no tissues were retained for extended examination.

# Number of scene photos produced by the OMI

Scene Photos: 46

Number of autopsy photos produced by the OMI

Autopsy Photos: 116

#### **Evidence collected**

FBI blood tube: No Blood spot card: No APD blood card: Yes Thumbprint: Yes Fingerprints: No Palmprints: No Print hold: No Oral swab: No Vaginal swab: No Anal swab: No Other swab: No Fingernails: Yes Scalp hair: Yes Pubic hair: No Pubic hair combing: No Projectile(s): No Retain clothing: Yes Retain valuables: No Retain trace evidence: No Retain body bag: No Retain hand bags: Yes

No

Other evidence retained:

Ligature:

# Personal effects

| Property Type       | <b>Property Description</b> | Property Detail               |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Hand Bag            | Left Hand                   | n/a                           |
| Hand Bag            | Right Hand                  | n/a                           |
| Hair                | Scalp                       | n/a                           |
| Fingernail Clipping | Left Hand                   | w/ clippers                   |
| Fingernail Clipping | Right Hand                  | w/ clippers                   |
| Blood               | FTA Blood Card              | n/a                           |
| None                | NONE                        | No Pers. Effects to Inventory |
| Fingerprints        | Describe                    | 10 prints                     |

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| Property Type | <b>Property Description</b> | Property Detail |  |
|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Clothing      | Shirt                       | n/a             |  |
| Clothing      | Belt                        | n/a             |  |
| Clothing      | Pants                       | n/a             |  |
| Clothing      | Underpants                  | n/a             |  |
| Clothing      | Shoes                       | n/a             |  |
| Clothing      | Socks                       | n/a             |  |