



Alameda County Coroner's Bureau
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Coroner Investigator's Report

CALL INFO	NAME OF DECEASED (LAST, FIRST MIDDLE)		ID STATUS	CASE NUMBER				
	[REDACTED]		Positive	2020-01898				
	REPORTED BY	REPORTED BY PHONE	REPORTING AGENCY	REFERENCE NUMBER				
	Wong#110, J.	510-298-7452	Newark Police Department	20-01618				
DECEDENT	INVESTIGATOR	CALL DATE AND TIME	CASE TYPE					
	CARDOZA, Michael	5/20/2020 1518	Removal Case					
	DATE AND TIME OF DEATH	DATE OF BIRTH	AGE	GENDER	RACE	MARITAL STATUS	VET	
	5/20/2020 UNK	[REDACTED]	66 Years	Male	Caucasian/White	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
DEATH	HGT	WGT	EYE COLOR	HAIR COLOR	OCCUPATION	EMPLOYER		
	66'	160 lb	Brown	Gray	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		
	Preliminary Summary: Suicide death of a 66 year old male, identified as [REDACTED] reported by Newark PD. Per Newark PD, about 1145 hours, undercover officers were surveilling [REDACTED] residence when [REDACTED] drove up and parked in front of the home. Officers drove up and surrounded [REDACTED] vehicle. [REDACTED] exited his vehicle, walked to the front passenger side door, opened the door and grabbed a handgun. [REDACTED] ignored officers verbal commands and started to raise the handgun. One officer fired a single .223 caliber round from his M-4 rifle and missed. [REDACTED] continued to raise his handgun, pushed it into the right side of his chin near his ear, and pulled the trigger. ALCO Fire engine 28 responded to the location and determined [REDACTED] death at 1202 hours due to obvious signs and no heart rhythm. NOK was on scene and notified. ***Press Hold requested, Notify Det. Arroyo after exam is completed [REDACTED]							
	LOCATION OF DEATH							LOC TYPE
NOTIFIC.	[REDACTED]						Other	
	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)						COUNTY	
	[REDACTED] Beutke Drive, Newark, CA, 94560						Alameda	
	Manner	Suicide	Death Certificate Signed By					
INCIDENT	Cause A	Gunshot wound to the head					Interval	Mins
	Cause B						Interval	
	Cause C						Interval	
	Cause D						Interval	
DISP	Other Significant Conditions	None						
	LEGAL NEXT OF KIN	RELATIONSHIP		TELEPHONE NO.				
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]				
	NOTIFIED BY	METHOD		DATE AND TIME				
DISP	[REDACTED]	In Person		5/20/2020 1500				
	IDENTIFICATION METHOD	DATE AND TIME						
	Personal Identification	5/20/2020 1500						
	LOCATION OF INCIDENT	AT WORK						
DISP	[REDACTED]							
	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)		COUNTY		DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT			
	[REDACTED] Beutke drive, Newark, CA, 94560		Alameda		5/20/2020			
	INVESTIGATING AGENCY	INV AGENCY PHONE NUMBER		OFFICER				
DISP	Newark Police Department			Arroyo, Detective				
	FUNERAL HOME	BODY RELEASE TO FUNERAL HOME ON						
	Berge-Pappas-Smith	5/27/2020 1352						
	AUTOPSY / EXAM TYPE	EXAM BY						
Full Autopsy	ROGERS, Thomas							



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Coroner Investigator's Narrative

Case Number 2020-01898

Name [REDACTED]

First Call Information:

On Wednesday, May 20, 2020, about 1515 hours, Newark Police Department Officer J. Wong #110, called to report the suicide death of a 66-year-old male, identified as [REDACTED]. According to Officer Wong's preliminary investigation, multiple undercover Newark police officers were surveilling [REDACTED] who was a rape suspect out of Washington State. Officer Wong said a bail bondsman from Washington called and reported [REDACTED] may be staying at [REDACTED] Beutke Drive in Newark. About 1145 hours, officers surrounded [REDACTED] in his vehicle (Toyota Camry Lic. # [REDACTED]) when he arrived at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] exited the vehicle, walked to the front passenger side door, opened the door and grabbed a handgun from a small black backpack. Officers gave verbal commands to drop the gun but [REDACTED] did not comply. [REDACTED] started to raise the handgun and an officer fired a single .223 caliber round from his M-4 rifle. The round appeared to have missed. [REDACTED] took a few steps backward onto the grass, continued to raise his handgun, pushed it into the right side of his chin near his ear, and pulled the trigger. Officers called for paramedics and attempted to render aid. Alameda County Fire Engine 28 responded to the location and determined [REDACTED] death at 1202 hours due to obvious signs and no detectable heart rhythm.

[REDACTED] next of kin was [REDACTED] who was on scene and notified of [REDACTED] death. [REDACTED]

Related Medical Information:

[REDACTED] sustained one self inflicted gunshot wound to his head. (MJC5779)

Death Scene:

On May 20, 2020, about 1148 hours, [REDACTED] suffered one self inflicted gun shot wound to his head.

On May 20, 2020, at 1202 hours, [REDACTED] was determined deceased in the front yard [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] residence located at [REDACTED] Beutke Drive in the City of Newark. (MJC5779)

Body Identification:

While at the scene, [REDACTED] was personally identified as [REDACTED] by [REDACTED]

I (Cardoza) compared the decedent to the image and general description on [REDACTED] Oregon Driver License [REDACTED] and they matched. A copy of [REDACTED] Oregon Driver License was placed in the case file. (MJC5779)

On Wednesday, May 27, 2020, I (Hovda) received a faxed fingerprint confirmation letter from the Alameda County Sheriff's Office- Central Identification Bureau in Oakland. A comparison between the fingerprints in Case #2020-01898 and PFN: [REDACTED] belonging to [REDACTED] with a DOB [REDACTED] were confirmed to have been made by the same subject. (JSH1432)

t Known To Be Alive:



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Next Of Kin Investigation:

[REDACTED]

Other Agency Report:

Refer to Newark Police Report 20-01618 written by Officer J. Wong #110 and investigated by Detective Arroyo.

Detective Arroyo requested a press hold.

On June 29, 2020, about 2320 hours, Lieutenant D. Higbee #L1 lifted the press hold. (MJC5779)

Property And Evidence:

While at the scene, I issued Coroner's receipt #41420 to Detective Arroyo for [REDACTED] body, property, and clothing. (MJC5779)

Coroner Fees:

There were Coroner Bureau fees for body removal and body preparation totaling \$400.00 associated with this case.

On May 27, 2020, the Coroner's Bureau fees were paid in full. (MJC5779)

Case Narrative:

On May 20, 2020, about 1735 hours, Deputy Meldrum and I arrived on scene to investigate the death of [REDACTED]. We were met by multiple Newark police officers who directed us to [REDACTED] body that was under a small pop up tent on the front yard grass and covered by a yellow blanket.

I (Cardoza) approached [REDACTED] and removed the blanket. [REDACTED] was in the supine position and wearing a tan shirt, blue jeans, black boots, black belt, white socks, and a blue bandanna/scarf that was around his neck. [REDACTED] arms were resting by his sides and his legs were extended out in front of him. Medical therapy was still in place such as a cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) mouthpiece and electrocardiogram pads that were still attached to his forearms and abdomen. There was dried blood on the right side of [REDACTED] nose and mouth area and on the right side of his shirt. I performed a limited external examination of [REDACTED] and observed what appeared to be one entry wound next to his right ear and one exit wound to the left side of [REDACTED] forehead. Rigor mortis was present and lividity was consistent with [REDACTED] body position. I did not observe any other obvious signs of visible trauma to [REDACTED] body.

Deputy Meldrum took digital photographs of the scene and we prepared [REDACTED] for transportation back to the Coroner's Bureau.

About 2010 hours, Deputy Meldrum and I (Cardoza) arrived to the Coroner's Bureau and processed [REDACTED] into the morgue. [REDACTED] was measured to be 66 inches tall and weighed 160 lbs. He had gray hair and brown eyes. The photos were later downloaded to a compact disc and placed into the case file.

On May 26, 2020, about 1133 hours, Coroner Pathologist Doctor T. Rogers conducted a full autopsy on [REDACTED]. Dr. Rogers determined [REDACTED] cause of death to be a "gunshot wound to the head." (MJC5779)

Findings:

On Tuesday, June 30, 2020, about 0030 hours, I (Cardoza) reviewed this case to determine the manner of [REDACTED] death. Based on my investigation and the autopsy protocol, I found the manner of [REDACTED] death to be a suicide. On May 20, 2020, the Newark police department was surveilling [REDACTED] who was a rape suspect out of Washington state. Officers surrounded [REDACTED] in his vehicle in front of [REDACTED] residence. [REDACTED] exited the vehicle, walked to the front passenger side door, opened the door and grabbed a handgun. Officers gave verbal commands to drop the gun but [REDACTED] did not comply. [REDACTED] started to raise the handgun and an officer fired a single .223 caliber round from his M-4 rifle. The round appeared to have missed. [REDACTED] took a few steps backward onto the grass, continued to raise his handgun, pushed it into the right side of his chin near his ear, and pulled the trigger. Newark police body worn camera video revealed the incident as reported. (MJC5779)

Supervisory Review:

On Tuesday, June 30, 2020, I (Sgt. Alvarez) reviewed this case and found it to be complete. I concur with the findings and approve this case for closure. (RSA#1175)

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Director of Emergency Services
Coroner - Marshal

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: May 26, 2020
FROM: Thomas Wayne Rogers, M.D.
TO: Case File 2020-01898
SUBJECT: AUTOPSY PROTOCOL

Autopsy performed upon the body of [REDACTED] at the Coroner's Bureau, 2901 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, California, on May 26, 2020, at 9:25 a.m.

AUTOPSY FINDINGS

- 1) GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE HEAD:
 - A) ENTRANCE - RIGHT SIDE OF HEAD
 - B) EXIT - LEFT SIDE OF HEAD
 - C) PERFORATING DEFECTS - CRANIAL VAULT AND BRAIN
 - D) SUBARACHNOID HEMORRHAGE
 - E) SKULL FRACTURES
 - F) SMALL PIECE OF METAL RECOVERED ON AUTOPSY TABLE.
- 2) ASPIRATION, RESPIRATORY SYSTEM.
- 3) BENIGN PROSTATIC HYPERTROPHY.

CAUSE OF DEATH: GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE HEAD.

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Body of [REDACTED]

1 EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

2 The body is that of a white male appearing the stated age
3 of 66 years. There is a Coroner's identification tag present on
4 the left shoe. The body is 66 inches long and weighs 160 pounds.

5 BODY MEASUREMENTS:

6 The distance from the sternal notch to the base of each
7 foot is 55 inches.

8 The distance from the spinous process of the seventh
9 cervical vertebral body to the base of each foot is 56 inches.

10 The distance from the most superior aspect of each shoulder
11 to the base of its respective foot is 57 inches.

12 The length of each arm from the most superior aspect of the
13 shoulder to the tip of the third finger is 29 inches.

14 The distance from the bridge of the nose to the vertex is 4
15 inches.

16 The distance between the superior attachments of both ears
17 to the vertex is 1-1/4 inches.

18 The body is presented in a supine position with the head in
19 a normal position. Both arms lie alongside the body. The body
20 is clothed. Paper bags cover the distal aspects of both arms.

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Body of [REDACTED]

21 The following items of CLOTHING are present on the body:

22 1) A pair of ankle-high black shoes. Each shoe present on
23 its respective foot.

24 2) A pair of white cotton socks; one sock present on each
25 foot.

26 3) Blue Levi type pants, properly worn and fully covering
27 external genitalia. There is a buckled black belt about the
28 waist. A zipper on the front of the pants and the button are
29 fully closed. Both pant legs have been cut exposing the legs.

30 4) Blue and white plaid underpants properly worn fully
31 covering external genitalia.

32 5) A dark short sleeve t-shirt properly worn except that
33 the waist has been hiked up close to the nipples.

34 6) A blue bandana fashioned about the neck.

35 There are the following items of JEWELRY on the body:

36 1) A white-metal-colored watch present about left wrist.

37 There is BLOOD over the following areas of the body:

38 1) Head and neck. Most of this is present on the right
39 side of the face and also the left forehead area in association
40 with gunshot wounds. Some appears to have come out of the mouth
41 and the nose.

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Body of [REDACTED]

42 2) Right arm. Most of this is present on the frontside of
43 the upper arm in its distal aspect and the extensor surface of
44 the forearm.

45 Rigor mortis is fully developed. Lividity is present over
46 the backside of the body.

47 There is the following evidence of MEDICAL THERAPY:

48 1) Cardiac monitoring pads on the body.

49 There are the following BLUNT INJURIES to the body:

50 RIGHT ARM:

51 1) A 1/4 inch eschar over the dorsal aspect of the right
52 hand between the second and third metacarpals.

53 There are no other blunt injuries noted to the body.

54 THERE ARE THE FOLLOWING GUNSHOT WOUNDS PRESENT:

55 1) TYPE: Entrance.

56 LOCATION: Right side of face, 2-3/4 inches below and
57 1 inch in front of superior attachment of the ear to the skin.

58 SHAPE: Circular.

59 SIZE: 3/8 inch.

60 ABRASION COLLAR: Present.

61 PRODUCTS OF COMBUSTION: There is a carbonaceous
62 deposit on the skin surrounding the perforation vertically 1-1/4
63 inches and horizontally 3/4 inch.

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64 OTHER: In addition, there are some punctate red
65 areas surrounding this gunshot wound consistent with stippling.
66 From the center of the gunshot wound these extend 1-1/2 inches
67 superiorly, 1-1/2 inches anteriorly, 1-1/4 inches inferiorly,
68 and 1 inch posteriorly on the lower pole of the ear.

69 2) TYPE: Exit.

70 LOCATION: Left frontal-parietal area and also 2
71 inches above and 3-1/2 inches in front of the superior
72 attachment of the ear to the skin.

73 SHAPE: Stellate.

74 SIZE: 1-1/4 inches.

75 ABRASION COLLAR: Not present.

76 PRODUCTS OF COMBUSTION: None.

77 The hair is black, graying and 3-1/2 inches long. Pupils
78 are round. Irides are brown. Sclerae are cloudy. No petechial
79 hemorrhages are noted. Ears, nose and lips are normal. Mustache
80 and goatee facial hair growth is present. The neck is normal.

81 The chest is flat. Breasts are consistent with an adult
82 male. The abdomen is flat. There is a midline well healed
83 scar, vertically oriented over the abdomen, about 10 inches in
84 length. The external genitalia are nonremarkable.

85 Present in the lateral aspect of the left thigh is a 12
86 inch vertically oriented, well healed scar with punctate suture

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Body of [REDACTED]

87 scars to either side of it. Over the lateral aspect of the left
88 lower leg is an 8 inch linear scar with punctate suture marks to
89 either side of it. Legs and feet are otherwise nonremarkable.

90 The fingernails have been clipped prior to autopsy exam.

91 No binding indentation sites are present about the arms or
92 hands. No smoke, powder or stippling is identified on either arm
93 or hand. No needle puncture marks are present. No hyperpigmented
94 scars are present over accessible veins. No further blunt
95 injuries are noted to arms or hands.

96 Over the lateral aspect of the left upper arm is a 1 inch
97 irregularly shaped white scar.

98 The back is nonremarkable.

99 INTERNAL EXAMINATION

100 The body is opened through the usual Y-SHAPED INCISION.
101 Except for the gunshot wound no abnormalities are noted.

102 GUNSHOT WOUND SUMMARY

103 GUNSHOT WOUND #1

104 TYPE: Entrance.

105 LOCATION: Right side of the head just below the lower
106 pole of the ear.

107 DIRECTION: The basic direction is towards the top of
108 the head, towards the left side of the head at a 20-degree angle
109 and towards the back of the head at a 20-degree angle.

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Body of [REDACTED]

110 AREAS INVOLVED: Cranial vault and brain.
111 EXIT: Exit wound #2 in the left frontal-parietal area.
112 BULLET: None recovered.
113 This is a hemorrhagic gunshot wound.
114 Smoke and powder are noted along the path of the
115 entrance wound.
116 DESCRIPTION: This gunshot wound enters in the right
117 side of the head close to the ear. It penetrates into the
118 cranial vault through the right-side of the fossa. It passes
119 through the right middle and left cerebral hemispheres. It
120 penetrates into the left side of the skull in the parietal area.
121 Bone fragments are pushed in the direction of the bullet.
122 Outward beveling is present.
123 OTHER: In association with this gunshot wound is a
124 copious amount of subarachnoid hemorrhage covering the brain. A
125 very small 1/4 inch piece of metal is recovered on the autopsy
126 table. No bullet is recovered.
127 In addition, there is prominent fracturing to both
128 middle fossae along with the anterior fossa. There is a
129 fracture extending over the top of the skull. In addition,
130 there is aspiration of blood into the respiratory system.
31 BODY CAVITIES: The peritoneal cavity is moderately closed
132 by fibrous adhesions. The remaining body cavities are lined by

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133 smooth, glistening surfaces. Ribs and diaphragms are intact.

134 HEART: In situ, the heart is normal, with the apex at the
135 left midclavicular line. The heart weighs 200 grams. The
136 epicardial surface is smooth and glistening. Ventricular
137 myocardium is brown. Chambers are normal. Valves are normal.
138 No left ventricular hypertrophy is present. No asymmetric
139 hypertrophy is present. No myxoid degeneration of the mitral
140 valve is present. No vegetations are present on valve leaflets.

141 Coronary ostia are patent. A minimal degree of coronary
142 atherosclerosis is present. Significant areas of narrowing are
143 not identified. Areas of narrowing of 10% or less are present.

144 VESSELS: The aorta and tributaries are nonremarkable. The
145 pulmonary artery and venous system contain no thromboemboli.

146 TRACHEA AND BRONCHI: Aspirated blood is present.

147 LUNGS: The left lung weighs 410 grams. The right lung
148 weighs 550 grams. Pleural surfaces are smooth. Lung parenchyma
149 is prominently congested and edematous. There is some
150 aspiration of blood present within the airways and lung
151 parenchyma.

152 There are no areas of consolidation. No pulmonary infarcts
153 are present. No bronchial asthma is identified. Airways of
154 both lungs are nonremarkable. No tumors are present. The
155 arterial system of both lungs is opened, and no thromboemboli or

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156 other abnormalities are identified.

157 ORAL CAVITY: The teeth are natural with some chronically
158 missing. Dentition appears to be poor.

159 ESOPHAGUS: Lined by a white, wrinkled mucosal surface.

160 STOMACH: Contains 400 cc of soft brown food material. The
161 mucosal surface is tan. No tumors or ulcers are noted.

162 INTESTINES: Covered by smooth serosal surfaces. No
163 abnormalities are noted. The intestines are opened and only
164 nonremarkable fecal material is present. The rectum is palpated
165 and no foreign material is identified.

166 LIVER: Weighs 1450 grams. The serosal surface is smooth.
167 The anterior margin is sharp. The liver parenchyma is mildly
168 involved with fatty metamorphosis.

169 GALLBLADDER: The gallbladder is of normal size. Its
170 surface is smooth. Its wall is of normal thickness. It is
171 lined by a green velvety mucosal surface. It contains 10 cc of
172 bile and no stones.

173 PANCREAS: The pancreas is of normal size. Its parenchyma
174 is yellow-brown and lobulated. No tumors are present. No
175 saponification is noted.

176 SPLEEN: The spleen weighs 160 grams. Its capsule is gray
177 and smooth. Its parenchyma is red-purple and soft.

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178 ADRENAL GLANDS: The adrenals are normal in size and have
179 their usual triangular shape. Sectioning of them reveals non-
180 remarkable cortex and medullary parts. No hemorrhages are
181 present.

182 KIDNEYS: The left kidney weighs 130 grams. The right
183 kidney weighs 120 grams. Surfaces are smooth. Parenchyma is
184 brown and mildly congested. There is a distinct cortico-
185 medullary separation. Papillae are normal. The calyces and
186 pelves of both kidneys are nonremarkable. No obvious
187 abnormalities are noted of the ureters. No stones are present.

188 BLADDER: The bladder contains 100 cc of urine. It is
189 lined by a tan mucosal surface. No trabeculation or tumors are
190 present. No diverticula are noted.

191 PROSTATE: Mild benign prostatic hypertrophy is present.

192 TESTICLES: Normal.

193 MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM: No abnormalities noted.

194 NECK: The hyoid bone and thyroid cartilage are intact. No
195 hemorrhages are present. Cervical vertebral column and thyroid
196 gland are normal.

197 CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM: Other than the gunshot wound no
198 abnormalities are noted. Soft tissue about the cranial vault is
199 normal. The brain weighs 1300 grams. The gyri and sulci of the
200 cerebral hemispheres are normal. Sectioning of the brain

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201 reveals no further abnormalities. No contusions are noted. The
202 ventricular system of the brain is nonremarkable. No subdural
203 or subarachnoid hemorrhages are present. The vessels at the
204 base of the brain are nonremarkable. Stripping the dura from
205 the inner table of the skull reveals no further abnormalities.

206 SPECIMENS:

- 207 1) Heart's blood
208 2) Leg blood
209 3) Liver
210 4) Urine
211 5) Bile
212 6) Gastric contents
213 7) Tissue
214 8) Photographs
215 9) X-rays

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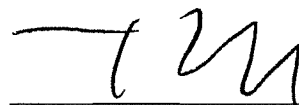
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