

# SAN DIEGO REGIONAL CRIME/INCIDENT REPORT

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| <b>CRIME REPORT</b>   |                | INCIDENT NUMBER<br><b>15120003616</b>  |   |
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| BEAT<br><b>124</b>  | RELATED RPT #S | DATE<br><b>12/03/2015 - 12/03/2015</b> | DAY OF WEEK<br><b>Thursday - Thursday</b> |
| CODE SECTION AND DESCRIPTION<br><b>ZZ / 921000 / SUICIDE ACTUAL</b> |                | TIME<br><b>00:01 - 06:34</b>           |   |
| LOCATION OF INCIDENT (OR ADDRESS)<br><b>400 SEA RIDGE DR</b>        |                | CITY<br><b>SAN DIEGO</b>               |   |

| VICTIM / WITNESS                     |                 |   |  |                                     |                          |          |                      |                        |                        |
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| W                                    | RP              | W TYPE<br><b>06</b>                                   | NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE / OR ORGANIZATION)<br><b>Hodgson, Tad Hughes</b> |                                     |                          |          |                      |                        |                        |
| RESIDENCE ADDRESS                    |                 |   |  |                                     |                          |          |                      |                        |                        |
|                                      |                 |   |  |                                     | CITY<br><b>SAN DIEGO</b> |          | STATE<br><b>CA</b>   |                        | ZIP<br><b>92037</b>    |
| RACE<br><b>W</b>                     | SEX<br><b>M</b> | DATE OF BIRTH<br><b>02/24/1957</b>                    | VICTIM<br>INJURED <b>Y</b>   | EXTENT OF TREATMENT<br><b>DEATH</b> | INTERPRETER<br>REQUIRED  | LANGUAGE | VICTIM<br><b>UNK</b> | RELATION TO<br>SUSPECT | V/W ASSIST<br><b>N</b> |
| CONTACT                              |                 |   |  |                                     |                          |          |                      |                        |                        |
| ID                                   |                 |   |  |                                     |                          |          |                      |                        |                        |
| STATUS<br><b>UNEMP</b>               |                 | EMPLOYER (RANK IF MILITARY)<br><b>Retired Retired</b> |  | BUSINESS ADDRESS                    |                          | CITY     |                      | STATE                  | ZIP                    |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION<br><b>N/A</b> |                 |   |  |                                     |                          |          |                      |                        |                        |

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| V                                    | RP              | W TYPE<br><b>06</b>                           | NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE / OR ORGANIZATION)<br><b>Sherlock, Michael De Carlo</b> |                                     |                          |          |                    |                        |                        |
| RESIDENCE ADDRESS                    |                 |   |   |                                     |                          |          |                    |                        |                        |
| <b>5439 WESTKNOLL DR</b>             |                 |   |   |                                     | CITY<br><b>SAN DIEGO</b> |          | STATE<br><b>CA</b> |                        | ZIP<br><b>92037</b>    |
| RACE<br><b>W</b>                     | SEX<br><b>M</b> | DATE OF BIRTH<br><b>01/25/1968</b>            | VICTIM<br>INJURED <b>Y</b>  | EXTENT OF TREATMENT<br><b>DEATH</b> | INTERPRETER<br>REQUIRED  | LANGUAGE | VICTIM             | RELATION TO<br>SUSPECT | V/W ASSIST<br><b>N</b> |
| ID<br><b>DL B3811759 CA</b>          |                 |   |   |                                     |                          |          |                    |                        |                        |
| STATUS<br><b>UNEMP</b>               |                 | EMPLOYER (RANK IF MILITARY)<br><b>N/A N/A</b> |   | BUSINESS ADDRESS                    |                          | CITY     |                    | STATE                  | ZIP                    |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION<br><b>N/A</b> |                 |   |   |                                     |                          |          |                    |                        |                        |

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| W                                    | RP              | W TYPE<br><b>06</b>                | NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE / OR ORGANIZATION)<br><b>Lake, Steve</b> |                                     |                          |          |                        |                        |                        |
| RESIDENCE ADDRESS                    |                 |                                    |  |                                     |                          |          |                        |                        |                        |
|                                      |                 |                                    |  |                                     | CITY<br><b>ENCINITAS</b> |          | STATE<br><b>CA</b>     |                        | ZIP<br><b>92024</b>    |
| RACE<br><b>W</b>                     | SEX<br><b>M</b> | DATE OF BIRTH<br><b>09/20/1968</b> | VICTIM<br>INJURED <b>Y</b>   | EXTENT OF TREATMENT<br><b>DEATH</b> | INTERPRETER<br>REQUIRED  | LANGUAGE | VICTIM<br><b>RELAT</b> | RELATION TO<br>SUSPECT | V/W ASSIST<br><b>N</b> |
| CONTACT                              |                 |                                    |  |                                     |                          |          |                        |                        |                        |
| ID                                   |                 |                                    |  |                                     |                          |          |                        |                        |                        |
| STATUS<br><b>EMP</b>                 |                 | EMPLOYER (RANK IF MILITARY)        |  | BUSINESS ADDRESS                    |                          | CITY     |                        | STATE                  | ZIP                    |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION<br><b>N/A</b> |                 |                                    |  |                                     |                          |          |                        |                        |                        |

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## VICTIM / WITNESS

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| W TYPE                   |                             | NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE / OR ORGANIZATION) |                |                     |                      |          |                            |           |
| W                        | 06                          | Sherlock, Amy J                              |                |                     |                      |          |                            |           |
| RESIDENCE ADDRESS        |                             |  |                | CITY                |                      | STATE    |                            | ZIP       |
| 5439 WESTKNOLL DR        |                             |  |                | SAN DIEGO           |                      | CA       |                            | 92037     |
| RACE                     | SEX                         | DATE OF BIRTH                                | VICTIM INJURED | EXTENT OF TREATMENT | INTERPRETER REQUIRED | LANGUAGE | VICTIM RELATION TO SUSPECT | VW ASSIST |
| W                        | F                           | 05/30/1973                                   | Y              | DEATH               |                      |          | WIFE                       | N         |
| CONTACT                  |                             |  |                |                     |                      |          |                            |           |
| CELL PHONE (619)871-5403 |                             |  |                |                     |                      |          |                            |           |
| ID                       |                             |  |                |                     |                      |          |                            |           |
| DL A6458933 CA           |                             |  |                |                     |                      |          |                            |           |
| STATUS                   | EMPLOYER (RANK IF MILITARY) |  |                | BUSINESS ADDRESS    |                      | CITY     |                            | STATE ZIP |
| EMP                      |                             |  |                |                     |                      |          |                            |           |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION   |                             |  |                |                     |                      |          |                            |           |
| N/A                      |                             |  |                |                     |                      |          |                            |           |

## M.O. INFORMATION

|                               |         |                     |  |                  |  |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------------------|--|------------------|--|
| TOTAL # OF WITNESSES AT CRIME |         | PLACE OF ATTACK     |  | SURROUNDING AREA |  |
| 3                             |         | 6. Other:           |  | 8. Marine/Water  |  |
| W                             | SPECIFY | HOW USED            |  |                  |  |
|                               | GUN     | FIRE                |  |                  |  |
| TYPE OF STRUCTURE             |         |                     |  |                  |  |
| NON-RESIDENTIAL               |         |                     |  |                  |  |
| 0. N/A                        |         |                     |  |                  |  |
| TARGET(S)                     |         |                     |  |                  |  |
| 5. Person                     |         |                     |  |                  |  |
| POINT OF ENTRY                |         |                     |  |                  |  |
| 0. N/A                        |         |                     |  |                  |  |
| SECURITY USED                 |         |                     |  |                  |  |
| 0. N/A                        |         |                     |  |                  |  |
| TYPE LOCK ATTACKED            |         |                     |  |                  |  |
| 0. N/A                        |         |                     |  |                  |  |
| SUSPECT ACTIONS               |         |                     |  |                  |  |
| 13. Fired Weapon              |         |                     |  |                  |  |
| VICTIM INJURED                |         | EXTENT OF TREATMENT |  | SIC              |  |
| Y                             |         | Death               |  | No               |  |

## EVIDENCE

|   |  |             |               |
|---|--|-------------|---------------|
| EVIDENCE OBTAINED                           |  | TAG NUMBERS |               |
| 3. WEAPON/TOOLS                             |  | 10559525    |               |
| 3. WEAPON/TOOLS                             |  | 10559533    |               |
| See Evidence Collection Section for Details |  |             | WITNESS CHECK |

## OFFICER ASSAULT (OAK)

|              |   |                                |
|--------------|---|--------------------------------|
| VEHICLE TYPE | NUMBER OFFICERS WITH PERSONAL INJURY    | ACTIVITY WHEN ASSAULT OCCURRED |
|              | NUMBER OFFICERS WITHOUT PERSONAL INJURY |                                |

## ARSON

|            |             |                 |                |           |
|------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------|
| ARSON TYPE | DESCRIPTION | CONTENT LOSS \$ | STRUCT LOSS \$ | ABANDONED |
|------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------|

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## EVIDENCE COLLECTION

### Officer's Investigation

I conducted the following attempts to locate, collect, and preserve evidence from the crime scene at

400 SEA RIDGE DR

SAN DIEGO

CA

92037

### LATENT PRINTS:

I made attempts to lift latent prints:

N

If NO, explain:

### OTHER PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:

I made attempts to locate other physical evidence at the scene: Y

I recovered evidence listed in the spaces below (include photographs also):

#### Item Description

9MM SIG SAUER HANDGUN

#### How Marked

#### Location Found

400 SEA RIDGE RD

#### By Whom

ARMSTRONG, ERIC 7324

#### Disposition

IMPOUNDED

#### Tag Number

10559525

#### Item Description

(1) 9MM ROUND, (1) 15 ROUND MAGAZINE.

#### How Marked

#### Location Found

400 SEA RIDGE DR

#### By Whom

ARMSTRONG, ERIC 7324

#### Disposition

IMPOUNDED

#### Tag Number

10559533

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SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT  
SUPPLEMENTAL DEATH REPORT

Category: (Select one)

TRAUMATIC

Means  
Of  
Death:  
Traumatic  
Only

Check all that apply

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gunshot | <input type="checkbox"/> Hanging                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cutting            | <input type="checkbox"/> Train/Vehicle             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jumped             | <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol/Drug Related      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poison             | <input type="checkbox"/> Apparently self-inflicted |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other:             |  |

Clothing Worn: Black jacket, red t-shirt, grey pants, black shoes.

Marks, scars, tattoos: Approximately 12" scar on center abdomen. Dried blood coming from the nose  
(Indicate location & describe) and mouth. Dried blood on the inside of the mouth.

Regular Physician: Dr. Howard Williams  
(Hillcrest)

Treating Physician: N/A

Death pronounced by: Dan McClain #123883

Date/Time Pronounced: 12/2/15 0645am

Med. Examiner Investigator: Sandra Joseph #22

Hospital? No

|   |                          |                         |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evidence Taken: Yes | Disposition: PD          | Property Tag#: 10559525 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Valuables Taken: No            | Disposition: N/A         | Property Tag#:          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Photos Taken: Yes   | Number taken: 30 Digital | Disposition: PD         |

Medical Examiner Waiver # 15-02760

Approved By: A/Sgt. J. Clark #5496

**Scene Description:** (Scene Description: Describe surrounding scene in detail:)

The scene was "False Point", located at 400 Sea Ridge Dr. "False Point" is the coast line at the bottom of a rock cliff, accessible by a walking path from Sea Ridge Dr. The coast line is covered in rocks and jagged cliff edges.



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**Location & State of Body:** (Describe in detail. Include wounds, marks, lividity or level of decomposition.)

Sherlock was found at the bottom of a staircase at the location. Sherlock was sitting North West of the staircase, on the coast line. Sherlock's feet were straight in front of him and his back was resting against the rock cliff. Sherlock's right hand was touching the ground beside him and his left hand was resting in his lap. Sherlock had dried blood on his face that originated from his nose and mouth. Sherlock also had dried blood inside his mouth. Both of Sherlock's eyes were open and his mouth was slightly open as well. Sherlock's extremities were stiff, and his person was pale.

**History & Background:** (Describe events leading to death. Include mental and physical history.)

Sherlock had no known physical health issues. Sherlock suffered from insomnia and depression. It was reported Sherlock had been "disorientated" for the last few days. Sherlock was depressed about money issues his family was having.

**Evidence / Property:** (Explain where found and why taken.)

I took photos of the scene as well as Sherlock's body. I recovered a black 9mm Sig Sauer handgun from the scene. The handgun was located beside of Sherlock's left hip. The barrel of the handgun was pointing upward, and resting against Sherlock's leg. The stock of the handgun was touching the ground. I later impounded the photos at the Northern Division Substation and the handgun at the Headquarters Property Room. Please see evidence collection below for barcode numbers.

| <b><u>Item #</u></b> | <b><u>Description</u></b> | <b><u>Barcode #</u></b> | <b><u>Impound Location</u></b> |
|----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1                    | Sig Sauer Handgun         | 10559525                | Headquarters                   |
| 2                    | Ammo, Magazine            | 10559533                | Headquarters                   |
| 3                    | Photo CD/DVD              |                         | Northern                       |

**Investigation:** (Describe events and statements to support your findings.)

On 12/3/15, at 0638 hours, Officer Vollmar (#6063) and I volunteered for a radio call regarding a report of death at the corner of Linda Way and Sea Ridge Dr. It was reported a handgun was discovered beside the body at the scene. While we were enroute to the location, Medic 9 and Engine 21 arrived on scene. Dan McClain (#123883) announced, at 0645 hours, the person found at the location was deceased by an apparent self inflicted wound.

We arrived on scene at 0655 hours, and made contact with Officer Brown (#7085) who informed me of the situation. I walked down the staircase, at the location, and walked North West along the shore line. A short distance away from the foot of the staircase, I saw the body of a white male sitting against the rock cliff side.

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There was dried blood coming from the mouth and nose of the body. I also discovered a black handgun sitting beside the left hip of the body.

I contacted the Medical Examiner's office and informed them of the situation. They medical examiner stated they would be sending out an investigator to the scene.

I took photos of the scene and the location of the body. I also took photos of the handgun, and the location it was found. I later impounded the photos at the Northern Division Substation. See my evidence collection for barcode numbers.

While waiting for the Medical Examiner Investigator, Steve Lake arrived at the scene. Lake stated he was looking for his missing brother-in-law and that his vehicle was parked a short distance away. Through a description and name given by Lake, I confirmed the body was Lake's brother-in-law. I collected a statement from Lake. Please see Lake's statement below. After speaking with Lake, Tad Hodges arrived on scene and stated he was the original reporting party to the incident. I then collected Hodges statement. Please see Hodges statement below.

Medical Examiner Investigator Sandra Joseph #22 arrived on scene. Joseph completed her investigation and stated the Medical Examiner's Office would be taking the body. During the investigation, a wallet was discovered in the front right pants pocket. Inside the wallet, I found a California Driver's License for a "Michael Sherlock." I identified the body was Michael Sherlock from the California Driver's License.

Joseph stated she would not be collecting the black firearm as evidence. I collected the firearm at the scene. I identified the firearm as a 9mm Sig Sauer handgun (SN# B246247). I later confirmed the firearm was registered to Michael Sherlock. When I discovered the firearm, the safety was in an off position and there was a black magazine inserted into the stock of the gun. There was a single round inside the chamber of the firearm, and the magazine was empty. A shell casing was not discovered at the scene. I later impounded the firearm, ammo, and magazine at the Headquarters Property Room. See my evidence collection for barcode numbers.

Joseph provided me Medical Examiner Wavie #WV15-02760 for Sherlock's death. Officer Vollmar and I left the scene, with Joseph, and went to the residence of Michael Sherlock. Sherlock's residence was located at 5439 Westknoll Dr. At the residence, I made contact with Sherlock's wife, Amy Sherlock. Joseph spoke with Amy Sherlock and I collected a statement from her. Please see Amy Sherlock's statement below.

Crisis Interventionist Joby Bakken (#V-906) arrived and began speaking with the family of Michael Sherlock.

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**Witness Statement(s):****Statement of Steve Lake (Witness):**

I spoke to Steve Lake in person at the scene.

Steve Lake essentially told me the following:

Lake is the brother-in-law of Sherlock and lives in Encinitas, CA. On 12/3/15, at 0630 hours, Lake received a call from Sherlock's wife, Amy Sherlock, stating Sherlock left his residence the night before, on 12/2/15, and had not returned. After speaking with Amy, Lake left his residence to search for Sherlock. Lake knew Sherlock frequently visited the shoreline at 400 Sea Ridge Dr. He first searched a park on the shore line, just north of 400 Sea Ridge Dr. Lake then drove down the coast and found Sherlock's vehicle (#6MGP752) parked at the location.

**Statement of Amy Sherlock (Witness):**

I spoke to Amy Sherlock in person at her residence.

Amy Sherlock essentially told me the following:

Amy Sherlock is married to Michael Sherlock and they have two children together. For the past few weeks, Sherlock has been depressed and suffering from insomnia. Amy Sherlock was attempting to get Michael Sherlock on medication for depression but had been unable. Sherlock lost a skateboarding business around 2 years ago and lost a major business deal about 2 weeks ago. Amy reported that recently Sherlock had made statements about needing to sell their house and cars to pay for bills.

On 12/2/15, at 2000 hours, Michael Sherlock became very upset over their residence's sink breaking and a flat tire that occurred on Amy's work vehicle. Sherlock stated he needed some time to "clear his mind" and left the residence. Amy did not want him to leave, but was unable to convince Sherlock to stay. At 2230 hours, Sherlock had not returned to the residence and Amy went to asleep. Amy was not worried about Sherlock since only a few hours had passed. On 12/3/15, at 0615 hours, Amy woke up to discover Sherlock had not returned to the residence. Amy became worried, and went online to the "NBC San Diego" website. On the website, Amy read about a "suspicious death" at "Bird Rock" in La Jolla, CA. Amy knew Sherlock frequently visited this area. At 0630 hours, Amy called her brother-in-law, Steve Lake, to inform him of the situation. Lake stated he would drive around to look for Sherlock.



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I spoke to Tad Hodgson in person at the scene.

Tad Hodgson essentially told me the following:

On 12/3/15, at 0640 hours, Hodgson was heading to the coast line, at 400 Sea Ridge Dr, to see what the surf would be like for the day. Hodgson made his way down the staircase, at the location, towards the coast line. When Hodgson reached the bottom of the staircase, he saw a pair of legs sticking out from the cliff side. The legs were located North West of where he was standing. Hodgson initially did not think anything of this because frequently people sleep at this location. When Hodgson saw no movement from the pair of legs, he approached them. When Hodgson got closer, he discovered a white male, approximately 30-40 years old, wearing a black jacket and grey pants. Hodgson could see a black handgun lying on the ground, beside the left hip of the body. Hodgson also saw dried blood coming from the body's nose and mouth. Hodgson immediately left the scene to call the police. Hodgson did not have a cell phone on him, so he went back up the staircase at the location. At the top of the staircase, Hodgson made contact with another person, who called in the incident for him.

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