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Case Number : 2024-02344 : Alexandra Sanchez Investigator

: 08/05/2024

Date of Death Date Today : 05/19/2025

#### INVESTIGATIVE NARRATIVE

**Decedent:** WHITE, Gary

#### **Antemortem Events:**

On 08/05/2024 at 1354 hours, the following information was obtained during a personal interview at the scene with Officer Phipps, ID 1266, San Diego Police Department. On 08/05/2024 at 0930 hours, San Diego Police Department (SDPD) attempted to serve the decedent with a search warrant at his place of work in the city of San Diego. After SDPD attempted to contact the decedent, at approximately 1210 hours the decedent barricaded himself inside the parking lot of Sammy J Auto Sales & Rental LLC, located next to his place of work. He produced a firearm while making suicidal threats. SDPD attempted to negotiate with him for approximately an hour without success. SDPD released their canine dog which immobilized the decedent and at 1304 hours, the decedent was then witnessed to shoot himself under the chin. Law enforcement dispatched paramedics. San Diego Fire Department Engine 17 arrived at 1515 hours. Paramedics contacted the unresponsive decedent and his death was pronounced on 08/05/2024 at 1319 hours. No suicide notes, illicit drugs or alcohol were observed at the scene. SDPD will not be attending the autopsy.

On 08/05/2024 at 1329 hours, the San Diego Medical Examiner's Office was notified of the death and jurisdiction was invoked.

# Past Medical, Surgical, and Social History:

On 08/05/2024 at 0147 hours, the following information was obtained during a telephone interview between Investigator M. Cuvador and the decedent's wife, . The decedent was married. His medical history was not known. The social history included no use of illicit drugs, alcohol, or tobacco. The decedent had a history of voicing non-specific suicidal ideations without known attempts of self-harm.

#### **Scene Description:**

On 08/06/2024 at 1354 hours I arrived at the scene, Sammy J Auto Sales & Rental LLC parking lot located at 4182 El Cajon Boulevard in San Diego. The ambient temperature was approximately 75 degrees Fahrenheit, and skies were clear. A large perimeter had been established on El Cajon Boulevard and 42<sup>nd</sup> Street with vellow tape. Multiple law enforcement vehicles were parked throughout 42<sup>nd</sup> street. I observed a car lot filled with vehicles for sale. Black metal fencing surrounded the car lot. I observed the decedent lying on the ground, in between vehicles. He was covered with a black paramedic sheet. The decedent was initially witnessed to be seated on the ground, inside the car lot, with his back against the black fence and in between a blue Mercedes. After the decedent self-inflicted a wound to his chin, the firearm fell to the ground and was observed near his feet. Prior to my arrival, the firearm had been made safe and collected by SDPD. The firearm was a home manufactured, 9mm firearm. It was unregistered and with no serial number. The magazine held a total of 10 rounds. It contained 1 round in the chamber, and 6 live rounds remained in the magazine. Upon examining the decedent, a black wallet with miscellaneous cards and a California Driver License (A9280119), a cellphone and loose cash were observed in the decedent's left rear pant pocket. All items were collected by San Diego Police Department. Officer Phipps generated a receipt of the items, and I obtained a copy. No illicit drugs, alcohol or suicide notes were observed.

#### **Body Description:**

The decedent was lying in a supine position, on the ground. His right arm was positioned across his back. His left arm was extended. Both legs were extended. He was wearing two blue tee shirts. The top blue shirt was soiled with blood and brain matter. He was wearing a black belt, blue pants, black socks and grey shoes. His pant zipper was down. His pants appeared to be torn on the left pant leg due to the canine. No medical intervention was noted. He was warm to the touch, consistent with the ambient and ground temperature. The decedent was flaccid and upon rolling him to a prone position, blanching lividity was noted to the posterior aspect.

No crepitus was noted to the skull. A circular defect surrounded by a perimeter of abraded tissue was noted under the chin. A corresponding defect was noted to the center of the parietal aspect of the skull with brain matter protruding. Blood was noted throughout the decedent's face and emanating from the oral cavity. Coagulated blood was noted in the sclarea. Coagulated blood was observed inside the oral cavity. No visible ligature markings were observed around the neck. No crepitus was noted to the chest. The abdomen was free of palpable masses. An abrasion was observed on the right aspect of the abdomen. No visible trauma was noted to the hands. Dried blood was noted throughout both hands. The decedent's left knee and lower leg had apparent canine bites. Upon rolling the decedent to a prone position, no visible trauma was noted.

I contacted 92M Transport Dispatch at 1344 hours and provided my ETA of 10 minutes to the scene. 92M Transport personnel A. Yancy arrived at 1400 hours to assist me with the decedent's body. At 1420 hours, individual paper bags were placed on both hands. A yellow identification band was attached to the decedent's right ankle. The decedent was placed in a new, clean, white vinyl body bag and sealed with a blue tamperevident seal 1419946 at 1425 hours. The decedent was then transported to the San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office for further evaluation.

# **Special Requests:**

As of 08/05/2024, there are no special requests.

#### **Identification:**

On 08/06/2024, the decedent was positively identified via fingerprints by Cal-ID.

#### **Antemortem Specimens:**

Not applicable.

#### **Public Administrator:**

As per the California Health and Safety code 7104.1. "If, within 30 days after the coroner notifies or diligently attempts to notify the person responsible for the interment of a decedent's remains which are in the possession of the coroner, the person fails, refuses, or neglects to inter the remains, the coroner may inter the remains." As such, this case is being declared abandoned on September 23, 2024, 30 days after notification of the next of kin.

Other Import None.	tant Factors:	
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	<b>Medical Examiner Investigator</b>	
<b>Date Signed:</b>	12/04/2024	
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### **AUTOPSY REPORT**

Name: GARY DAVID WHITE ME#: 2024-2344

Place of death: 4182 El Cajon Blvd. Age: 50 Years

San Diego, CA 92105

Sex: Male

Date of death: August 5, 2024; 1319 Hours

**Date of autopsy:** August 6, 2024; 1115 Hours

<u>CAUSE OF DEATH</u>: PERFORATING GUNSHOT WOUND OF HEAD

MANNER OF DEATH: SUICIDE

### **AUTOPSY SUMMARY:**

I. Perforating gunshot wound of head with:

- A. Wound of Entry: Right lower chin near the midline.
- B. Range: Loose contact.
- C. Path of the Bullet: Upwards, backwards and a slight right to left direction.
- D. Wound of Exit: Right parietal scalp near the midline.
- E. Bullet Recovered: None.
- F. Injuries:
  - 1. Laceration of skin and subcutaneous tissue.
  - 2. Perforation of the right tongue.
  - 3. Bihemispheric subarachnoid hemorrhage.
  - 4. Laceration of the right frontal lobe of the brain.
  - 5. Fractures of the right orbital, bilateral frontal, parietal, and left temporal bones.
  - 6. Right temporalis muscle hemorrhage.
  - 7. Right temporal, parietal, and occipital subgaleal hemorrhage.
  - 8. Right-sided parietal and occipital subcutaneous scalp hemorrhage.
  - 9. Hemorrhage along the route.

- II. Slightly enlarged, normal weight heart with mild bilateral atrial and biventricular dilatation.
- III. Pulmonary vascular congestion, bilateral, severe, with mild edema.
- IV. Generalized visceral congestion.
- V. Toxicology: Negative (please refer to separate Toxicology Report and Opinion described below).
- VI. No evidence of foul play.

OPINION: According to the investigative information, the decedent was a 50-year-old African American male with no significant medical history but made suicidal threats as long as six years ago, resided in the city of La Mesa. On August 5, 2024, San Diego Police Department (SDPD) attempted to serve the decedent with a search warrant at his place of work in the city of San Diego. After SDPD attempted to make contact with the decedent, the decedent barricaded himself inside the parking lot of Sammy J Auto Sales & Rental LLC, located next to his place of work. He produced a firearm while making suicidal threats and SDPD attempted to negotiate with him for approximately an hour. SDPD released their canine dog which immobilized the decedent. The decedent was then witnessed to shoot himself under the chin. Law enforcement dispatched paramedics. When paramedics arrived, his death was pronounced. No suicide notes, illicit drugs, or alcohol were observed at the scene.

The autopsy demonstrated a large set build, adult Black male with the presence of a perforating gunshot wound to the head with the entry wound originating from the right lower chin near the midline, the bullet traveling in an upwards, backwards and a slight right to left direction, producing multiple skull fractures, bihemispheric subarachnoid hemorrhage, laceration of the right frontal lobe, and producing a right-sided temporalis muscle, subgaleal, and subcutaneous scalp hemorrhage. Other pertinent autopsy findings include a slightly enlarged, normal weight heart with mild bilateral atrial and biventricular dilatation.

Toxicological testing detected the absence of alcohol (ethanol) and drugs of abuse and thus, a negative result (please refer to separate Toxicology report).

Based on the autopsy findings and the circumstances surrounding the death, as currently understood, the cause of death is perforating gunshot wound of head, and the manner of death is **suicide**.

Greg Pizarro Date: 2024.09.23 14:57:34

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GREG B. PIZARRO, M.D. **Deputy Medical Examiner** 

<u>IDENTIFICATION</u>: The body is received in a white plastic pouch on a preparatory table at the San Diego Medical Examiner's Office and is identified by an appropriately labeled blue tag initially labeled "Doe, John" but then was identified with the decedent's name and is encircling the right ankle. An accompanying yellow identification tag also encircles the right ankle. The identification tag is inscribed with the decedent's name and the case number.

<u>WITNESSES</u>: I am assisted by Forensic Autopsy Specialist Elizabeth Huntley. There are no outside observers.

<u>CLOTHING</u>: When first viewed at gross examination, the decedent is clad in two bloodstained dark blue T-shirts. Both hands are covered with brown paper bags with blue electrical tape. A separate paper bag with remaining decedent's clothing is present and not examined.

**EVIDENCE OF MEDICAL THERAPY**: There is no medical therapy.

#### **EXTERNAL EXAMINATION**

The body is that of a well-developed, well-nourished, adult Black male who measures 72 inches and weighs 202 pounds whose appearance is consistent with the reported age of 50 years. The body presents a large set build.

The head is symmetric and normocephalic, with the entry and exit gunshot wounds, along with cutaneous injuries that will be described below. The scalp has the presence of the exit wound and is bald. There is a faint pencil-like moustache that is gray in color. There is slight body hair of male pattern distribution. The face is pale, shaven, normally formed, and symmetric, with multiple cutaneous injuries that will be described below. The nose and facial bones are intact by palpation. The eyelids are closed, intact, and unremarkable. The conjunctivae are clear without petechial hemorrhages, pallor, or icterus. The sclerae are white, without petechial hemorrhages or icterus, and the corneas are clear. The irides are brown, and the pupils are equally dilated at 5 mm. The orbits are unremarkable. The nose is atraumatic, symmetric, and unremarkable. The nares are unobstructed. The lips are normally formed. The mouth has native dentition in fair repair, characterized by the absence of caries. The oral mucosa is tan, moist, and unremarkable, without visible injury or palpable lesion. The frenula are intact. The external ears are normally formed, symmetric, and unremarkable, without visible injury or drainage. There are bilateral earlobe creases.

The neck is supple, normally formed, and symmetric, with the entry gunshot wound that will be described below. The trachea is palpable in the midline, symmetric, and unremarkable. The chest is normally formed, and symmetric, with an abrasion below

the right nipple that will be described below. The abdomen is soft, flat and tympanic to percussion, with an abrasion on the right lower quadrant of the abdomen that will be described below. The back is straight and symmetric, with skin slippage present on both buttocks. The atraumatic external genitalia are those of a normally developed adult male. The penis is circumcised. The testes are palpable within the intact scrotum. The anus is patent, without visible injury or lesion.

The upper extremities are normally formed and symmetric, with skin slippage on the posterior arms and forearms. There are no needle punctures or track marks. There are no ventral wrist scars. The fingernails are dirty but are trim and do not extend beyond the fingertips. The lower extremities are normally formed and symmetric, with multiple cutaneous injuries that will be described below. Skin slippage is present on both anterior upper thighs and right knee. The lower extremities are free of edema. The toenails are clean, trim, and short.

# **IDENTIFYING MARKS AND SCARS**:

Scars: Multiple pigmented scars on the anterior aspects of both legs, ranging in size from 1/4 to 1 inch.

#### Tattoos:

- 1. A "Cheva" tattoo on the left upper chest.
- 2. A tattoo with "I Love My Wife Cheva White 8-24-04" on the lateral left arm.
- 3. An unknown symbol with a "Cheva" tattoo on the right deltoid.
- 4. An "EBONY" tattoo on the anterior left forearm.

<u>EVIDENCE OF POSTMORTEM CHANGES</u>: The body is well preserved, cold (having been refrigerated), and has not been embalmed. Rigor mortis is relenting in the jaw and extremities. Livor mortis is pink-purple, fixed, and in a posterior distribution.

### **EVIDENCE OF INJURY**

#### **GUNSHOT WOUND OF HEAD:**

The entry wound is on the right lower chin, adjacent to the midline, localized 9 inches below the top of the head and 1/2 inch right of the anterior midline. The wound is a circular defect measuring 1/4 inch in diameter with abraded margins and several stellate tears, the largest measuring 3/4 inches at the 8-o'clock position. Soot deposition is present on the margin, but there is no powder tattooing. The wound is consistent with loose contact entry gunshot wound.

Subsequent examination reveals the bullet travels in an upwards, backwards and slight right to left direction through the cranium and right frontal lobe of the brain and exits on the right parietal scalp close to the midline, localized 1/2 inch below the top of the head and

1/4 inches right of the anterior midline. The wound is a circular defect measuring 3/8 inch in diameter with multiple stellate tears, the largest measuring 1 inch at the 11-o'clock position. There is no soot deposition and no powder tattooing, but there is presence of everting brain tissue. The wound is consistent with an exit gunshot wound and from this location no bullet is recovered.

# Injuries Associated with the Wound:

- 1. Laceration of skin and subcutaneous tissue.
- 2. Perforation of the right tongue.
- 3. Bihemispheric subarachnoid hemorrhage.
- 4. Laceration of the right frontal lobe of the brain.
- 5. Fractures of the right orbital, bilateral frontal, parietal, and left temporal bones.
- 6. Right temporalis muscle hemorrhage.
- 7. Right temporal, parietal, and occipital subgaleal hemorrhage.
- 8. Right-sided parietal and occipital subcutaneous scalp hemorrhage.
- 9. Hemorrhage along the route.

There are multiple acute traumatic injuries that include the following:

- 1. Four abrasions extending from the left forehead to the right chin and includes the bridge of the nose and covers a surface area measuring 5-1/2 x 1-1/2 inches.
- 2. A 1-1/4 x 1 inch dried abrasion on the left chin.
- 3. Several abrasions below the right nipple covering a surface area measuring 1-1/4 x 1 inch.
- 4. A 2 x 1 inch abrasion on the right lower quadrant of the abdomen.
- 5. Multiple almost encircling abrasions on the left lower thigh extending to the left anterior leg and extending to the posterior aspects of the lower thigh and upper leg and covering a surface area measuring 12 x 10 inches and includes a 1/2 inch laceration on the lateral left lower thigh and lateral left upper leg. These injuries also include puncture marks that are consistent with canine activity.
- 6. A 1/4 inch abrasion on the medial left ankle.
- 7. A 2 x 1-1/4 inch abrasion on the anterior right lower thigh.

These injuries, having been described, will not repeated.

# INTERNAL EXAMINATION

<u>BODY CAVITIES</u>: The subcutaneous fat is approximately 3.5 cm in its maximum thickness at the mid-abdomen. The pleural cavities are free of abnormal collections of fluid, hemorrhage, and adhesions. The visceral and parietal pleurae are intact and unremarkable with smooth, glistening surfaces. The pericardial sac is intact and unremarkable without abnormal fluid collection. The abdominal cavity is intact and

unremarkable without excess fluid, hemorrhage, exudates, or adhesions. The thoracoabdominal organs are in their usual positions. The diaphragm is intact.

NECK: The neck is dissected in a layer-by-layer method after the thoracoabdominal and cranial contents are removed. The superficial and deep muscles of the neck are firm, red-brown, intact, and unremarkable, without hemorrhage or laceration. The soft, red-brown tongue has a perforation on the right side due to the gunshot wound, described previously and without infiltrate. The hyoid bone is intact without fracture or periosseous soft tissue hemorrhage. The thyroid and cricoid cartilages are intact without fracture or adjacent soft tissue hemorrhage. The mucosa of the larynx and trachea are unremarkable without intraluminal obstructive lesion, ulceration, laceration, or fistula. There are no prevertebral fascial hemorrhages or underlying cervical vertebral fractures.

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM: The 390 gram heart has a smooth, glistening, unremarkable epicardium. The cardiac contour is slightly enlarged. The coronary arteries arise from the aorta in a normal fashion and follow their usual anatomic pathways with right-sided dominance. The coronary ostia are patent. The coronary arteries are patent and have no atherosclerosis. There is no occlusive thrombus of the epicardial vessels. The myocardium is red-brown, firm, and uniform, without focal fibrosis, softening, or hyperemia. The right ventricle, left ventricle, and interventricular septum measure 0.3 cm, 1.5 cm, and 1.3 cm, respectively. The endocardium is intact, smooth, and glistening, without thickening or fibrosis. The valve cusps and leaflets are of normal number, pliable, intact, and free of vegetations. The chordae tendineae are The papillary muscles are intact. thin and delicate. Valvular circumferential measurements are tricuspid 11.5 cm, pulmonic 7.0 cm, mitral 10.0 cm, and aortic 7.0 cm. The cardiac chambers are mildly dilated. The atrial and ventricular septa are free of defects. The aorta and its major branches have normal pathways and exhibit a mild degree of atherosclerosis. There are no vascular anomalies or aneurysms. The venae cavae and major veins are all patent, intact, and unremarkable, with smooth, yellow-tan intimae.

<u>RESPIRATORY SYSTEM</u>: The right and left lungs weigh 440 grams and 410 grams, respectively, and have the usual lobation. The pleural surfaces are smooth and glistening. The lungs have anthracotic pigment. The parenchyma is dark red, subcrepitant, severely congested and mildly edematous. The lungs have no consolidation, hemorrhage, infarct, tumor, gross fibrosis, or enlargement of airspaces. The tracheobronchial tree has pink-tan, unremarkable mucosa and is patent without intraluminal obstructive lesion. The pulmonary vessels are patent and have a yellowtan, smooth intima without thromboemboli.

<u>HEPATOBILIARY SYSTEM</u>: The 1520 gram liver has a smooth, intact capsule with a sharp anterior margin. The hepatic parenchyma is red-brown, and uniform without yellow discoloration, palpable fibrosis, hemorrhage, or mass lesion. The hepatic artery and portal vein are patent and intact. The gallbladder is intact and contains approximately 10 mL of dark green, viscid bile without calculi. The gallbladder wall is thin and uniform, with a velvety, green mucosa.

<u>HEMATOPOIETIC SYSTEM</u>: The 120 gram spleen is intact and has a smooth, gray, translucent capsule. The splenic pulp is soft, purple-red, and unremarkable, with conspicuous corpuscles. The thymus has been replaced by adipose tissue and is unremarkable. The thoracoabdominal and cervical lymph nodes are not enlarged. The visible bone marrow is unremarkable.

<u>ENDOCRINE SYSTEM</u>: The pituitary gland is intact, normally developed, and unremarkable without laceration, hemorrhage, or mass lesion. The thyroid gland is symmetric and unremarkable, with a red-brown, granular parenchyma without cyst, hemorrhage, fibrosis, or mass lesion. The adrenal glands are normally situated and have soft, yellow cortices and soft, gray-brown medullae. The 130 gram pancreas has a soft, tan parenchyma with a normal lobular architecture without saponification, pseudocyst, neoplasm, fibrosis, hemorrhage, or mineralization.

GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM: The oropharynx has a tan, smooth, unremarkable mucosa. The laryngopharynx has a tan, smooth, unremarkable mucosa, without erythema, ulceration, or mass lesion. The esophagus has a smooth, gray-white mucosa. The stomach has a smooth, tan serosa and a smooth, tan mucosa with normal rugal folds. The gastric wall is not thickened or indurated. The gastric contents consist of approximately 20 mL of dark brown, turbid and slightly tarry fluid without identifiable food material. The stomach does not contain identifiable tablets, capsules, or pill fragments. The duodenum has a smooth, bile-stained mucosa without ulcers. The small intestine has a smooth, tan serosa and is not dilated or obstructed. The large intestine has normal haustral markings and a vermiform appendix without descending or sigmoid colonic diverticula. The rectum has a smooth, tan mucosa.

<u>GENITOURINARY SYSTEM</u>: The right and left kidneys weigh 80 grams and 100 grams, respectively. The renal capsules are intact and strip with slight difficulty from the underlying cortices. The kidneys have smooth cortical surfaces without persistent fetal lobulations. The renal parenchyma is firm, dark red-brown, and has a good corticomedullary definition with an average cortical thickness measuring 0.6 cm. The pyramids and papillae are unremarkable. The pelvicalyceal systems are normal without dilatation or obstruction. The ureters are normal in course and caliber to the urinary bladder. The renal arteries and veins are unremarkable. The urinary bladder is intact

with a smooth, tan mucosa without thickening, erythema, hemorrhage, ulcer, or mass lesion. The urinary bladder contains approximately 1 mL of yellow, slightly turbid urine.

The prostate gland is not enlarged and has a soft, tan parenchyma without discoloration, induration, or necrosis. The seminal vesicles are normal. The right and left testes are normally situated in the scrotum without palpable mass lesion, and the testicular parenchyma is not examined.

<u>MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM</u>: The musculoskeletal system is well developed and free of deformity. The skeletal muscle is red-brown and firm, without focal lesions. The skeleton is normally developed and without fractures. The cervical spinal column is stable on internal palpation.

HEAD AND CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM: The reflected scalp shows a right-sided parietal and occipital subcutaneous scalp hemorrhage. There is also a right temporal, parietal, and occipital subgaleal hemorrhage and a right temporalis muscle hemorrhage. The remaining galeal soft tissues and left temporalis muscles are intact and unremarkable. The calvarium shows a right orbital, bilateral frontal, parietal, and left temporal bone fractures. The dura mater is torn at the area of the right parietal area, adjacent to the exit wound. The epidural and subdural spaces are free of blood. The 1410 gram brain has minimal global edema, but with symmetric cerebral and cerebellar hemispheres covered by thin, congested, transparent leptomeninges, bihemispheric subarachnoid hemorrhage, but without exudate or cortical contusions. Serial sectioning of the brain reveals a laceration on the right frontal lobe. remaining cerebral cortex is tan and uniform, with a normal gyral pattern. There is no flattening of the gyri, narrowing of the sulci, midline shift, or evidence of herniation. The cerebral white matter is uniform throughout. The caudate nuclei, basal ganglia, and thalami are tan, uniform, and symmetric. The ventricles are normal in caliber and contain bloody cerebrospinal fluid and congested choroid plexus. The midbrain. cerebellum, pons, and medulla oblongata are free of abnormalities. The substantia nigra is normally pigmented. The cranial nerves and mammillary bodies are symmetric and unremarkable. The arteries at the base of the brain are free of atherosclerosis and aneurysms. The left anterior, middle, and posterior cranial fossae are free of fractures. The proximal cervical spinal cord is firm, symmetric, and grossly normal.

The remaining spinal cord is not examined.

#### **SPECIMENS RETAINED**

<u>TOXICOLOGY</u>: Samples of central and peripheral blood, vitreous humor, urine, liver, and gastric contents are collected and sent for toxicology.

<u>HISTOLOGY</u>: Representative sections of major organs and other tissue are collected in formalin and retained. No sections are submitted for histology.

<u>PHOTOGRAPHS</u>: Full-body overall photographs and photographs of the heart, coronal section of the heart, scalp, skull, brain, and coronal sections of the brain are taken.

<u>RADIOGRAPHS</u>: Full-body radiographs are taken at the San Diego Medical Examiner's Office and shows the underlying skull fractures and the absence of a bullet. The images are examined and filed.

**EVIDENCE**: Evidence includes a blood spot on FTA filter paper.

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# TOXICOLOGY REPORT

Name: WHITE, Gary Medical Examiner Number: 2024-02344 Date of Death: 08/05/2024 Time of Death: 13:19

Pathologist: Greg Pizarro, M.D.

Specimens Received: Central Blood, Gastric, Liver, Peripheral Blood 1, Peripheral Blood 2, Urine, Vitreous

Date Specimens Received: 08/06/2024

Test Name (Method of Analysis)	Specimen Tested	<u>Result</u>
Alcohol Analysis (GC/FID-Headspace)	Peripheral Blood 1	
Alcohol (Ethanol)	•	Not Detected
Acetone, Isopropanol, Methanol		Not Detected
Drugs of Abuse Screen (ELISA)	Central Blood	
Amphetamines		Not Detected
Benzodiazepines		Not Detected
Buprenorphine		Not Detected
Cannabinoids		Not Detected
Carisoprodol		Not Detected
Cocaine metabolites		Not Detected
Fentanyl		Not Detected
Methadone		Not Detected
Methamphetamine		Not Detected
Opiates		Not Detected
Oxycodone		Not Detected
Phencyclidine (PCP)		Not Detected
Zolpidem		Not Detected

Unless otherwise requested, all specimens will be destroyed six (6) months after the closure of the case by the Medical Examiner End Results

#### **Comment:**

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