



OFFICE of the WAYNE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER

1300 East Warren Avenue
Detroit, MI 48207

POST MORTEM REPORT

M.E. CASE NUMBER
15-5045
COUNTY OF DEATH
WAYNE
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DETROIT
DATE PRONOUNCED DEAD
Apr 27, 2015

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

Lokman Sung, M.D., Assistant Medical Examiner

AT
Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office

PERFORMED A POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION ON THE BODY

Kellum, Jr., Terrance

ON
Apr 28, 2015

SUMMARY & OPINION

It is my opinion that death was caused by multiple gunshot wounds.

There were four (4) gunshot wounds on the body: neck (1), left shoulder (1), back (1) and right thigh (1). There was no evidence of close range of fire noted on the skin surrounding any of the wounds. Unless otherwise stated, the wound tracks are described when the body is viewed in the standard anatomical position. The gunshot wounds are arbitrarily numbered for ease of description and do not reflect the sequence of firing.

PENETRATING GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE NECK (GSW#1):

There was an entrance gunshot wound midline on the anterior base of the neck. The wound track proceeded from this injury through the soft tissue and muscle of the base of the neck, right upper lung lobe, and fractured the posterior right 5th rib with associated soft tissue hemorrhage. The wound track was from front to back, left to right and downward. A deformed jacketed bullet was recovered from the soft tissue of the right upper back and retained.

PENETRATING GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE LEFT SHOULDER (GSW#2):

There was an entrance gunshot wound on the anterior left shoulder. The wound track proceeded from this injury through the posterior left 1st intercostal soft tissue, fractured the posterior left 2nd rib, left upper lung lobe, left main bronchus, left and right atria of the heart, right middle lung lobe, right wing of the diaphragm and right lobe of the liver. The wound track was from left to right and downward. A deformed jacketed bullet was recovered from the peritoneal cavity soft tissue in the right upper abdominal quadrant and retained. Approximately 1800 mL of blood was present in the combine pleural and peritoneal cavities.

PENETRATING GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE RIGHT LOWER BACK (GSW#3):

There was an entrance gunshot wound on the right lower back. The wound track proceeded from this injury through the soft tissue, peritoneal cavity, fractured the anterior right 10th rib and ended at a near-exit on the right upper abdominal quadrant, where a deformed jacketed was recovered and retained. The wound track was from back to front, right to left and upward.

PERFORATING GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE RIGHT THIGH (GSW#4):

There was through-and-through, entrance gunshot wound on the lateral right thigh. The wound track proceeded from this injury through the skin and soft tissue, and ended at an exit wound on the right inguinal area. The wound track was from back to front, right to left and downward.

ADDITIONAL INJURIES:

There were abrasions present on the left shoulder, back of left arm, index and middle fingers of the back of the right hand, left front wrist and palm, right buttock, front left thigh, right knee and both front legs.

The manner of death is homicide.



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Cause of Death:

MULTIPLE GUNSHOT WOUNDS

Other Significant Conditions:

Manner of Death:

Homicide

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION:

Case Number: 05045 - 15
Name: Terrance Kellam
Date of Pronounced Death: April 27, 2015
Date of Postmortem Examination: April 28, 2015

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:

The body was that of a normally developed and normally nourished black male appearing about the recorded age of 20 years. The body measured 5 feet 9 inches in length and weighed 145 pounds. The body was cool, rigor mortis was fully developed, and livor mortis was present posteriorly and fixed. Clothing consisted of a hospital gown. The head was normocephalic and the scalp hair was black and curly. There was a mustache. The eyes had white sclerae, pale conjunctivae, and brown irides. The dentition was natural. No lesions of the oral mucosa were identified. There were no masses discernable in the neck and the larynx was in the midline. The thorax was symmetrical. The abdomen was flat. The external genitalia were those of a normal adult circumcised male. The extremities and back showed no significant deformities. A Mongolian spot was present on the left hip and back. There were few scars present on the body and located on the left eyebrow, left arm and both legs. A 1-1/4 inch x 1/8 inch healing abrasion was on the right leg. There were several tattoos consisted of different words and located on both upper extremities.

EVIDENCE OF TREATMENT:

An endotracheal tube was in place. Electrocardiograph pads were in place.

EVIDENCE OF INJURY:

GUNSHOT WOUNDS

There were four (4) gunshot wounds on the body: neck (1), left shoulder (1), back (1) and right thigh (1). There was no soot or gunpowder stippling noted on the skin surrounding any of the wounds. Unless otherwise stated, the wound tracks are described when the body is viewed in the standard anatomical position. The gunshot wounds are arbitrarily numbered for ease of description and do not reflect the sequence of firing.

PENETRATING GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE NECK (GSW#1):



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There was an entrance gunshot wound midline on the anterior base of the neck, 12 inches below the top of the head. The wound track proceeded from this injury through the soft tissue and muscle of the base of the neck, right upper lung lobe, and fractured the posterior right 5th rib with associated soft tissue hemorrhage. The wound track was from front to back, left to right and downward. A deformed jacketed bullet was recovered from the soft tissue of the right upper back and retained.

PENETRATING GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE LEFT SHOULDER (GSW#2):

There was an entrance gunshot wound on the anterior left shoulder, 9-3/4 inches below the top of the head and 5-3/4 inches left of midline. The wound track proceeded from this injury through the posterior left 1st intercostal soft tissue, fractured the posterior left 2nd rib, left upper lung lobe, left main bronchus, left and right atria of the heart, right middle lung lobe, right wing of the diaphragm and right lobe of the liver. The wound track was from left to right and downward. A deformed jacketed bullet was recovered from the peritoneal cavity soft tissue in the right upper abdominal quadrant and retained. Approximately 1800 mL of blood was present in the combine pleural and peritoneal cavities.

PENETRATING GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE RIGHT LOWER BACK (GSW#3):

There was an entrance gunshot wound on the right lower back, 23-1/2 inches below the top of the head and 6 inches right of the midline. The wound track proceeded from this injury through the soft tissue, peritoneal cavity, fractured the anterior right 10th rib and ended at a near-exit on the right upper abdominal quadrant, 22 inches below the top of the head and 2 inches right of the anterior midline, where a deformed jacketed was recovered and retained. The wound track was from back to front, right to left and upward.

PERFORATING GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE RIGHT THIGH (GSW#4):

There was through-and-through, entrance gunshot wound on the lateral right thigh, 38 inches above the top of the right heel. The wound track proceeded from this injury through the skin and soft tissue, and ended at an exit wound on the right inguinal area, 37 inches above the top of the right heel. The wound track was from back to front, right to left and downward.

ADDITIONAL INJURIES:

There were few abrasions present on the left shoulder measuring 1/4 inches in greatest dimension. A 1-1/2 inch x 1/8 inch abrasion was present on the posterior right upper arm. A 1/4 inch x 1/8 abrasion was present on the middle phalanx of the index finger of the posterior right hand. A 4 inch x 1/2 inch cluster of abrasions was present on the anterior left wrist and hand. A 1/2 inch x 1/4 inch abrasion was present on the right buttock. A 1/4 inch x 1/4 inch abrasion was present on the anterior left thigh. A 1/4 inch x 1/4 inch abrasion was present on the right knee. Few abrasions were present on both anterior legs measuring from 1/4 inches to 3/4 inches in greatest dimension.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION:

An autopsy was performed utilizing the normal thoraco-abdominal and posterior coronal scalp incisions. The pleural, pericardial, and peritoneal cavities had smooth serosal surfaces and the viscera were in their normal anatomical positions. Except for the above previously described injuries, the internal systems were as follows:

Head:

No abnormality was noted in the reflected scalp, calvarium, dura, meninges or the base of the skull. The 1450 gm brain was free of neoplastic and other focal lesions, infarcts, and hemorrhages. The cerebral vascular system was unremarkable.

Neck:

No abnormality was noted in the cervical muscles, hyoid bone, laryngeal cartilages, trachea, or the cervical vertebral column.



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Cardiovascular System:

The 250 gm heart had a normal configuration with an unremarkable epicardial surface and a moderate amount of epicardial fat. The coronary arteries had no significant atherosclerotic disease. No acute thrombi were present. Both ventricles were of normal size and their walls were of normal thickness. No focal endomyocardial lesions were present. The papillary muscles and chordae tendineae were not thickened, and the heart valves were unremarkable. The aorta had no atherosclerosis. The major arteries and great veins showed normal distribution.

Respiratory System:

The larynx and trachea were unremarkable. The right and left lungs weighed 200 gm and 200 gm, respectively. There was passive congestion in the parenchyma that was accentuated with dependent lividity. No pulmonary emboli were identified.

Hepatobiliary System:

The 1100 gm liver had firm dark tan surfaces and an unremarkable parenchymal pattern. The gallbladder and biliary tracts were unremarkable.

Hemolymphatics:

The 100 gm spleen had smooth surfaces and dark purple firm pulp. There was no significant lymphadenopathy.

Alimentary System:

The tongue, esophagus, stomach, small bowel, appendix and colon were unremarkable. The lining of the stomach had an intact and unremarkable rugal pattern. There was no evidence of stomach content present.

Pancreas:

The pancreas showed an unremarkable tan lobulated pattern.

Endocrine System:

The thyroid gland had a normal bilobed configuration. The adrenal glands were each unremarkable with golden-yellow cortices.

Genitourinary System:

The right and left kidneys weighed 125 gm and 125 gm, respectively. Each kidney had smooth cortical surfaces, normal cortico-medullary regions and no changes in the calyceal systems, pelvis, ureters, or bladder.

Musculoskeletal System:

Except for the above noted injuries, all the muscles and axial skeleton were free of any significant abnormalities.

Routine tissue specimens were retained in formalin for one year after autopsy in accordance with the current record retention schedule.

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OPINION:

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ORGAN WEIGHTS:

Brain:	1450
Heart:	250
Right Lung:	200
Left Lung:	200
Liver:	1100
Spleen:	100
Right Kidney:	125
Left Kidney:	125