



Case Report Summary

Print Date/Time: 10/11/2023 08:45
Login ID: cob1\bchao
Case Number: 2022-00032000

ORI Number: Berkeley Police Department
CA0010300

Case

Case Number: 2022-00032000
Location: 2100 BLOCK MILVIA ST
BERKELEY, CA 94704
Reporting Officer ID: 5628 - Nabozny

Incident Type: DEATH INVESTIGATION
Occurred From: 06/28/2022 12:00
Occurred Thru: 07/14/2022 05:45
Disposition:
Disposition Date:
Reported Date: 07/14/2022 05:49 Thursday

Offenses

No.	Group/ORI	Crime Code	Statute	Description	Counts
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Subjects

Type	No.	Name	Address	Phone	Race	Sex	DOB/Age
INVOLVED PARTY	1	Chavez, Cythina			Hispanic	Female	
INVOLVED PARTY	2	Davis, Anna			White	Female	
REPORTING PARTY	1	Acosta, Rose LYNN			Hispanic	Female	
VICTIM	1	Schnaper, Brett Elliott			White	Male	

Arrests

Arrest No.	Name	Address	Date/Time	Type	Age
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Property

Date	Code	Type	Make	Model	Description	Tag No.	Item No.
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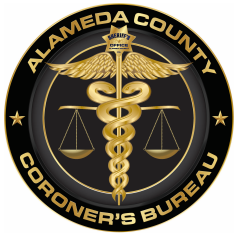
Vehicles

No.	Role	Vehicle Type	Year Make	Model	Color	License Plate	State
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Routing:

- ☒ BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT
☒ DO NOT DISSEMINATE OR DISTRIBUTE

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Alameda County Coroner's Bureau
Yesenia Sanchez Sheriff - Coroner
2901 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA 94605
(510) 382-3000

Coroner Investigator's Report

CALL INFO	NAME OF DECEASED (LAST, FIRST MIDDLE) SCHNAPER, Brett Elliott			ID STATUS Positive	CASE NUMBER 2022-02843			
	REPORTED BY Navosni, J 1118		REPORTED BY PHONE [REDACTED]	REPORTING AGENCY Berkeley Police Department	REFERENCE NUMBER 2022-32000			
	INVESTIGATOR VALVERDE, Alejandro		CALL DATE AND TIME 7/14/2022 0628	CASE TYPE Removal Case				
DECEDENT	DATE AND TIME OF DEATH 7/14/2022 FND UNK		DATE OF BIRTH 10/11/1961	AGE 60 Years	GENDER Male	RACE Caucasian/White	MARITAL STATUS Unknown	VET Unknown
	HGT 5' 8"	WGT 134 lb	EYE COLOR Blue	HAIR COLOR Blond	OCCUPATION	EMPLOYER		
	Preliminary Summary: Undetermined manner of death of a 60-year-old male, identified as Brett Schnaper, who died in his Oakland residence. Schnaper was a resident at the Berkeley YMCA when staff noticed maggots coming from under his door and foul odor from the room. Berkeley fire responded and found Schnaper in the advanced stages of decomposition. Medication on scene was lisinopril, metformin and gabapentin. PMD at Lifelong medical. Unable to locate next of kin.							
DEATH	LOCATION OF DEATH Decedent residence					LOC TYPE Decedent Residence		
	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) 2185 Milvia Street Apt 426, Berkeley, CA, 94704					COUNTY Alameda		
	Manner Natural		Death Certificate Signed By					
	Cause A	Atherosclerotic coronary artery disease					Interval	Years
	Cause B						Interval	
	Cause C						Interval	
	Cause D						Interval	
NOTIFIC.	LEGAL NEXT OF KIN Schnaper, Ann		RELATIONSHIP Sister		TELEPHONE NO.			
	NOTIFIED BY		METHOD		DATE AND TIME 7/14/2022 1803			
	IDENTIFICATION METHOD Fingerprint Comparison		DATE AND TIME 7/21/2022 1509					
INCIDENT	LOCATION OF INCIDENT					AT WORK		
	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)					COUNTY		
						DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT		
DISP	INVESTIGATING AGENCY					INV AGENCY PHONE NUMBER		
	OFFICER							
	FUNERAL HOME aDirectCremation.com					BODY RELEASE TO FUNERAL HOME ON 8/3/2022 1602		
AUTOPSY / EXAM TYPE Full Autopsy					EXAM BY FROST, Beth			



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AUTOPSY REPORT

Name:	BRETT ELLIOTT SCHNAPER	Case #:	2022-02843
Age:	60	Sex:	Male
Date of death:	07/14/2022	Date of autopsy:	07/16/2022
Time of death:	Unknown hours	Time of autopsy:	1400 hours

CAUSE OF DEATH: Atherosclerotic coronary artery disease

OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS: Diabetes mellitus

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colin Hebert MD".

COLIN HEBERT, M.D.
Forensic Pathologist

February 17, 2023

DATE

MAJOR AUTOPSY FINDINGS

- I. Atherosclerotic coronary artery disease, severe:
 - A. 99% stenosis of both the left anterior descending coronary artery and its first diagonal branch.
 - B. Myocardial scar (remote infarction), interventricular septum.
- II. Toxicologic analysis, results per NMS Labs; postmortem liver tissue sample:
 - A. Delta-9 carboxy THC and Delta-9 THC (marijuana metabolites), positive qualitative results.
- III. No evidence of trauma
- IV. Mild to moderate state of decomposition.
- V. Past medical history of diabetes mellitus.

SUMMARY & OPINION

According to investigative information, the decedent was a 60-year-old male who was reportedly found deceased and decomposing in his residence. The decedent had an apparent medical history of diabetes mellitus, based upon prescription medication.

A forensic autopsy demonstrated evidence of severe, atherosclerotic coronary artery disease with remote myocardial infarction.

Toxicology testing was performed and was positive for marijuana metabolites.

Based on the totality of available information, including investigative, toxicologic, and autopsy findings, the cause of death is due to **atherosclerotic coronary artery disease**. **Diabetes mellitus** is listed as a contributing factor.

INTRODUCTION

The autopsy is performed under the legal authority of the Alameda County Coroner's Bureau as defined in California Code § 27491. The examination is performed at the Alameda County Coroner's Bureau at 2901 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA, 94605, by Beth Frost, DO. Colin Hebert, MD has reviewed the investigative information, scene photographs, toxicology report, autopsy findings/photographs, and subsequently completed the autopsy report.

Identification and Receipt:

The body is received in a sealed body pouch. Two Coroner's identification tags that are inscribed with the decedent's name and case number are affixed to the outside of the bag. The tags are subsequently affixed to the left great toe.

Autopsy Assistants:

The case pathologist is assisted by the following Sheriff's Technician(s):

- Edward Urbano

Outside Observers:

None

Photography:

Autopsy photographs are taken by:

- Edward Urbano

Clothing and Personal Effects:

Clothing was not examined at this time.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

The body is that of a normally nourished, mild to moderately decomposed male with an average build, whose appearance is consistent with the reported age of approximately 45 to 70 years. The body measures 68" in length and weighs 134 pounds. The body is cool to touch. Rigor mortis has passed. Livor mortis is posterior and fixed. Diffuse skin slippage and green, dusky discoloration is noted. Insect activity (fly larvae) is present.

The scalp hair is absent. Facial hair consists of a long gray beard. The eyes are dessicated. The conjunctivae are darkened and without icterus or ocular petechiae. The nose and ears are symmetric and free of injury. The mouth has a pink mucosa that is free of injury. The teeth are natural and in average condition. The neck, chest, and abdomen are symmetric. The external male genitalia are unremarkable. The upper and lower extremities and back are symmetrical.

EVIDENCE OF MEDICAL INTERVENTION

None

EVIDENCE OF INJURY

None

INTERNAL EXAMINATION**Body cavities:**

The pleural, pericardial, and peritoneal cavities are free of fluid or adhesion and have smooth linings. The organs are in their normal anatomic positions.

Head:

The reflected scalp is free of contusion. The calvarium and base of the skull are free of fracture. The epidural, subdural and subarachnoid spaces are free of hemorrhage. The leptomeninges are transparent. The 1180-gm brain has a normal size and shape with symmetric cerebral and cerebellar hemispheres. The gyri and sulci have a normal pattern. The cranial nerves are normally distributed. The blood vessels at the base of the brain are free of aneurysm or atherosclerosis. The cortices are tan, uniform, and free of contusion or discoloration. The white matter is homogeneous and symmetric. The deep nuclei are tan, uniform and symmetric. The ventricles are normal caliber. The midbrain, pons, and medulla are symmetric and free of lesion. The locus ceruleus and substantia nigra are normally pigmented. The cerebral aqueduct has a normal caliber.

Neck:

The muscles of the anterior and lateral neck are free of hemorrhage. The hyoid bone and thyroid cartilage are intact. The upper airway is patent. The cervical vertebral column and tracheal cartilages are free of injury.

Cardiovascular System:

The heart weighs 320 grams and has a smooth red epicardial surface and normal distribution of epicardial fat. The coronary arteries arise in normal positions, have normal distributions and exhibit severe atherosclerosis, with up to 99% stenosis of the left anterior

descending artery and its first diagonal branch. The right coronary artery supplies the posterior interventricular septum. The myocardium of the interventricular septum exhibits a 1.0 cm scar (remote infarction), with the remaining myocardium being dark red, homogeneous, and free of fibrosis or hemorrhage. The left ventricle is 1.0 cm thick, the interventricular septum is 1.5 cm thick, and the right ventricle is 0.3 cm thick. The endocardial surfaces are unremarkable. The valves are thin, pliable, and free of vegetation. The chordae tendineae and papillary muscles are not thickened. The fossa ovalis is closed. The coronary sinus is patent. The great vessels arise in normal positions. The aorta exhibits focally moderate atherosclerosis. The pulmonary arteries and venae cavae are free of thrombi or emboli.

Respiratory System:

The right lung weighs 560 grams, and the left lung weighs 480 grams. The pleural surfaces are smooth and dark red. The congested parenchyma is dark red, homogenous, and free of consolidation or neoplasm. The bronchi have tan mucosae and are free of obstruction.

Hepatobiliary System:

The liver weighs 740 grams and has a smooth, brown capsule overlying homogeneous, soft, brown parenchyma. The gall bladder contains approximately 2 mL of bile.

Hemolymphatic System:

The spleen weighs 210 grams and has a smooth, dark red-purple capsule overlying homogeneous dark red parenchyma. There are no enlarged lymph nodes.

Endocrine System:

The pituitary gland is not enlarged. The thyroid gland has symmetric lobes. The adrenal glands have yellow cortices of normal thickness and unremarkable red/gray medullae.

Gastrointestinal System:

The esophagus has a smooth tan mucosa. The serosa of the stomach is smooth and red-pink. The mucosa is tan-red and free of lesion. The stomach contains approximately 100 mL of partially digested food. The serosae of the small and large intestines are smooth and tan-brown. The intestines are free of obstruction, neoplasm, or adhesion upon palpation along their lengths. The appendix is present.

Genitourinary System:

The right and left kidneys weigh 150 and 140 grams, respectively. The kidneys have smooth red cortices, normal cortical thicknesses, and normal pyramidal architecture. The pelves have smooth tan mucosae. The renal arteries and veins are unremarkable. The ureters have normal courses and calibers to the urinary bladder. The bladder has a tan mucosa and is empty. The prostate and testes are unremarkable.

Musculoskeletal System:

The sternum, clavicles, vertebral column, and pelvis are free of fracture. The musculature is normally distributed and is unremarkable.

SPECIMENS & EVIDENCE RETAINED

Toxicology:

The following samples are retained:

- Liver
- Skeletal muscle

Tissue:

Samples of each examined organ / organ system are retained in formalin.

Photographs:

Facial identification, external overall, and photographs of selected findings are produced during the course of autopsy.

I have reviewed the autopsy photographs and I affirm that they accurately represent the body.

Radiographs:

None

Evidence:

None