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CALL INFO	NAME OF DECEASED ARCE-LARA , Heriberto		AKA	HIO <input type="checkbox"/>	CASE NUMBER 2014-00161
	INVESTIGATOR Susan Stolberg	REPORTED BY Miley Macleod, R.N.	REPORTING AGENCY Alvarado Hospital	PREVIOUS WAIVE #	
DECEDENT	CALL DATE AND TIME 1/18/2014 2048	ARRIVAL DATE AND TIME 1/18/2014	2125	RETURN DATE AND TIME 1/18/2014	2334
	DATE AND TIME OF DEATH 1/18/2014 1948	DATE OF BIRTH 11/29/1963	AGE 50 Years	GENDER Male	RACE White
DEATH	RESIDENCE (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) 480 Alta Road, San Diego, CA, 92179			COUNTY San Diego	LAST SEEN ALIVE
	COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE San Diego	OCCUPATION Inmate			
INCIDENT	LOCATION OF DEATH Alvarado Hospital		TYPE OF PLACE Hospital		
	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) 6655 Alvarado Rd, San Diego, CA, 92120				
NOTIFICATION	SUMMARY <p>The decedent was a 50-year-old single White male who was incarcerated at RJ Donovan Correctional Facility. On 01/17/14, he presented to Alvarado Hospital due to shortness of breath. Upon arrival, he was diagnosed with bilateral pneumonia and admitted for further care. He was given a grim prognosis and made a do not resuscitate status. On 01/18/14, the decedent went into cardiac arrest and death was pronounced.</p> <p>Medical Examiner's jurisdiction invoked according to the California Government Code 27491: Sudden and unexpected death.</p>				
INCIDENT	LOCATION OF INCIDENT Other		AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/>	AT RESIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)		COUNTY		
NOTIFICATION	DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT R.J. Donovan Correctional Facility		OFFICER E. Oliver	BADGE # 1410925	REPORT #
	DECEDENT WAS BELTED No	HELMETED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	POSITION	ON PRIVATE PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
NOTIFICATION	VEHICLE IDENTIFIED BY E. Oliver		LICENSE NUMBER Visual	STATE DATE AND TIME 01/18/2014 1948	
	FUNERAL HOME Bishop Mortuary		PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR False	TYPE OF EXAM External Exam
NAME OF NOK OR OTHER Martin Yanez		RELATIONSHIP Brother in law	DATE NOTIFIED 1/19/2014	NOTIFIED BY Telephone	

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Case Number : 14-00161
Investigator : Susan Stolberg
Date of Death : 01/18/2014
Date Today : 03/20/2014

INVESTIGATIVE NARRATIVE

Decedent: Heriberto Arce-Lara

Antemortem Events:

The following information was obtained on 01/18/14, upon review of the decedent's medical records received from Alvarado Hospital. The decedent was a 50-year-old Single Hispanic male who was incarcerated at RJ Donovan Correctional Facility. He had been incarcerated since 1991. On 01/17/14, he presented to Alvarado Hospital due to fever, chills, cough with bloody vomitus, shortness of breath, and abdominal pain. Upon arrival to the emergency department at 1332 hours, a chest x-ray was performed which revealed bilateral pneumonia. He was also diagnosed with acute respiratory distress and sepsis. The decedent was placed on antibiotics and admitted to the Intensive Care Unit for further care. He was given a grim prognosis and on 01/18/14, hospital staff elected to make him a do not resuscitate status. The decedent condition rapidly declined and on 01/18/14 he coded. Death was pronounced by hospital staff on 01/18/14, at 1948 hours.

Past Medical, Surgical, and Social History:

The following information was obtained upon review of the decedent's medical records received from Alvarado Hospital. The decedent had a medical history significant for hepatitis C, end stage liver disease, cirrhosis with varices, ascites, portal hypertension with portal hypertensive gastropathy, gastrointestinal bleed, hiatal hernia, gastroesophageal reflux disease, cholecystitis, thrombocytopenia, anemia, and chronic back pain. He had a past history of alcohol, tobacco, and heroin use. There is no known history of depression, suicidal ideations, or past suicide attempts. The decedent was recently hospitalized on 01/03/14, at Alvarado Hospital for acute cholecystitis and renal failure. During his hospitalization he underwent a laparoscopic cholecystectomy with liver biopsy. The procedure was completed on 01/08/14, without complications and the decedent was discharged back to R.J. Donovan Correctional Facility on 01/14/14.

Scene Description:

On 01/18/14, at 2125 hours I arrived at the scene which was Alvarado Hospital Intensive Care Unit Room 507 located at 6655 Alvarado Road, in San Diego.

Body Description:

During the above mentioned scene investigation I viewed the decedent lying supine on a standard hospital bed. He was covered to his chin with a blanket. Removal of the blanket revealed the body of a thin Caucasian male clad in a standard hospital gown. The following medical interventions were noted to be in place: an endotracheal tube held in place with white tape, electrocardiogram pads affixed to his chest, intravenous lines established to his right and left antecubital fossae, a blood pressure cuff around his left bicep, a Foley catheter, and compression stockings on his legs. An identification band encircled his right wrist. The decedent was cool to the touch and flaccid. Slow blanching posterior lividity was observed and consistent with the position in which he was viewed. Upon palpation there was no crepitus felt to the decedent's head, neck, shoulders, or chest. His eyes were clear and the sclera were yellow. There were no petechial hemorrhages noted. There was no ligature mark furrow observed around his neck. Scars in various stages of healing were noted on his abdomen. The decedent's back was unremarkable. His right pinky finger was amputated and a large fleshy bump was noted on his wrist and palm. There was no obvious trauma noted to any part of the decedent's body.

On 01/18/14, at 2205 hours, a yellow identifying band was placed on the decedent's right ankle. 92M Transport personnel A. Martin placed the decedent in a new white pouch and blue tamper evident seal 2888274 was affixed at 2209 hours, for transport to the Medical Examiner's Office.

Special Requests:

There are no special requests.

Identification:

The decedent was visually identified by California Department of Corrections Officer Oliver ID 1410925, while at the scene.

Antemortem Specimens:

Four vials of antemortem specimens were collected at the hospital and impounded at the Medical Examiner's Office.

Public Administrator:

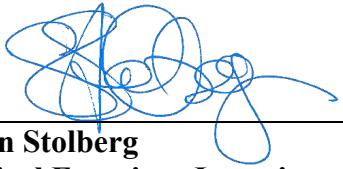
No referral necessary.

Other Important Factors:

There are no other important factors.

Signed: _____

03/17/14


Susan Stolberg
Medical Examiner Investigator

Approved by: _____



External Exam NOT Dictated

CAUSE OF DEATH WORKSHEET

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CAUSE OF DEATH: (PENDING No MEO D/C)

time interval

Acute Klebsiella pneumoniae pneumonia

Due To: With Sepsis (days)

Due To: _____

Due To: _____

CONTRIBUTING: End stage hepatic cirrhosis with chronic hepatitis C viral infection; Recent acute cholecystitis

MANNER OF DEATH: Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Pending
 Undetermined Fetal Death / no manner

HOW OCCURRED: _____

DATE and TIME of INJURY:

LOCATION:

SURGERIES and DATES: Laparoscopic cholecystectomy 1/18/14

If FEMALE, pregnant within the last year? () Yes () No () Unknown


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Supervising DME

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Date

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EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

Dictated

BRIEF HISTORY: 50 yo ♂ male RJ Danan. Son of a man who died of esophageal cancer. Developed dysphagia. No pain. Then developed fever, chills, cough. ER. Dx of Klebsiella pneumonia septicemia. Died after endotracheal intubation and hypotension. TMI shows *acute liver disease*. Family requests no autopsy.

EXTERNAL DESCRIPTION: (See also diagram)
 developed nourished: obese/ thin/ cachectic
 Embalmed Postmortem artifacts:

Rigor mortis: absent/ mild/ moderate/

Livor mortis: unfixed/ fixed, posterior/ anterior:

Decomposition:

Head: hair (male pattern baldness)
 Hair: gray/ brown/ black/ blond/ mix Length: short / long
 Facial hair: shaved; mustache/ beard: 1/2
 Irides: brown/ hazel/ green/ blue/ undet Pupils:
 Corneas: opaque/ clear/ removed/ arcus senilis
 Sclerae & conjunctivae:
 Petechiae: yes no Nose:
 Ears: pierced creased
 Mouth and lips: hairless
 Upper Teeth: intact/ partial/ absent/ denture
 Lower Teeth: intact/ partial/ absent/ denture

Neck: symmetrical IV

Chest: symmetrical
 Breasts: no masses

Abdomen: flat / distended soft/ firm
 scars: *heavily cap. incision*

Genitalia: male / circumcised *Foley cath*
edema.

Arms: hairless
 senile ecchymoses
 Fingernails:

Legs: edema; deformity
 Toenails: clean

Back: symmetrical
 Anus:

Skin: jaundiced

EVIDENCE OF MEDICAL THERAPY:

- None See Diagram
- Endotracheal tube Oral airway
- Nasogastric tube EKG pads
- Defib pads/marks
- Needle punctures / IV lines:

EXTERNAL EVIDENCE OF INJURY:

- See Diagram No significant None
- As below:

SPECIMENS TAKEN:

- None Urine CSF
- Vitreous Blood; site:
- OTHER:

STAT CO / alcohol:
 Rapid screens:

HISTOLOGY: None / cassettes

X-RAYS:

PHOTOGRAPHS: ID photo
 External overall Other:

CAUSE OF DEATH:

Due to: *See cause of death*

Due to: *Death*

CONTRIBUTING:

Nail Shear

MANNER: Natural /Accident /Suicide/

Biopsy performed

SURGERIES:

Date/Time of injury:
 How injury occurred:

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EXTERNAL EXAMINATION REPORT

AGE: 50 yrs SEX: Male HEIGHT: 66 in. WEIGHT: 171 lbs. Date & Time of EXAM: 10:25

ETHNICITY: Caucasian Hispanic Black Asian Filipino Native American Other:

CLOTHING: (None/ Not examined)

IDENTIFICATION: M.E. ankle band checked

