



SACRAMENTO COUNTY
CORONER
FINAL REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Gregory P. Wyatt
CORONER

CLASSIFICATION	1 Final Classification HOMICIDE	2 Case No. 14-03172	3 Deputy Assigned KRIS BARBRICH	4a Date of Death 6/21/2014	4b Found? No
DECEDENT PERSONAL DATA	5 Name First: JOSE	6 Name Middle: URIEL	7 Name Last: CARDENAS BELTRAN	8a Time of Death 20:26	8b Fnd/Est/Unk: PRONOUNCED
	9 Sex MALE	10 Race HISPANIC	11 Date of Birth 7/12/1991	12 Age 22 YEARS	13 Marital Status NEVER MARRIED
RESIDENCE	14 Usual Address 4144 WHEATLEY CIRLE				
	15 City SACRAMENTO		16 County SACRAMENTO	16a State CA	17 Zip Code 95838
IDENTIFICATION	18 Remains identified by or how identified KRIS BARBRICH/LIVESCAN FINGERPRINTS				
RELATIVES	19 Name FELIPA BELTRAN	20 Relation (MOTHER)			
	URIEL FARIAS CARDENAS	(FATHER)			
PLACE OF DEATH	21 Place of Death UCD MEDICAL CENTER				
	22 Street Address 2315 STOCKTON BLVD				
	23 City SACRAMENTO	24 County SACRAMENTO			25 Zip 95817
REMAINS	26 Death Reported By TECH. DEANNA HIGGINS(UCD MEDICAL CENTER)			27 Removed To Coroner Yes	28 Type of Medical Examination FULL AUTOPSY
CAUSE OF DEATH	29 Cause MULTIPLE GUNSHOT WOUNDS				
	due to:				
	due to:				
	due to:				
OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS	30 NONE				
INJURY INFORMATION	31 Manner of Death HOMICIDE	32 Place of Injury FIELD	33 At Work? No	34a Date of Injury 6/21/2014	34b Fnd/Est/Unk
	35 Address or Location 4201 CLAY CREEK WAY			36a Time of Injury 19:29	36b Fnd/Est/Unk
	37 City SACRAMENTO		38 County SACRAMENTO	39 Zip Code 95838	
	40 Describe how injury occurred THE DECEDENT WAS SHOT MULTIPLE TIMES				
	CASE SUMMARY	As required by Government Code, Section 27491, an inquiry was made into the death of the subject of this report. It was determined by an investigation that an autopsy would be necessary to establish the cause of death. An autopsy was performed and revealed the above cause of death. Based on the known circumstances and cause of death, the manner of death is homicide.			
	Deputy REBECCA DONOVAN				Date Signed 5/10/2015



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Coroner

Autopsy

External Examination

NAME: CARDENAS BELTRAN, JOSE URIEL

CASE NO. 14-03172

POSTMORTEM DATE: 06/24/14

TIME: 09:54

INVESTIGATOR: Kris Barbrich

AUTOPSY FINDINGS:

1. Multiple gunshot wounds
2. Blunt force trauma
 - A. Abrasions and contusions
3. Other injuries
 - A. Punctate lesions, right upper chest and left upper quadrant of abdomen
4. Ethanol intoxication
 - A. Toxicology (see Toxicology Report)

CAUSE OF DEATH: Multiple Gunshot Wounds

Jason P. Tovar, M.D.
Forensic/Pediatric Pathologist
May 6, 2015

Reviewed by:

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D: 06/24/14
T: 06/26/14

WITNESS:

Detective Bryan Alonso (Badge #803), Sacramento Police Department.

IDENTIFICATION:

The body is received in a white body bag identified by a Sacramento County Coroner's ID tag attached to the zipper pull, labeled with the decedent's listed name and case number. This tag is moved to the decedent's left great toe. There is a hospital identification tag attached to the zipper pull, as well, labeled "Doe, Hank" with medical record number "2309710".

EVIDENCE OF MEDICAL INTERVENTION:

Additional hospital tags labeled with the name "Doe, Hank 2309710" are around the right great toe and right wrist. An endotracheal tube is inserted to 23 cm at the lips and held in place by a plastic harness. There is an intravenous line in the right and left antecubital fossae. A left femoral line is in place and an intrasosseous catheter is in the right shin. EKG pads are across the upper chest and right and left lower abdomen and on the lateral left leg. There are bilateral thoracotomy sites and a chest tube in the right pleural cavity. There has not been organ procurement.

CLOTHING:

None. The hands are covered with paper bags held at the wrists by surgical tape.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

The body is that of an unembalmed, refrigerated, Hispanic adult male who appears the reported age of 22 years. The body weighs 130 pounds, measures 64 inches in length, and is thin and well nourished. The skin is remarkable for abrasions and punctate marks, as described below in "Evidence of Traumatic Injury". There is a transversely oriented, well-healed, 1.0 cm scar present in the umbilicus. There are no burns. Wrist scars are absent. Tattoos are present and consist of Aztec-like faces and images across the chest, tattoo ink in the shape of a cross on the proximal index finger, tattoo ink over the right knee, "Sacramento" across the left calf, and "Cardenas" written across the upper back. Rigor mortis is present. Livor mortis is fixed posteriorly.

The head is normocephalic and traumatic, as described below in "Evidence of Traumatic Injury". The scalp is covered by black hair. The hair can be described as short and 1/16 inch in length. Examination of the eyes reveals irides that are brown in color. There is no mustache or beard present. The earlobes are unremarkable. There is no discharge from the external auditory canals. The oronasal passages are unobstructed. The teeth are natural and in good repair. The neck is unremarkable. There is no chest deformity. There is no increased anterior-posterior diameter. The abdomen is flat. The genitalia are those of an adult male. The penis is uncircumcised. The external genitalia are without trauma or lesions. The extremities show no edema, joint deformity, abnormal mobility, non-therapeutic punctures or needle tracks. There is cyanosis of the nail beds of the fingers.

EVIDENCE OF TRAUMATIC INJURY:

Gunshot wound to the right chest (A): There is a gunshot wound to the right side of the chest entering at 20 inches from the top of the head and 3 1/2 inches right of the midline. The wound is altered due to the thoracotomy and on reapproximation of the skin around the wound, it appears oval and measures 1/2 inch. There is abrasion at the medial margin measuring 1/16 inch. There is no soot or stippling on the skin surface. The exit wound is located on the right side of the back at 18 inches from the top of the head and 4 1/4 inches right of midline. The wound is triangular in shape and measures 5/8 inch. No projectile is recovered. The direction of the wound is from front to back, upward, and slightly left to right. The course of the wound is through the anterior right chest skin, fifth intercostal space, right middle lobe of the lung, right lower lobe of the lung, diaphragm, grazing the right lobe of the liver, posterior ninth rib, and exiting the right back skin.

Gunshot wound to the left arm (B): There is a gunshot wound to the left lateral upper arm entering at 6 inches from the top of the shoulder. The wound is oval in shape and measures 1 inch. There is abrasion at the inferior margin measuring $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. There is no soot or stippling on the skin surface. There is no exit wound. A projectile is palpated in the left side of the upper chest superior to the clavicle and at the base of the neck. The skin overlying the projectile is red in color. The projectile is a deformed, medium-caliber, copper-jacketed projectile and fragment recovered from the left side of the upper chest. The direction of the wound is from left to right, upward, and slightly back to front. The course of the wound is through the lateral left upper arm skin, soft tissue, clavicle, and ending in the soft tissue of the upper chest.

Gunshot wound to the right ankle (C): There is a gunshot wound to the right ankle entering the anteromedial aspect at 4 inches from the heel. The wound is oval in shape and measures $\frac{3}{4}$ inch. There is abrasion at the inferior margin measuring 1/8 inch. No soot or stippling is seen on the skin surface. There is no exit wound. A palpable projectile is felt on the anterolateral aspect of the lower leg at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches from the heel. The skin overlying the projectile is red in color and the ankle is crepitant. The projectile is a deformed, fragmented, medium-caliber, copper jacket and lead core recovered from the soft tissue of the right lower leg. The direction of the wound is from left to right, upward, and slightly front to back. The course of the wound is through the medial right ankle skin, tibia, and soft tissue of the lower leg.

Blunt force injuries: The face is remarkable for punctate abrasions above the medial aspect of the right eyebrow measuring 0.1 cm. There are punctate abrasions of the right side and tip of the nose measuring 0.1 cm. The upper lip shows abrasion to the left midline measuring 0.1 cm. The corner of the left lower lip shows a 0.1 cm abrasion. There is abrasion under the right side of the chin measuring 0.5 cm and abrasions along the left lateral chin measuring from 0.1 to 1.0 cm in greatest dimension. The right lateral torso just inferior to the axilla shows a 0.3 cm abrasion with associated contusion in the soft tissues. There is a 2.0 cm transversely oriented linear abrasion on the medial aspect of the left wrist and on the anterior wrist a 0.2 cm abrasion that is round in character. There are linear abrasions over the anterior-superior iliac crest on the right medially measuring 6.0 cm, lateral to this 8.7 cm, and inferibr over the upper portion of the right thigh measuring 5.0 cm. There is an abrasion over the left anterior-superior iliac crest measuring 0.5 cm. The shins show red contusions bilaterally.

Other: There are round to oval puncture marks present on the right upper chest below the clavicle and inferior and lateral that measure 0.2 cm in diameter. There is no contusion surrounding these lesions and the deep track shows no evidence of hemorrhage. The anterior upper left abdomen shows punctate abrasions measuring 0.2 and 0.3 cm and lateral and inferior 0.2 cm associated with contusion.

These injuries, having been described, will not be repeated.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION

The following observations are limited to findings other than injuries, if described above.

INITIAL INCISION:

The body cavities are entered through the standard coronal incision and the standard Y-shaped incision. Additional incisions are made over the left shoulder and upper arm and the right ankle to explore the wound track.

CHEST/ABDOMINAL CAVITY:

Soft tissues of the thoracic and abdominal walls are well preserved. The subcutaneous fat of the abdominal wall measures 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches. The pleural cavities are smooth and glistening. The organs of the abdominal cavity have a normal arrangement and the appendix is absent. There is no fluid collection. The peritoneal cavity is without evidence of peritonitis. There are no adhesions.

HEAD AND CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM:

There is no subcutaneous or subgaleal hemorrhage of the scalp. The external periosteum and dura mater are stripped, showing no fracture of the calvarium or base of the skull. There are no tears of the dura mater. There is no epidural, subdural or subarachnoid hemorrhage.

The brain weighs 1340 gm. The leptomeninges are thin and transparent. A normal convolutionary pattern is observed. Coronal sectioning demonstrates a uniformity of cortical gray thickness. The cerebral hemispheres are symmetrical. There is no softening, discoloration, or hemorrhage of the white matter. The basal ganglia are intact. Anatomic landmarks are preserved. Cerebral contusions are not present. The ventricular system has a normal appearance, without dilation or distortion. The pons, medulla, and cerebellum are unremarkable. There is no evidence of uncal or cerebral herniation. Vessels at the base of the brain have a normal pattern of distribution. There are no aneurysms. Cranial nerves are intact, symmetrical, and normal in size, location, and course. The cerebral arteries are without arteriosclerosis.

SPINAL CORD:

The entire cord is not dissected.

NECK:

The neck organs are removed en bloc with the tongue. No lesions are present and there is no trauma of the gingiva, lips, or oral mucosa. No foreign material is present in the mouth, upper airway, or trachea. There is no edema of the larynx. Both hyoid bone and larynx are intact and without fractures. No hemorrhage is present in the adjacent throat organs, investing fascia, strap muscles, thyroid, or visceral fascia. There are no prevertebral fascial hemorrhages. The tongue when sectioned shows no trauma.

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM:

Within the pericardial sac, there is a minimal amount of serous fluid. The heart weighs 270 gm and has a normal configuration. The right ventricle is 0.2 cm thick; the left ventricle is 1.4 cm thick; and the septum is 1.5 cm thick. The chambers are normally developed and are without mural thrombosis. The valves are thin, leafy, and competent. The circumferences of the valve rings are: tricuspid valve 11.0 cm, pulmonic valve 5.5 cm, mitral valve 9.0 cm, and aortic valve 6.0 cm. There is no endocardial discoloration. There are no lesions of the myocardium. There are no abnormalities of the apices of the papillary musculature. There are no defects of the septum. The great vessels enter and leave in a normal fashion. The ductus arteriosus is obliterated. The coronary ostia are widely patent. The right coronary artery is the dominant vessel. There is no atherosclerosis of the major coronary arteries. No focal endocardial, valvular, or myocardial lesions are seen. The aorta is elastic and of even caliber throughout, with vessels distributed normally from it. The thoracic aorta is unremarkable. There is no tortuosity or widening of the thoracic segment. The abdominal aorta is unremarkable. There is no dilation of the lower abdominal segment. No aneurysm is present. The major branches of the aorta show no abnormality. The inferior vena cava is unremarkable. The blood within the heart and large blood vessels is liquid.

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM:

Scant secretions are found in the lower bronchial passages. The mucosae are smooth and glistening. The lungs are atelectatic and collapsed and show dependent congestion. The right lung weighs 280 gm and the left lung weighs 210 gm. The visceral pleura are smooth and glistening. The parenchyma is congested and edematous. The pulmonary vasculature is without thromboembolism.

GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM:

The esophagus is intact throughout. The stomach is not distended. It contains 25 gm of tan-brown fluid. The mucosa is smooth and glistening. Portions of tablets and capsules cannot be

discerned in the stomach. The external and in-situ appearance of the small intestine and colon are unremarkable. The small intestine and colon are opened along the anti-mesenteric border and are unremarkable. The appendix is surgically absent.

HEPATOBILIARY SYSTEM:

The liver weighs 1140 gm and is tan-brown in color and normal in size. The parenchyma is soft. The cut surface is smooth. There is a normal lobular arrangement. The gallbladder is present. The wall is thin and pliable. It contains 5 cc of bile and no stones. There is no obstruction or dilation of the extrahepatic ducts. The periportal lymph nodes are not enlarged.

PANCREAS:

The pancreas occupies a normal position. There is no necrosis. The parenchyma is lobular and firm. The pancreatic ducts are not ectatic and there is no parenchymal calcification.

URINARY SYSTEM:

The right kidney weighs 100 gm. The left kidney weighs 120 gm. The kidneys are normally situated and the capsules strip easily, revealing a surface that is smooth. The corticomedullary demarcation is preserved. The pyramids are not remarkable. The peripelvic fat is not increased. The ureters are without dilation or obstruction and pursue their normal course. The urinary bladder is unremarkable. It contains 10 cc of yellow urine. The urine is not tested by the dipstick method.

GENITAL SYSTEM:

The prostate is unremarkable. Both testes are in the scrotum and are unremarkable and without trauma.

HEMOLYMPHATIC SYSTEM:

The thymus is usual for age and weighs 40 gm. The spleen weighs 100 gm and is normal in size. The capsule is intact. The parenchyma is firm. There is no increased follicular pattern. Lymph nodes throughout the body are small and inconspicuous. The bone is unremarkable. The bone marrow of the rib is unremarkable.

ENDOCRINE SYSTEM:

The thyroid is red-tan in color. The parathyroid glands are not identified. The adrenals are unremarkable. The pituitary gland is unremarkable.

MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM:

No abnormalities of the bony framework or muscles are present outside of the observed injuries.

SPECIAL SENSES:

The eyes are not dissected. The middle and inner ear are not dissected.

HISTOLOGIC SECTIONS:

Representative sections from various organs are preserved in one storage jar in 10% formalin. No sections are submitted for slides.

TOXICOLOGY:

Femoral blood, heart blood, liver tissue, stomach contents, urine, and vitreous humor have been obtained.

SPECIAL PROCEDURES:

Blood for DNA is obtained.

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Photographs have been taken prior to and during the course of the autopsy.

DIAGRAMS:

Diagram forms were used during the performance of the autopsy. The diagrams are not intended to be facsimiles and are not drawn to scale.

RADIOLOGY:

AP projections of the head, chest, left upper arm, and right ankle are obtained. Radiodensities are seen in the left neck and right lower leg consistent with the recovered projectiles.

EVIDENCE:

Projectiles recovered from the decedent were each photographed and placed separately in labeled envelopes.

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LAB NO: 14-006303
REQUEST NO: 0002
AGENCY NO: COR-14-003172



NAME: Cardenas Beltran, Jose Uriel

Blood Alcohol Report

Submission: 005

Ethanol Result: 0.17 %

Source: Cardenas Beltran, Jose Uriel

Date Received: 6/27/2014

Sample Type: blood

Date Analyzed: 7/21/2014

Origin: femoral

Note:

The decedent's name on the kit and tubes is indicated as "Cardenasbeltran, Jose Uriel."

Chris Fogelberg

Chris Fogelberg, Criminalist
Forensic Alcohol Supervisor

July 22, 2014

Date

Isaac Eaquinto

7/23/2014

Technical Reviewer
Isaac Eaquinto, Criminalist

Date

Jeremy Zerbe

7/25/2014

Administrative Reviewer
Jeremy Zerbe, Criminalist

Date

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Agency No: COR-14-003172

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Compliance Statements

Uncertainty of the mean concentration (Estimated Uncertainty) is expressed as an expanded uncertainty in accordance with ISO/IEC 17025:2005 at an approximate 99.7% level of confidence using a coverage factor of $k=3$.

Per California Code of Regulations, Title 17:

- The reported result is the truncated mean of the replicate analytical results.

Analysis and Measurement Uncertainty

Instrumentation: Headspace Gas Chromatography

<u>Component</u>	<u>Replicate 1</u>	<u>Replicate 2</u>	<u>Mean Concentration</u>	<u>Estimated Uncertainty</u>
Ethanol	0.175	0.176	0.1755	± 0.008

All concentrations are expressed as % (W/V) unless otherwise noted.

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This report contains the results and conclusions of the signing analyst.

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LAB NO: 14-006303
 REQUEST NO: 0003
 AGENCY NO: COR-14-003172



NAME: Cardenas Beltran, Jose Uriel

Toxicology Report

Submission: 005

Source: Cardenas Beltran, Jose Uriel

Date Received: 6/27/2014

Sample Type: blood

Origin: femoral

Drug Classes Evaluated

amphetamine, benzodiazepines, benzoylecgonine (cocaine metabolite), carisoprodol, methadone, methamphetamine, opiates, oxycodone, zolpidem, tetrahydrocannabinols.

Drugs Confirmed

None

Note:

The decedent's name on the kit and tubes is indicated as "Cardenasbeltran, Jose Uriel."

Matthew Nakayama

Matthew Nakayama, Criminalist

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Date

Karen J Buckman

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Technical Reviewer

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