

Entry 3 Autopsy Report

May 2, 20XX-1

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Camden City, Major

AUTOPSY #: 10m-38

DECEASED: MOE HELTON

RACE: White

SEX: Male

AGE: 22

INVESTIGATING AGENCY:

Camden County Sheriff's Office

IN ATTENDANCE:

Inv. Fred Durkin, CCSO

DATE AND TIME OF DEATH:

May 1, 20XX-1

DATE AND TIME OF AUTOPSY:

May 2, 20XX-1, at 9:00pm

SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS:

- I. Fatal gunshot wound of back of lower left chest extending slightly to the right, upward and forward with penetration of the left lung and heart and bullet recovery from the sternal area.
- II. Two additional bullet wounds of back with bullet recovery
- III. Superficial abrasions of right wrist and knees.
- IV. Toxicological analysis.
- V. No evidence of significant antemortem pathological changes.

IDENTIFYING DATA: The body is observed in the Camden County Medical Center morgue. Clothing consists of a black leather jacket, a black T shirt, a gray T shirt, denim trousers, boxer-type undershorts and white underbriefs. There are black tennis shoes with white socks. Development is normal for a white male whose age is consistent with that recorded of 22 years. Length measures 5 feet, 11 inches, approximately. Weight is estimated at 190 to 210 pounds.

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The body is well preserved and has not been embalmed. There is fully developed rigidity. There is absent lividity. The hair line is normal with thin black hair measuring 1/8 inch in maximum thickness. Sideburns are partially shaved above. There is slight beard and there is slight mustache growth. The ears are not pierced. The eyes are open with brown irides, no arcus and pupils measuring 6.0 mm each. Natural teeth are present. There are no scars other than a single curved scar on the scalp. There is a tattoo on the front of the left chest, having the appearance of an assault rifle. Photographs are taken by the Medical Examiner.

SPECIAL STUDIES: Blood, urine and eyefluid are obtained for toxicological analysis. A portion of gastric content is saved.

EVIDENCE OF TREATMENT: There is no evidence of treatment. Chest electrode patches are present.

EVIDENCE OF INJURY: There are three gunshot wounds present on the body. These are situated upper portion of the back of the trunk and are designated from left to right as "A", "B", and "C". These designations are purely for reference and do not reflect any opinion on the author's part as to the order in which these inshoots were inflicted. Inshoot "A" is situated 21 ¾ inches below the top of the head and is approximately 2 inches to the left of the midline. This measures 3/16 inch in internal diameter and 7 /16 inch including an abrasion collar. This wound path extends upward, slightly to the right and mainly from back to the front. It enters the left chest posteriorly and passes through the left lower lobe and the lingula into the heart, involving the posterior surface of the left ventricle medially, piercing the interventricular septum and the anterior surface of the right ventricle. This bullet comes out of the sternum and is recovered in the subcutaneous tissue on the front of the chest. This is situated 15 inches below the top of the head and at the midline. This bullet is designated #1 and given directly to Inv. DURKIN. Associated with this wound is massive left hemothorax with marked mediastinal shift from the left to the right.

Inshoot wound "B" is situated approximately 1 inch to the left of the midline and 19 1/2 inches below the top of the head on the back of the chest. This measures also 3/16 inch in internal diameter and has a 5/16 inch abrasion collar surrounding. This enters the muscular tissue of the back, passes just to the left of the spine and is recovered on the left lateral surface of the vertebral spine at the level of the 8th thoracic vertebral body. This bullet is removed and is designated #3 and given directly to Inv. DURKIN.

In-shoot wound "C" is on the right side of the back of the chest, in the approximate posterior axillary line, and is approximately 19 1/2 inches below the top of the head on back. This

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measures 3/16 inch in internal diameter and there is a 1/16 inch diameter abrasion collar. This bullet extends inward on the posterolateral chest wall, upward and slightly forward. Associated with this is fracture of the 7th, 6th and 5th ribs with marked lung contusion of the right lower lobe and right upper lobe. The bullet is found at the level of the 4th rib in the anterior axillary line and is designated as bullet #2 and presented directly to Inv. DURKIN.

There are also abrasions over the right wrist on the lateral aspect and two abrasions above the knees. These appear fresh.

INTERNAL, EXAMINATION : Unremarkable. There are no significant antemortem pathologic changes noted within the viscera.

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