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REPORT OF AUTOPSY EXAMINATION

DECEDENT

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Autopsy Type ME Autopsy

Name Keith Lamont Scott

Age 43 yrs

Race Black

Sex M

AUTHORIZATION

Authorized By Jonathan Privette MD

Received From Mecklenburg

ENVIRONMENT

Date of Exam 09/21/2016

Time of Exam 09:00

Autopsy Facility Mecklenburg County M E Office **Persons Present** Ms. Elizabeth Fisher

CERTIFICATION

Cause of Death

Gunshot Wounds of the Chest and Abdomen

The facts stated herein are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Digitally signed by

Jonathan Privette MD 14 November 2016 14:22

DIAGNOSES

Gunshot wound of the posterior left wrist (A), partially exiting the left hand

Skeletal fractures

Gunshot wound of the left anterior abdomen (B), non-exiting

Small bowel laceration

Vertebra fracture

Gunshot wound of the left posterior chest (C), non-exiting

Rib fracture

Left lung, stomach, abdominal aorta lacerations

Left hemothorax, hemoperitoneum, hemorrhage into the GI tract

Abrasions, right torso, right upper extremity

Laceration, right hand

Healing abrasion, bilateral hands

Atrophy, right mandible

IDENTIFICATION

Body Identified By

Papers/ID Tag

EXTERNAL DESCRIPTION

Length 71 inches

Weight 238 pounds

Body Condition Intact

Rigor 3+

Livor Posterior, dependent

Hair Black, with a normal pattern of distribution

Eyes Brown

Teeth Natural, in fair repair

Received is the body of a well-developed, well-nourished adult male appearing compatible with the reported age. The body is unclad. A white metal ring accompanies the body. Identifying marks consist of black ink tattoos and scars as diagrammed. Evidence of medical intervention includes identification bands, bilateral chest tube incisions, catheters in the right chest, left neck, endotracheal tube, and puncture wound at the right neck.

INJURIES

The following gunshot wounds are lettered for convenience of description. The lettering is not intended to indicate the order in which the injuries occurred. The palmar surfaces of the bilateral hands exhibit black ink.

GUNSHOT WOUND "A":

Located on the posterior left wrist at a point 1" above the wrist is an entrance gunshot wound with a hole that measures 1/2" and exhibits circumferential marginal abrasion. Soot and/or stippling are not grossly identified in association with this injury.

The wound track lacerates the skin and soft tissue of the left wrist and fractures the left ulna, radius and carpals.

Located on the ulnar margin of the left hand at a point 1/2" below the wrist is a 1/2" gunshot exit wound that exhibits irregular borders. Metal fragments are grossly observable at this exit wound.

In the anatomical position, the projectile travels left-to-right, downward, with minimal deviation in the front/back axis.

GUNSHOT WOUND "B":

Located on the left anterior abdomen at a point 46 1/4" above the heel and 7 1/4" left of anterior midline is an entrance gunshot wound with a hole that measures 3/8" and exhibits 1/2" circumferential marginal abrasion. Soot and/or stippling are not grossly identified in association with this injury.

The wound track lacerates the skin and soft tissue of the left anterior abdominal wall, lacerates the small bowel, fractures vertebra L5 from where a partially deformed projectile is recovered.

In the anatomical position, the projectile travels left-to-right, front-to-back and downward.

GUNSHOT WOUND "C":

Located on the posterior left upper chest at a point 58" above the heel and 7 1/2" left of posterior midline is an entrance gunshot wound with a hole that measures 3/8" and exhibits 1/2" circumferential marginal abrasion beveled at the superior border. Soot and/or stippling are not grossly identified in association with this injury.

The wound track lacerates the skin and soft tissue of the posterior left upper chest, fractures left rib #6, lacerates the left lower lung lobe, the stomach, the abdominal aorta at the celiac artery trunk. A partially deformed projectile is recovered from the lumen of the abdominal aorta immediately adjacent to the spine. Associated injuries include left hemothorax, hemoperitoneum and extensive blood loss into the lumen of the stomach.

In the anatomical position, the projectile travels predominately downward, left-to-right, slightly back-to-front.

OTHER INJURIES:

There is a 1/2" abrasion at the right supraclavicular area. There is 3/4" laceration at the palmar surface of the right hand. There is a 1/8" abrasion at right finger #3. There are healing abrasions at the bilateral hands. There is abrasion at the right elbow.

DISPOSITION OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EVIDENCE

The following items are released with the body

Ring

The following items are preserved as evidence

The following items are released to Michael Grande of the CMPD on September 21, 2016:

BULLETS (3)
BLOOD CARD

PROCEDURES

Radiographs

Radiographs reveal surgical hardware at the head and pelvis. There are abdominal radiopaque foreign objects at the lumbar spine and the level vertebra T12.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION

Body Cavities

The organs are in their normal anatomic positions.

Cardiovascular System

Heart Weight 440 grams

The pericardial sac is free of significant fluid and adhesions. The coronary arteries arise normally, follow the usual distribution and are widely patent without evidence of significant atherosclerosis or thrombosis. The chambers and valves bear the usual size-position relationships and are unremarkable. The myocardium shows no evidence of acute infarction, scarring, or focal lesions.

Respiratory System

Right Lung Weight 510 grams

Left Lung Weight 330 grams

Examination of the soft tissues of the neck including the strap muscles and large vessels reveals no abnormalities. The hyoid bone and laryngeal cartilages are intact. The larynx is clear. The upper and lower airways are free of debris and foreign material. The lungs are normally formed. The parenchyma of the right lungs shows moderate congestion without obvious consolidation or focal lesions. The pulmonary arteries are free of thrombi or emboli.

Gastrointestinal System

Except as previously noted, grossly unremarkable.

Liver

Liver Weight 1310 grams

The capsule is intact and the parenchyma is unremarkable.

Spleen

Spleen Weight 130 grams

The spleen is normally formed; no focal lesions are present.

Pancreas

The pancreas is of normal size, shape and consistency without focal lesions.

Urinary

Right Kidney Weight 160 grams

Left Kidney Weight 180 grams

The kidneys are of normal size and shape. The capsules strip with ease from the underlying smooth cortical surfaces. The renal architecture is intact without focal lesions. The bladder contains urine.

Reproductive

Grossly unremarkable.

Endocrine

The thyroid gland and bilateral adrenal glands are grossly unremarkable.

Neurologic

Brain Weight 1190 grams

Reflection of the scalp reveals no evidence of injury. There are no skull fractures identified. The leptomeninges are thin, delicate and congested. The cerebral hemispheres are unremarkable. The vasculature at the base of the brain is intact without significant atherosclerosis. Coronal sections reveal normal architecture without focal lesions.

Skin

Except as previously noted, grossly unremarkable.

Immunologic System

Grossly unremarkable.

Musculoskeletal System

There is thinning of the right mandible with absence of several teeth.

MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION

Microscopic Comment

Histologic examination is not performed.

SUMMARY AND INTERPRETATION

The decedent was a 43-year-old male who was shot by law enforcement.

Autopsy examination reveals gunshot wounds of the chest, abdomen and left arm. There are minor abrasions and lacerations.

Please see separate report (T2016-8527) for toxicology details.

Based on the history and autopsy findings, it is my opinion that the cause of death in this case is gunshot wounds of the chest and abdomen.

DIAGRAMS

1. Body Diagram: Adult (Front/Back)
2. Body Diagram: Adult (Front/Back)

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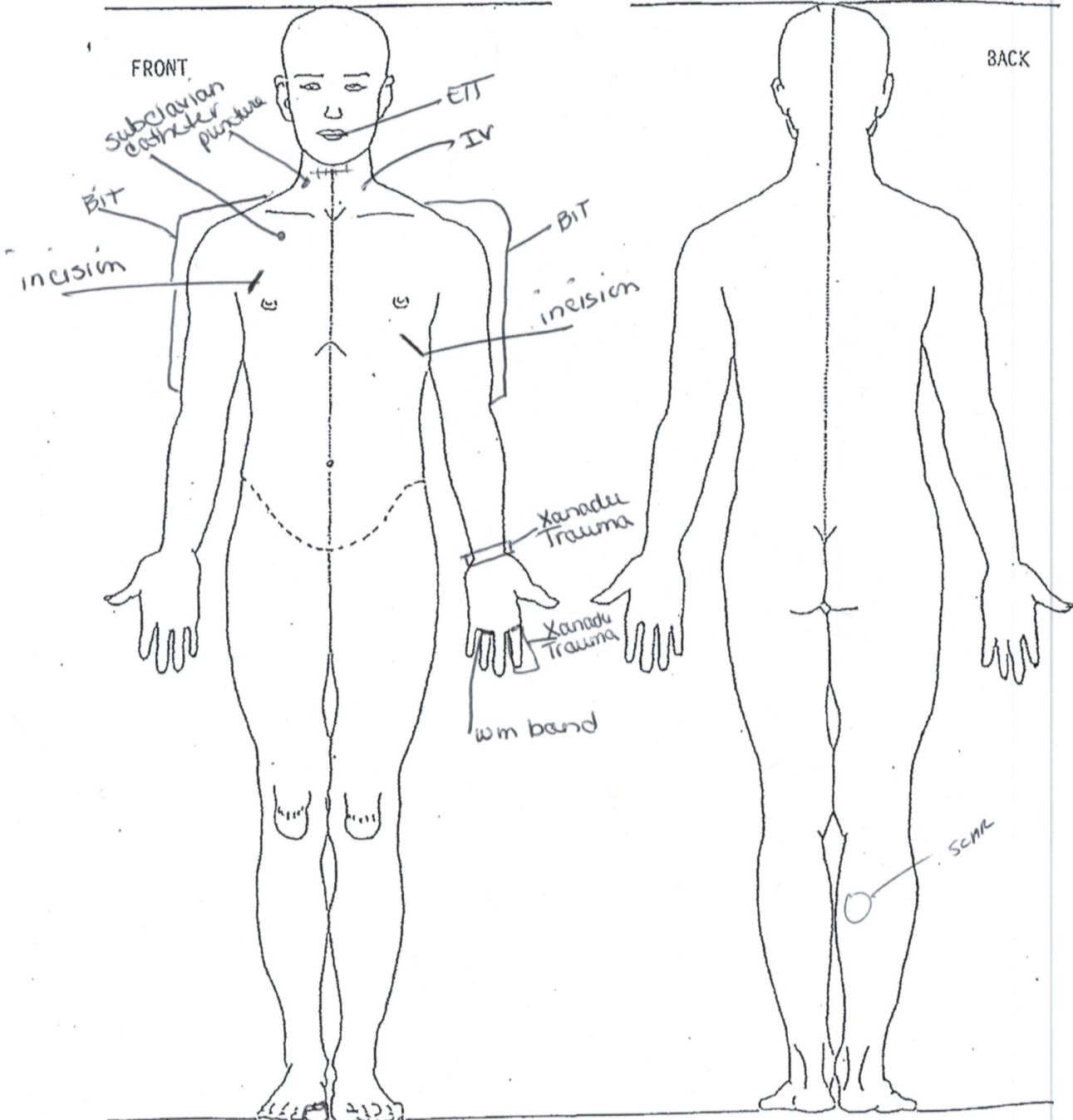
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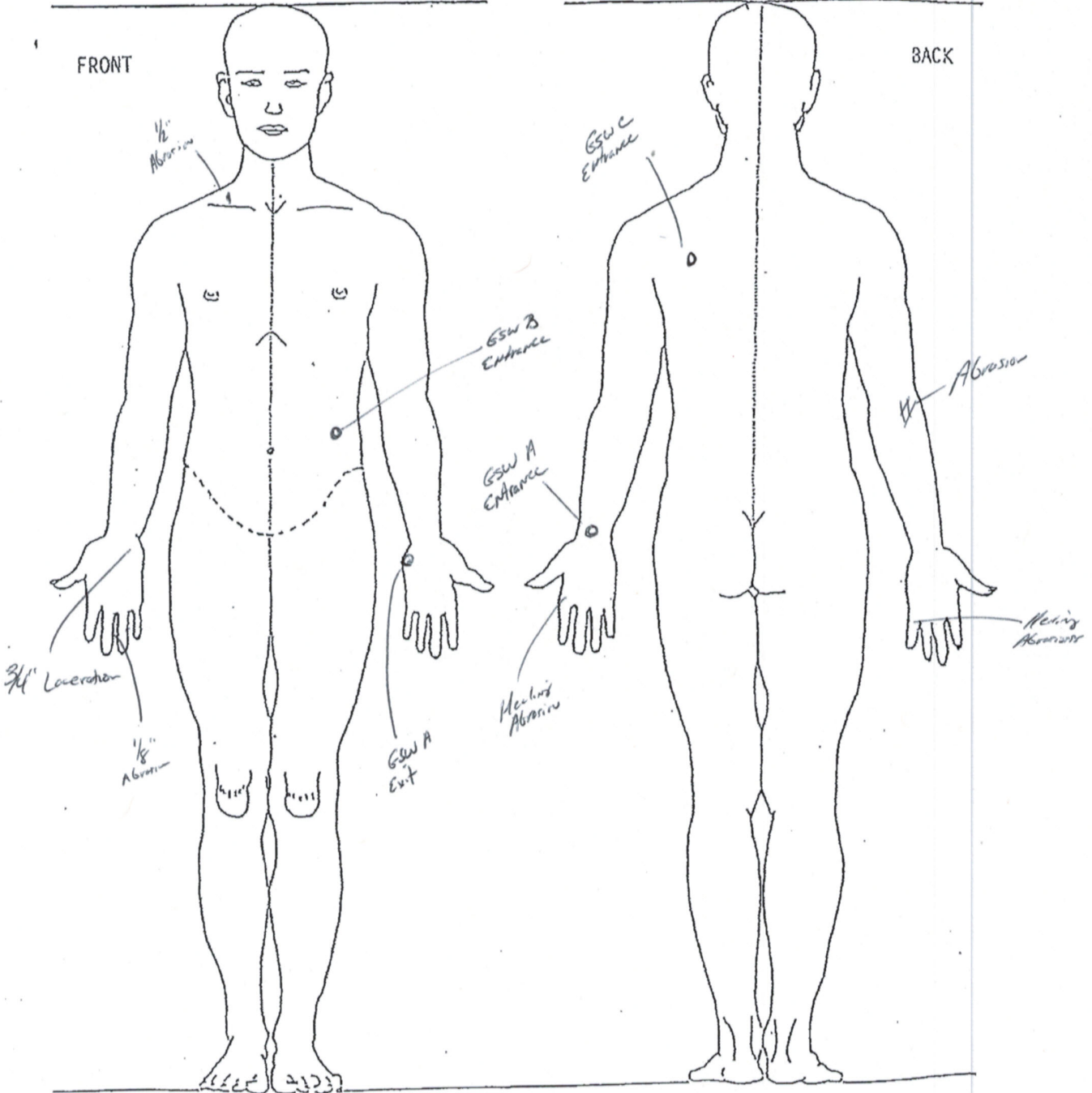
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