AUTOPSY REPORT

I performed an autopsy on the body of DOE, JOHN (LATER IDENTIFIED AS) BRYANT, KOBE BEAN at the DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINER-CORONER in Los Angeles, California on JANUARY 28, 2020 at 0930 HOURS.

From the anatomic findings and pertinent history I ascribe the death to:

(A) BLUNT TRAUMA

Due to or as a consequence of:

(B) DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF

(C) DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF

(D) DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF

OTHER CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING BUT NOT RELATED TO THE IMMEDIATE CAUSE OF DEATH

MANNER OF DEATH

ACCIDENT

HOW INJURY OCCURRED

COMMERCIAL HELICOPTER CRASH, PASSENGER

Anatomic Summary:

I. Blunt trauma, fatal.
   A. Blunt trauma of head.
      1. Multiple lacerations of face, scalp, and neck.
      2. Multiple fractures of skull and face.
   B. Blunt trauma of chest and abdomen.
      1. Traumatic injuries of neck, left shoulder, and lower abdomen.
      2. Multiple fractures of ribs, spine, and hips.
      3. Evisceration of internal organs.
   C. Blunt trauma of extremities.
      A. Multiple fractures of left arm.
      B. Traumatic amputation of right arm.
         1. Right forearm and hand submitted separately.
      C. Multiple fractures of the femurs.
      D. Traumatic amputation of lower extremities.
         1. Both feet recovered.

II. Postmortem burns.
    A. Extensively burned skin of head, chest, and abdomen.
    B. 30% total body surface area burns.
    C. No soot in trachea or bronchi.
III. Toxicology Report.
A. Methylphenidate present.

Decedent is a 41-year-old Black male who on 1/26/2020 was a passenger in a commercial helicopter that crashed into the mountain side in the city of Calabasas. He was pronounced dead at the scene on 1/26/2020 at 1010 hours.

EVIDENCE OF INJURY:
Blunt trauma.

Blunt trauma of head. Examination of the head reveals a flattened but generally intact face and scalp. There is a 6 x 5 inch laceration of the frontal scalp involving the right eye exposing the cranial vault. No brain matter is identified. The left eye is present and appears to be brown in color with congested hemorrhagic sclera. The left lower chin shows a 6 x 6 inch laceration exposing the tongue and multiple fractured segments of mandible. Those fragments contained intact teeth. Examination of the occipital aspect of the scalp reveals a 6 x 4-1/2 inch laceration involving the mid to left aspect of the scalp. There’s also a laceration noted to the right superior parietal scalp. The neck area is exposed showing a segment of the cervical spine. The hyoid bone and thyroid cartilage show multiple fractures.

BLUNT TRAUMA OF CHEST AND ABDOMEN:

Examination of the skin reveals a large laceration involving the anterior neck, upward chest, and left shoulder area. The chest cavity is visible through this defect. A 1-1/2 x 1 inch laceration is noted to the right lateral lower chest. The skin is torn below the pubic region and anteriorly and extends circumferentially toward the back just superior to the buttocks. Both clavicles, the entire rib cage, pelvis, and lumbar and sacral spine show fractures.
BLUNT TRAUMA OF EXTREMITIES:

The left arm is attached and contains multiple fractures of the humerus, radius, and ulna. Lacerations are noted to the axillary region and mid upper arm. Examination of the hand reveals a laceration to the palmer aspect of the hand as well as dorsal aspect of the hand. There is avulsion of the 4th fingernail. There is traumatic amputation of the right arm. Submitted separately is the right forearm. The dorsal aspect shows a compound (open) fracture of the radius. The amputation site shows ragged skin and exposed muscle along with fragments of radius and ulna. Skin slippage is noted to the dorsal of the right hand. The ventral aspect shows a 2-1/2 inch laceration at the base of the thumb. Multiple tattoos are identified from the ventral aspect of the forearm. Examination of the lower extremities shows complete disruption of anatomic structures resulting in a fragmentation of muscle, tendon, and skin. A right femoral head is identified but no femoral condyle. The left femoral neck and hip is identified. A distal fragment of femur with condyle is noted. There appears to be a fracture of the lateral condyle. No feet are attached to the body. They are traumatically amputated above the ankle. Two feet present, are present inside multicolored court shoes. They are identified by shoe size. An amorphous mass of soft tissue is identified via DNA analysis as belonging to Kobe Bean Bryant.

POSTMORTEM BURNS:

Examination of the skin reveals extensive burning of the left temporal parietal scalp as well as right superior parietal scalp and right occipital scalp. The entire anterior chest shows extensive burning as well as a segment of the left lateral arm and hand. Examination of the back reveals focal areas of extensively burned skin involving the right midback and lower back. In aggregate it amounts to approximately 30% total body surface area burns.
EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:

The body is identified by toe tags and is that of an unembalmed Black male. The entirety of the body measures 65 inches which obviously does not reflect the original height of the body. The total weight of the body is 178 pounds. There is a partial tattoo noted to the right upper arm which is disrupted by the traumatic amputation and reveals what appears to be a segment of butterfly which is part of a crown and radiating dark lines expanding from the crown. Examination of the right forearm shows multiple tattoos which include the name “Blanka”, below that is the word “Bella”, below that is the name “Gianna”, below that is the name “Maria-Onore”, below that is the word “Natalia”, and below that is the word “Diamante”. Below that is a diamond. A mustache is noted to the upper lip. The left eye is brown and hemorrhagic. Lower teeth are present amongst the fractured mandible. The penis is identified and is circumcised but shows traumatic degloving.

EVIDENCE OF THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTION:

None. There has not been postmortem intervention for procurement.

CLOTHING:

The body was not clothed but I did examine the clothing and it consists of the following: There are 7 items of clothing. Each shows tearing artifact and some show burned artifact and each has a strong odor of fuel. Of the 7 items only 2 are recognizable. One is a pair of underwear with the elastic band that reads Calvin Klein and the other is a pair of black pants with an elastic waist.
INITIAL INCISION:

The body cavities are entered through the standard coronal incision. The chest and abdominal cavities are empty secondary to traumatic evisceration. The entire rib cage is disrupted with multiple fractures of the cervical thoracic lumbar and sacral spine.

SYSTEMIC AND ORGAN REVIEW

The following observations are limited to findings other than injuries which have been described above. Note: Minimal organs are recovered and only those will be described.

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM:

Two fragments of heart muscle are identified weighing in at aggregate 175 grams. Papillary musculature is identified, however, no other structures are noted.

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM:

No soot is found in the upper respiratory or lower bronchial passages. A nearly intact left lung is identified which weighs 330 grams. A segment of right lung is attached to a bronchi and that segment weighs 75 grams. The parenchyma of both lung segments show hemorrhage.

GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM:

A 200 cm segment of small and large bowel is recovered. Soft green stool is noted in the colon. The small bowel contents are minimal. No appendix is identified in any of the bowel segments.
HEPATOBILIARY SYSTEM:

A fragmented liver is recovered. This fragment weighs 200 grams. An attached gall bladder is noted which contains 1 cc of bile. This bile is collected.

URINARY SYSTEM:

A single kidney which has been fragmented into three separate parts is collected. It weighs 120 grams. No other identifiable organs are identified.

HISTOLOGIC SECTIONS:

Representative sections of various organs are preserved in one storage jar in 10% formalin.

TOXICOLOGY:

Bile, liver tissue, and vitreous humor have been submitted to the lab. A comprehensive screen was requested.

PHOTOGRAPHY:

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

RADIOLOGY:

The body was fluoroscoped and x-rays are taken of the head, chest, and extremities. X-rays reveal multiple fragmented bone involving the entire body.

WITNESSES:

None.
DIAGRAMS USED:

Diagram Form 20 and 43 were used during the performance of the autopsy. The diagrams are not intended to be facsimiles.

OPINION:

The cause of death of this 41 year old Black male identified as Kobe Bean Bryant, is due to blunt trauma. These injuries are rapidly if not instantly fatal. Thermal burns present on the head, chest, and extremities are postmortem and did not contribute to death. The manner of death is deemed accident.

JUAN M. CARRILLO, M.D.
SENIOR DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER

JMC:qeb
D: 01/28/2020 13:14:00
T: 01/31/2020 09:28:00
Immediate amputation of right arm

- Ripped skin edge of exposed muscle
- Compound (open) fracture radius
- Skin laceration

Date: JAN 28 2020

Juan Carrillo, M.D.
Deputy Medical Examiner
DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: (Enter only one cause per line for A, B, C, and D)

IMMEDIATE CAUSE:

(A) Blunt Trauma

DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF:

(B) 

(C) 

(D) 

DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: (Enter only one cause per line for A, B, C, and D)

ACCIDENT No / Could NOT BE DETERMINED

Other conditions contributing but not related to the immediate cause of death:

Other:

If other than natural causes, how did injury occur?

(Was operation performed for any condition stated above? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Type of surgery:

[ ] Organ procurement

[ ] Technician: 

Pregnancy in last year [ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] Unknown [ ] Not applicable

Witness to autopsy [ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] Not applicable

Evidence recovered at autopsy [ ] Yes [ ] No

Item Description:

Resident DME

White - File Copy Canary - Forensic Lab Pink - Certification Goldenrod - DME (Rev. 9/13)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

AUTOPSY CHECK SHEET

DEPARTMENT OF CORONER

2020-00797
BRYANT, KOBE BEAN
ACC SEC

EXTERNAL EXAM
Sex
Race
Age
Height
Weight
Hair
Eyes
Sclera
Teeth
Mouth
Tongue
Nose
Chest
Breasts
Abdomen
Scar
Genitals
Edera
Skin
Decubitus

HEART WT. 175
Pericardium
Hypertrophy
Diastasis
Muscle
Values

AORTA
VESSELS
LUNGS WT.
R
L 33.0
Adhesions
Fluid
Atelectasis
Edema
Congestion
Consolidation
Branchi
Nodes

PHARYNX
TRACHEA
THYROID + Fx
THYMUS
LARYNX
HYOID + Fx
ABDOMINAL WALL FAT

PERITONEUM
Fluid
Adhesions

LIVER WT.
Capsule
Lobules
Fibros
G B
Calcus
Bile ducts

SPLEEN WT.
Color
Consistency
Capsule
Malpigment

PANCREAS
ADRENALS
KIDNEYS WT.
R
L 120 gm

BLADDER + Fragmentation

GENITALIA
Prostate
Testes
Uterus
Tubes
Ovaries

OESOPHAGUS
STOMACH + Contents

DUOD. & SM. INT.
APPENDIX
LARGE INT.
ABDOM. NODES

SKELETON
Spine
Marrow
Rib Cage
Long bones

TOXICOLOGY SPECIMENS
Bile, Liver, Vitreous

SECTIONS FOR
HISTOPATHOLOGY

MICROBIOLOGY

DIAGRAMS
X-RAYS

OTHER PROCEDURES

GROSS IMPRESSIONS
Blunt Trauma

Date JAN 28 2020
Time 09:30

Deputy Medical Examiner
JUAN CARRILLO, M.D.
**Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner, County of Los Angeles**

**FORENSIC SCIENCE LABORATORIES**

1104 North Mission Road, Los Angeles, CA 90033

**Laboratory Analysis Summary Report**

**Carrillo, Juan M.D.**
Deputy Medical Examiner
1104 North Mission Road
Los Angeles, CA 90033

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### Drug Screen

#### Liver

- **ELISA-Immunooassay** Benzodiazepines ND J. Posada
- **ELISA-Immunooassay** Cocaine and Metabolites ND J. Posada
- **ELISA-Immunooassay** Fentanyl ND J. Posada
- **ELISA-Immunooassay** Marijuana: 11-nor-Delta-9-Carboxy-THC ND J. Posada
- **ELISA-Immunooassay** Methamphetamine & MDMA ND J. Posada
- **ELISA-Immunooassay** Opiates: Codeine & Morphine ND J. Posada
- **ELISA-Immunooassay** Opiates: Hydrocodone & Hydromorphone ND J. Posada
- **ELISA-Immunooassay** Phencyclidine ND J. Posada

### Drug Screen/Confirmation

#### Liver

- **Bases-GC/NPD &/or MS** Methylphenidate 0.20 ug/g R. Cabrera

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Print Date: February 28, 2020

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### SPECIMEN SERVICE DRUG RESULT ANALYST

**NOTE:** AKA John Doe. *May not be Title 17 compliant; analysis performed in singlet due to limited specimen volume.

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The alcohol analysis was performed in accordance to California Code of Regulations: "Title 17" compliance by a qualified analyst in the Forensic Toxicology Laboratory, Forensic Laboratories Division, County of Los Angeles Department of Medical Examiner - Coroner.

Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) provides only a preliminary analytical result that is contingent upon a confirmatory test. A "presumptive positive" (PP) signifies detection of a drug class and must be confirmed by additional testing for true identification and quantification of specific drug(s) present in the specimen.

Per the Department's Evidence Retention Policy, the blood specimen(s) will be retained for one year (minimum) and all other specimens six months (minimum) from Autopsy.

**Final Review By:**

Sarah Buston de Quintana
Supervising Criminalist I

The above results relate only to the tests sampled and tested and have been technically and administratively reviewed and are the opinions and conclusions of the analyst involved. The final review has been certified by the noted Toxicologist to ensure that all standard operating procedures were followed as set by the Forensic Toxicology Laboratory, Forensic Sciences Laboratory Division, County of Los Angeles Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner.
DOE, JOHN

SEX: UNKNOWN
RACE: APPEARS WHITE
DOB: 175 lbs.
AGE: 176 in.
DST: 178 lbs.
EYES: UNKNOWN
HAIR: UNKNOWN
TEETH: NO TEETH
FACIAL HAIR: BEARD AND MUSTACHE
ID VIEW: YES
CONDITION: POOR CONDITION

PLACE OF DEATH / PLACE FOUND:
MOUNTAIN SIDE
4232 LA VIRGENES RD.
CALABASAS 91303

PLACE OF INJURY:
MOUNTAIN SIDE
4232 LA VIRGENES RD., CALABASAS, CA
91303

DATE: 1/26/2020
TIME: 10:10
PLACE OF INJURY:
MOUNTAIN SIDE
4232 LA VIRGENES RD., CALABASAS, CA
91303

DATE: 1/26/2020
TIME: 19:25
TRANSPORTED BY:
PEDRO NGUAYAN
TO:
LOS ANGELES FSC
DATE: 1/26/2020
TIME: 19:25

SYNOPSIS:
The decedent was one of nine individuals involved in a helicopter crash on 01/26/2019. On 01/26/2019 a Sikorsky S-76B that the decedent was riding in crashed into mountainous terrain in the city of Calabasas. Weather conditions at the time of the collision were reported to be foggy. The helicopter appears to have crashed into a mountain before making a small skip and coming to rest near a hiking trail. The tail of the helicopter was located south of the main body of the helicopter. Various aircraft parts were strewn for approximately 100 yards north of the apparent main point of impact. The decedent was observed lying in the dirt to the immediate south of the main wreckage of the helicopter.

KRISTINA MCGUIRE
547544
DATE: 1/27/2020
TIME: 23:01
REVIEWED BY: 7:35
COUNTRY OF LOS ANGELES

CASE REPORT

APPARENT MODE

ACCIDENT

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Celebrity, Media Interest, Multiple Deaths

CASE NO: 2020-00797

CRYPT: SC1

NAME

BRYANT, KOBE BEAN

ADDRESS

3 AVALON VISTA

NEWPORT COAST

CA

ZIP: 92657

SEX

M

AGE

61

HEIGHT

178 cm

WEIGHT

UNKNOWN

RACE

BLACK

DATE OF BIRTH

8/23/1978

DEATH DATE

1/26/2020

IDENTIFIED BY NAME (PRINT)

LAPD

RELATIONSHIP

PARENT

PHONE

DATE

TIME

1/26/2020

2020

PLACE OF DEATH/PLACED FOUND

MOUNTAIN SIDE

4232 LAS VIRGENES RD.

CALABASAS

91303

PLACE OF BIRTH

MOUNTAIN SIDE

4232 LAS VIRGENES RD.

CALABASAS

91303

DATE

1/26/2020

TIME

10:10

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVED

LACF SMITH

PHONE

REPORT NO.

NOTIFIED BY

NO

DATE

TIME

1/26/2020

2020

TRANSPORTED BY

PEDRO NGUYEN

TO

LOS ANGELES FSC

DATE

1/26/2020

TIME

19:23

FINGERPRINTS

Yes

CLOTHING

No

PA RPT

No

MORTUARY

MEDiev.

No

INVEST. PHOTO

0

REAL TYPE

HOSP RPT

No

PHYSiev.

No

EVIDENCE LOD

No

PROPERTY

HOSP CHART

No

SUICIDE NOTE

No

 Next of Kin

Notified

No

PF NO.

SYNOPSIS

Information Sources:
2. On scene investigation.

Investigation:
Initial reports indicate that on 01/26/2020 at approximately 0945 hours multiple witnesses called 911 reporting that a helicopter had crashed into the foothills of the Santa Monica mountains above Las Virgenes Road in the City of Calabasas. Deputies from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and personnel from the Los Angeles County Fire Department responded to the scene. Upon arrival to the scene nine decedents were located and pronounced dead at 1010 hours by Los Angeles County Fire Department personnel.

On 01/26/2020 at 1338 hours Officer Rodriguez from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department-Homicide Bureau called to report this multi-decedent helicopter crash fatality to Investigator Jeffrey Guimette at the Los Angeles County Department of the Medical Examiner-Coroner. I was assigned this Special Operations Response Team (SORT) field case at 1400 hours by Acting Supervisor Anthony Lopez. I arrived on scene at approximately 1620 hours and cleared the scene at approximately 1930 hours. On 01/26/2020 the following SORT team members responded to the scene for a coordinated search and decedent removal:

M. Lee #605743, L. Cervantes #639654, P. Ngayan #531611, B. Kim #602036, E. Napoles #465129, M. Gutierrez #479704, R. Estrada #486093, R. Gonzalez #503064, J. Fallot #644073.

On 01/27/2020 at approximately 0630 hours I returned to the scene and cleared the scene at approximately 1600 hours. On 01/27/2020 the following SORT Team Members returned to the scene for a continued coordinated search and decedent removal:

M. Lee #605743, L. Cervantes #639654, P. Ngayan #531611, B. Kim #602036, E. Napoles #465129, M. Gutierrez #479704, R. Estrada #486093, R. Gonzalez #503064, J. Fallot #644073, F. Fernandez #486349, M. Molina #421452.

Forensic Attendant P. Ngayan transported all decedents to the Forensic Science Center.

Also present at the scene were Chief B. Elias, Captain E. Tauscher and Dr. J. Lucas.

Location:
Place of Injury/Death: Mountainside, 4232 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas, CA 91303.

Informant/Witness Statements:
A review of a report issued by the National Transportation Safety Board revealed the following information:

On 01/26/2020 at 0945 hours a Sikorsky S-76B helicopter, N72EX, collided with hilly terrain near the city of Calabasas. The helicopter held 8 passengers and a pilot who were all killed on impact. The Sikorsky was in an 8-passenger seat configuration with two pilot stations up front and eight passengers in the rear, separated by a bulkhead with sliding acrylic windows. Passenger seating was 2 four-occupant divans, one facing forward and the other rearward. A main impact crater measuring 24 feet by 15 feet in diameter was observed with the main wreckage noted to be about 127 feet along a 347° true bearing from the impact crater. The helicopter was destroyed by impact forces and fire with the entire fuselage/cabin and both engines subjected to a post-crash fire.
Scene Description:
The scene is mountainous, vegetation covered terrain located east of 4232 Las Virgenes Road in the City of Calabasas. Due to the size of the scene a stake was placed at a central point located just north of what appears to be the main fuselage. The GPS coordinates of the stake were 34°8'14" N and 118°41'33" W. What appeared to be an initial point of impact designated by a disturbance to the soil and vegetation and various helicopter parts, personal property and human remains were located approximately 120 feet south of the designated central stake. What appeared to be a white and blue helicopter tail piece printed with “Sikorsky” was located down a western slope from the initial point of impact. The helicopter wreckage, personal property and human remains were spread in a cone shape across the area starting at the initial point of impact and spreading toward the north stopping at the north side of a ravine. A designated hiking/bicycle path was located surrounding the scene.

Evidence:
No evidence was collected for this case.

Body Examination:
The decedent is an adult Black male I observed lying on the ground just south of the main fuselage in the above described scene. He was wearing black pants, a sweater, underwear and a shirt. He has black hair, an unknown eye color and natural teeth. Upon external examination I observed significant trauma to his head, right arm and lower body.

Identification:
The decedent was positively identified as Kobe Bean Bryant (DOB: 08/29/1978) via Department of Justice fingerprints.

Next of Kin Notification:
Chief B. Elias provided telephonic notification of the decedent’s death to [Redacted] decedent.

Tissue Donation:
Not addressed.

Autopsy Notification:
No exam request was noted.