

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES


DEPARTMENT OF CORONER

12**AUTOPSY REPORT**

No.

2002-04271

COLVIN, DOUGLAS

I performed an autopsy on the body of 

at _____ the DEPARTMENT OF CORONER

Los Angeles, California

on JUNE 6, 2002 @ 0900 HOURS

(Date)

(Time)

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

MORPHINE (HEROIN) INTOXICATION

(A)

DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF

(B)

DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF

(C)

DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF

(D)

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

Anatomical Summary:

- I. Acute pulmonary edema.
- II. Generalized visceral congestion.
- III. Refer to Toxicology Report.

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Page 2**EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:**

The unembalmed, refrigerated body is that of a well-developed, well-nourished White male appearing to be about the stated age of 50 years. Identification is by toe tag. The height is 72 inches, and the weight is 179 pounds. The scalp hair is brown. The irides are brown, and the sclerae are non-icteric. Natural teeth are present. The oral and nasal cavities are not remarkable. The chest is symmetrical. The abdomen and external genitalia are not remarkable. A 4-1/2 inch horizontal surgical scar is noted at the right lower abdominal quadrant. A needle puncture wound is noted at the lateral aspect of the left antecubital fossa.

An endotracheal tube is properly positioned. An intravenous line is placed at the medial aspect of the left antecubital fossa.

EXTERNAL EVIDENCE OF RECENT INJURY:

An abrasion, measuring 1 inch in greatest diameter, is noted to the left side of the forehead.

INTERNAL EVIDENCE OF RECENT INJURY:

None is present.

BODY CAVITIES:

The pleural and pericardial cavities are not remarkable. The peritoneal cavity shows focal moderately dense adhesions underlying the previously-described surgical scar; none of the body cavities shows excess fluid accumulation.

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM:

The heart weighs 370 grams; the external configuration is not remarkable. The myocardium is not remarkable. The heart valves and extravalvular endocardium are not remarkable. The coronary arteries are widely patent throughout. The aorta shows focal slight atherosclerosis. The great vessels are not remarkable.

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Page 3**RESPIRATORY SYSTEM:**

The right lung weighs 790 grams, and the left lung weighs 720 grams. Sectioning reveals parenchyma of otherwise unremarkable appearance showing severe edema and congestion. The bronchi are not remarkable.

NECK:

The tongue, pharynx, larynx and trachea are not remarkable.

HEPATOBIILIARY SYSTEM:

The liver weighs 2280 grams. Sectioning reveals congested brownish parenchyma showing no evidence of cirrhosis. The gallbladder and extrahepatic bile ducts are not remarkable.

HEMOLYMPHATIC SYSTEM:

The spleen is congested but not otherwise remarkable; the weight is 300 grams. The thymus is not remarkable. Intrathoracic and intra-abdominal lymph nodes are not remarkable. Costal bone marrow is not remarkable.

ENDOCRINE SYSTEM:

The pituitary, thyroid and adrenal glands are not remarkable.

GENITOURINARY SYSTEM:

Each kidney weighs 170 grams. Sectioning reveals congested parenchyma of otherwise unremarkable appearance. The urinary collecting system is not remarkable; the bladder contains approximately 150 ml of urine. The prostate gland and testes are not remarkable.

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Page 4**DIGESTIVE SYSTEM:**

The esophagus is not remarkable. The stomach, which contains approximately 30 ml of food, is not remarkable. The small intestine is not remarkable. The appendix is surgically absent. The large intestine is not remarkable. The pancreas is not remarkable.

MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM:

Muscular development is good. The skeleton is not remarkable.

HEAD AND CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM:

The reflected scalp is not remarkable. No intracranial epidural, subdural or subarachnoid hemorrhages are present. The brain weighs 1420 grams; the external appearance is not remarkable. Multiple coronal sections of both cerebral hemispheres and serial sections of brainstem and cerebellum show no remarkable changes.

The spinal cord is not examined.

TOXICOLOGY:

Blood and urine are submitted for a C-screen.

SECTIONS:

Routine sections of multiple organs are submitted in formalin for storage.

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AUTOPSY CLASS: A B C Examination Only D

Date 6/4/02 Time 0900 Dr. RILEY

FINAL ON 7/12/02 By _____ print

APPROXIMATE INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH

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

IMMEDIATE CAUSE

(A) MORPHINE (HEROIN) INTOXICATION UNK

DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF

(B) DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF

(C) DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF

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

PRIOR EXAMINATION REVIEW BY DME

- BODY TAG CLOTHING
- X-RAY (No. _____) FLUORO
- SPECIAL MED. RECORDS
- PROCESSING TAG
- AT SCENE PHOTOS (No. _____)

TYPING BLOOD TAKEN BY _____
SOURCE _____

TOXICOLOGY

- NO BLOOD
- Embalmed
- >24 hr in hospital
- Decomposed
- Other _____ Reason

SPECIMENS

- Collected by RIF
- HEART BLOOD STOMACH CONT.
 - FEMORAL BLOOD BRAIN
 - _____ BLOOD SPLEEN
 - _____ BLOOD KIDNEY
 - BILE VITREOUS
 - LIVER _____
 - URINE _____

STORAGE JARS

- Regular (No. 1) Oversize (No. _____)
- Histopath Cut: Autopsy Lab

NO TOXICOLOGY REQUESTED

TOXICOLOGICAL ANALYSES ORDERED

- SCREEN: C H T S
- ALCOHOL ONLY
 - CARBON MONOXIDE
 - NEOGEN SCREEN
 - OTHER (specify drug and tissue)

REQUESTED MATERIAL ON PENDING CASES

- Police Report Med History
- Tox Histo
- Microbiology Investigations
- Radiology Cons. Eye Path cons
- Consult on _____
- Brain Submitted DME to Cut
- Neuro cr
- Crim als Sexual Assault Other

- NATURAL SUICIDE HOMICIDE
- ACCIDENT COULD NOT BE DETERMINED

If other than natural causes HOW DID INJURY OCCUR? INFECTION

WAS OPERATION PERFORMED FOR ANY CONDITION STATED ABOVE: YES NO

TYPE SURGERY _____ DATE _____

- ORGAN PROCUREMENT TECHNICIAN _____
- WITNESSES TO AUTOPSY EVIDENCE RECOVERED AT AUTOPSY

Thomas H. Riley Jr.
DME

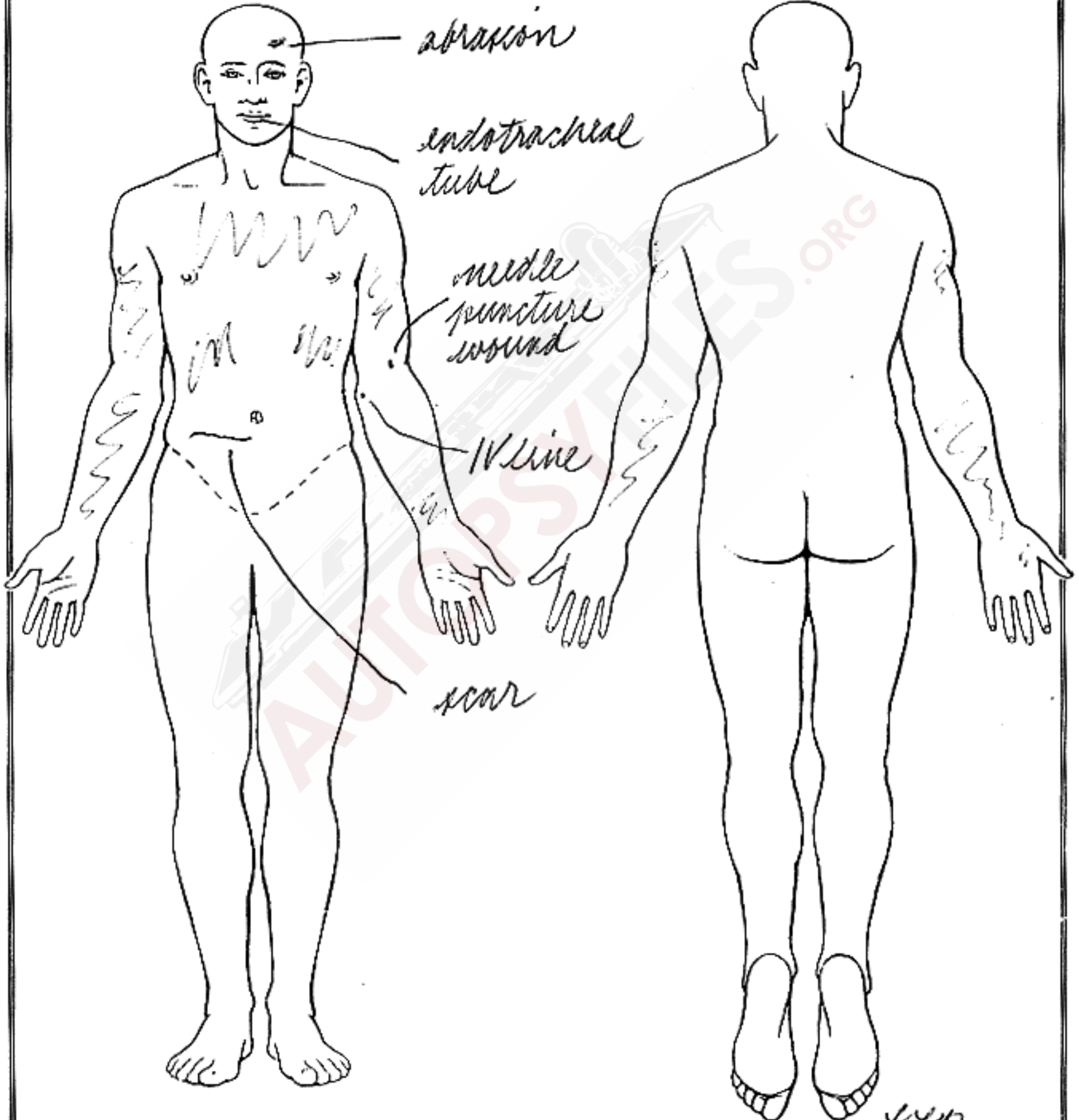
Resident

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multiple tattoos

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[Signature] M.D.

Deputy Medical Examiner



**County of Los Angeles, Department of Coroner
Investigator's Narrative**



Case Number: 2002-04271

Decedent: COLVIN, DOUGLAS

Information Sources:

Det. M.Pelletier, LAPD Hollywood, Ph# (213) 485-6410.

Investigation:

I arrived at the location, on 6-5-02 at 2255 hrs, and contacted Det. Pelletier who related the following information: Decedent does not have any known medical problems or personal physician. He does, however, have a hx of IV drug (heroin) abuse. On 6-5-02 at about 1400 hrs, decedent was at home and apparently okay when his wife, , left the residence. Upon her return home, at about 2025 hrs, she found decedent had collapsed, face down, over the arm of the couch and was unresponsive. She pulled him off the couch and onto the floor in a supine position and called 911. Death was pronounced at 2040 hrs by paramedics of LAFD RA# 27. No trauma noted. Apparent drugs and paraphernalia were found. Possible drug overdose.

Location:

Residence at 6740 Franklin Pl., # 204, L.A. 90028.

Witness Statements:

NA

Scene Description:

The decedent was lying supine on the carpeted floor with his head pointing in a northwesterly direction and his legs pointing in a southeasterly direction. Vomitus was noted on a couch cushion which had been under his head when he was found. Possible narcotics and paraphernalia were lying on a table in front of the couch. A needle-syringe was lying on a kitchen counter.

Evidence:

The aforementioned possible drugs and paraphernalia were placed into Medical Evidence (See form 3a).

Body Examination:

Decedent is a 50 yr old, White male. No trauma noted. Multiple tattoos noted to chest, abdomen and arms. Rigor mortis was of a slight degree throughout the body. Livor mortis was light in color on the front & back of the body which was consistent with initially being found face down and then being placed in a supine position. The coloring blanched at the touch.

Identification:

Per Det. Pelletier, decedent was identified by his wife,

Next of Kin Notification:

Decedent's wife (as above) was present when death was pronounced. She was not present at my arrival.

Tissue Donation:

NA

Autopsy Notification:

None requested.



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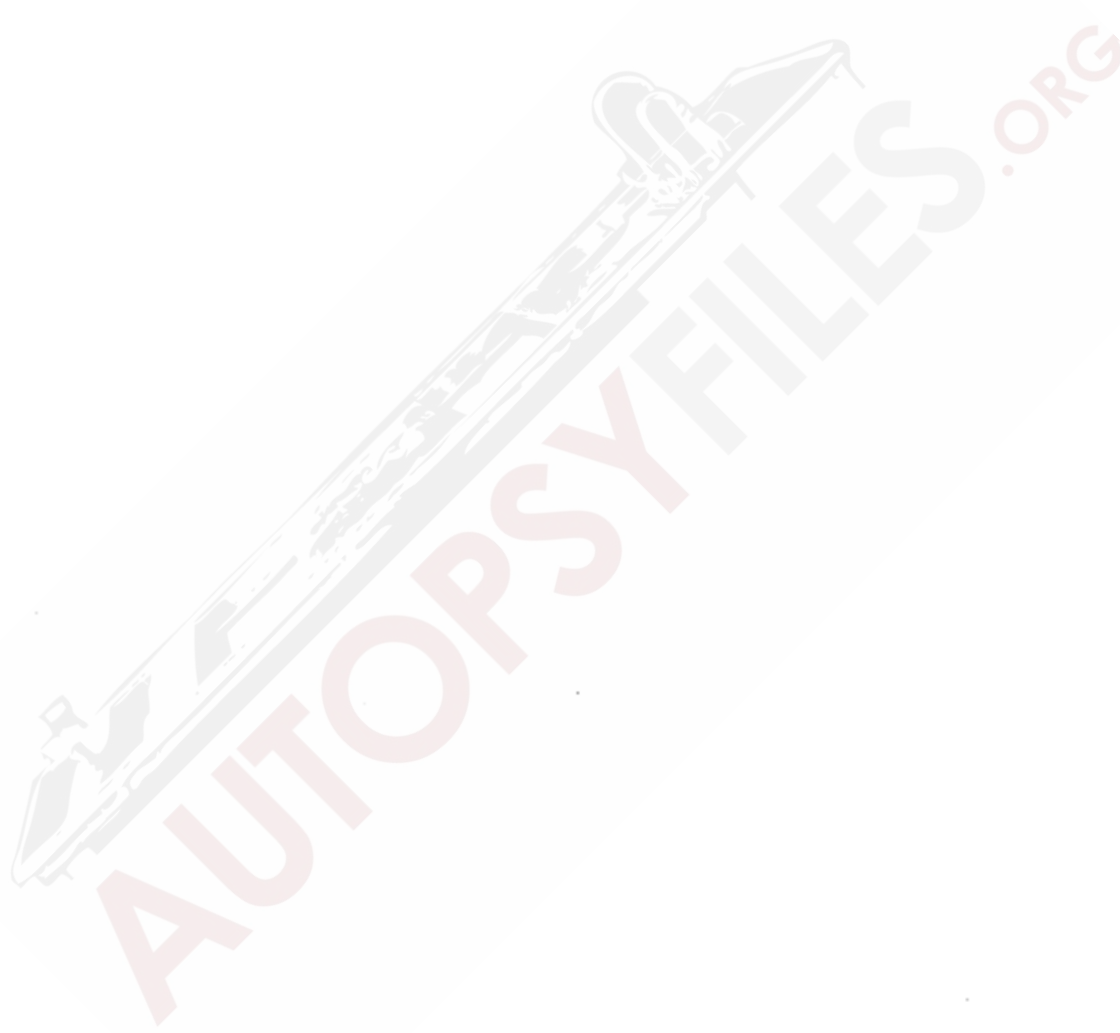
D. Crow

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ROBERT FIERRO

6-6-02

Date of Report



3A

FORM: _____
 CAPSULE C
 LIQUID L
 POWDER P
 SUPPOSITORY S
 TABLET T

NOTE: IF MEDICATION IS NOT IDENTIFIED,
 MAKE NOTE OF TABLET COLOR, SHAPE,
 MARKINGS AND NUMBER.

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R _x Number	Date of Issue	Drug Name/ Description	Number Issued	Number Remaining	Form	Dosage	R _x Directions	Physician	Pharmacy Name/ Comments
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PARAPHERNALIA
 DESCRIPTION: (1) needle-syringe; (1) w/m spoon w/ possible drug residue; (5) balloons w/ possible drug contents; (1) broken balloon.

INVESTIGATOR D. Crow
 DATE 6-5-02