COUNTY OF EL PASO
OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER
AND FORENSIC LABORATORY

Post Mortem Report
Case 12-0365
July 28, 2012
On the body of

SHERMAN ALEXANDER HEMSLEY

Cause of Death: Superior Vena Cava Syndrome
Manner of Death: Natural

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MEDICAL EXAMINER'S EXTERNAL EXAMINATION # 12-0365

Time: 3:00 p.m.                                        July 25, 2012

SHERMAN ALEXANDER HEMSLEY (74)

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

The body is that of a well developed, well nourished, Black male, measuring 67 inches in height and weighing 164 pounds. He is wearing a white t-shirt only. The hair is brown with a few strands of gray, measuring up to 1 ½ inch in length. The hairline is receding back to the occipital areas. The irides are brown. The pupils are mid-dilated and equal. The conjunctivae reveal no hemorrhages. The corneas reveal prominent arcus senilis. The nose and ears reveal nothing remarkable. He has a mustache and a very sparse beard. The teeth are in fair repair. The oral mucosa reveals no injuries. The neck presents no masses or marks. The chest is symmetrical. The abdomen is somewhat prominent. The extremities reveal no gross deformities. 2+ pitting edema is noted on the legs. The upper extremities reveal 4+ pitting edema. The external genitalia, perineum, anus and back reveal nothing remarkable. Rigor mortis is partially present throughout. Lividity is present on the posterior aspect of the body.

IDENTIFYING MARKS AND SCARS:

None.

EXTERNAL EVIDENCE OF INJURY:

None.

EXTERNAL EVIDENCE OF THERAPY:

Three monitor pasties, two upper anterior chest and one left flank.
FINDINGS

1. Lung mass.
   a. Superior vena cava syndrome.

OPINION

It is the opinion of this examiner that this man died from a superior vena cava syndrome as a result of a lung mass. A review of the medical records indicates that he was advised to have chemotherapy and radiation therapy. Subsequently he developed a superior vena cava syndrome. The manner of death is natural.

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