

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

DEPARTMENT OF CORONER

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AUTOPSY REPORT

No. 93-10011

PHOENIX, RIVER J.

I performed an autopsy on the body of
the DEPARTMENT OF CORONER



at Los Angeles, California on NOVEMBER 1, 1993 @ 1000 HOURS
(Date) (Time)

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

(A) ACUTE MULTIPLE DRUG INTOXICATION

DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF

(B)

DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF

(C)

OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS —

Anatomical Summary:

1. History of cocaine, heroin and diazepam use.
2. Abrasions of hand.
3. Contusion of shin.
4. Evidence of therapy.
 - a. Intravenous catheters of neck, subclavian region, arm and hand.
 - b. Resuscitation mark on chest.
 - c. Foley catheter.

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Page 2**CIRCUMSTANCES:**

On 10/30/93, the decedent reportedly went to a nightclub. He was allegedly speedballing, as well as receiving Valium. Early the next morning, he was found by paramedics just outside the front door of the club in cardiac arrest. He was taken to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead shortly after arrival. Drug screen at the hospital was presumptively positive for benzodiazepine, cannabinoids, cocaine metabolite, propoxyphene and opiates. Ethanol was not detected.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:

The body is that of an unembalmed Caucasian young adult male who appears the stated age of 23 years. The body is identified by toe tags. The body weighs 159 pounds, measures 70 inches in length and is well-built, muscular and fairly well-nourished. There is no abnormal skin coloring or pigmentation. No tattoos are present. Rigor mortis is well-developed in the limbs and jaw. Livor mortis is fixed and distributed over the posterior surface of the body as well as the palms of the hands. There are small abrasions on the knuckles of the right index finger and the right thumb. The right shin shows a red-purple contusion. The head, which is normocephalic is covered by brown hair. There is no balding. Examination of the eyes reveals pupils with green irides and sclerae that show no injection or jaundice. There are no petechial hemorrhages of the conjunctivae of the lids or the sclerae. The oronasal passages are unobstructed. The nasal septum is intact and without inflammation. Upper and lower teeth are present. The neck is unremarkable. Resuscitative marks are present over the precordium. There is no chest deformity. There is no increase in the anterior-posterior diameter of the chest. There are no scars of the chest or abdomen. The abdomen is flat. The genitalia are those of a circumcised adult male. A Foley catheter is present. There is no anal or genital trauma. There are no needle tracks identified on the arms or neck. There are fresh venipunctures of the right neck, left subclavian region, right antecubital region and left hand which are related to therapeutic procedures. Edema of the extremities is not present. Joint deformities, crepitation and abnormal mobility are not present.

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Page 3**CLOTHING:**

The body is unclothed when received. Accompanying the body are the following items:

1. A pair of brown long pants with dark stripes. The label says "split" size M-Long.
2. A pair of white and black high top tennis shoes with the label "ALL STAR" size 10 1/2.
3. A pair of socks.

INITIAL INCISION:

The body cavities are entered through a Y-shaped incision. No foreign material is present in the mouth or upper airway. No lesions are present nor is trauma of the gingiva, lips or oral mucosa demonstrated. Both hyoid bone and larynx are intact without fractures. No hemorrhage present in the adjacent throat organs. There are no prevertebral fascial hemorrhages. The pleural cavities contains a small quantity of straw-colored fluid. Rib fractures are not present. The parietal pleurae are intact. The lungs are well-expanded. Soft tissues of the thoracic and abdominal walls are well-preserved. There is no recent evidence of injury to the chest and abdominal walls other than the resuscitation mark and liver temperature mark. The organs of the abdominal cavity have a normal arrangement. None is absent. There is no fluid collection of the abdomen. The peritoneal cavity is without evidence of peritonitis. There are no adhesions.

SYSTEMIC AND ORGAN REVIEW**CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM:**

The aorta is elastic and of even caliber throughout with vessels distributed normally from it. It shows a minimal lipid streaking. There is no tortuosity, widening or aneurysm of the aorta.

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Within the pericardial sac there is a minimal amount of serous fluid. The heart weighs 310 grams. It has a normal configuration. There are a few petechial hemorrhages of the posterior epicardium. The chambers are normally developed. The valves are thin, leafy and competent. There is no endocardial discoloration. The chambers are without mural thrombosis. There is no scarring or hemorrhage of the apices of the papillary muscles. There are no defects of the septum. The great vessels enter and leave in a normal fashion. The ductus arteriosus and foramen ovale are obliterated. The coronary ostia are widely patent. The right coronary artery is the dominant vessel. There is no coronary artery atherosclerosis. There are no focal lesions of the myocardium.

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM:

There is no edema of the larynx. There are no fractures of the laryngeal cartilages. Scant mucoid fluid is found in the upper respiratory passages. The mucosa is intact. The right lung weighs 500 grams and the left lung weighs 350 grams. The lungs are subcrepitant and there is dependent congestion. The visceral pleurae are smooth and intact. The parenchyma is mildly congested. The pulmonary vasculature is without thromboembolism.

GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM:

The esophagus is intact throughout. The stomach is moderately distended by gas. It contains approximately 200 cc. of dark fluid. The mucosa is intact without hemorrhage or ulceration. No medication or capsular material is identified. The external appearance of the small intestine and colon is unremarkable. The small intestine and colon are opened along their anti-mesenteric border and no mucosal lesions are present. The appendix is present. The pancreas occupies a normal position. The parenchyma is lobular and firm. The pancreatic ducts are not ectatic. There is no parenchymal calcification.

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Page 5**HEPATOBIILIARY SYSTEM:**

The liver weighs 1860 grams. It is red-brown. The capsule is thin. The consistency is soft and the cut surface is smooth. There is a normal lobular arrangement. The gallbladder is present and its wall is thin and pliable. It contains no stones and a moderate quantity of bile is present. There is no obstruction or dilatation of the extrahepatic ducts. The periportal lymph nodes are not enlarged.

URINARY SYSTEM:

The right kidney weighs 120 grams and the left kidney weighs 140 grams. The kidneys are normally situated and the capsules strip with ease revealing a surface that is smooth and dark purple. The corticomedullary demarcation is obscured by congestion. The pyramids are not remarkable. The peripelvic fat is not increased. The ureters are without dilatation or obstruction. The urinary bladder is unremarkable. The bladder contains no urine. The Foley catheter bag contains approximately 20 to 30 cc. of urine.

GENITAL SYSTEM:

The prostate is without enlargement or nodularity. Both testes are in the scrotum and without trauma.

HEMOLYMPHATIC SYSTEM:

The spleen weighs 250 grams. The capsule is smooth and intact. The parenchyma is firm and dark red. There is no increase in the follicular pattern. Lymph nodes throughout the body are small and inconspicuous.

ENDOCRINE SYSTEM:

The thyroid gland is unremarkable. The adrenals are intact without necrosis or hemorrhage. The thymus has the usual appearance for the age. The pituitary gland is of normal size.

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Page 5**CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM:**

There is no hemorrhage beneath the scalp, into the orbits nor into the temporal muscles. The external periosteum and dura mater are stripped showing no fractures of the calvarium or base of the skull. There are no intracranial hematomas. There are no tears of the dura mater and no epidural, subdural or subarachnoid hematoma. The brain weighs 1540 grams. The leptomeninges are thin and transparent. A normal convolutionary pattern is observed. Coronal sectioning demonstrates a uniformity of cortical gray thickness. The cerebral hemispheres are symmetrical. There is no softening, discoloration or hemorrhage of the white matter. The basal ganglia are intact. Anatomic landmarks are preserved. The ventricular system is symmetrical without dilatation or distortion. Pons, medulla and cerebellum are unremarkable. There is no evidence of uncal or cerebellar herniation. Vessels at the base of the brain have a normal pattern of distribution. There are no aneurysms. The cerebral arteries are without arteriosclerosis.

Spinal Cord: The spinal cord is not dissected.

HISTOLOGIC SECTIONS:

Representative specimens from various organs are preserved in 10% formalin and placed in the storage jar.

TOXICOLOGY:

Blood, bile, urine, liver tissue and stomach contents have been submitted to the laboratory. The blood sample is given to Toxicologist Anderson at 1055 hours on 11/1/93. C screen and tetrahydrocannabinol are requested.

PHOTOGRAPHS:

Photographs have been taken prior to the autopsy.

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WITNESSES:

Detective Lee was present during the autopsy.

OPINION (November 12, 1993):

Toxicology studies showed high concentrations of morphine (heroin) and cocaine in the blood, as well as other substances in smaller concentrations. Police investigation shows no indication of foul play at this point. The toxicology findings are consistent with the history.

Christopher Rogers
CHRISTOPHER ROGERS, M.D.
CHIEF, FORENSIC MEDICINE DIVISION

11-15-93
DATE

CR:rs:c
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AUTOPSY CLASS: A. B. C. EXAMINATION (D).

Date 11-1-93 Time 1000 Dr. Rogers
PRINT NAME

PENDING FINAL ON: 11-12-93
 TOX NEURO LAW ENF. REPORT
 HISTO MED HIST. OTHER

APPROXIMATE INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH

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22. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: (ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR A, B, AND C)
IMMEDIATE CAUSE

(A) Acute multiple drug intoxication
DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF

(B)
DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF

(C)
DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF

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

NATURAL ACCIDENT SUICIDE HOMICIDE UNDETERMINED

If other than natural causes
HOW DID INJURY OCCUR?

Intake of drugs

WAS OPERATION PERFORMED FOR ANY CONDITION STATED ABOVE? Yes No

TYPE SURGERY _____ DATE _____

PERTINENT COMMENTS:

EVIDENCE RECOVERED AT AUTOPSY
Item Description:

ORGAN PROCUREMENT

WITNESSES TO AUTOPSY:

Blood sample given to toxicologist Dr. Anderson 1055 11-1-93 CR

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DEPARTMENT OF CORONERS
LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Christopher Rogers M.D.
DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER

DEATH CERTIFICATE ISSUED

FINAL DATE ISSUED _____ ISSUED BY _____

REQUEST

- Police Report _____
- Med. History _____
- Investigations _____
- Criminalistics
 GSR Other _____

- HISTOPATH CUT: AUTOPSY LAB
- MICROBIOLOGY:
- NEUROPATHOLOGY

TOXICOLOGICAL SPECIMENS COLLECTED

- YES, by CR
- BLOOD: HEART (OTHER)
- BILE BRAIN
- LIVER SPLEEN
- URINE KIDNEY
- STOMACH CONTENTS (2) VITREOUS
- NO BLOOD
- EMBALMED
- > 24 HR. IN HOSPITAL
- NOT INDICATED
- OTHER _____ (REASON)

TOXICOLOGICAL ANALYSES ORDERED

- SCREEN: C H T
- ALCOHOL ONLY
- CARBON MONOXIDE
- OTHER (SPECIFY DRUG AND TISSUE)
THC

SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST (17A)

Typing Blood Taken by CR

HEART OTHER _____

PRIOR EXAMINATION REVIEW

- BODY TAG CR MED. RECORD CR
- CLOTHING CR AT SCENE PHOTO CR
- SPL PROCESSING TAG X-RAY
- FLUORO

WHITE - FILE COPY
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AUTOPSY CHECK SHEET

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EXTERNAL EXAM

Sex Male
Race Caucasian
Age 23
Height 70
Weight 149
Hair Brown
Eyes Green
Sclera
Teeth Normal
Mouth
Tongue
Nose - septum intact
Chest - Resuscitation marks
Breasts Normal
Abdomen
Scar - none noted
Genitalia Caucasian
Edema
Skin Sec diaphragm
Decub.

HEART Wt

Pericard Few of
Hypert of
Dilat
Muscle
Valves
Coronar

AORTA

minimal fatty streaks

VESSELS

LUNGS Wt

R 500
L 350
Adhes Mild congestion
Fluid
Atelectasis
Oedema
Congest
Consol
Bronchi
Nodes

PHARYNX
TRACHEA
THYROID
THYMUS

PERITONEUM

Fluid Normal
Adhes
LIVER Wt 1560
Caps
Lobul
Fibros Normal
GB
Calc
Bile ducts

SPLEEN Wt 250

Color
Consist
Caps Normal
Malpig
PANCREAS
ADRENALS
KIDNEYS Wt - 2
Caps
Cortex
Vessels
Pelvis
Ureter

BLADDER

20-40 cc in Foley bag

GENITALIA

Prost Normal
Testes
Uterus
Tubes
Ovar

OESOPHAGUS

normal
STOMACH - 200 cc dark fluid

DUOD & SM INT

Normal

APPENDIX

LARGE INT

ABDOM NODES

SKELETON

Skull
Spine Normal
Marrow

BRAIN Wt 7540

Dura
Fluid
Ventric Normal
Vessels
Ears
Nasal-Sin
PITUITARY - Normal

SPINAL CORD

-not examined

TOXICOLOGY

Blood urine, liver, etc.

SECTIONS

Stomach

GROSS IMPRESSION

- 1. History of cocaine, brown oval abrasions on face
- 2. Abrasions of hand
- 3. Contusion of skin
- 4. Evidence of therapy
 - 1) Intravenous catheter of neck, subclavian region, arm and hand
 - 2) Resuscitation mask on chest
 - 3) Foley catheter

witness: Lee, L.A.S.O

- Clothing - Brown pants, dark stripes, label "Galt", size M-long
- Black white high-top tennis shoes label "All Star" size 10 1/2
- white socks

Report of Toxicological Analyses
 Department of Coroner
 County of Los Angeles

11/15/93

Pending Tox

TO: Christopher Rogers, M.D.
 Chief, Forensic Medicine

FROM: Forensic Toxicology Laboratory
 Forensic Science Laboratories Division

SUBJECT: Coroner's Case Number 93-10011 PHOENIX, RIVER

In accordance with your request, toxicological analyses have been performed and are now completed on the subject case as tabulated below:

Tissue	Analyses Requested	Drugs Analyzed	Level Found	Assigned Toxicologist	Date Analyzed
Blood	Alcohols	Alcohols	Negative	H. Munoz	11/04/93
Blood	Barbiturates		ND	J. Park	11/04/93
Blood	Basic Drugs	Other	Present	D. Anderson	11/04/93
Blood	Narcotics	Free Codeine	0.39 UG/ML	D. Anderson	11/04/93
Blood	Narcotics	Free Morphine	1.70 UG/ML	D. Anderson	11/04/93
Blood	Phencyclidine	Phencyclidine	ND	L. Mahanay	11/04/93
Stomach Contents	Narcotics	CODEINE	0.08 MG	D. Anderson	11/04/93
Stomach Contents	Narcotics	MORPHINE	0.20 MG	D. Anderson	11/04/93
Blood	Cocaine	Benzoyllecgonine	4.60 UG/ML	D. Anderson	11/04/93
Blood	Cocaine	Cocacethylene	ND	D. Anderson	11/04/93
Blood	Cocaine	Cocaine	7.80 UG/ML	D. Anderson	11/04/93
Stomach Contents	Cocaine	BENZOYLECAGONINE	1.70 MG	D. Anderson	11/04/93
Stomach Contents	Cocaine	COCAETHYLENE	ND	D. Anderson	11/04/93
Stomach Contents	Cocaine	COCAINE	100.80 MG	D. Anderson	11/04/93
Blood		EPHEDRINE	0.37 UG/ML	R. Budd	11/08/93
Blood		MDA	ND	R. Budd	11/08/93
Blood		MDMA	ND	R. Budd	11/08/93
Blood		PSEUDOEPHEDRINE	1.29 UG/ML	R. Budd	11/08/93
Blood	Methamphetamine	Methamphetamine	ND	R. Budd	11/08/93
Urine		EPHEDRINE	Present	R. Budd	11/08/93
Urine		MDA	ND	R. Budd	11/08/93
Urine		MDMA	ND	R. Budd	11/08/93
Urine		PSEUDOEPHEDRINE	Present	R. Budd	11/08/93
Urine	Drug Screen	BENZOYLECAGONINE	Present	R. Budd	11/08/93
Urine	Drug Screen	MORPHINE	Present	R. Budd	11/08/93
Blood	Benzodiazepines	DESMETHYLDIAZEPAM	0.05 UG/ML	D. Anderson	11/10/93
Blood	Benzodiazepines	DIAZEPAM	0.19 UG/ML	D. Anderson	11/10/93
Urine		Marijuana Metabolite	Present	L. Chwa	11/10/93
Blood	Basic Drugs	Ketamine	ND	D. Anderson	11/15/93
Blood	Basic Drugs	Propoxyphene	ND	D. Anderson	11/15/93

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Department of Coroner
County of Los Angeles

12/06/93

Pending Tox

TO: Christopher Rogers, M.D.
Chief, Forensic Medicine

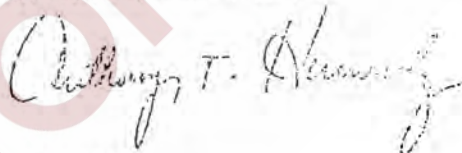
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Tissue	Analyses Requested	Drugs Analyzed	Level Found	Assigned Toxicologist	Date Analyzed
Blood	Special Test	Marijuana	Negative	L. Mahanay	12/01/93

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LEGEND:

MG/L = Milligram per Liter
UG/ML = Micrograms per Milliliter
QNS = Quantity Not Sufficient
UG/G = Micrograms per Gram
MG/DL = Milligram per Deciliter
TNP = Test Not Performed

G% = Gram Percent
ND = Not Detected
MG = Milligrams

JOSEPH J. MUTO
CHIEF FORENSIC TOXICOLOGIST

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
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HOSPITAL AND NURSING
CARE FACILITY REPORT

1104 NORTH MISSION ROAD
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. 90033

44-15-10011

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TO REPORT A DEATH--PHONE (213) 343-0711
COMPLETE ALL LINES. USE I/M, IF UNKNOWN OR NOT APPLICABLE.
SO STATE.

CEDARS-SINAI MEDICAL CENTER

NAME OF FACILITY

001/010954956
RIVER, PHOENIX
M / I / I
DOS 10/31/93
ER 565717
000/000/000

ADDRESS 8700 Beverly Blvd.

PHONE (213) 855-2109

NAME OF DECEDENT RIVER, PHOENIX

DATE OF DEATH 10-31-93 TIME 0751

AGE 23 SEX M RACE C

PRONOUNCED BY DR. PAUL SILKA

HOSP. OR I.O. NO.

EMERGENCY ROOM PATIENT

ORGAN/TISSUE DONATION INFORMATION

WAS THE NEXT-OF-KIN APPROACHED REGARDING ORGAN/TISSUE DONATION?
NO YES IF YES WHAT WAS THEIR RESPONSE?

HOSPITAL IN PATIENT

DATE ADMITTED 10-31-93

TIME 0734

TO HOSPITAL BY: POLICE RELATIVES FRIENDS SELF AMBULANCE (Name of A.A. #) SA 8

FROM 8860 SUNSET BLVD. W-HOLLYWOOD CA.
(STATE WHETHER HOME, HOSPITAL OR OTHER) GIVE ADDRESS (IF HOSPITAL ATTACH THEIR HISTORY)

ADMITTED BY P. SILKA M.D. ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

INJURIES DATE TIME PLACE CAUSE (TRAFFIC, FALL, ETC.)

DESCRIBE INJURIES:

CLINICAL HISTORY: APPARENT NARROW/CORONARY OVIADOSE - ASYSTOLE

SURGICAL PROCEDURES: STATE TYPE, DATE, TIME AND RESULTS OF ANY OPERATION OR AMPUTATION PERFORMED

CENTRAL

UNR Coroner 10/31

WAS A BULLET OR OTHER FOREIGN OBJECT RECOVERED? SPECIFY

LABORATORY: SPECIFY SPECIMENS TAKEN DATE & TIME

LABORATORY RESULTS:

RETAIN LABORATORY SPECIMENS

X-RAY REPORT:

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BLOOD/URINE OVIADOSE Top

REMARKS: ESPECIALLY SYMPTOMS PRECEDING AND DURING TERMINAL EPISODE

IN MY OPINION, THE IMMEDIATE CAUSE OF DEATH IS:

BY Dr. Silka M.D.
SILKA

OR- [Signature] OTHER OFFICIAL

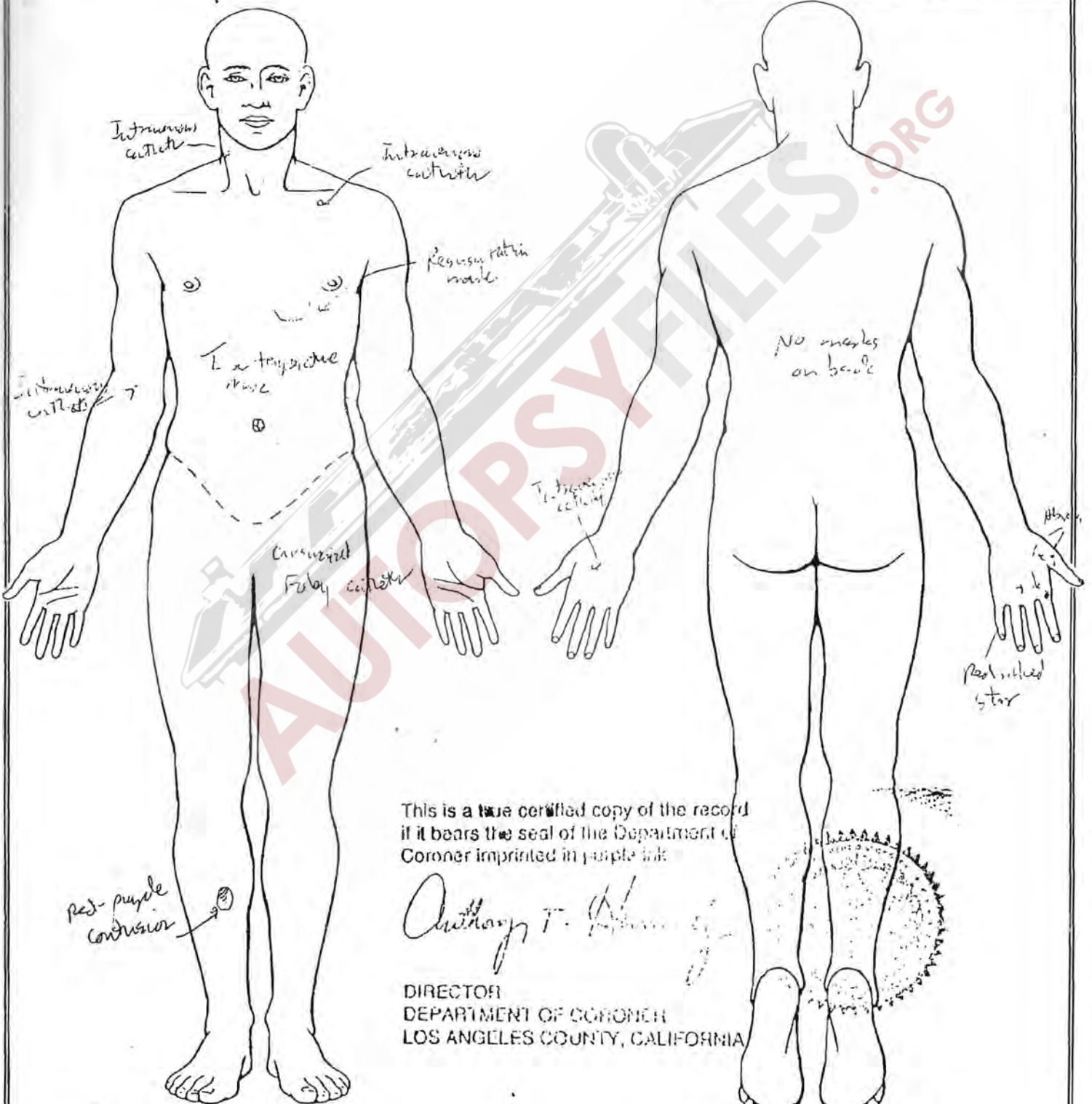
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Christopher ... 1010
11-1-93 M.D.
Deputy Medical Examiner

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INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT

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CC #93-10011
 PHOENIX, RIVER JUDE
 DOD 10-31-93
 ACC
 LASD/HOMICIDE BUREAU
 #093-09738--0978-496

INFORMATION SOURCES:

1. LASD HOMICIDE SGT. MIKE LEE; AT HOSPITAL. PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGE(S)
2. GERRY GIBSON, HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISOR; AT HOSPITAL.
3. LASD DEPUTY J. WILLIAMS #275868; AT HOSPITAL
4. ARLYN S. PHOENIX, DECEDENT'S MOTHER; VIA PHONE.
5. MARR NEALON, FAMILY FRIEND, ACTRESS; AT THE DEPARTMENT.

INVESTIGATION:

AT 0150 HOURS ON 10-31-93, THE DEPARTMENT WAS NOTIFIED OF A POSSIBLE ACCIDENTAL DEATH BY OVERDOSE, INVOLVING ACTOR RIVER PHOENIX. THE DECEDENT HAD BEEN TRANSPORTED TO CEDARS-SINAI HOSPITAL BY PARAMEDICS AND SUBSEQUENTLY PRONOUNCED.

I RESPONDED TO THE HOSPITAL PER LT. MICHAEL JOSEPH AND CONTACTED LASD HOMICIDE SGT. MIKE LEE. IT WAS LEARNED FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS WERE AT THE HOSPITAL, HOWEVER WHEN THE DECEDENT WAS PRONOUNCED, THEY LEFT THE HOSPITAL. THE DECEDENT'S AGENT WAS ALSO AT THE HOSPITAL (ID'D AS IRIS BURTON) BUT ALSO LEFT BEFORE SHE COULD BE INTERVIEWED.

APPARENTLY THE DECEDENT HAD GONE TO A NIGHTCLUB (THE VIPER) LOCATED AT 8860 SUNSET BLVD., WEST HOLLYWOOD, ON THE EVENING OF 10-30-93, WITH FRIENDS AND HIS BROTHER. THE DECEDENT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN USING DRUGS IN THE NIGHTCLUB'S RESTROOM. ATTENDEES WHO REFUSED TO BE IDENTIFIED, REPORT THE DECEDENT "SPEEDBALLING." HIS GIRLFRIEND, ID'D AS SAMANTHA MATHIS (DOB 5-12-70) TOLD DEPUTIES, SHE HEARD SOMEONE HAD GIVEN THE DECEDENT "SOMETHING" TO CALM HIM DOWN. SHE ASSUMED THE "SOMETHING" TO BE VALIUM. SHE DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE DECEDENT'S DRUG USE. (IT SHOULD BE NOTED, MATHIS WAS CONTACTED TWICE VIA PHONE, HOWEVER REFUSED TO OFFER INFORMATION REGARDING THE INCIDENT.)

AT 0110 HOURS, 10-31-93, LASD AND LACFD RECEIVED A 9-1-1 CALL FOR MEDICAL AID, POSSIBLE SEIZURE ACTIVITY. UPON ARRIVAL OF RA 7 (CAPT. RIBAR, PARAMEDICS HOUSTON, SCOTT AND PHILLIPS) THE DECEDENT WAS OBSERVED JUST OUTSIDE THE FRONT DOOR OF THE CLUB ON THE SIDEWALK AND WAS IN FULL ARREST, PER CAPT. RIBAR. CPR WAS IMMEDIATELY STARTED AND AT 0131 HOURS, THE DECEDENT WAS TRANSPORTED TO THE HOSPITAL, ARRIVING AT 0134 HOURS. THE DECEDENT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY PRONOUNCED IN THE ER BY DR. PAUL SILKA, AT 0151 HOURS.

THE DECEDENT WAS SCREENED DRUGS AND ETHANOL. THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE PANEL DETECTED: BENZODIAZEPINES, CANNABINOIDS, COCAINE METABOLITE, PROPOXYPHENE AND OPIATES. ETHANOL WAS NOT DETECTED. (SEE ATTACHED REPORT.)

THE DECEDENT WAS OBSERVED IN THE HOSPITAL MORGUE, AND WAS NOTED TO BE WEARING BROWN "SPLIT" JEANS WITH BLACK STRIPS, SIZE M, LG; WHITE SOCKS AND BLACK "CONVERSE" HI-TOP SNEAKERS. (PER CAPT. RIBAR, THE DECEDENT HAD A JACKET AND A SHIRT, WHICH HE BELIEVES WERE LEFT AT THE SCENE UPON TRANSPORTING.) PER THE HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISOR, THE DECEDENT HAD NO PROPERTY UPON ARRIVAL.

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Charles L. Goldman #411487
 10-31-93

APPROVAL

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A BODY EXAMINATION REVEALS FRESH BRUISING TO THE DECEDENT'S LEFT PALM NEAR HIS THUMB, THREE SCABBED OVER ABRASIONS ON THE TOP OF THE RIGHT HAND, ONE FRESH ABRASION ON THE RIGHT INDEX FINGER, FIRST KNUCKLE AND A SCAR ON HIS RIGHT SHIN. ALSO NOTED IS A RED STAR, STAMPED ON THE TOP OF HIS RIGHT HAND. (RECEIVED UPON ENTERING THE NIGHTCLUB.) A LIVER TEMPERATURE WAS TAKEN AT 0337 HOURS SHOWING 99° WITH THE AMBIENT TEMPERATURE AT 68°.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED, THE DECEDENT WAS PRONOUNCED AT 0151 HOURS DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME AND WHEN THE LIVER TEMPERATURE WAS TAKEN AT 0337 HOURS, THE TIME THEN CHANGED TO PACIFIC STANDARD TIME.

THE DECEDENT WAS LATER TRANSPORTED FROM THE HOSPITAL TO THE PSC FOR FURTHER EXAMINATION, BY J.P. NAVA #412696.

NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF THE REPORT, HOWEVER THE INVESTIGATION BY LASD SGT. LEE AND DET. COMSTOCK IS CONTINUING.

IDENTIFICATION: MADE BY THE DECEDENT'S BROTHER, JOAQUIN PHOENIX AT THE SCENE AND BY THE DECEDENT'S AGENT, IRIS BURTON AT THE HOSPITAL.

NOTIFICATION: MADE BY IRIS BURTON AND LATER CONFIRMED BY GOODMAN #411487.

This is a true certified copy of the record if it bears the seal of the Department of Coroner imprinted in purple ink.

Anthony T. [Signature]

DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF CORONER
LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA



Cheryl L. Goodman #411487
10-31-93

APPROVAL

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

ORDER FOR RELEASE — ORDEN DE ENTREGA

DEPARTMENT OF CORONER

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DEPARTMENT OF CORONER COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Please read and answer all questions before signing

Case No. 93-10011

Case Name

PHOENIX, RIVER

WAS THE DECEDENT LEGALLY MARRIED AT THE TIME OF DEATH? no

DOES THE DECEDENT HAVE ANY LIVING CHILDREN? no

Favor de leer y contestar todas las preguntas antes de firmar

¿El Finado tiene hijos vivos? no

¿El Finado ha sido casado legalmente? no

Date NOVEMBER 1, 1993

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE • CHAPTER 3 • CUSTODY AND DUTY OF INTERMENT

7100. The right to control the disposition of the remains of a deceased person, unless other directions have been given by the decedent, vests in, and the duty of interment and the liability for the reasonable cost of interment of such remains devolves upon the following in the order named: (a) The surviving spouse. (b) The surviving child or children of the decedent. (c) The surviving parent or parents of the decedent. (d) The person or persons respectively in the next degrees of kindred in the order named by the laws of California as entitled to succeed to the estate of the decedent. (e) The Public Administrator when the deceased has sufficient assets.

“WARNING: The person signing this Order for Release is liable for all damages caused by any untruthful statements contained in this document. (Health and Safety Code Section 7110). It is also a criminal offense to knowingly file a false statement with a government agency. (Penal Code Section 115 and 470)” Therefore, please release the body upon completion of your investigation of the death of said deceased to:

MORTUARY: Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills

SIGNED X [Signature] Relationship mother

Address X 3232 SW 35 Blue City X Painesville State X FL Zip Code 32628

Telephone No. X 904 466-0201 Date Signed November 1, 1993

If not next of kin, sign above and explain why next of kin is not handling. If the executor, attach a copy of the will.

Name Relationship Address City State Zip Code

CODIGO DE SANIDAD Y SEGURIDAD • CAPITULO 3 • Custodia y Obligacion de Entierro

7100. El derecho de controlar la disposicion de los restos del finado a menos de que otras instrucciones hayan sido dadas por el finado, dar autoridad, y el deber del entierro y la responsabilidad por el gasto justo de entierro de tales restos pasa sobre lo siguiente en el orden nombrado, (a) esposo o esposa (b) hijo o hijos del finado (c) padre o padres del finado (d) persona o personas respectivamente en los grados de parentesco en el orden nombrado por las leyes de California como que tiene derecho se suceder al los bienes del finado (e) El Administrador Publico cuando el finado tiene suficiente bienes.

“AVISO: La persona firmando esta orden para cesion es sujeto por todos los perjuicios causados por alguna falsa declaracion contenido en este documento. (Seccion 7110, DelCodigo De Sanidad y Seguridad). Es una ofensa criminal presenta al proposito falsos testimonio con una agencja del gobierno. (Codigo De Pena Seccion 115 y 470)”. Por eso, favor de entregar los restos del finado despues de completar la investigacion a:

FUNERARIA: Firma Parentesco Domicilio Ciudad Estado Zona Postal Telefono Fecha firmada CALIFORNIA

Si no es el pariente próximo, firme y explique porque el pariente próximo no esta arreglando los trámites en este asunto. Si es el albacea del testamento, incluir una copia del testamento.

Pariente próximo Parentesco Domicilio Ciudad Estado Zona Postal

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CASE REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF CORONER

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	<input type="checkbox"/> STATE HOSP <input type="checkbox"/> O.I.S. <input type="checkbox"/> AUTOPSY WAIVER <input type="checkbox"/> CLOSELY WATCHED <input type="checkbox"/> IN CUSTODY <input type="checkbox"/> AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/> LAW ENFORCEMENT RELATED <input type="checkbox"/> VICTIMS OF CRIME						CRYPT 63				
LAST, FIRST MIDDLE PHOENIX, RIVER JUDE		AKA:									
ADDRESS 8916 ASHCROFT AVE		CITY LOS ANGELES		STATE CA		ZIP 90211					
SEX M	RACE E	DOB 8-23-70	AGE 23	HGT 70	WGT 149	EYES GRN	HAIR BRN	TEETH OWN	ID VIEW <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	CONDITION VIEWABLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EMBALMED
BEARD No	MUSTACHE No	SCARS RIGHT SHIN	MARKS		TATTOOS		AMPUTATIONS		DEFORMITIES		
NOK IRWIN SHARON PHOENIX		ADDRESS 8916 ASHCROFT AVE.		CITY LA		STATE 90211					
RELATIONSHIP MOTHER		PHONE 310/652-0954		NOTIFIED BY IRIS BURTON (AGENT)		DATE 10-31-93					
SSN 571-61-9058		MULT. <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CA		ID# C6866314		LAT NIA		MILITARY C-#			
ID BY (PRINT NAME) JOAQUIN PHOENIX		SIGNATURE <i>(Signature)</i>		RELATIONSHIP BROTHER		PHONE 10-31-93					
PLACE OF DEATH CEDARS-SINAI MEDICAL CENTER		ADDRESS OR LOCATION 8700 BEVERLY BLD		CITY LOS ANGELES		ZIP 90048					
PLACE OF INJURY NIGHT CLUB		AT WORK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		DATE 10-31-93		TIME 9:30 PM		LOCATION OR ADDRESS 8860 SUNSET BLD, W. HOLLYWOOD			
DOD 10-31-93		FND 0151		TIME		FOUND BY DR. PAUL SILKA					
AGENCY & INV. OFFICER LASD/HOMICIDE SGT. MICHAEL J. LEE		PHONE #052808		REPORT NO. #093-09738-09778-496		NOTIFIED BY 41					
DESCRIBE SCENE AND CONTACT MATERIAL TO BODY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HOSPITALIZED CASE <input type="checkbox"/> INV. BODY EXAM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO TRANSPORTED FROM SCENE TO HOSPITAL.											
AIR 68 °F		TIME 0330		DATE 10-31-93		DESCRIBE LIVOR MORTIS AS POSITIONED ON HOSPITAL TRAY; BLANCHING W/ LT PRESSURE.					
LIVER 99 °F		TIME 0337		DATE 10-31-93		DESCRIBE RIGOR MORTIS PRESENT IN WRISTS, ELBOWS AND LOWER EXTREMITIES.					
WATER NIA °F		TIME NIA		DATE NIA		TRANSPORTED BY: JP NAVA #412696 10-31-93					
PRINTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		CLOTHING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		PA RPT <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		MORTUARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
MED. EV. <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		INVEST. PHOTO (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		MEG-SEAL <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		RA-SEAL <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		HOSP. RPT. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		RELEASE <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
PHYS. EV. <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		F.S. PHOTO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		PROP. <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		HOSP. CHART <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		VITALS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		AUTOPSY WAIVER <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
SUICIDE NOTE <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		GSR NO NIA		RCPT. NO 111745/116685		PF NO. ER 565717					
<p>THE DECEDENT APPARENTLY HAD GONE TO "THE VIPER" NIGHT CLUB LOCATED AT 8860 SUNSET BLD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, WITH FRIENDS AND A FAMILY MEMBER. WHILE AT THE CLUB, ATTENDEES REPORT THE DECEDENT "SPEED BALLING" AND THEN TAKING VALIUM. IT'S BELIEVED THE DECEDENT POSSIBLY COLLAPSED WHILE INSIDE THE CLUB, HOWEVER WHEN DEPUTIES AND PARAMEDICS WERE NOTIFIED, DECEDENT WAS TAKEN OUTSIDE. PARAMEDICS WERE NOTIFIED AT 0110 HOURS, TRANSPORTED, ARRIVED AT HOSPITAL AT 0134 HOURS. (SEE FORM #3.)</p>											
Investigator Charles L. Gooden #411487						DATE 10/31/93 TIME		DATE 11/1/93 TIME 0411		APPROVAL TMS	