AUTOPSY REPORT

I performed an autopsy on the body of
the DEPARTMENT OF CORONER
at
Los Angeles, California on NOVEMBER 1, 1993 @ 1000 HOURS

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

1. ACUTE MULTIPLE DRUG INTOXICATION

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.
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, crepitance and abnormal mobility are not present.
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.
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 antimesenteric 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.
HEPATOBILIARY 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.
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.
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, M.D.
CHIEF, FORENSIC MEDICINE DIVISION

CR:rs:c
T-11/2/93

T-11/5/93

Date 11-1-93 Time 1000 Dr. Roger

APPROXIMATE INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND
DEATH

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

NATURAL [X] 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 was submitted to toxicologist Dr. Anderson 1055 11-1-93.

This is a true certified copy of thereon, if it bears the seal of the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office, attested to by

ANTHONY F. REYES
DIRECTOR DEPARTMENT OF CORONER LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER

M.D.

DEATH CERTIFICATE ISSUED

[ ] FINAL

DATE ISSUED _______ ISSUED BY ________

WHITE - FILE COPY
CANARY - FORENSIC LAB COPY

SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST (17A)

TOXICOLOGICAL SPECIMENS COLLECTED

[ ] YES, by:

[ ] BLOOD: [ ] HEART [ ] (OTHER)

[ ] BILE [ ] BRAIN

[ ] LIVER [ ] SPLEEN

[ ] URINE [ ] KIDNEY

[ ] STOMACH CONTENTS

[ ] NO BLOOD

[ ] EMBALMED

[ ] >24 HR. IN HOSPITAL

[ ] NOT INDICATED

[ ] OTHER (REASON)

TOXICOLOGICAL ANALYSES ORDERED

SCREEN: [X] C [ ] H [ ] T

[ ] ALCOHOL ONLY

[ ] CARBON MONOXIDE

[ ] OTHER (SPECIFY DRUG AND TISSUE)

THC

Prior Examination Review

[ ] BODY TAG [ ] MED. RECORD

[ ] CLOTHING [ ] AT SCENE PHOTO

[ ] SPL PROCESSING [ ] X-RAY

[ ] TAG [ ] FLUORO
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**TOXICOLOGY**

**GROSS IMPRESSION**

1. Trauma of cervical, thoracic and lumbar vertebral column.
2. Aberrations of normal
3. Contusions of skin
4. Evidence of trauma
   a) Subcutaneous ecchymosis of neck, shoulders, region, arm, and hand
   b) Resuscitation pack on chest
   c) Foley catheter

Witness: Lee Lasso

Clothing: Brown Randy shade stripes,
- Label "6'11", size M-long
- Black/white high-top tennis shoes label "Air Jordan size 10 1/2"
- White socks

Date: 1993-10-11
Time: 1:20 PM

Deputy Medical Examiner
Report of Toxicological Analyses  
Department of Coroner  
County of Los Angeles  

11/15/93  

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:

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Report of Toxicological Analyses
Department of Coroner
County of Los Angeles

12/06/93 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

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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
## TO REPORT A DEATH—PHONE (213) 343-0711

### Complete all lines. Use ink if unknown or not applicable.

#### STATE:

**CEARS-SINALI MEDICAL CENTER**

**NAME OF FACILITY**

**ADDRESS:** 9700 Beverly Blvd.  
**PHONE:** (213) 655-2109

**NAME OF DECEASED:** RIVER, PHOENIX

**DATE OF DEATH:** 10/31/93  
**TIME:** 0751

**PRONOUNCED BY:** Dr. Paul Silica

**HOSP. OR I.D. NO.:**

**EMERGENCY ROOM PATIENT:** No

**ORGAN/TISSUE DONATION INFORMATION:**

- **WAS THE NEXT OF KIN APPROACHED REGARDING ORGAN/TISSUE DONATION:** No
- **IF YES WHAT WAS THEIR RESPONSE:**

**DATE ADMITTED:** 10/31/93  
**TIME:** 0734

**TO HOSPITAL BY:**

- **POLICE**
- **RELATIVES**
- **FRIENDS**
- **SELF**

**AMBULANCE (NAME OR R.A.):** Sq 8

**FROM:** 8860 Sunset Blvd. W. Hollywood CA.

**STATE WHETHER HOME, HOSPITAL OR OTHER:**

**GIVE ADDRESS:** (IF HOSPITAL ATTACH THEIR HISTORY)

**ADMITTED BY:** P. Silica

**M.O. ATTENDING PHYSICIAN:**

**INJURIES:**

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**DESCRIBE INJURIES:**

**CLINICAL HISTORY:**

- **Pneumonia**
- **Narrow Cocaine Overdose**
- **AS1SFOKE**

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

**This is a (add E.G. LIGATION, AMputation, ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION) This has been the result of the injury.**

**CAUSAL:**

**UNR. FROM:**

**Coroner's Inquest**

**WAS A BULLET OR OTHER FOREIGN OBJECT RECOVERED?**

- **SPECIFY**

**LABORATORY:** SPECIFY SPECIMENS TAKEN

**LABORATORY RESULTS:**

**RETAI.] LABORATORY SPECIMENS**

**X-RAY REPORT:**

**DIRECTOR:**

**DEPARTMENT OF CORONER:**

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

**LABORATORY:**

**DATE & TIME:**

**REMARKS:** ESPECIALLY SYMPTOMS PRECEDEING AND DURING TERMINAL EPISODE

**IN MY OPINION, THE IMMEDIATE CAUSE OF DEATH IS:**

**BY:** Dr. Silica

**M.O. OR:**

**OTHER OFFICIAL:**

**THE BODY WILL NOT BE REMOVED BY THE CORONER WITHOUT THIS REPORT**

Autopsyfiles.org - River Phoenix Autopsy Report
This is a true certified copy of the record if it bears the seal of the Department of Coroner imprinted in purple ink.

DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF CORONER
LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
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.

APPEARANTLY 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.

CONTINUED ON FORM #3...
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 FSC 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.
DEPARTMENT OF CORONER COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

ORDER FOR RELEASE — ORDEN DE ENTEGRA

Please read and answer all questions before signing.

WAS THE DECEDED LEGALLY MARRIED
AT THE TIME OF DEATH? .................. no

DOES THE DECEDED HAVE ANY LIVING CHILDREN? ............ no

If 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 __________

Date Signed ____________________

Case No. 93-10011

Case Name PHOENIX, RIVER

Date NOVEMBER 1, 1993

MORTUARY: Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills

SIGNED __________ Relationship __________

Address __________ City __________ State __________ Zip Code __________

Telephone No. __________ Date Signed __________

Department of Coroner County of Los Angeles Case Name

470) Therefore, please release the remains of the deceased for burial with a government agency. (Penal Code Section 115 and 470) Therefore, please release the remains of the deceased for burial with a government agency. 

WARNING: The person signing this Order for Release is liable for all damages caused by any untrue statements contained in this document. (Health and Safety Code Section 7100). 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 remains of the deceased for burial with a government agency.

MORTUARY: Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills

SIGNED __________ Relationship __________

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Telephone No. __________ Date Signed __________

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Date Signed __________

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7100 El derecho de controlar la disposición de los restos del finado a mentes 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 la siguiente en el orden nombrado, (a) el testamento, (b) hijos del finado, (c) padres 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 a suceder al hijo del finado (e) El Administrador Publico cuando el finado tiene suficiente bienes.

"AVISO: La persona firmando esta orden para cesar el sujeto por todos los perjuicios causados por alguna falsa declaración contenida en este documento. (Sección 7100, Código de Sanidad y Seguridad) Es una ofensa criminal presentar al proponente falsos testimonio con una agencia del gobierno. (Código de Penal Sección 115 y 470). Por eso, favor de entregar los restos del finado después de completar la investigación a:

FUNERARIA:

Firma __________ Domicilio __________

Cuidad __________ Estado __________ Zona Postal __________

Fecha Firmado __________

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 __________

Domicilio __________

Cuidad __________ Estado __________ Zona Postal __________
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CASE REPORT

APPARENT MODE OF DEATH: NATURAL
ACCIDENT: SUICIDE: HOMICIDE: NATURAL
SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES: OVERDOSE

DEPARTMENT OF CORONER

CASE NO: 93-10011

LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE NAME: RIVER PHOENIX
ADDRESS: 8916 ASHCROFT AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90211
SEX: M
RACE OR APPEARANCE: 8-23-70
DOB: 2-3-70
AGE: 19 YRS
HEIGHT: 5'9" INCHES
WEIGHT: 149 POUNDS
HAIR: BRN
EYES: EYES
TEETH: OWN
ID VIEW: YES
CONDITION: VIEWABLE

NO RECORDS IN CUSTODY

RELATIONSHIP: MOTHER
NAME: SHARON PHOENIX
PHONE: 310/852-8051
NOTIFIED BY: IRIS BURTON (AGENT)
DATE: 10-31-93
TIME: 12:31 AM

PHYS. EXAM.

DEPARTMENT OF CORONER

PLACE OF DEATH: CEDARS-SINAI MEDICAL CENTER, 8100 BEVERLY BLD
PLACE OF INJURY: NIGHTCLUB, 8860 SUNSET BLD, AT WORK
DATE: 10-31-93
TIME: 12:31 AM
MEDICAL EXAM.

EXAMINATION OF THE BODY:

TIME: 12:31 AM
DATE: 10-31-93

DEPARTMENT OF CORONER

AUTOPSY Waiver

LAW ENFORCEMENT RELATED VICTIMS OF CRIME

NOTE:

DATE APPROVAL

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INVESTIGATOR

DATE: 10/31/93
TIME: 01:31 PM
APPROVAL

DEPARTMENT OF CORONER

DATE: 11/1/93
TIME: 04:11 PM

Signature: CHERYL J. GOODN
INVESTIGATOR

DATE: 10/31/93
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