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**REPORT OF AUTOPSY BY MEDICAL EXAMINER**

DECEDENT	First Middle-Last Names (Please avoid use of initials)	Age	Birth Date	Race	Sex	Martial Status
	DANA PLATO	35	11/01/83	W	F	SINGLE

AUTOPSY	Authority for Autopsy	Present at Autopsy	Identified by
	LARRY E. BALDING, M.D.	STEVE MULLINS	TOE TAG

**TYPE OF DEATH**

☐ While in penal institution  
☐ After unexpected coma  
☐ During therapeutic procedure

☐ Death possible threat to public health  
☐ Unattended childbirth or by suicide only  
☐ Unattended during labor distress  
☐ Found dead without obvious cause

☒ Under suspicious circumstances  
☐ Violent, unusual or unnatural  
Suicide

**PATHOLOGICAL DIAGNOSIS**

- I. Pulmonary edema and congestion.
- II. Old scars dorsum of right wrist.

NOTE: The cause of death in this individual is toxic concentrations of the drugs carisoprodol and Hydrocodone / acetaminophen. There are high levels of these drugs in the blood as determined by laboratory studies. Laboratory analysis of the gastric contents shows the equivalent of 7 tablets of Carisoprodol unabsorbed and still present in the stomach. The blood concentrations of these drugs along with the gastric concentration of Carisoprodol is indicative of an acute intentional overdose ingestion. This, coupled with a past history of suicidal gestures has resulted in the determination of the manner of death as being suicide.

**CAUSE OF DEATH:**

**MULTIDRUG INTOXICATION (CARISOPRODOL AND HYDROCODONE /  
ACETAMINOPHEN)**

**AUTOPSY NO. ML 282-99****CASE NO. 9902043****LEB/ND**

The facts stated herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Pathologist

05-10-99 (0900)  
Date and time of autopsyOCME MORGUE  
Place of autopsy

CME-2 ( revision 11/95)

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AMENDMENT TO REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Full Name of Decedent DANA PLATO

Date of Death: 05-08-99  
City/County of Death: OKLAHOMA CITY / OKLAHOMA  
File Number: 9902043  
Medical Examiner: LARRY E. BALDING, M.D.

ITEMS AMENDED:

( X ) Cause of Death MULTIDRUG INTOXICATION (CARISOPRODOL AND HYDROCODONE /  
ACETAMINOPHEN)  
( X ) Manner of Death SUICIDE  
( ) Other

05-21-99

Date

  
Signature

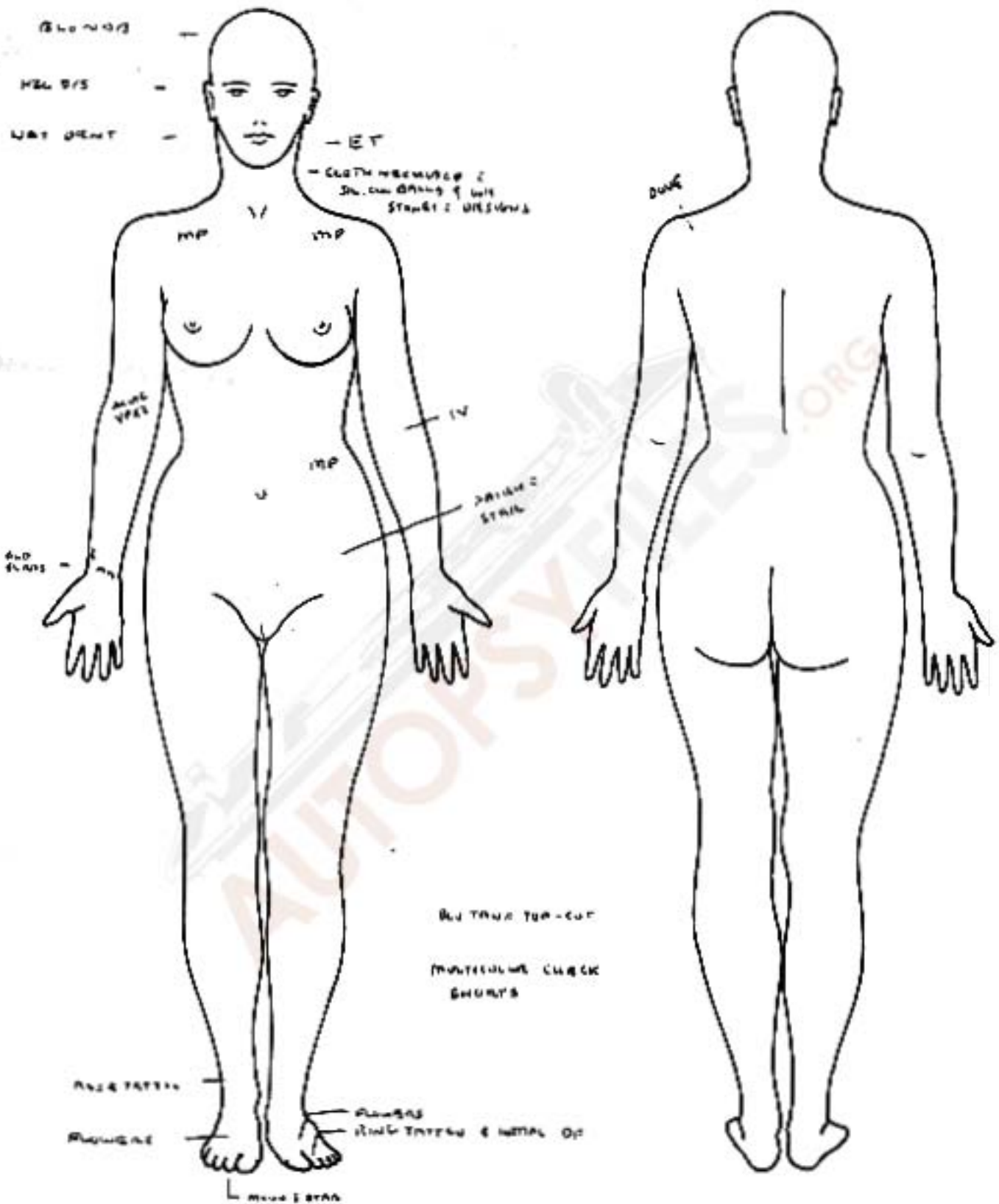
**EXTERNAL EXAMINATION****AUTOPSY NO. ML 282-99****CASE NO. 9902043****DESCRIPTION**

Height	Weight	Eyes	Pupils	Complexion, Etc.	Hair	Beard	Mustache	Circumcision
66 in.	49 kg.	HAZEL	R 5mm L 5mm		BLOND	N	N	N/A
RIGOR (jaw, neck, back, legs, arm, chest, abd., complete)				LIVOR (color, anterior, posterior, lateral, regional)				Body Heat
COMPLETE				POSTERIOR - DARK PURPLE				COOL

The body is that of a well developed, well nourished, white female clad in a pair of multi-colored checked shorts. Accompanying the body is a blue tank top, which has been cut from the body. Multiple emergency medical interventions are present on the body which are diagramed on the included CME-1B2 series form. Eyes are clear and show no petechiae. Dentition is natural, intact and unremarkable as is oral mucosa. Blackish-brown vomitus is in the mouth and stains the face. Neck, chest, abdomen and back appear intact and unremarkable. Arms, hands, legs, and feet show no acute injury. On the palmar aspect of the right wrist, there are two old scars. One is horizontal and approximately 1.0 in. in length and the other is somewhat curvilinear at approximately 1/2 in. in length. Hands are otherwise intact and unremarkable. Anal and genital regions appear intact and unremarkable.

Multiple professional style tattoos are present on both feet, as well as on the posterior aspect of the left shoulder and these are diagramed on the included CME-1B2 series form. There is also a professional style tattoo in the right inguinal area that consists of a winged fairy and a star.

## FULL BODY, FEMALE - ANTERIOR AND POSTERIOR VIEWS

Name PLATO, DANACase No. 9902043 282.94

CME-182 (Series 1978)

<http://www.autopsyfiles.org>Date 5-14-94



**INTERNAL EXAMINATION****AUTOPSY NO. ML 282-99****CASE NO. 9902043**

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The body is opened through the usual "Y" shaped incision and the chest plate is removed in the usual manner showing the internal organs to be in their normal position and relationship with no abnormal effusions seen in the chest, pericardial sac or abdomen.

**ORAL AND NECK ORGANS:**

The tongue appears intact and unremarkable. Epiglottis, glottis, and airway are normally formed, widely patent and unremarkable. Soft tissues and cartilaginous structures of the neck are intact and unremarkable. There is aspiration of small amount of vomitus into the trachea.

**HEART:**

240 gm, normally located, normally formed, intact, and grossly within normal limits externally with normal origin and distribution of great vessels and coronary arteries. Coronary arteries are widely patent throughout and show no evidence of significant disease. On cut section, the myocardium is of normal color, consistency, and thickness and show no evidence of injury or disease. The endocardium and heart valves are unremarkable. Coronary ostia are normally located and widely patent. Thoracic and abdominal aortas are grossly within normal limits.

**LUNGS:**

Right lung weighs 700 gm and the left lung weighs 600 gm. Except for edema and congestion, they show no evidence of injury or disease and appear within normal limits.

**G.I. TRACT:**

The esophagus, stomach, duodenum, small intestines, large intestines and appendix are all intact and unremarkable on external and cut section exam. The stomach contains a measured quantity of 150 cc of brownish-black liquid with similar material seen in the duodenum. Remainder of intestines contain normal quantities of fecal material, although the distal colon is relatively free of stool.

**SPLEEN:**

150 gm, intact, and grossly within normal limits externally and on cut section.

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**PANCREAS:**

Grossly within normal limits.

**LIVER:**

1800 gm, intact, and unremarkable with a normal gallbladder attached.

**ADRENAL GLANDS:**

Bilaterally similar and grossly within normal limits.

**KIDNEYS:**

100 gm each, bilaterally similar and grossly within normal limits. Normal ureters are present ending in a normal bladder that contains a measured quantity of 120 cc of clear, yellow urine.

**REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS:**

Bilateral adnexa, uterus, cervix and vagina are intact and unremarkable. The endometrium is intact and unremarkable.

**CNS:**

The scalp is reflected in the usual manner and shows no underlying injury. The calvarium is intact and unremarkable. Removal of the calvarium shows the meninges to be clear, intact, and unremarkable with no evidence of intracranial hemorrhage or infection. Brain is normally formed, weighs 1350 gm and has normal origin and distribution of cerebrovasculature and cranial nerves. Externally and on cut section, it shows normal architecture with no evidence of injury or disease. The brain stem, upper cervical cord, and cerebellum are all intact and unremarkable.

**SKELETAL:**

The base of the skull, spine, ribs, pelvis, and long bones of extremities including scapulae, clavicles, and sternum appear intact and unremarkable by palpation and by visual exam where possible. Bone marrow is within normal limits. Nasal bones, facial bones, and mandible appear intact and unremarkable by palpation.

## MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION

AUTOPSY NO. 282-99

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Because no significant natural disease was found and because the history is such that this appears to be a drug overdose, no histology will be done except to embed tissues for microscopic exam at a later date if necessary.

May 20, 1999  
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Larry E. Balding, M.D.

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## REPORT OF INVESTIGATION BY MEDICAL EXAMINER

DECEDENT First - Middle - Last Names (Please avoid use of initials)	Age	Birth Date	Race	Sex
DANA M. PLATO	35	11-1-1963	WHITE	FEMALE

HOME ADDRESS - No. - Street, City, State

5807 NAVASSE PARKWAY, NAVASSE, FLORIDA

TYPE OF DEATH: (Check one only)		If motor vehicle accident	Type of Vehicle
<input type="checkbox"/> While in penal incarceration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unattended during fatal illness	<input type="checkbox"/> DRIVER	<input type="checkbox"/> AUTOMOBILE
<input type="checkbox"/> After unexplained coma	<input type="checkbox"/> Under suspicious circumstances*	<input type="checkbox"/> PASSENGER	<input type="checkbox"/> LIGHT TRUCK
<input type="checkbox"/> During therapeutic procedure	<input type="checkbox"/> Violent, unusual or unnatural*	<input type="checkbox"/> PEDESTRIAN	<input type="checkbox"/> HEAVY TRUCK
<input type="checkbox"/> Death possible threat to public health	*Means:		<input type="checkbox"/> BICYCLE
			<input type="checkbox"/> MOTORCYCLE

EXAMINER NOTIFIED BY - NAME - TITLE (AGENCY, INSTITUTION, OR ADDRESS)				DATE	TIME	
BRYCE WATERS M.D. SOUTHWEST MEDICAL CENTER				5-8-1999	2207	
INJURED OR BECAME ILL AT (ADDRESS)		CITY	COUNTY	TYPE OF PREMISES	DATE	TIME
2429 NOTTINGHAM WAY		MOORE	CLEVELAND	HOME	5-8-1999	2045 FOUND
LOCATION OF DEATH		CITY	COUNTY	TYPE OF PREMISES	DATE	TIME
SOUTHWEST MEDICAL CENTER		OKLAHOMA CITY	OKLAHOMA	HOSPITAL	5-8-1999	2110
BODY VIEWED BY MEDICAL EXAMINER		CITY	COUNTY	TYPE OF PREMISES	DATE	TIME
901 NORTH STONEWALL		OKLAHOMA CITY	OKLAHOMA	MORUE	5-10-1999	

DESCRIPTION OF BODY	RIGOR	LIVOR	EXTERNAL OBSERVATION		NOSE	MOUTH	EARS
Jaw <input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Color <input type="checkbox"/>	Clothed <input type="checkbox"/> Unclothed <input type="checkbox"/>	BLOOD				
Neck <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/>	Lateral <input type="checkbox"/>	Partly Clothed <input type="checkbox"/> Hair <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER				
Arms <input type="checkbox"/> Passing <input type="checkbox"/>	Posterior <input type="checkbox"/>	Beard <input type="checkbox"/>	Said or seen, etc.				
Legs <input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/>	Anterior <input type="checkbox"/>	Eyes: Color <input type="checkbox"/>					
Decomposed <input type="checkbox"/>	Regional <input type="checkbox"/>	Scars, Tattoos, etc. <input type="checkbox"/>					
Significant observations and injury documentation - (Please use space below)		BODY LENGTH _____ BODY WEIGHT _____					

SEE AUTOPSY PROTOCOL

Probable cause of death:	Manner of Death: (Check one only)	Case disposition:
PRELIMINARY	Natural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accident <input type="checkbox"/>	Autopsy Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Suicide <input type="checkbox"/> Homicide <input type="checkbox"/>	Authorized by <u>AME</u>
	Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Pending <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pathologist <u>AME</u>
		Not a medical examiner case <input type="checkbox"/>

MEDICAL EXAMINER NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NO. BARRY E. BALDING, M.D. 901 NORTH STONEWALL OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. 73117 (405) 239-7141	I hereby state that, after receiving notice of the death described herein, I conducted an investigation as to the cause and manner of death, as required by law, and that the facts contained herein regarding such death are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.  JEB Signature of Medical Examiner	5/10/99 Date
County of Appointment OK	MAY 10, 1999	