

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINER - CORONER

**51****EXAMINATION PROTOCOL**

FOLLOW FORM EXACTLY AS PRINTED  
 CIRCLE OR CHECK ONE OR THOSE THAT APPLY  
 REMEMBER THE FORM IS PRINTED ON BOTH SIDES

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The body is identified by toe tags. Diagram(s) &amp; form(s) used

Forms #209, 22

The body

☐ is clothed

and I

☒ was not clothed☐ inspected the clothing.☒ did not see the clothing.~~The clothing can be described as~~☐ Rigor has presumably been altered/abolished as has livor.☒ Rigor mortis is present. Livor mortis is pink-purple, involves the distal extremities, and fixed.Appears: ☐ Asian ☐ Black ☒ Caucasian ☐ Hispanic ☐ IndianSex: ☐ Male ☒ Female.Appears the stated age of: 33 years

The body weighs approximately

117 pounds, measuresapprox 64 inches and is☐ cachectic.☐ mildly/moderately/extremely obese.☐ poorly nourished☒ thin.☐ well-built, muscular and fairly well-nourished.☐ status post hospitalization. (see diagram)Embalmed: ☒ No ☐ Yes ☒ (Early) Decomposed ☐ MutilatedIrides: ☐ Blue ☒ Light Brown ☐ Grey ☐ HazelSclera: ☒ Normal ☐ Icteric Congested with/without Petechial HemorrhageConjunctival Petechial Hemorrhage: ☐ No ☒ (Few) Yes Facial Petechial Hemorrhage ☐ No ☒ YesHead Hair: ☐ Black ☐ Blond ☒ Brown ☐ Gray ☐ Red ☐ White☒ Long ☐ Short ☐ Curly ☐ Straight ☐ Tightly Curled ☐ WavyBalding is: ☒ Absent ☐ Present Located: temple/frontal/occipitalMustache: ☒ Absent ☐ Present Beard: ☒ Absent ☐ PresentTeeth: ☐ Absent ☒ Present Comment: \_\_\_\_\_Dentures: ☒ Absent ☐ Present Comment: \_\_\_\_\_Scars: ☒ None ☐ Present Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

(Includes needle track scars)

Wrist scars: ☒ None ☐ Present

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## EXAMINATION PROTOCOL

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Tattoos: ☒ Absent ☐ Present Comment: \_\_\_\_\_Deformities: ☒ Absent ☐ Present Comment: \_\_\_\_\_There is no deformity or abnormal mobility of the extremities ~~except for~~ \_\_\_\_\_Resuscitative marks ~~are~~ are not present over the precordium. The chest has ~~no~~ no ~~and a mildly~~ increased anterior-posterior diameter.

The abdomen is

- ☐
- distended.
- 
- ☐
- flat.
- 
- ☒
- not unusual.
- 
- ☐
- obese.
- 
- ☐
- scaphoid.

The genitalia are  
those of an adult

- ☒
- female.
- 
- ☐
- male.

Examination of the back & buttocks reveals no trauma.Examination of the skin reveals tardieu spots of the legs.

IF A TRAUMA CASE STATE: Injury date: \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

TRAUMA COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

Photographs

☒ Yes ☐ No (score)

Fluoroscopy

☐ Yes ☒ No

X-Rays

☐ Yes ☒ No

Cultures

☐ Yes ☒ No

Toxicology

☒ Yes ☐ No

Cassettes

☐ Yes ☒ No

GSR

☐ Yes ☒ No

Evidence

☒ Yes ☐ No (signature)Indicate other form number(s) attached forms #20 & 22.**OPINION** (please print)

The cause of death is hanging. Based on the history and circumstances, as I currently know them, the manner of death is suicide.

Stevie Ryan M.D. (Miller)

DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER

Date

7-2-17

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## CASE REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF CORONER

<b>1</b>	APPARENT MODE <b>SUICIDE</b>		CASE NO <b>2017-04881</b>	
	SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES		CRYPT <b>102</b>	
LAST, FIRST MIDDLE <b>RYAN, STEVIE KATHLEEN</b>		AKA		#
ADDRESS [REDACTED]				
SEX <b>FEMALE</b>	RACE APPEARS <b>CAUCASIAN</b>	DOB <b>6/2/1984</b>	AGE <b>33</b>	HGT <b>64 in.</b>
			WGT <b>117 lbs.</b>	EYES <b>GREEN</b>
			HAIR <b>BROWN</b>	TEETH <b>ALL NATURAL</b>
				FACIAL HAIR <b>NONE</b>
				VIEW <b>Yes</b>
				CONDITION <b>FAIR</b>
MARK TYPE MARK LOCATION MARK DESCRIPTION				
NOK ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP				
<b>REDACTED</b>				
ID METHOD <b>VISUALLY AT SCENE</b>				
LA #	MAIN #	CH #	FBI #	MILITARY #
POB				
IDENTIFIED BY NAME (PRINT)		RELATIONSHIP	PHONE	DATE TIME
<b>STEVE RYAN</b>		<b>REDACTED</b>	<b>REDACTED</b>	<b>7/1/2017 13:40</b>
PLACE OF DEATH / PLACE FOUND		ADDRESS OR LOCATION	CITY	ZIP
<b>RESIDENCE</b>		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
PLACE OF INJURY	AT WORK	DATE	TIME	LOCATION OR ADDRESS
<b>RESIDENCE</b>	<b>No</b>			[REDACTED]
DOD	TIME	FOUND OR PRONOUNCED BY		
<b>7/1/2017</b>	<b>13:40</b>	<b>LAFD ENG#68; CONISH #82431</b>		
OTHER AGENCY INV. OFFICER		PHONE	REPORT NO.	NOTIFIED BY
<b>LAPD WILSHIRE - OFCR.DOUGHTY#42362</b>		<b>(213) 473-0676</b>	<b>17-2747</b>	<b>NO</b>
TRANSPORTED BY		TO	DATE	TIME
<b>GILBERT STEWART</b>		<b>LOS ANGELES FSC</b>	<b>7/1/2017</b>	<b>16:10</b>
FINGERPRINTS?	Yes	CLOTHING	Yes	PARPT
				<b>No</b>
MED. EV.	Yes	INVEST. PHOTO #	32	SEAL TYPE
				<b>NOT SEALED</b>
PHYS. EV.	No	EVIDENCE LOG	Yes	PROPERTY?
				<b>Yes</b>
SUICIDE NOTE	No	GSR NO		RCPT. NO.
				<b>295894</b>
PF NO.				
SYNOPSIS				
<p>According to all the reported information, the decedent was a 33 year old female. The decedent had a medical history of depression and anxiety. The decedent was being treated by mental health professionals for the past two years. The decedent spoke with her mother via telephone on 06/30/2017 at 19:30 hours and stated "Now that grandpa is dead, there's no reason to live". The decedent's parents drove to the decedent's residence on 07/01/2017 after multiple unsuccessful attempts to get into contact with the decedent. The decedent's parents arrived at the decedent's residence and found the front door to be unlocked. Upon entering the residence, the decedent was found hanging from a hook attached to the door by an elastic band wrapped around her neck. 911 was called and LAFD Engine #68 arrived onto the scene. The decedent was pronounced in place on 07/01/2017 at 13:40 hours by Paramedic Conish #82431. No trauma was noted. No foul play is suspected. No suicide note was found at the scene.</p>				
JAMES DEMING 616751		DATE 7/1/2017 TIME 17:56	REVIEWED BY [Signature]	DATE 7/1/2017 TIME 18:13
INVESTIGATOR				

FORM #3 NARRATIVE TO FOLLOW? ☒



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



Case Number: 2017-04881

Decedent: RYAN, STEVIE KATHLEEN

**Information Sources:**

Officer Doughty #42362, LAPD- Wilshire, 213-473-0476

Steve Ryan,

REDACTED

**Investigation:**

This death was reported to our office on 07/01/2017 at 13:59 hours by Officer Doughty. This death was labeled as a suicide in the field. The decedent was discovered hanging in her residence by an elastic band around her neck on 07/01/2017 at 13:30 hours by her parents. 911 was called and LAFD Engine #68 arrived onto the scene and pronounced the decedent in place on 07/01/2017 at 13:40 hours. No trauma was noted. No foul play is suspected. No suicide note was found at the scene.

I was assigned to this case for investigation on 07/01/2017 at 14:15 hours by Lt. Smith.

I arrived onto the scene and interviewed Officer Doughty on 07/01/2017 at 15:00 hours.

I examined the decedent at the scene on 07/01/2017 at 15:10 hours.

I interviewed Steve Ryan and family at the scene on 07/01/2017 at 15:45 hours.

I collected medical evidence and property before clearing the scene on 07/01/2017 at 16:00 hours.

**Location:**

Place of injury: Residence [REDACTED]

Place of death: Residence [REDACTED]

**Informant/Witness Statements:**

According to Officer Doughty, the decedent had a medical history of depression and anxiety. The decedent was being treated by mental health professionals for the past two years. The decedent spoke with her mother via telephone on 06/30/2017 at 19:30 hours and stated "Now that grandpa is dead, there's no reason to live". The decedent's parents drove to the decedent's residence on 07/01/2017 after multiple unsuccessful attempts to get into contact with the decedent. The decedent's parents arrived at the decedent's residence and found the front door to be unlocked. Upon entering the residence, the decedent was found hanging from a hook attached to the door by an elastic band wrapped around her neck. 911 was called and LAFD Engine #68 arrived onto the scene. The decedent was pronounced in place on 07/01/2017 at 13:40 hours by Paramedic Conish #82431. No trauma was noted. No foul play is suspected. No suicide note was found at the scene.

According to Steve Ryan, the decedent worked as an actress and in 2015 started developing depression and anxiety. The decedent started having suicidal ideations and was treated by mental health professionals. The decedent was prescribed medications and was being treated with transcranial magnetic stimulation. The decedent was known to smoke marijuana and drink alcohol on rare occasions. The decedent mentioned to her family that she made an unsuccessful attempt at suicide by hanging herself within the past month. The decedent was never placed onto a psychiatric hold. The decedent's mental conditions were suspected to be originated from her professional career. The decedent was taken off Prozac two weeks prior to her death. The decedent dealt with insomnia and fluctuating eating habits. No suicide note was found by her family or boyfriend.

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**Scene Description:**

The decedent was located against a door that separated the living room from her bedroom/bathroom quarters in her one bedroom apartment. The apartment was located on the second floor of a two story apartment complex. The residence was in a clean and tidy order. No signs of forced entry were noted at the residence. Prescriptions medications were collected from the kitchen area. A journal that was located in the living room stated that the decedent was dealing with depression and was taking Xanax. No suicide note was found at the scene. The decedent's cellphone was located on her bed and was unable to be accessed due to security passcode restrictions. The height of the door was 81" from the floor. A metal hook over hanged from the top of the door and an elastic band hung from the hook. The distance of the elastic band from the hook to the neck knot was 40". Height from the neck knot to the floor was 38". A plastic "Squatty Potty" was located underneath the decedent's buttocks. Marijuana and glass pipes were located throughout the residence.

**Evidence:**

Prescription medications were collected from the scene on 07/01/2017 at 16:00 hours.

**Body Examination:**

The decedent was a Caucasian female in fair condition in a fowler's position with her back against a door and her lower extremities folded underneath her buttocks in contact with the floor. No trauma was noted on the decedent. No tattoos or deformities were noted on the decedent. No petechial hemorrhaging was noted in the eyes. The decedent's tongue was protruding from her mouth and sputum was seen trailing from her mouth onto her torso. No defensive wounds were noted to the extremities. An elastic band was wrapped around her neck and the ligature was leading in a superior direction on the posterior region of her neck, behind her ears. A ring and two necklaces were removed from the body and given to the decedent's family at the scene. Rigor mortis was rated at four throughout the body. Lividity was noted in the inferior regions of the torso and extremities. Ambient temperature was 80.5 degrees at 15:22 hours. Liver temperature was 79.2 degrees at 15:26 hours.

**Identification:**

Steve Ryan, decedent's father, identified the decedent at the scene on 07/01/2017 at 13:40 hours.

**Next of Kin Notification:**

REDACTED

**Tissue Donation:**

At the completion of this report, no request has been made for tissue donation.

**Autopsy Notification:**

At the completion of this report, no request has been made for an autopsy notification.

  
JAMES DEMING #616751

07/01/2017

Date of Report

  
Robert Kim

Investigator 4602036



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## MEDICAL REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINER-CORONER

**15**AUTOPSY CLASS: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☒ Examination Only D☐ FAMILY OBJECTION TO AUTOPSYDate: 7-2-17 Time: 1315 Dr. Matt Miller  
(Print)FINAL ON: 7-2-17 By: Matt Miller  
(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) Hanging

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:

☐ NATURAL☒ SUICIDE☐ HOMICIDE☐ ACCIDENT☐ COULD NOT BE DETERMINEDIf other than natural causes,  
HOW DID INJURY OCCUR?With ligature around  
neck and attached to a doorWAS OPERATION PERFORMED FOR ANY CONDITION STATED ABOVE: ☐ YES ☒ NO

TYPE OF SURGERY: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ ORGAN PROCUREMENT☒ TECHNICIAN: T. Morris

PREGNANCY IN LAST YEAR

☐ YES ☐ NO ☒ UNK ☐ NOT APPLICABLE☐ WITNESS TO AUTOPSY☒ EVIDENCE RECOVERED AT AUTOPSYItem Description: LigatureAge: 33 Gender: Male ☒ Female

## PRIOR EXAMINATION REVIEW BY DME

☒ BODY TAG M2/TM ☐ CLOTHING  
☐ X-RAY (No. \_\_\_\_\_) ☐ FLUORO  
☐ SPECIAL PROCESSING TAG ☐ MED. RECORDS  
☒ AT SCENE PHOTOS (No. 32)

## CASE CIRCUMSTANCES

☐ EMBALMED  
☐ DECOMPOSED  
☐ >24 HRS IN HOSPITAL  
☐ OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_ (Reason)

## TYPING SPECIMEN

TYPING SPECIMEN TAKEN BY: M2/TM  
SOURCE: Jugular blood

## TOXICOLOGY SPECIMEN

COLLECTED BY: M2/TM  
☐ HEART BLOOD ☐ STOMACH CONTENTS  
☒ FEMORAL BLOOD ☒ VITREOUSTECHNIQUE: Jugular BLOOD ☐ SPLEEN  
☐ BILE ☐ KIDNEY  
☐ LIVER ☐  
☐ URINE ☐

URINE GLUCOSE DIPSTICK RESULT: 4+ 3+ 2+ 1+ 0

TOX SPECIMEN RECONCILIATION BY: TM

## HISTOLOGY

☐ Regular (No. \_\_\_\_\_) ☐ Oversize (No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
Histopath Cut: ☐ Autopsy ☐ Lab

## TOXICOLOGY REQUESTS

FORM 3A: ☒ YES ☐ NO  
☐ NO TOXICOLOGY REQUESTED  
SCREEN ☐ C ☐ H ☐ T ☐ S ☒ D  
☐ ALCOHOL ONLY  
☐ CARBON MONOXIDE  
☐ OTHER (Specify drug and tissue)

## REQUESTED MATERIAL ON PENDING CASES

☐ POLICE REPORT ☐ MED HISTORY  
☐ TOX FOR COD ☐ HISTOLOGY  
☐ TOX FOR R/O ☐ INVESTIGATIONS  
☐ MICROBIOLOGY ☐ EYE PATH. CONS.  
☐ RADIOLOGY CONS.  
☐ CONSULT ON: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ BRAIN SUBMITTED  
☐ NEURO CONSULT ☐ DME TO CUT  
☐ CRIMINALISTICS  
☐ GSR ☐ SEXUAL ASSAULT ☐ OTHER

RESIDENT

DME

WHITE - File Copy

CANARY - Forensic Lab

PINK - Certification

GOLDENROD - DME

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Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner, County of Los Angeles

## FORENSIC SCIENCE LABORATORIES

1104 North Mission Road Los Angeles, CA 90033

## Laboratory Analysis Summary Report

Miller, Matthew M.D.Deputy Medical Examiner  
1104 North Mission Road  
Los Angeles, CA 90033☐ PendingTox

The following results have been technically and administratively reviewed and are the opinions and conclusions of the Analyst:

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<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>DRUG</u>	<u>RESULT</u>	<u>ANALYST</u>
Blood, Jugular Vein				
	Alcohol-GC/FID-HS	Ethanol	Negative	S. DeQuintana
	ELISA-Immunoassay	Cocaine and Metabolites	ND	J. Gadway
	ELISA-Immunoassay	Fentanyl	ND	J. Gadway
	ELISA-Immunoassay	Methadone	ND	J. Gadway
	ELISA-Immunoassay	Methamphetamine & MDMA	ND	J. Gadway
	ELISA-Immunoassay	Opiates: Codeine & Morphine	ND	J. Gadway
	ELISA-Immunoassay	Opiates: Hydrocodone & Hydromorphone	ND	J. Gadway
	ELISA-Immunoassay	Phencyclidine	ND	J. Gadway

<b>Legend:</b>					
g	Grams	mg/dL	Milligram per Deciliter	PP	Presumptive Positive
g%	Gram Percent	mg/L	Milligram per Liter	QNS	Quantity Not Sufficient
Inc.	Inconclusive	ND	Not Detected	ug	Micrograms
mg	Milligrams	ng/g	Nanograms per Gram	ug/g	Micrograms per Gram
		ng/mL	Nanograms per Milliliter	ug/mL	Microgram per Milliliter

In accordance with the Department's Evidence Retention Policy, the blood specimen(s) will be retained for one-year and all other specimens for six-months from Autopsy.

Administratively reviewed by: *E. J. Wahoske*Eric J. Wahoske  
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Reviewed  
Matthew J. Miller, M.D.  
7-25-17