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COUNTY OF HARRIS

I, Joye M. Carter, M.D., FCAP, Chief Medical Examiner of Harris County, do hereby
certify that the attached autopsy report and toxicology report (where applicable) represent
a true and correct copy of the Autopsy/External Examination findings on the body of

John C. Baxter

, Case# OC02-34

Witness my hand in Harris County, Texas, this 18 day of February, 2002

[Signature]
Chief Medical Examiner, Harris County, Texas

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of February, 2002



Kathryn L. Ramsey
Notary Public, Harris County, Texas



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AUTOPSY REPORT

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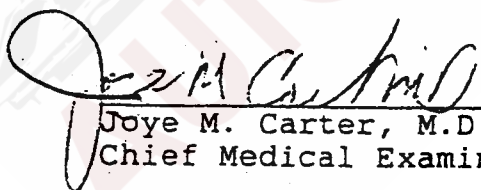
January 25, 2002

ON THE BODY OF

John C. Baxter
5211 Palm Royale Boulevard
Sugar Land, Texas

CAUSE OF DEATH: Penetrating gunshot wound to
the head

MANNER OF DEATH: Suicide


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POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION ON THE BODY OF

John C. Baxter
5211 Palm Royale Boulevard
Sugar Land, Texas

HISTORY: The decedent was observed unresponsive inside of a vehicle at approximately 0223 hours on January 25, 2002. The vehicle was parted in the 5200 block of Palm Royale Boulevard. Efforts at resuscitation failed and the decedent was pronounced dead at unknown time early in the morning of January 25, 2002.

AUTOPSY: The autopsy was performed in the Joseph A. Jachimczyk Forensic Center of Harris County by Chief Medical Examiner Joye M. Carter, M.D., at the request and upon the written authorization of The Honorable Jim Richard, Judge, Justice Court, Precinct 4, Fort Bend County, Texas, beginning at 4:45 p.m., on January 25, 2002.

EVIDENCE OF MEDICAL INTERVENTION: Electrocardiogram leads are on the anterior chest wall.

CLOTHING: The decedent's body is received clad in blue workout pants, short-sleeved blue t-shirt, and brief-style underwear. All clothes are stained with blood and are wet.

EXTERNAL APPEARANCE: The body is received in full rigor mortis with fixed livor mortis on the posterior surface. The body has been received without the hands bagged. It appears that a ring was taken off of the left ring finger. There is an indentation left. Prior to autopsy examination, the hands are swabbed and nail clippings are obtained. The clothing and fingernail scrapings are retained for evidence.

The body is received with a toe tag around the left great toe with the case number "OC-02-034" and the name "JOHN CLIFFTON BAXTER". The body has a length of 72 inches and a weight of 187 pounds. As the shirt is being removed, small shards of glass are noted on the superior surface, which would have covered the right shoulder.

The head is deformed due to a penetrating gunshot wound into the right temporal area. Head hair is gray-brown and thin in the temporal areas. Facial hair is shaven. There are palpable skull fractures. The pupillary diameters are unequal with the right being 5 millimeters and the left being 3 millimeters. The irides color is gray. Conjunctival surfaces are pale and white, with no evidence of petechiae. The nares are intact and contain a moderate amount of congealed and liquid blood. Dried blood is emanated from the mouth and nasal passages, dripping over the left and right sides of the face. There appears to be dried blood emanating from the left external auditory canal. Dentition is natural and in good

repair. There is a pale, 1/2 inch in length, horizontally situated scar in the right eyebrow. The earlobes are not pierced. Palpable facial bone fractures are present. There is a slightly yellow-purple contusion on the inner canthus of the left eyelid. The neck organs are midlined. The neck is free of furrow and ligature markings. The chest is symmetrical with no unusual scars, tattoos, or malformations. There is no increase in anterior-posterior diameter. The abdominal contour is flat. There are no palpable masses or scars. Body hair is normal and male in distribution. The external genitalia are those of an adult male. The penis is circumcised. Both testes are descended into the scrotal sac. The perineum is unremarkable. The upper extremities are symmetrical, with no evidence of recent trauma, venous track marks, recent injection sites, or tattoos. The palmar surface of the left hand is remarkable for an irregular, red, recent abrasion occurring at the base of the fifth digit, which measures 1/4 inch along the linear axis. There is an irregular abrasion on the palmar surface of the distal phalanx of the fifth digit, which measures 1.5 centimeters. This injury consists of discontinuous superficial abrasions with a trail of black material. The nail beds of both right and left hands are neat in appearance, with no evidence of recent trauma. There is circular demarcation on the left ring finger, or fourth digit. The lower extremities are symmetrical, with no evidence of recent trauma, recent injection sites, venous scarring, or tattoos. The toenails are neat in appearance. The soles of the feet are clean, with no evidence of soiling or washer-woman effect. The body had been received without socks or shoes. The posterior surface of the body is remarkable only for fixed livor mortis.

EVIDENCE OF INJURY: There is one penetrating gunshot wound to the right temporal region of the head occurring at 6 inches below the top of the head and 4 inches right of the facial midline. The defect occurs 5 centimeters anterior and superior to the right external auditory canal. The defect is stellate and, when the wound edges are repositioned, measures 7.2 centimeters in the horizontal direction and 4.5 centimeters in the vertical direction. The wound edges are abraded and are surrounded by a zone of contusion, which measures 1-1/2 inches in diameter. There appears to be a moderate amount of soot driven into the subcutaneous scalp tissues. The underlying muscular tissue is discolored red-brown. There is brain tissue extruding through the defect. The wound pathway involves the following: there is fracture-fragmentation of the right temporal bone with extensive laceration and maceration of the underlying right temporal lobe. The wound pathway passes in a right to left direction, with fragmentation of the basilar skull and calvarium. There is extensive hemorrhagic tears and lacerations of both right and left cerebral hemispheres. There is extensive laceration of the inferior surfaces of right and left temporal lobes. Just under the right temporal scalp is a thin

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ribbon of blue Teflon material. Embedded within the right parietal lobe is a larger portion of bright blue Teflon material. A large number of small metallic fragments (1 to 2 millimeters) are embedded in the right and left cerebral hemispheres and within the dura mater. The majority of pellets are found on the left parietal and temporal regions. The wound pathway ends within the subscalp region of the left aspect of the head. There has been no perforation. Samples of the metallic pellets and blue Teflon material are retained for physical evidence.

The wound pathway is right to left and nearly horizontal in direction. There is no gunpowder tattooing visible surrounding the entrance wound described above. There is no apparent soot deposition on the external surface of the wound. There appears to be a slight muzzle imprint associated with the wound described above.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION: The thoracoabdominal region is explored through a Y-shaped incision. Upon reflecting the skin laterally, the rib cage and sternum are intact. The musculature and subcutaneous tissue of the anterior chest wall is free of contusions. The internal cavities are without excess fluid. The peritoneal cavity is intact, with a smooth, glistening lining. The pericardial sac contains a minimal amount of straw-colored fluid. The right and left pleural spaces contain no fluid. The gallbladder and appendix are in their normal anatomic locations. All organs are in their anatomic locations and are unremarkable.

HEART: The heart has a weight of 425 grams. It has a normal triangular shape and firm consistency. There is increased subepicardial fatty tissue deposition, primarily on the anterior surface of the heart, encompassing the right ventricle and part of the left ventricle. The coronary arteries arise at the aortic root normally. All major coronary vessels are widely patent and thin-walled. There is no evidence of stenosis. The myocardium is sectioned and is found to be firm, red-brown, and homogenous throughout. There is no evidence of recent or acute myocardium injury. Heart valves are thin, delicate, and pliable. The pulmonary valve has a circumference of 7.5 centimeters; the aortic valve has a circumference of 6.5 centimeters; the tricuspid valve has a circumference of 10 centimeters; the mitral valve has a circumference of 8.5 centimeters. The endocardial surface is smooth, red-brown, and glistening. The chordae tendineae are unremarkable. There is no ballooning or thickening of the commissure ends of the valves. The left ventricle has a thickness of the free wall of 2 centimeters, while the right ventricle measures 0.5 centimeter. The aorta is intact throughout its length with thin, pliable walls. The intimal surface is smooth, with mild distribution of fatty streaking. There is no evidence of calcification or erosions of the intimal surface.

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LUNGS: The right and left lungs weigh, respectively, 575 grams and 475 grams. The pleural surfaces vary in color from pink to purple. There is subpleural, black-gray veins of anthracotic pigment deposition. There are foci of bullae in the apical regions, bilaterally. The peribronchial lymph nodes are discolored black-brown. All five pulmonary lobes are soft. There is no evidence of crepitation. Both lungs display posterior livor development. There is not any palpable consolidation. The pulmonary arterial tree is intact and free of thromboemboli. Upon dissection of the bronchial system, it is found to have a thick layer of blood admixed with mucus, bilaterally. The blood extends into the secondary and tertiary divisions. There is no evidence of mucus or foreign body within the bronchial tree. Upon sectioning, the pulmonary parenchyma is markedly congested. There is no evidence grossly of infection. There is moderate distribution of parenchymal anthracotic pigment deposition. This pigment is diffuse throughout all five pulmonary lobes. The intrapulmonary lymph nodes are discolored black. There are no areas of pulmonary consolidation or space-occupying lesion.

LIVER: The liver has a weight of 1600 grams. It has a normal configuration, and the capsular surface is red-brown, smooth, and glistening. There is no evidence of trauma or scarring to the external surface of the right or left hepatic lobe. Upon sectioning, the hepatic parenchyma is firm, red-brown, and homogenous throughout. There is no evidence of tumor or infectious disease. The gallbladder is intact and contains approximately 3 milliliters of thin, brown bile. The gallbladder mucosa is thin, green, and velvety, with slight peppering of cholesterol deposition. The bile ducts are patent and not obstructed by calculi.

PANCREAS: The pancreas is intact with a weight of 150 grams. The external surface is pink-tan and normally lobulated. There is no evidence of contusion, laceration, or scarring of the parenchyma upon sectioning. The duct is patent.

SPLEEN: The spleen is intact with a weight of 225 grams. The capsular surface is red-brown and wrinkled. There are no injuries to the hilar regions. The spleen is associated with an accessory spleen, which is 2 centimeters by 1.5 centimeters, located in the hilar region. Upon sectioning, the splenic parenchyma is maroon and homogenous. There is no evidence of lymphadenopathy in the body cavities examined.

ADRENAL GLANDS: The right and left adrenal glands are located atop their respective kidneys. Upon sectioning, there is no evidence of tumor or infectious disease process. The medullary centers are brown and thin, and the cortices are gold-yellow.

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KIDNEYS: The right and left kidneys each weigh 125 grams. The capsules strip with ease revealing smooth, red-brown cortical surfaces, with mild retention of fetal lobulation. There are no cortical cysts present. Upon sectioning, the cortical region has a normal thickness of approximately 1 centimeter. The medullary centers are moderately congested. There is no obstruction or dilatation in the collection system. The ureters are normally formed and follow a normal route to the urinary bladder, which contains approximately 50 cubic centimeters of clear yellow urine. The bladder mucosa is gray-white and normally trabeculated. The prostate gland measures 1-3/4 by 1-1/2 inches. It is firm, rubbery, and without nodules upon serial sectioning. The right and left testicles are in their normal anatomic locations and are unremarkable upon sectioning. The pelvic bone is intact.

GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT: The esophagus is lined by a pink-tan, smooth mucosal surface. The gastroesophageal junction is intact, without laceration. The gastric mucosa is tan, with normal rugal folds. Gastric contents consists of approximately 50 cubic centimeters of thin, tan, turbid liquid. There is no evidence of pill or tablet residue within the gastric contents. There is no particulate matter, consistent with any definite food identified in the gastric contents. The proximal duodenum contains a small amount of yellow-tan chyme material. There is no evidence of gastric ulceration or duodenal ulceration. The remainder of the small and large intestines are normal along the serosal folds. There is no evidence of diverticular disease or constriction of the bowel. The appendix is at its normal anatomic location and is free of obstructions.

NECK ORGANS: A layerwise neck dissection is performed. The tongue is firm, red-brown, and homogenous, without evidence of bite marks or lacerations. Upon sectioning, the muscular tissue is intact, without evidence of deeply seated contusions. There is no discoloration of the tongue surface and no evidence of tablet or pill residue. The strap muscles of the neck are intact and free of hematoma and laceration. The thyroid gland is bilobed, red-brown, and firm. Upon sectioning, there is no nodularity appreciated. The hyoid bone, thyroid and cricoid cartilages are intact and free of fracture. The soft tissue surrounding these structures is free of hematoma. The proximal pharynx is intact and free of contusion and laceration. There is no foreign body obstructing the epiglottis. The glottic opening is normal in appearance. The proximal esophagus is unremarkable. The larynx is opened posteriorly. The mucosal surface is lined by a thin film of pink, frothy foam. There is no evidence of exudate on the laryngeal or tracheal surface. The tracheal rings are not collapsed. The underlying cervical spine is intact and free of fracture. There is a thin film of blood at the level of the carina of the trachea. The underlying cervical spine is intact.

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HEAD: The scalp is reflected forward a bimastoidal incision. There is deep subscalp hemorrhage and extensive laceration of the right temporalis region, secondary to the penetrating gunshot wound. The skull has been shattered into many pieces. There are multiple metallic fragments observed embedded into the fragments of skull in the left temporal, parietal, and occipital regions. The basilar skull is fragmented in the anterior, middle, and posterior fossae. Several metallic fragments are found in a subscalp location in the left temporal portion of the skull and head. The brain has a residual weight of 1525 grams. There has been complete maceration of the right temporal lobe. There is massive destruction with laceration of the inferior surface of both right and left hemispheres. Secondary missiles consisting of fragmented bone are found throughout the entire brain. Multiple fragments of bright blue Teflon material are found embedded in the remnants of the right temporal lobe and right parietal lobe. The dura mater is free of epidural hematoma. There is a subdural collection of acute hematoma on the left parietal aspects. The dura mater is remarkable for fenestration caused by penetration of the metallic fragments, which is most notable in the left basilar skull region. There is extensive laceration of both cerebral hemispheres. There are focal areas of subarachnoid hematoma upon sectioning the intact section of the cerebellum. The proximal spinal cord is surrounded by epidural collection of frank hematoma. The midbrain structures are markedly hemorrhagic, lacerated, and undergoing early autolysis. Focal intraparenchymal hemorrhage is noted upon sectioning the medulla oblongata. Aside from the wound, there is no evidence of infectious disease or space-occupying lesion. The vessels forming the circle of Willis are extensively lacerated.

HISTOLOGY: Representative sections of all major organs are retained in formalin.

TOXICOLOGY: Samples of vitreous fluid, blood, bile, urine, gastric contents, and liver are retained for toxicological analysis. In addition, sections of brain tissue, kidney, liver, and lung are frozen.

PROCEDURES: The tendons of the left wrist are incised to permit full examination of the fingers.

EVIDENCE: Fingernail scrapings are obtained, atomic absorption swabs are performed, clothing is retained, the body is fingerprinted at the conclusion of the autopsy.

PHOTOGRAPHS: Photographs are taken by Forensic Photographers Andre Santos.

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PRESENT AT AUTOPSY: Victor Forney, Dr. Dwayne Wolf, Mr. Harold Jordan, Mr. Larry Feinstein, and Officer Herbrig of the Sugar Land Police Department.

PATHOLOGICAL FINDINGS

1. Penetrating contact gunshot wound to the head
2. Elements of blue Teflon and tiny metallic fragments present within the wound pathway
3. Blood in respiratory tract
4. Cardiomegaly with left ventricular hypertrophy
5. Abrasion of palmar surface of left hand and at base of fifth digit

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REPORT OF ANALYSIS

2/1/2002

CASE# OC02-034

To Joye M. Carter, M.D., FCAP

Chief Medical Examiner

Evidence submitted on

1/26/2002

Specimen	Result	Analyte
Blood	Less Than 0.25 mg/L	Propoxyphene
Blood	Not Detected	Ethanol, Methanol, Acetone, Isopropanol
Blood	Not Detected	Other Standard Basic Drugs
Blood	Present	Citalopram
Blood	Present	Zolpidem
Blood	0.7 mg/L	Norpropoxyphene
Specimen	Result	Analyte
Liver	2.9 mg/kg	Norpropoxyphene
Liver	Not Detected	Propoxyphene
Specimen	Result	Analyte
Stomach Contents	Not Detected	Other Standard Basic Drugs
Stomach Contents	Present	Zolpidem
Stomach Contents	Not Detected	Norpropoxyphene
Stomach Contents	Not Detected	Propoxyphene
Specimen	Result	Analyte
Urine	Not Detected	Ethanol, Methanol, Acetone, Isopropanol
Specimen	Result	Analyte
Vitreous Humor	Not Detected	Ethanol, Methanol, Acetone, Isopropanol

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MEDICAL EXAMINER

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 Lynn DeCuir, T.C.(N.R.C.C.)
 Toxicology Section Leader

Ashraf Mozayani
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 Chief Toxicologist

Medical Examiner's Initial

Unless otherwise requested, toxicology specimens will be discarded one year after date of receipt.

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FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS
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Autopsy Order

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STATE OF TEXAS

IN THE JUSTICE COURT

COUNTY OF FORT BEND

PRECINCT FOUR

AUTOPSY ORDER

To Harris County Medical Examiner

On this, the 25th day of January, 2002, this Court

convened as a Court of Inquest to determine the cause of

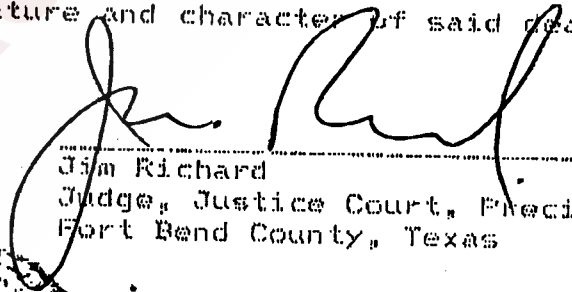
death of John Clifford Baxter

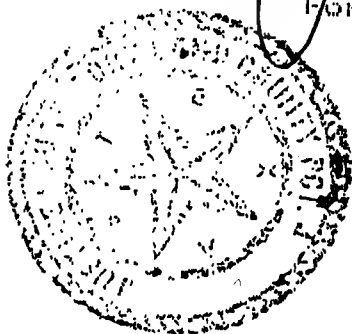
who

passed away of apparent gun shot wound

This Court has determined that it is advisable and necessary that, pursuant to Art. 49.10, C.C.P., that an autopsy be made to determine the cause of death.

It is therefore ordered that the Harris County Medical Examiner perform an autopsy on said body in order to determine the cause of death of said person and determine whether the death was from natural causes or resulted from violence, and the nature and character of said death.


Jim Richard
Judge, Justice Court, Precinct Four
Fort Bend County, Texas



EVIDENCE SUBMISSION FORM
Autopsyfiles.org - John Clifford Baxter Autopsy Report
JOSEPH A JACHIMCZYK FORENSIC CENTER
REQUEST FOR LABORATORY EXAMINATION

00-02-034

DA INTAKE/DA TRANS # _____	LAB # _____
SPIN # _____	OFFENSE REPORT # <u>02000599</u>

Prior evidence has been submitted on this case Yes ☒ No ☐

<u>Baxter, John Clifford</u> COMPLAINANT/SUSPECT	DOB <u>09.27.58</u>	RACE <u>W</u>	SEX <u>M</u>
COMPLAINANT/SUSPECT	DOB	RACE	SEX
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OTHER (SPECIFY)	DOB	RACE	SEX

SUBMITTED TO LABORATORY <u>01/25/02</u>		Death Investigation <u>01/25/02</u>	
SUBMITTING OFFICER <u>M. HERZIG</u>		CASE OFFICER <u>M. HERZIG</u>	
AGENCY <u>SUGARLAND PD</u>		PHONE# <u>281 275-2500</u> EXT _____	
ADDRESS <u>P.O. Box 110</u>		CITY <u>Sugarland</u> COUNTY <u>FT Bend</u> STATE <u>TX</u> ZIP <u>77418</u>	

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ITEM#	QTY	FULL DESCRIPTION OF EVIDENCE	REQUESTED ANALYSIS
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		Request For the Following From ME's Office:	
		1. Preserve All Clothing Items	6. Photograph
		2. Nail Scrapings	7. Autopsy
		3. Projectile Recovery?	8. X-ray
		4. Blood Sample saved	9. ID Tech
		5. Full Case Prints (*Call for ID Tech)	
		(2) Time of Autopsy for Prints	

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 Occurrence Date: 01/25/02-01/25/02 Day: FRIDAY -FRIDAY Time: 02:18-02:23
 Status: Closing Officer:
 Location: 5200 PALM ROYALE BL., SL RD: ST

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N A R R A T I V E

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On Friday, 01.25.2002, at approximately 02:23 hours, I, Officer K.D. Guthery #8210, heard Fort Bend County PCT 4 Deputy S. Head #1415 advise Sugar Land Communications that he was checking out on a disabled vehicle in the 4200 block of Palm Royale. I advised communications that I would be enroute to check by with him. Moments later Deputy Head stated that the occupant of the vehicle had a gun shot wound to his head.

I arrived on the scene at approximately 02:27 hours and discovered that the correct location was the 5200 block of Palm Royale, a short distance west of the residence at 5211 Palm Royale. I observed a black 2002 Mercedes 4 door, TX LP #M47ZZK, parked between the eastbound and westbound lanes between two medians. The vehicle was facing westbound, the headlights were on, and the engine was running. Deputy Head's patrol vehicle was parked behind the Mercedes facing the same direction. Deputy Head told me that the doors were locked. I looked inside the vehicle and I saw a white male, later identified by his Texas Driver License as John Baxter, sitting in the driver seat. His head was leaning forward and he had blood dripping from his face. I observed blood on the right side of his head and a large amount of blood in his lap. His hands were in his lap. There was a silver colored medium frame revolver in his lap. His right hand was partially open and facing up. The black grip of the revolver was Baxter's right hand. The left side of the gun was up and the barrel was facing toward the driver door. The barrel was laying on top of his left hand.

I used a window punch and attempted to break the rear passenger side wing window so that entry could be made into the vehicle. The window was made of laminated glass and did not shatter. Deputy Head struck it with his ASP baton, but he was unable to make a hole large enough for someone to reach inside and unlock the door. I then used the window punch on the rear passenger window and found that it was made of laminated glass also. Deputy Head struck it repeatedly with his ASP baton until he made a hole large enough to reach inside. Deputy Head opened the rear passenger side door and then unlocked the front passenger side door. I looked into the vehicle through the front driver side window and observed what appeared to be at least two live rounds of ammunition in the revolver.

Engine 5 with the Sugar Land Fire Department arrived moments after Deputy Head unlocked the door. Firefighter Scott Herff entered the vehicle through the front passenger side door and removed the revolver from Baxter's hand. He then turned to me and placed it in the paper bag that I was holding. I then secured the revolver in the trunk of the vehicle. SLFD checked Baxter for vital signs and advised that they would "work him." Fort Bend EMS Medic 5 arrived a short time later and check for vital signs. They advised me that they would not be transporting him and they provided me with a copy of a flatline strip. I recovered a black wallet

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C o n t i n u a t i o n P a g e

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from the front passenger seat.

Officer Maus arrived on the scene and took photographs. While waiting for ID Officer M. Herbrig to arrive on the scene I received a telephone call from Justice of the Peace, Judge Richards. I briefed him on the situation and he stated that the body could be released to the funeral home of the victim's choice. Officer Herbrig arrived and videotaped the scene. She also took still photographs and had Officer Maus and I take some measurements of the position of the vehicle.

While Officer Herbrig was processing the scene Teresa Rogers and Gilbert Duran with Angeles Funeral Home arrived. They removed Baxter's body from the vehicle so Officer Herbrig could finish processing the scene. Rogers and Duran then loaded the body into their van and left the scene. Rent-A-Wreck Wrecker Service arrived with a flatbed wrecker and loaded the Mercedes. Officer Herbrig then followed the wrecker as it left with the vehicle. I had communications dispatch Engine 5 to the scene for a washdown. There was some blood on the pavement where the body was laid for a short time prior to being taken by the funeral home. At 05:05 hours Engine 5 had completed the washdown and I left the scene.

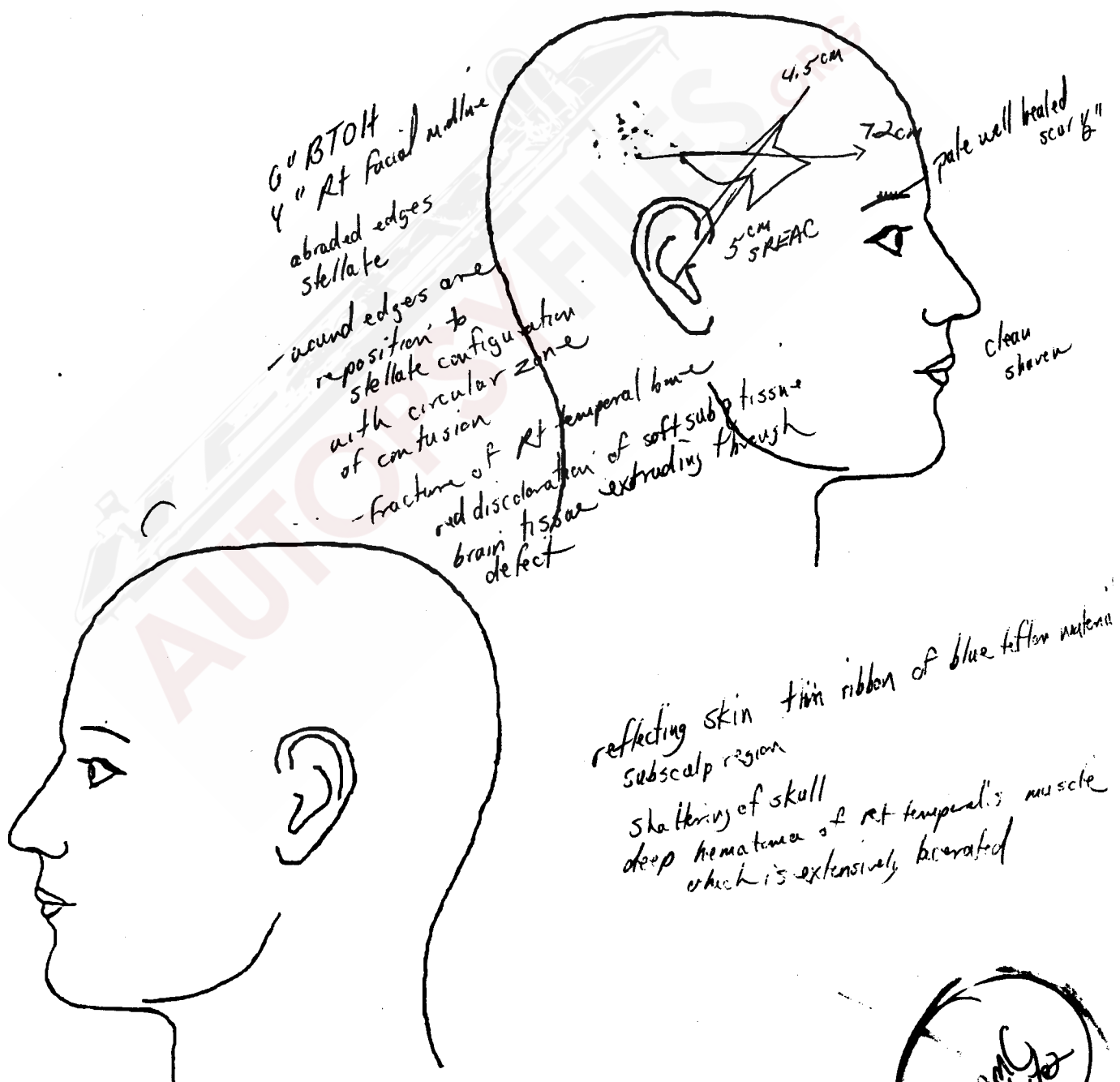
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CASE NO: OC 02-034

DECEDENT'S NAME: John C. Baxter

DOCTOR'S SIGNATURE: [Signature]



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LABORATORY REPORT**Laboratory Number:** TR02-0125**Date:** February 14, 2002**Complainant:** Baxter, John Clifford**Suspect:****Witness:****Cross Reference:** OC02-034**Date Received:** February 1, 2002**Date Analyzed:** February 14, 2002**Submitting Agency:** Sugarland Police Department

P.O. Box 110

Sugarland TX 77478

Agency Case Number: 02000599**Submitted by:** B. Baugh #8068

The chemical elements Antimony, Barium, and Lead are components of virtually all primer mixtures except some .22 calibers. The below items were analyzed by flameless Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometry for primer residues.

RESULTS:**RESIDUE FROM:** Baxter, John Clifford**RIGHT BACK:** Indicative (Positive for Antimony and Lead)**RIGHT PALM:** Inconclusive**LEFT BACK:** Indicative (Positive for Antimony and Lead)**LEFT PALM:** Positive**COMMENT:****Chemist:** Eric L. Sappenfield, Ph.D. 

The following factors should be considered for interpretation of the above results:

1. Time interval since firearm discharge and specimen collection.
2. Protection/ handling/ wiping of hands after firearm discharge prior to specimen collection.
3. Ammunition type/ weapon type.
4. Hand proximity/ posture to discharging firearms.
5. Possible environmental contaminants.



Robert C. Reynolds, T.C.(N.R.C.C.)
Senior Forensic Chemist



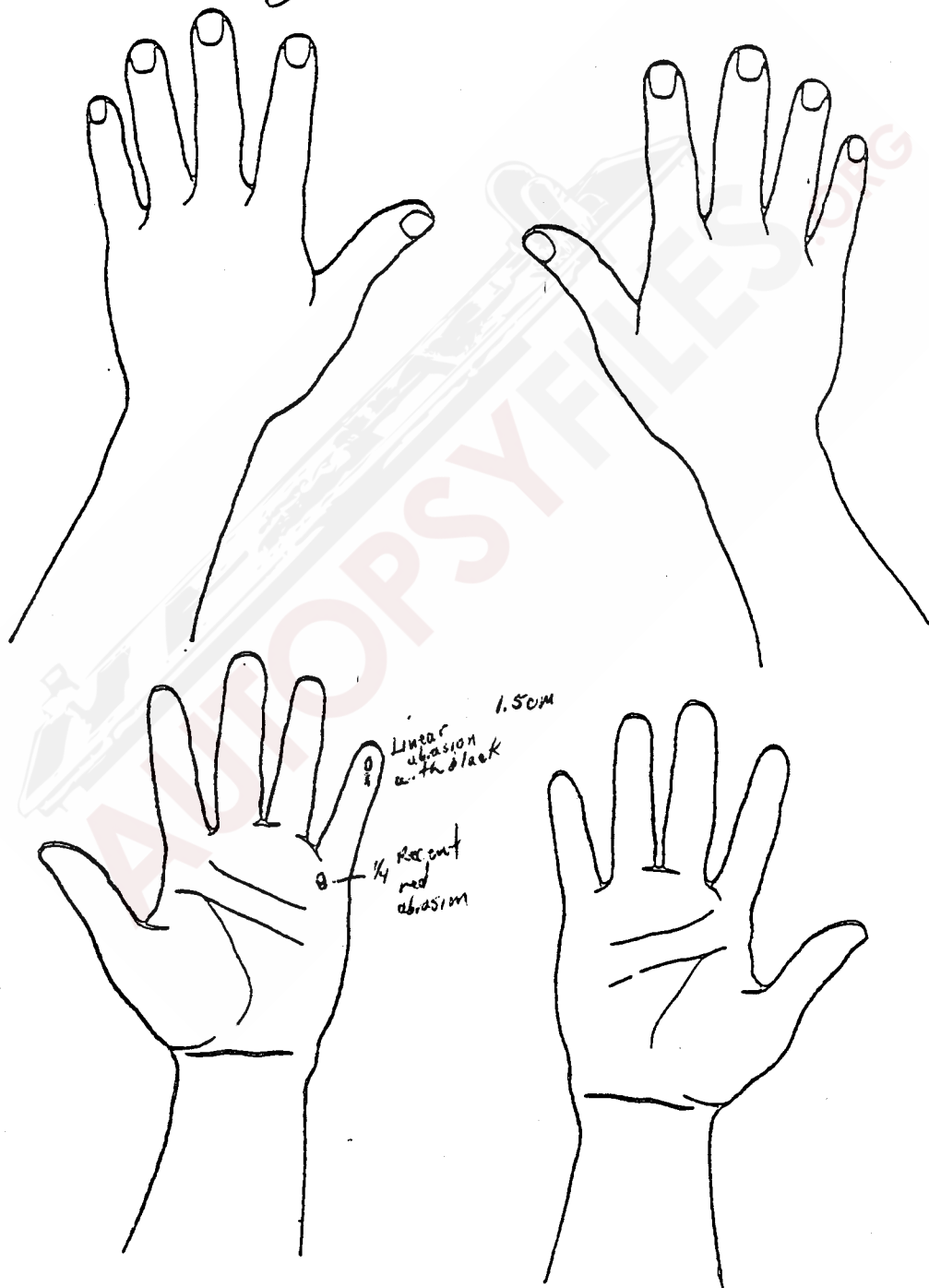
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HOUSTON, TEXAS 77054-2098

CASE NO: AC 92-034

DECEDENT'S NAME: John C. Baxter

DOCTOR'S SIGNATURE: JAC



HARRIS COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER
INVESTIGATOR REPORT

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INVESTIGATOR: GIGOUT

DATE: 1/28/02

TIME: 12:35 ☐ A.M. ☒ P.M.

DECEASED: JOHN CLIFTON BAXTER

ACCORDING TO BILLY BAUGH WITH THE SUGARLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT 281-275-2542, THE DECEDENT'S MEDICATIONS WERE:

AMBIEN 10 MG WITH 30 PRESCRIBED AND 25 LEFT, WAS PRESCRIBED ON 1/23/02 FOR ONE A DAY.

CELEXA 20 MG WITH 90 PRESCRIBED ON 1/23/02. THIS PRESCRIPTION BOTTLE COULD NOT BE FOUND.

*Noted
JMC 1/29/02*



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CASE STATUS

Decedent Name: John Baxter

Date of Death: 01/25/02

Request For:	Agency Name	Date Ordered
PR <input type="checkbox"/>		
HR <input type="checkbox"/>		
ST <input type="checkbox"/>		
MI <input type="checkbox"/>		
PTR <input type="checkbox"/>		

NOTES

Call returned 2:40pm to Judge Jim Richard.
Body found at 2:27 AM on 1/25/02
Chain of custody?
Hands protected?
Changes of death
Hands scrubbed?
Refrigeration?

John M. Carter MD
Signature

01/25/02
MMDDYY

Legend

PR - Policy Report
HR - Hospital Records
ST - Supplemental Toxicology
MI - More Information
PTR - Pending Toxicology Report

Agency - Department assisting with your request
Date Ordered - Date your request made