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Coroner's Report: Finding of Facts and Verdict

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Case No: **04-3821**

DECEASED'S IDENTIFICATION

Last Name Gale, Nathan Miles	First Nathan	Middle Miles	Date of Death 12-08-2004	Time of Death 22:38
Call Taken By Natalie Hale	Person Reporting Death Det. W.L. Gillette #1616	Title 	Pronounced By/Competent Observer Columbus Fire #6	
Facility or Address of Death 5055 Sinclair Road, Columbus, OH			Phone at Scene 	Place of Death Business
Decedent's Address (Number and Street) 111 1/2 East 5th Street				County of Death Franklin
City Marysville	County of Residence Union		State OH	Zip Code 43040
Race Caucasian	Sex Male	Age 25	Date of Birth 09-11-1979	Social Security Number 345-72-3172

CAUSE AND MANNER OF DEATH

Immediate Cause One (1) shotgun wound to the head and left shoulder.	Time Interval Minutes
As Consequence Of:	Time Interval
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Other Significant Conditions	Autopsy? Yes
Manner of Death Homicide	Name, Title and License Number of Person Who Completed Cause of Death Patrick Fardal, M.D., 35 040764
Address of Certifier 520 King Avenue, Columbus, OH 43201	

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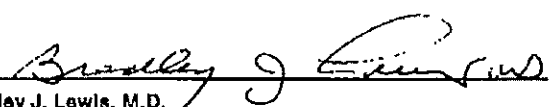
PATHOLOGY

Date Body Viewed 12-09-2004	Time Body Viewed 11:30	Tattoos/Scars	Teeth Natural	Eye Gray
Body Heat Cold	LIVOR Posterior/Fixed	RIGOR Well Developed		
Pathologist's Notes See Autopsy Report.		Hair Color Brown	Height 77	Weight 268
		Body Appearance		

INVESTIGATION

Investigating Agency Columbus Homicide	Phone (614) 645-4730	Date of Injury 12-08-2004	Time of Injury 0:00
Injury Location (Address, City, State, Zip) 5055 Sinclair Road, Columbus, OH			Injury at Work? No
How Injury Occurred Victim allegedly shot by another person.			Place of Injury Business
Next of Kin Mary Clark	Phone (937) 537-1385	Relationship Mother	
Next of Kin Address 497 Rosehill Drive, Marysville, OH 43040			
Funeral Home Mannasmith-Hale Funeral Home	Phone (937) 642-1751	Funeral Home Representative John Simeone	
Funeral Home Address 621 West Fifth Street, Marysville, OH 43040			

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set by
hand and affixed my seal at Columbus, Ohio
This 24th day of 01/24/2005


Bradley J. Lewis, M.D.
Coroner



FRANKLIN COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE
BRADLEY J. LEWIS, M.D.
Columbus, Ohio

Autopsy: 04-3821

Name: Nathan Miles Gale, male, age 25 years

Date of Death: December 8, 2004 – 10:38 p.m.

Date of Autopsy: December 9, 2004 – 11:30 a.m.

Autopsy performed by: Patrick M. Fardal, M.D., J.D., Forensic Pathologist
Franklin County, Columbus, Ohio

Autopsy performed for: Bradley J. Lewis, M.D., Coroner
Franklin County, Columbus, Ohio

FINAL DIAGNOSIS:

One (1) shotgun wound to the head and left shoulder:

a. Injury to brain.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION: The decedent is a Caucasian male whose stated age is 25 years. The height is 77 inches; weight is 268 pounds. Rigor mortis is well developed. Lividity is posterior and fixed. The body temperature is cold.

The head is covered with brown hair. The irides are gray. Head, neck, chest, breasts, abdomen, and extremities are unremarkable, except for the below mentioned shotgun wound injuries. The genitalia are of a normal adult male.

SHOTGUN WOUND INJURIES: There is a series of approximately seven perforations on the anterior face. These will be numbered and described.

1. There is a 1-1/2 x 1 inch irregular defect with a 3/8 inch abrasion laterally containing the wadding on the right cheek.
2. There is a 1/4 inch defect with a 1/4 inch abrasion on the right hand side to 1/2 - 1/8 inch on the left hand side, 1/4 inch to the right of the midline and 2-1/2 inches from the top of the head.
3. There is a 3/16 inch perforation on the right side of the face, 5 inches from the top of the head and 3/4 inch to the right of the midline. A 3/16 inch rim of abrasion surrounds the defect.
4. There is a 3/8 x 1/4 inch perforation 5-1/2 inches from the top of the head located to the right of the midline. A 1/8 inch rim of abrasion surrounds the defect.
5. On the left side of the face 1-3/4 inches to the left of the midline and 5 inches from the top of the head is a 1/4 inch perforation with a 3/8 inch rim of abrasion medially.
6. Located 3 inches to the left of the midline and 5-1/2 inches from the top of the head is a 1-1/2 x 5/8 inch defect with a 1/4 inch abrasion medially.

7. There is a 1/2 inch laceration 1/4 inch to the right of the midline on the top of the head at the frontal scalp area.
8. On the left shoulder is a 1/4 inch perforation surrounded by a 3/16 inch rim of abrasion anteriorly. It is located 7-1/2 inches to the left of the midline and 66-1/2 inches above the left heel.
9. On the left shoulder is a superficial graze injury, 1 x 3/8 inch located 8-1/2 inches to the left of the midline and 66-3/4 inches above the left heel.
10. On the left shoulder 8 inches to the left of the midline and 66-1/4 inches above the left heel is a 3/8 inch perforation. Numbers 8 and 10 connect up.

The majority of these projectiles on the face go to the left and downward.

Pellet wound injury number 2 enters into the cranial vault where it creates a through-and-through defect of the left cerebral cortex. The projectile is recovered in the left occipital lobe. Its path is from front to back, right to left and slightly horizontal. There are fractures of both anterior fossae.

The brain weighs 1500 gm. The gyral pattern over the convexities reveals diffuse subarachnoid hemorrhage as well as the undersurface of the brain. Lacerations of the inferior aspects of both frontal cortices and the left temporal cortex are noted. There are fractures of both anterior fossae.

Serial coronal sections through the cerebral hemispheres, midbrain, pons, medulla and cerebellum reveal no additional abnormalities except for contusions of the medial-inferior aspect of the left temporal cortex.

The projectiles to the face pass through the facial structures, both the maxillary sinuses. One of the fragments is recovered at the level of approximately C3/C4. It is embedded in the anterior vertebra of C3/C4. Another projectile is found behind the left ear. Upon looking for these projectiles in the neck area fragments of tooth structures are seen. The tongue is removed and no perforations are noted, however there is noted to be hemorrhage on the lateral borders, bilaterally.

OTHER INJURIES:

1. Around the left knee is a 2-1/2 x 1-1/2 inch zone of contusion with a 3/8 inch abrasion present laterally.
2. There is a 1 x 1/2 inch abrasion on the anterior aspect of the right lower leg.
3. On the left knee is a series of contusions measuring 3 x 2 inches. Within this contused area are three separate areas of abrasion; one measuring 1/2 inch, the second 3/8 inch and the third 1/4 inch.

These injuries, once mentioned, will not be repeated.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION: The thoracic and abdominal organs all lie in their normal anatomical positions. No abnormal fluid accumulations are present in any of the serous cavities.

NECK: Unremarkable.

CARDIOVASCULAR: The heart weighs 430 gm. The coronary ostia are patent, and the coronary arteries are free of atherosclerosis. The pericardium, myocardium, endocardium, heart valves, and the great vessels of the thorax and abdomen are otherwise unremarkable.

RESPIRATORY: The laryngotracheal tree is normally developed and there is bloody material within the larynx, trachea, and major bronchi. The right lung weighs 470 gm; the left 470 gm. Bilateral pleural adhesions are present. The parenchyma is otherwise grossly unremarkable as is the pulmonary vasculature.

DIGESTIVE: Unremarkable from mouth to anus. The stomach contains no particulate matter. The vermiform appendix is present and is unremarkable.

LIVER, GALLBLADDER AND PANCREAS: The liver weighs 1890 gm. The capsule is intact, and the cut parenchyma is grossly unremarkable. The gallbladder, extrahepatic biliary tree, and pancreas are unremarkable.

ENDOCRINE: The pituitary, thyroid and adrenal glands are all unremarkable.

HEME AND LYMPH: The spleen weighs 170 gm. The capsule is intact, and the cut parenchyma is grossly unremarkable. No unusual lymphadenopathy is present. The bone marrow is unremarkable.

GENITOURINARY: The right kidney weighs 140 gm; the left kidney 150 gm, respectively. The capsules strip with ease and the cortices are smooth. The corticomedullary junction is well delineated. No abnormalities of the urinary pelves, ureters or bladder are noted. The internal male genitalia are unremarkable to palpation.

MUSCULOSKELETAL: Otherwise, unremarkable.

BRAIN: See above.

HISTOPATHOLOGY:

HEART: No significant pathology.

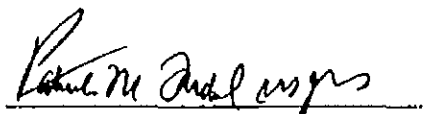
LUNGS: No significant pathology.

LIVER: No significant pathology.

PANCREAS: No significant pathology.

BRAIN/SPINAL CORD: Parenchymal hemorrhage.

The remainder of the microscopic examination is unremarkable.


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EXAMINATION REPORT

NAME: _____ Gale, Nathan Miles 04-3821 _____

DATE COMPLETED: _____ December 28, 2004 _____

A Comprehensive Analysis Has Been Performed.

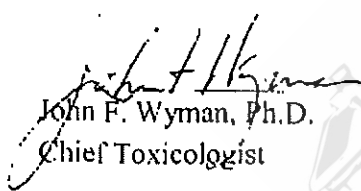
The Following Agents Were Detected:

BLOOD:

Ethanol	Not Detected *
Cotinine	Positive *
Caffeine	Positive *

No Other Agents Were Detected.

NOTE: * Testing Performed on Iliac Blood


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Chief Toxicologist