REPORT OF INVESTIGATION BY MEDICAL EXAMINER

DECEDENT First-Middle-Last Names (Please avoid use of initials)
TAYLOR DAWN PASCHAL

Age 13
Birth Date 4/6/1995
Race WHITE
Sex F

HOME ADDRESS - No. - Street, City, State
RT 1, WELEETKA, OK

EXAMINER NOTIFIED BY - NAME - TITLE (AGENCY, INSTITUTION, OR ADDRESS)
BEN ROSSER @ OSBI

DATE 6/8/2008
TIME 19:47

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CITY WELEETKA
COUNTY OKFUSKEE
TYPE OF PREMISES DIRT ROAD
DATE 6/8/2008
TIME Unknown

LOCATION OF DEATH
1.1 NORTH OF COLEMAN RD. ON COUNTY RD.5424
CITY WELEETKA
COUNTY OKFUSKEE
TYPE OF PREMISES DIRT ROAD
DATE 6/8/2008
TIME 17:21
FOUND

BODY VIEWED BY MEDICAL EXAMINER
901 NORTH STONEWALL
CITY OKLAHOMA CITY
COUNTY OKLAHOMA
TYPE OF PREMISES MORGUE
DATE 6/9/2008
TIME 14:30

IF MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT: [ ] DRIVER [ ] PASSENGER [ ] PEDESTRIAN

TYPE OF VEHICLE: [ ] AUTOMOBILE [ ] LIGHT TRUCK [ ] HEAVY TRUCK [ ] BICYCLE [ ] MOTORCYCLE [ ] OTHER:

DESCRIPTION OF BODY

RIGOR

EXTERNAL

Color

Jaw Complete

BEARD

PHYSICAL

Hair

EXAMINATION

LATERAL

Neck Absent

EYES: COLOR

Arms Passing

Mustache

Legs Passed

Opaque

Pupils: R L

Decomposed

Anterior

Body Length

Regional

Body Weight

EXTERNAL OBSERVATION

BLOOD [ ] [ ] [ ]

Nose [ ] [ ] [ ]

MOUTH [ ] [ ] [ ]

EARS [ ] [ ] [ ]

Significant observations and injury documentations - (Please use space below)
SEE AUTOPSY PROTOCOL

Probable Cause of Death:

MUTIPLE GUNSHOT WOUNDS

Probable Cause of Death:

Other Significant Medical Conditions:

MEDICAL EXAMINER:

Name, Address and Telephone No.
CHAI S. CHOI M.D.
901 N. STONEWALL
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK  73117

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.

CHAI S. CHOI M.D.

Signature of Medical Examiner

Date 6/10/2008

Computer generated report

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REPORT OF AUTOPSY

Decedent: TAYLOR DAWN PASCHAL
Age: 13
Birth Date: 04/06/1995
Race: WH
Sex: F
Autopsy No: 443-08
Case No: 0802189

Type of Death: Violent, unusual or unnatural
Means: Toe tag
ID By: CHAI S. CHOI, M.D.
Authority for Autopsy: CHAI S. CHOI, M.D.

Present at Autopsy: Jason Snider

PATHOLOGICAL DIAGNOSIS

I. Entrance gunshot wound, left upper lip, penetrating through base of the tongue, orbital bone, right orbital lobe, right caudate nucleus including basal ganglia, right parietal lobe.
   a. Entrance gunshot wound: no soot blackening or powder stippling.
   b. No exit gunshot wound present; a markedly damaged copper coated lead bullet, small in size recovered.
   c. Direction: backward, upward slightly toward the right.
   d. Brain with contusive laceration and subarachnoid hemorrhages (basal cisterns).

II. Entrance gunshot wound, left submentum, fracturing regional mandible and base of the skull.
   a. Entrance gunshot wound: fine powder grain (approximately 8 x 10 cm), with powder stippling (3 x 11 cm).
   b. No exit gunshot wound present: markedly damaged copper coated lead bullet, small in size and piece of lead recovered.
   c. Direction: backward and slightly toward the right.
   d. Subdural hemorrhages of cervical spinal cord (C3) with periosteal contusion.

III. Entrance gunshot wound, right cheek, perforating through soft fibrofatty musculature to the back of the neck.
   a. Entrance gunshot wound: no soot or powder stippling; oval shaped contusive rim.
   b. Exit gunshot wound present; no bullet recovered.
   c. Direction: backward, downward to the left.

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CAUSE OF DEATH: MULTIPLE GUNSHOT WOUNDS

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

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Pathologist
Location of Autopsy
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IV. Entrance gunshot wound, left groin, penetrating through the left peritoneal muscle, descending colon (x1), small intestine (x2), stomach, left hemisphere of the diaphragm, lower lobe of the left lung, perivertebral region (thoracic spine #5) to the left back.
   a. Entrance gunshot wound: no soot blackening or powder stippling.
   b. Partial exit gunshot wound with copper jacketed bullet, medium in size, in situ.
   c. Direction: backward, upward slightly toward the right.
   d. Left hemothorax (approximately 500 mL of blood) with partial collapse, right hemothorax (approximately 50 mL) and hemoperitoneum (approximately 150 mL).

V. Entrance gunshot wound, right hand (third knuckle), perforating right third finger with compounds fractures and multiple lacerations.
   a. Entrance gunshot wound: no soot blackening or powder stippling.
   b. Exit gunshot wound with multiple lacerations.
   c. Direction: forward and downward.

VI. Multiple cutaneous abrasions and contusions over the right upper cheek, left knee, left ankle, and back of the left arm.

Comment: The decedent is a 13 year old white female child who was shot multiple times. The decedent was found in sandy dirt ditch located on the west side of the roadway. There was a large purse over her left shoulder.

Complete autopsy showed five separate gunshot wounds; two over the left side of the face, one over the right side of the face, one in the left groin, and one at the third right knuckle. The two gunshot wounds of the left side of the face are individually potentially fatal. The gunshot wound of the right cheek may not be fatal with prompt medical intervention. The gunshot wound over the left groin is potentially fatal. There is entrance gunshot wound perforating the right third knuckle and finger with compound fracture. Two damaged copper coated lead bullets, small in size and one medium size copper jacketed bullet recovered. The gunshot wound of the right cheek and right hand could have been inflicted by a single bullet.

It is felt that the cause of death is regarded to be multiple gunshot wounds. The manner of death is ruled as homicide.

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The body is that of a well developed, well nourished, white, female child. The conjunctivae are white and show no petechiae. There is blood in the nose and mouth, but not in the ear canals. There is blood stain over the face down to the neck. There are multiple gunshot wounds over the face which will be described below. Over the left submentum, there is entrance gunshot wound being surrounded by powder grain-like dark gray particles attached to the skin measuring approximately 8 x 10 cm over the left chin, lower cheek and down to the neck. The neck is unremarkable other than gunshot wound over the back of the neck which will be described below. The chest is of normal contour with unremarkable breasts. There is heart shape tattoo over the left breast region. The abdomen is flat and shows postmortem liver puncture mark over the right epigastrium. There are numerous letters and designs over the abdomen made by markers. The genitalia are those of a normal female of this age having short pubic hair. There is no traumatic injury in or around the genitalia. The extremities are symmetric and show elongated entrance gunshot wound over the left groin region which will be described. There is a through and through gunshot wound of the right hand with blood stains which will be described below. Both hands have been previously secured with brown paper bag sealed by plastic tape. There are small red-gray abrasions over the left knee and red abrasions over the left ankle and back of the left arm. There is blood spattering over the right shin. There is a somewhat V-shaped blue marker paint over the left shin and purplish-blue designs over the anterolateral surface of the left thigh by marker. There is somewhat Z-shaped paint over the left forearm and dorsum of the left hand painted by marker. There is yellow metal ring with cross around the left fourth finger. The back is unremarkable other than exit gunshot wound of the back of the neck at the mid-line and partial exit gunshot wound with bullet that is partly exposed located over the left upper back. There are similar words and designs made by markers over the lower back.

The decedent is clothed in the following:

- A t-shirt, light blue, “WORLD DISNEY, Junior 11/13, L” on the back with the inscription “MOOD SWINGS” on the front.
- Blue-purple underwear
- Red shorts with double white stripes on the sides, “ZOey BETH, M”
- A pair of shoes, white, “NO BOUNDARIES, 6 ½”
- A “BETHING TOP”, pink with flower patterns, “SAND SUN, L”

There are blood stains mainly over the front part of the t-shirt and left groin region of the shorts. There is blood spattering over the front part of the t-shirt and the front sleeve region. The back of the shirts are soaked with blood mainly on the upper part and right sleeve. There is a single ear piercing, bilateral. The toenails are stained with blue.
Evidence of injury:

I. Entrance gunshot wound, left upper lip: Just below the left naris, there is a 0.5 cm entrance gunshot wound having elongated red peripheral abrasion rim at the lower margins measuring 0.5 x 0.8 cm. There is no soot blackening or powder stippling around the wound. The direction of the wound is backward, upward and slightly to the right, penetrating through the base of the tongue on the right, orbital bone at the mid-line, right orbital lobe, right caudate nucleus including basal ganglia, right parietal lobe at the superior surface near the mid-line. There is a markedly damaged copper coated lead bullet appearing to be small in size recovered in the brain matter. There is subarachnoid hemorrhages over the basal cisterns including pons.

II. Entrance gunshot wound, left submentum: There is a 0.3 cm entrance gunshot wound having 0.2 cm red-brown peripheral abrasion rim being surrounded by powder grain described above and fine powder stippling around the wound that measures approximately 3 x 11 cm. There is no soot blackening identified. The direction of the wound is backward, slightly toward the right, fracturing the regional mandible on the left with vertical fracture and base of the skull. There is a small piece of lead is recovered at the subcutaneous tissue near the mid-line of the neck. There is a markedly damaged copper coated lead bullet, likely small in size recovered in the right side of the base of the skull. There is no exit gunshot wound present.

There is focal regional subdural hemorrhages of the cervical spine cord at the level of C-3 with periosteal contusion. The regional spinal cord is intact other than malacia.

III. Entrance gunshot wound, right cheek: There is an irregular red-brown abraded laceration of gunshot wound measuring 0.7 x 1.3 cm being surrounded by oval shaped purple contusion rim measuring 3 x 3.5 cm. There is no soot blackening or powder stippling. The direction of the wound is backward, downward to the left perforating through the soft fibrofatty and musculature to the back of the neck just left of the mid-line. The regional sternomastoid muscle shows purplish contusive laceration. The exit wound measures 0.8 x 1 cm having irregular laceration at the margins. There is no soot blackening or powder stippling around the wound.

IV. Entrance gunshot wound, left groin: There is 1.5 x 1.5 cm entrance gunshot wound having elongated red peripheral abrasion rim at the lower margins that measure 3 x between 0.5 and 1.5 cm. There is no soot blackening or powder stippling around the wound. The surrounding skin is bluish-purple and contused. The direction of the wound is backward, upward and slightly toward the right, penetrating through the left peritoneal muscle including psoas muscle, descending colon (x 1), small intestine (x 2), stomach, left hemispheric diaphragm, lower lobe of the left lung perivertebral region (T5), to the left back. There is a partial exit gunshot wound with partly exposed copper jacketed bullet appearing to be medium in size and is damaged. There is left hemothorax (approximately 500 mL of blood) with approximately 50 mL of hemothorax on the right and approximately 150 mL of blood in the peritoneum that is admixed with fecal material.

V. Entrance gunshot wound, right hand: Over the third knuckle, there is a 2.1 x 1.5 cm entrance wound with a semicircular peripheral abrasion rim at upper margins and irregular lower and lateral margins. There is no soot blackening or powder stippling. There is no bullet recovered. There is a compound fracture of right third finger with multiple irregular lacerations over the volar surface of the finger

There are red abrasions and contusion over the right upper cheek and small red and gray and brown abrasions over the left knee, left ankle and back of the left arm described above. There is red horizontal linear scab over the left thigh.
GROSS EXAMINATION

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The body is opened through the customary “Y” shaped incision.

Subcutaneous fat is normally distributed, moist, and bright yellow. The musculature through the chest and abdomen is rubbery, maroon, and shows no gross abnormality.

The sternum is removed in the customary fashion. The organs of the chest and abdomen are in normal position and relationship. The liver edge extends 0 cm below the right costal margin at the midclavicular line. The diaphragms is otherwise intact.

PARIETAL PLEURA:

Bilateral hemothorax described above.

PERICARDIUM:

Is a smooth, glistening, intact membrane, and the pericardial cavity, itself, contains the normal amount of clear, straw-colored fluid.

PERITONEUM:

Smooth, glistening membrane in both the abdominal and pelvic cavities. The peritoneal cavity contains approximately 150 mL of blood admixed with fecal material. There are left retroperitoneal hemorrhages and a psoas muscle contusive laceration.

HEART:

Weighs 190 gm. It has a normal configuration and location. There are no adhesions between the parietal and visceral pericardium, and the latter is a smooth, glistening, fat laden characteristic membrane. The coronary arteries arise and distribute normally with no significant atherosclerosis. The coronary ostia are normally located and widely patent. The chambers and atrial appendages are unremarkable. The valves are normally formed and measure as follows: tricuspid 11 cm, pulmonic 5 cm, mitral 8 cm, and aortic 5.5 cm. The endocardium is a smooth and glistening with fine subendocardial hemorrhages. The myocardium is intact, flabby, and red-tan, with the left ventricle measuring 0.8 cm, the septum measuring 1 cm, and the right ventricle measuring 0.3 cm. The papillary muscles and chordae tendineae are intact and unremarkable. The arch of the aorta is classically formed with no atherosclerosis. Other great vessels also arise and distribute normally and are widely patent.

NECK ORGANS:

Musculature is normal, rubbery, and maroon, and the organs are freely movable in a midline position. The tongue is normally papillated and shows perforating gunshot wound with regional purplish hemorrhages at the base of the tongue on the right. The hyoid bone is intact. The thyroid cartilage is intact and without abnormality. The thyroid gland is symmetric, rubbery, pale, light brownish, and in its normal position without evidence of neoplasm. The epiglottis is a characteristic plate-like structure which shows no evidence of edema, trauma, or other gross pathology. The larynx is comprised of unremarkable vocal cords and folds, is widely patent without foreign material, and is lined by a smooth, glistening membrane. There are no petechiae of the epiglottis, laryngeal mucosa, or thyroid capsule.
**THYMUS:**

Pale and unremarkable.

**LUNGS:**

The right lung weighs 280 gm, and the left weighs 170 gm. Visceral pleurae are smooth and glistening other than through and through gunshot wound of the lower lobe of the left lung with regional hemorrhages. The overall configuration is normal. The trachea is filled with liquid blood. Likewise, the major bronchi and bronchioles bilaterally are normally formed, and contain bloody fluid. The pulmonary arterial tree is free of emboli or thrombi. The parenchyma is pale, pinkish-gray upper lobe and reddish-brown posterior segment of the lungs with numerous purple patches on the cut surfaces mainly on the left with a suggestion of aspiration of blood. There is a through and through gunshot wound of lower lobe of the left lung that measures 1 cm in greatest dimension each. It is located at the inferior surface of the lobe and close to the hilum. There is no evidence of granulomatous or neoplastic disease. Hilar lymph nodes are pale and unremarkable.

**G.I. TRACT:**

The esophagus shows an unremarkable mucosa, a patent lumen, and contains small amount of brownish fluid in the lumen. The esophagogastric junction is unremarkable. The stomach shows single perforated gunshot wound with focal regional hemorrhages at the posterior surface of the antrum measuring 2 cm and the anterior surface of the cardiac region of the stomach measuring 0.7 cm in greatest dimension. It contains a scanty amount of brownish mucoid material with no food. The duodenum, itself, is patent, shows an unremarkable mucosa and no evidence of acute or chronic ulceration. Jejunum and ileum are unremarkable other than two separate perforations by gunshot wound with focal regional hemorrhages. There is no Meckel’s diverticulum. The ileocecal valve is intact and unremarkable. The appendix is unremarkable. The colon shows elongated perforation of the descending colon measuring 7.5 cm in greatest dimension. There are no diverticula. Anus and rectum are unremarkable.

**LIVER:**

Weighs 990 gm. It is of normal configuration, rubbery, somewhat pale brownish, and intact. Cut surface shows no pathology.

**GALLBLADDER:**

Lies in its usual position, contains liquid bile, no calculi, and shows a normal mucosa. The biliary tree is intact and patent without evidence of neoplasm or calculi.

**PANCREAS:**

Lies in its normal position, shows pancreatic hemorrhages at the distal one-third level.

**SPLEEN:**

Weighs 120 gm. The capsule is intact but wrinkled. The organ is rubbery, somewhat pale and brownish, and shows characteristic follicular pattern.

**ADRENALS:**

Pale and unremarkable.
KIDNEYS:

The right kidney weighs 90 gm and the left weighs 90 gm. Both are pale brownish. Sections show the organs to be moderately congested with unremarkable cortices, medullae and pelves. Ureters and blood vessels are patent and unremarkable.

URINARY BLADDER:

Contains a scanty amount of yellowish urine. Its serosa and mucosa are unremarkable.

FEMALE GENITALIA:

The vagina is intact and shows no gross pathology. The cervical os is with no erosion. The endocervical canal is within normal limits. The uterus has a symmetrical overall unremarkable configuration and is nongravid. The myometrium is light tan and rubbery. The endometrium is pale, light brown and measures approximately 0.6 cm in thickness. Bilateral adnexa are unremarkable other than ruptured corpus luteum of the right ovary.

BRAIN AND MENinges:

The scalp is opened through the customary intermastoid incision and shows no trauma. The calvarium is removed through the use of an oscillating saw and is intact without evidence of osseous disease. The brain weighs 1400 gm. Dura and leptomeninges are smooth and glistening with subarachnoid hemorrhages mainly basal cisterns and orbital lobes and right parietal lobe at the superior surface. Cranial nerves and circle of Willis arise and distribute normally and show no significant pathology. Externally the brain is diffusely edematous and shows perforating gunshot wound through orbital lobe at the mid-line, right caudate nucleus, basal ganglia, right parietal lobe at the superior surface with regional hemorrhages through the tract. There is hemocephalus. There is a markedly damaged copper coated lead bullet appearing to the small in size recovered in the brain matter. The base of the skull is otherwise unremarkable.

RIBS:

Intact.

PELVIS:

Otherwise intact.

VERTEBRAE:

Otherwise intact.

BONE MARROW:

Moist and dark red. Unremarkable.
MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION

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Sections confirm the gross diagnosis and are otherwise unremarkable.

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(Chai S. Choi, M.D.)

CHAI S. CHOI, M.D.
ME CASE NUMBER: 0802189
LABORATORY NUMBER: 082103

DECEDEENT'S NAME: TAYLOR DAWN PASCHAL
DATE RECEIVED: 6/10/2008

MATERIAL SUBMITTE: BLOOD, VITREOUS, LIVER
HOLD STATUS: 30 DAYS

SUBMITTED BY: CHAI S. CHOI M.D.
MEDICAL EXAMINER: CHAI S. CHOI M.D.

NOTES:

ETHYL ALCOHOL:
Blood: NEGATIVE (HEART)
Vitreous:
Other:

CARBON MONOXIDE
Blood:

TESTS PERFORMED:
NO OTHER TESTS PERFORMED

RESULTS:

06/25/2008
DATE

BYRON CURTIS, Ph.D., Deputy Chief Forensic Toxicologist
FULL BODY, FEMALE – ANTERIOR AND POSTERIOR VIEWS

Name: Taylor Dawn Paschal
Case No.: 0802189
Date: 6-9-2008

CME-182 (Series 1976)

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HEAD – SURFACE AND SKELETAL ANATOMY, ANTERIOR AND POSTERIOR VIEWS

Name: Taylor Dawn Paschal

Case No.: 0802189

CME-1B14 (Series 1978)

Date: 6-9-10

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HEAD – SURFACE AND SKELETAL ANATOMY, LATERAL VIEW

Name: Taylor Dawn Paschal
Case No: 0802189
CME-1815 (Series 1978)

Date: 6-9-10-08
# GUNSHOT WOUND CHART

**NAME**  Taylor Dawn Paschal  
City or Capacity  0802189

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### 1. Location of wound:
- Head
- Neck
- Chest
- Abdomen
- Back
- Arm: Right
- Arm: Left
- Leg: Right
- Leg: Left

### 2. Size of wound:
- Diam.: 0.5
- Width: 0.3
- Length: 0.7, 0.9, 1.5, 0.8
- 1.3, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0

### 3. Continuation from wound to:
- Top of head: 6
- Right of midline: 0
- Left of midline: 3
- 3/4, 3

### 4. Powder burns:
- On skin: V
- Clothing: X
- Absent: V

### 5. Direction of bullet through body:
- Backward: V
- Forward: V
- Downward: V
- Upward: X
- To right: V
- To left: V

### 6. Bullet found:
- Calibre: X
- Shotgun: X

## REMARKS:
- "Days: Yes"  
- "X-rays made: Yes"  

## Photographs made: Yes  
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