

**OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER  
DISTRICT NINE  
2350 E. Michigan Street  
Orlando, Florida 32806-4939**

**REPORT OF AUTOPSY**

**DECEDENT:** MILES PORCARO

**CASE NUMBER:** ME 2017-001531

**MANNER OF DEATH:** Suicide

**IDENTIFIED BY:** Susan Porcaro Goings

**AGE:** 31 years

**SEX:** Male

**RACE:** White

**DATE OF DEATH:** FOUND October 4, 2017

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**DATE/TIME OF AUTOPSY:** October 5, 2017 at 8:40 am

 11/27/17

**PERFORMED BY:** Joshua D. Stephany, MD, Chief Medical Examiner

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**CAUSE OF DEATH:** Hanging

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**AUTOPSY FINDINGS**

- I. Evidence of hanging:
- A. Decedent found hanging in his residence
  - B. Ligature consisting of a black strap received around neck attached to a pull up bar
  - C. Ligature furrow nearly completely encircling the neck
  - D. Drying of the upper and lower lips
  - E. Congestion of the lower extremities

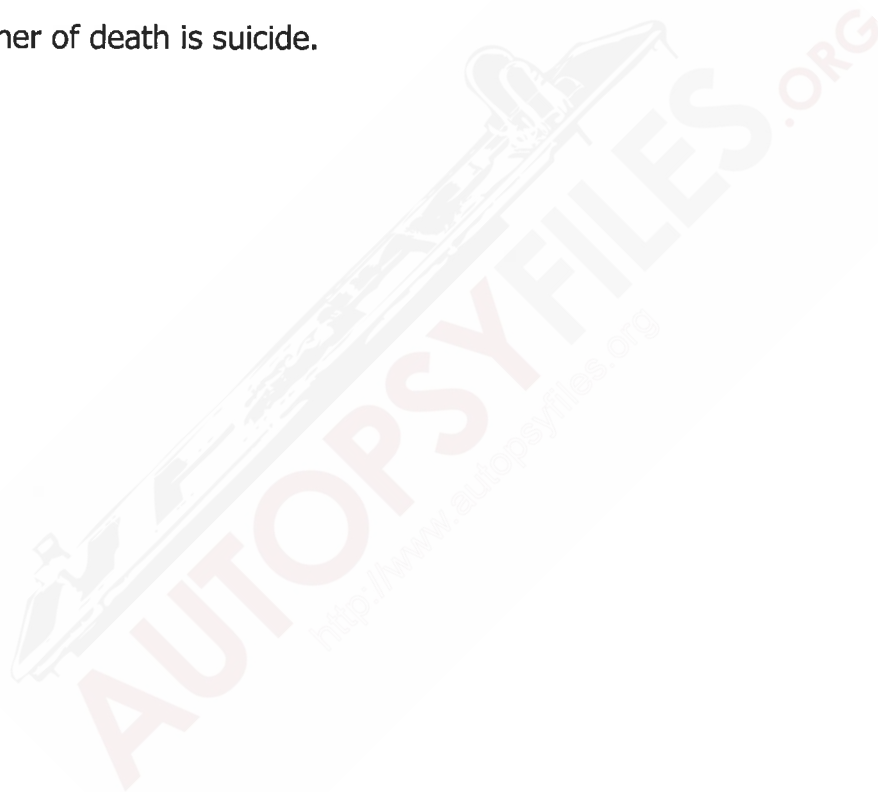
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**TOXICOLOGY ANALYSIS:** See laboratory report.

**CONCLUSION:** In consideration of the circumstances surrounding the death, and after examination of the body, toxicology analysis, and review of available medical records, it is my opinion that the death of Miles Porcaro, a 31 year old white male found hanging in his residence, is the result of hanging.

The manner of death is suicide.



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The autopsy of the body of Miles Porcaro is performed pursuant to Florida Statute 406.11 by Joshua D. Stephany, MD, Chief Medical Examiner, District Nine at the Orange County Medical Examiner facility, Orlando, Florida on October 5, 2017 at 8:40 am.

**IDENTIFICATION:** The body of Miles Porcaro is identified by Susan Porcaro Goings, his mother. The positive visual identification is made to Detective Foster of the Winter Park Police Department on scene on October 4, 2017 at 10:42 am.

**CLOTHING AND VALUABLES:** At the time of examination, the decedent is dressed in a grey T-shirt and white boxer shorts.

**GENERAL STATEMENT:** The body is that of a well-developed, well-nourished, 71 inch, 173 pound, adult white male, consistent with the reported age of 31 years.

### **EXTERNAL EXAMINATION**

The scalp is covered with up to 15 cm long, brown hair. The irides are cloudy grey and the sclerae are white. The conjunctivae have no petechiae. The external nose has no trauma and the nasal septum is intact. The frenula are intact and the oral mucosa has no trauma. The teeth are natural and in adequate condition.

The torso has no injuries, congenital deformities, scars, or tattoos. The external genitalia are those of a circumcised adult male. The testes are in the scrotum. The anus is normal.

The extremities have no injuries, congenital deformities, or scars. A tattoo in black of a circle is on the lateral right shoulder. Tattoos in black ink of roses and designs are on the left forearm. A tattoo in black ink of a crescent moon is on the left hand.

### **EVIDENCE OF HANGING**

A ligature consisting of a 3.5 cm wide x 0.2 cm thick, x 64 cm long black strap with two attached white metal hooks wrapped around a black-grey chin-up bar is received around the neck of the decedent. A 3.5 to 5 cm wide, dry, tan ligature furrow nearly completely encircles the neck. The widest point is on the right lateral neck. The furrow crosses the anterior midline of the neck centered 9 1/2

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inches below the top of the head, and angled upwards bilaterally. The furrow crosses the right lateral neck centered 6 ½ inches below the top of the head and the left lateral neck centered 5 inches below the top of the head. The furrow continues to the posterior hairline where it becomes incomplete. A layer-by-layer dissection of the anterior musculature of the neck reveals focal drying artifact underlying the ligature furrow. No hemorrhage is identified. The hyoid bone and cricoid cartilage are unremarkable. The anterior lips have drying artifact. The bilateral lower extremities are congested.

### **INTERNAL EXAMINATION**

The pleural cavities, pericardial sac, and peritoneal cavity have no excess fluid or adhesions.

**CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM:** The heart is 350 grams and has a normal distribution of epicardial fat. The coronary arteries are patent. The right coronary artery is dominant. The myocardium is dark red, firm, and has no scars. The left ventricle is 1 cm thick and 3 cm in internal diameter. The right ventricle is 0.3 cm thick and 4 cm in internal diameter. The tricuspid, pulmonary, mitral, and aortic valves are thin, pliable, and have no vegetations. The aorta is elastic and has a smooth intimal lining.

**RESPIRATORY SYSTEM:** The right lung is 420 grams and the left lung is 420 grams. The pleural surfaces are tan-pink, smooth, and glistening. The lung parenchyma is tan-pink, soft, and focally congested. The larynx and trachea are patent and have tan, intact mucosa. The pulmonary vessels are patent.

**HEPATOBIILIARY SYSTEM:** The liver is 1520 grams and has a smooth, tan-brown, and intact capsule. The parenchyma is tan-brown and firm. The gallbladder contains approximately 5 ml of dark green, viscous bile and no choleliths. The gallbladder mucosa is dark green and velvety.

**RETICULOENDOTHELIAL SYSTEM:** The spleen is 50 grams and has a purple, finely wrinkled, and intact capsule. The parenchyma is dark red and soft. The cervical, mediastinal, and abdominal lymph nodes are not enlarged.

**GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT:** The tongue has no bite marks or hemorrhage. The esophagus is lined by tan, intact mucosa. The serosa of the stomach is tan-gray and glistening. The stomach contains approximately 400 ml of tan fluid and

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partially digested food. The gastric mucosa is tan, has unremarkable rugal folds, and is intact. The external surfaces of the intestines are tan-gray and have no palpable masses. The vermiform appendix is tan-gray and glistening.

**GENITOURINARY SYSTEM:** The right kidney is 150 grams and the left kidney is 150 grams. The capsules are adhered to dark red, smooth cortical surfaces. The parenchyma is dark red and has well-defined corticomedullary demarcation. The ureters have a normal course and caliber. The urinary bladder contains approximately 50 ml of yellow urine and has a tan, trabeculated, and intact mucosa. The prostate gland is tan, firm, and not enlarged. The testes have tan parenchyma.

**ENDOCRINE SYSTEM:** The adrenal glands have well-demarcated, thin, golden yellow cortices, and grey medullae. The pancreas is tan and lobular. The thyroid gland is dark red, uniform, and not enlarged.

**NECK:** The neck is as previously described.

**HEAD:** The skull has no fractures. The brain is 1650 grams. Epidural and subdural hemorrhage are absent. The leptomeninges are thin, transparent and have no subarachnoid hemorrhage or exudate. The vessels at the base of the brain are normally formed and are patent. The cerebral hemispheres are symmetric and the gyri and sulci are unremarkable. Coronal sections of the cerebrum and transverse sections of the cerebellum and brainstem reveal no neoplasm, hemorrhage, or necrosis.

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**Patient:** PORCARO, MILES  
**Client Patient ID:** 9-17-1531  
**Physician:** STEPHANY, JOSHUA

**Age:** 31 **Sex:** M  
**Account#:** VX002861  
**Client:** DIST 9 MEDICAL EXAMINER

**TOXICOLOGY**

Specimen Collected :10/05/2017

Lab Order No: 820600906

Reg Date: 10/06/17

Test Name	Result	Units	Cutoff/Reporting Limits
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**VOLATILE PANEL - VOLP**
**SPECIMEN TYPE**
**PERIPHERAL BLOOD**

ETHANOL	0.249	g/dL	0.010
ACETONE	NONE DETECTED	mg/dL	7.5
METHANOL	NONE DETECTED	mg/dL	15.0
ISOPROPANOL	NONE DETECTED	mg/dL	15.0

**Analysis by Gas Chromatography (GC) Headspace Injection**
**BLOOD DRUG SCREEN - BDSME**
**SPECIMEN TYPE**
**PERIPHERAL BLOOD**
**GC/MS**
**NICOTINE METABOLITE, CAFFEINE**
**LC/MS/MS**
**BUPROPION, CAFFEINE, CAFFEINE METABOLITE**
**BLOOD IMMUNOASSAY SCREEN**

AMPHETAMINES	NEGATIVE	mg/L	0.100
BARBITURATES	NEGATIVE	mg/L	0.100
BENZODIAZEPINES	NEGATIVE	mg/L	0.050
BUPRENORPHINE	NEGATIVE	mg/L	0.001
CANNABINOIDS	NEGATIVE	mg/L	0.050
COCAINE METABOLITE	NEGATIVE	mg/L	0.100
FENTANYL	NEGATIVE	mg/L	0.001
OPIATES	NEGATIVE	mg/L	0.050

**TOXICOLOGY**

Specimen Collected :10/04/2017

Lab Order No: 821100493

Reg Date: 10/06/17

Test Name	Result	Units	Cutoff/Reporting Limits
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Age: **31** Sex: **M**  
Account#: **VX002861**  
Client: **DIST 9 MEDICAL EXAMINER**

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Specimen Collected :10/04/2017

Lab Order No: 821100493

Reg Date: 10/06/17

Test Name	Result	Units	Cutoff/Reporting Limits
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VOLATILE PANEL, VITREOUS - VOLPV

SPECIMEN TYPE

**VITREOUS**

ETHANOL	0.301	g/dL	0.010
ACETONE	NONE DETECTED	mg/dL	7.5
METHANOL	NONE DETECTED	mg/dL	15.0
ISOPROPANOL	NONE DETECTED	mg/dL	15.0

Analysis by Gas Chromatography (GC) Headspace Injection

Specimens were intact upon receipt. Chain of custody, specimen security and integrity has been maintained. Testing has been performed as requested

Reviewed by: 

Date: 11-21-17

**FINAL REPORT - THIS COMPLETES REPORTING ON THIS CASE**

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