

San Bernardino County Sheriff - Coroner Division

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1	MODE Homicide	CASE # 701509095	Sub File To 701509087	
	STATUS Post	DEPUTY Lela Perriello		

CASE INFO

REPORTED BY ****	AGENCY San Bernardino Co. Sheriff's Dept. (SBCSD)	DATE 12/03/2015	TIME 0052	Call Back Phone ****	
NEWS RELEASE ****	NAME RELEASABLE ****	ROLL-OUT? Yes	# OF PHOTOS ****	MEDIUM ****	SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES None

DECEDENT INFO

1 NAME (FIRST) Robert	2 (MIDDLE) Christian	3 (LAST) Adams				
AKA	DOE TYPE/NUMBER	PHONE ****				
20 ADDRESS ****	21 CITY Yucaipa	25 STATE CA	23 ZIP 92399			
6 SEX Male	14 RACE White	4 DOB 05/02/1975	5 AGE 40 yrs	RELATED CASE NUMBERS Yes		
BODY BAG # 5209109	TOE TAG 41379	10 SS # *****	HEIGHT 70.0 in	WEIGHT 271.0 lbs	HAIR Brown	EYES Brown
DRIVER S LIC # ****	STATE CA	HOW IDENTIFIED (Mary Beebee/ Cal-ID) Subj id'd as: Adams, Robert C DOB 05021975 [REDACTED]				

LEGAL NEXT OF KIN

NAME Summer Adams	RELATIONSHIP Wife	DOB/AGE	DATE/TIME NOTIFIED 12/03/2015 1052	NOTIFIED BY SDCI Gabriel Morales
ADDRESS ****	21 CITY Yucaipa	25 STATE CA	23 ZIP 92399	
PHONE ****	ALTERNATE PHONE #			

PLACE/DEATH OCCURRED

7 DATE 12/02/2015	8 TIME 1204	DAY OF DEATH Wednesday	PRONOUNCED BY San Bernardino City Fire Department
101 PLACE OF DEATH Conference Center		102 IP-ER/OP-DOA	FAC OTHER THAN HOSPITAL Other
105 FACILITY ADDRESS OR LOCATION WHERE FOUND 1425 S. Waterman Ave.			106 CITY San Bernardino

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

ADDITIONAL NARRATIVE ATTACHED YES NO

MASS SHOOTING INCIDENT – VICTIM 9 OF 14:

On Wednesday, December 2, 2015, at 1059 hours, a shooting incident was reported to the San Bernardino Police Department from the Inland Regional Center (IRC) in San Bernardino.

Two suspects, dressed in dark clothing, entered the south building and began indiscriminately shooting with semi-automatic rifles at the attendees of a Christmas party hosted for employees of the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health. The suspects left the scene prior to law enforcement arrival.

Law enforcement entered the building. Emergency medical services personnel removed multiple injured people to a triage point that was established directly across the street from the scene.

Two gunshot victims, a male and a female, designated as Victims #1 and #2, respectively, were pronounced dead at the triage point. Paramedics from the San Bernardino City Fire Department entered the auditorium and pronounced 12 victims dead at the scene.

Three victims, a female and two males, designated from south to north as Victims #3, #4 and #5, were pronounced dead outside the IRC conference room, on the east side of the building.

Nine victims, designated from east to west as Victims #6 through #14, were pronounced dead within the IRC auditorium.

All 14 victims died as a result of multiple gunshot wounds.

Victim #9 was subsequently identified by fingerprint comparison as Robert Adams, a 40 year old resident of Yucaipa. Adams was an employee of San Bernardino County.

The incident is under joint investigation by the San Bernardino Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Associated cases: 701509087, 701509088, 701509089, 701509090, 701509091, 701509092, 701509093, 701509094, 701509096, 701509097, 701509098, 701509099, and 701509100.

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NOTIFICATION TO THE CORONER DIVISION:

On Wednesday, December 2, 2015, at 1208 hours, the San Bernardino County Coroner's Office received a report of multiple fatalities resulting from a shooting at the Inland Regional Center (IRC), located at 1425 S. Waterman Ave., in San Bernardino.

Coroner chain of command personnel, including the division commander, Captain Kevin Lacy, responded to the Incident Command Post (ICP) established just north of the incident location, and began coordinating with the investigating agencies that included the San Bernardino Police Department (SBPD), which would have primary investigative responsibility, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department (SBCSD), the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Department of Homeland Security, and other supporting agencies.

PRELIMINARY LAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION:

According to Capt. Lacy, the preliminary incident assessment was as follows:

At 1059 hours, a shooting incident was reported to the SBPD from the IRC, where a Christmas party was being hosted for employees of the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health. Witnesses subsequently reported that at least two suspects, dressed in dark clothing and wearing ski masks, entered the south building and began indiscriminately shooting with semi-automatic rifles. Following the shooting, the suspects fled in a black sport utility vehicle.

Law enforcement entered the building and extracted survivors. Emergency medical services personnel assisted multiple injured persons to a triage point that was established directly across the street from the scene.

VICTIM INFORMATION:

It was subsequently learned that multiple attendees were injured; 21 were transported to local hospitals and 14 victims were pronounced dead at the scene.

Two gunshot victims, a male and a female, designated as Victims #1 and #2, respectively, were pronounced dead at the triage point. Paramedics from the San Bernardino City Fire Department pronounced three victims dead outside the south building conference room and pronounced nine victims dead inside the conference room.

Three victims, a female and two males, designated from south to north as Victims #3, #4 and #5, were pronounced dead outside the conference room, on the east side of the building. Nine victims, designated from east to west as Victims #6 through #14, were pronounced dead within the IRC conference room.

Additional briefings were conducted at the Coroner Division to activate a Family Assistance Center and a scene response plan was prepared.

SCENE DESCRIPTION: INSIDE CONFERENCE ROOM

I was assigned to respond with Deputy Coroner Investigator C. Rhea-Hudgens and Deputy Coroner Investigator M. Leyva to the scene in order to coordinate the Coroner response for the investigation and recovery of remains.

On 12/03/2015 at 0052 hours, we responded from the Coroner Division in San Bernardino and arrived at 0111 hours. There we met with SBPD Det. William Flesher, who was assigned to act as our primary liaison.

The inside ambient temperature at the scene upon our arrival was estimated to be approximately 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

The Inland Regional Center (1365 S. Waterman Ave.) was located on the east side of Waterman Ave., surrounded

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by Park Center Circle. The primary complex consisted of three large buildings on approximately five acres. The buildings were surrounded by paved parking lots encircling the complex. The two northern buildings were multi-story structures (from north to south, 1365 and 1395 S. Waterman Ave, respectively). The south building (1425 S. Waterman Ave.), which contained multi-purpose rooms, consisted of two floors. There were glass entrance doors to the north and three doors located on the east side, accessing the east parking lot.

The glass doors on the east side of the building were designated as follows:

1. South door
2. Center door (Glass door was shattered)
3. North door

The south building contained a large conference room. The large conference room was divided into two separate rooms by an expandable wall partition. The south door entered the southern room. The center and north doors entered the north room where the shooting occurred. The north room was about 85x40 feet in size. The floor was covered with wall to wall carpet squares. There appeared to be no padding beneath the carpet squares. The carpet was saturated with water throughout the room. A large, half circle table was located near the north wall. There were eight groups of tables running north/south. Each group had two, six foot tables in tandem. All the tables were north of the center door. The tables were decorated with various Christmas decorations. There was an 18 foot buffet table along the south wall. The ceiling tiles above the buffet area had fallen to the floor. There was a Christmas tree near the southwest corner of the room.

The room was in disarray. The chairs, food, property and decorations were strewn about the room. There were several dozen cartridge casings around the room. There were multiple bullet holes in the ceiling, walls, furniture and floor.

Nine decedents inside the conference room were designated as Victims #6-14.

Victim #6 (701509092) was located about 6'8" southwest of the north door, between the easternmost groups of tables.

Victim #7 (701509093) was located about 14' southwest of the north door, east of the southernmost tables.

Victim #8 (701509094) was located about 30' southwest of the north door, between two tables.

Victim #9 (701509095) was located about 35' southwest of the north door, east of the southernmost tables.

Victim #10 (701509096) was located about 2' west of Victim #8.

Victim #11 (701509097) was located about 1' southwest of Victim #10.

Victims #12-14 (701509098-701509100) were located about 60' southwest of the north door, near the Christmas tree. Victim #13 was about 1' to the south of Victim #12. Victim #14 was about 1' southeast of Victim #13.

SBCSD Scientific Investigations Division personnel took photographs and measurements of the scene inside the conference room. Precise measurements can be obtained if needed.

On scene, we received information that there may have been explosives in the building with one or more detonated. It was later determined there were no explosives detonated inside the building.

BODY EXAMINATIONS:

Deputy Coroner Investigator C. Rhea-Hudgens, Deputy Coroner Investigator M. Leyva, and I conducted the body examinations together.

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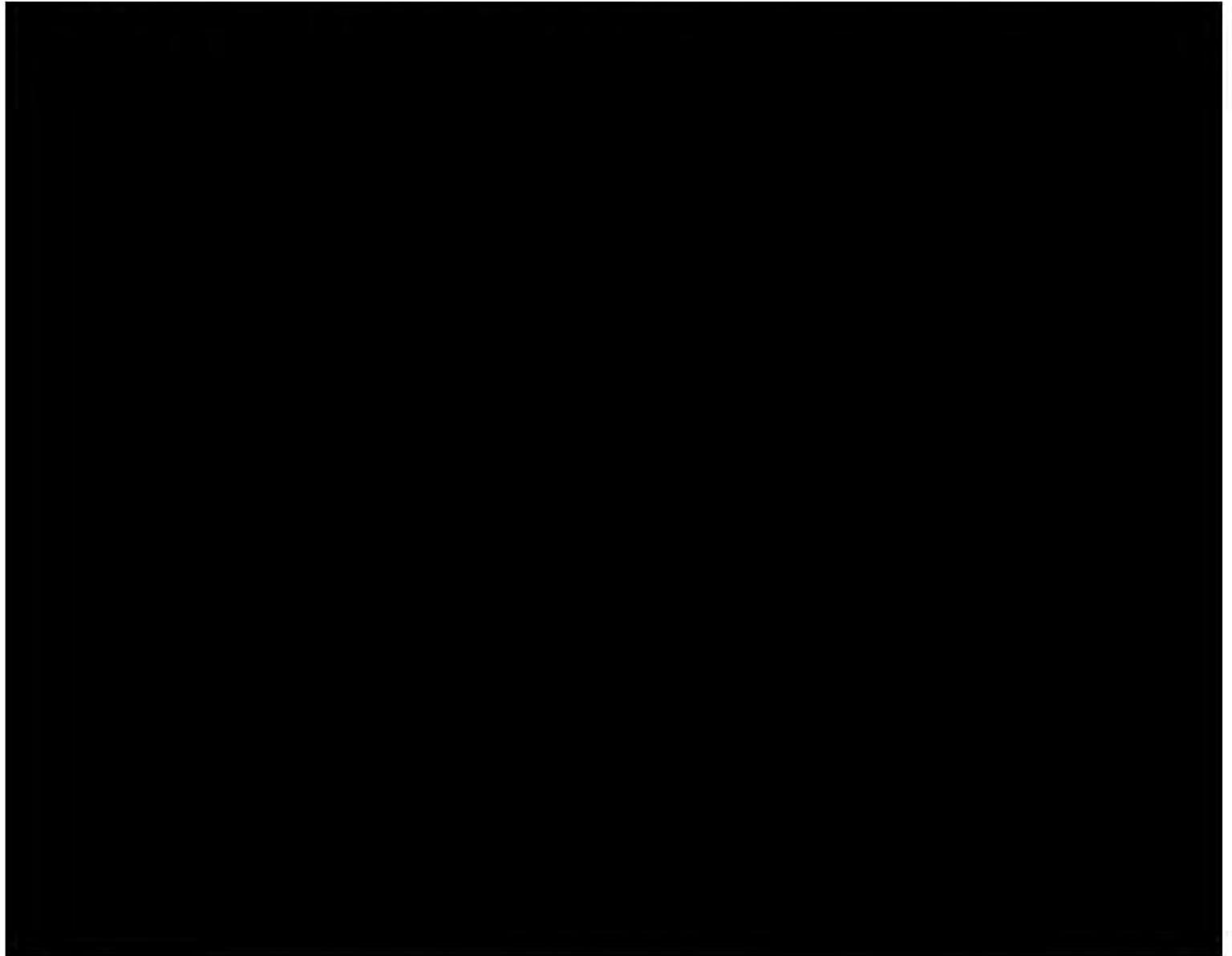
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EXAMINATION OF THE BODY OF VICTIM #9 (ROBERT C. ADAMS):

I began my examination of the body at 0534 hours.

The body was supine on the ground with the head to the north and the feet to the south. The legs were straight and the feet were about 24 inches apart. The right arm was straight and against the torso. The left arm was straight and at an approximate 45 degree angle to the torso.



On Scene:

A San Bernardino County Public Health identification card for Robert Adams was clipped to the front right belt loop of the pants.

Confirmation:

On 12/3/15 at 0718 hours, the decedent was confirmed to be Robert C. Adams by fingerprints submitted to CAL-ID.

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BODY TRANSPORTED TO CORONER MORGUE FACILITY:

Coroner Morgue personnel, Autopsy Assistants Mark Schrader and Karina Gomez, transported the body from the scene at 0555 hours to the Coroner Morgue Facility in San Bernardino, arriving at 0602 hours.

NOTIFICATION OF DEATH TO NEXT OF KIN:

On 12/03/2015 at 1052 hours, the notification of death to family was made by Supervising Deputy Coroner Investigator G. Morales.

DISPOSITION:

Submitted to pathology for autopsy.

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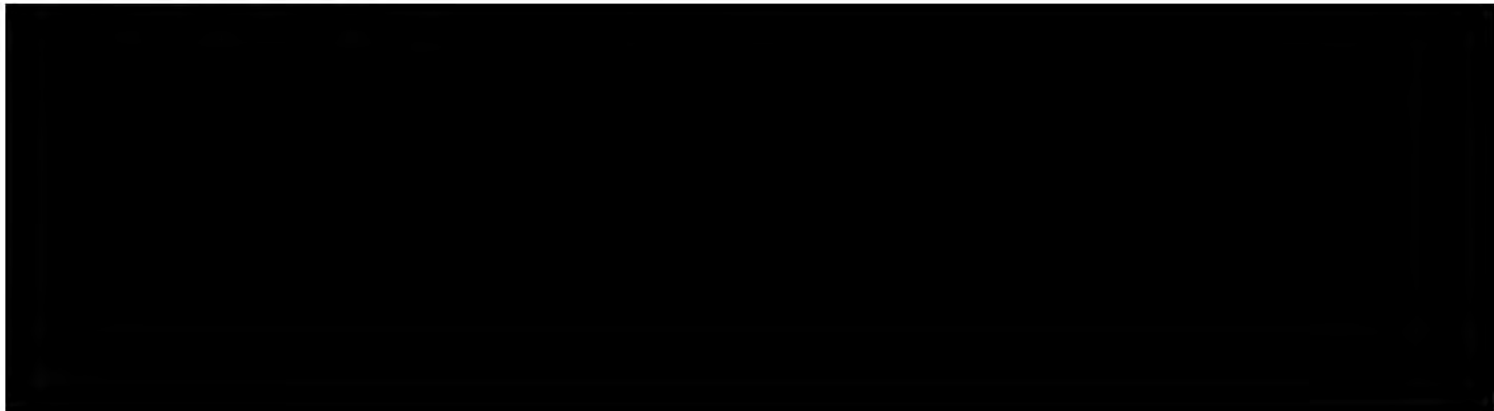
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Coroner Supplemental Report

12/03/2015

Investigator: Gabriel Morales



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Autopsy Protocol

Coroner's Case Number: 701509095

Autopsy Number: A-1619-15

Name: Robert Christian Adams **Age:** 40 **Sex:** Male
Time of Death: Reported 1204 hours, December 2, 2015 **Race:** White
Time of Autopsy: 0930 hours, December 6, 2015
Place of Autopsy: San Bernardino County Coroner's Facility **Deputy:** Perriello

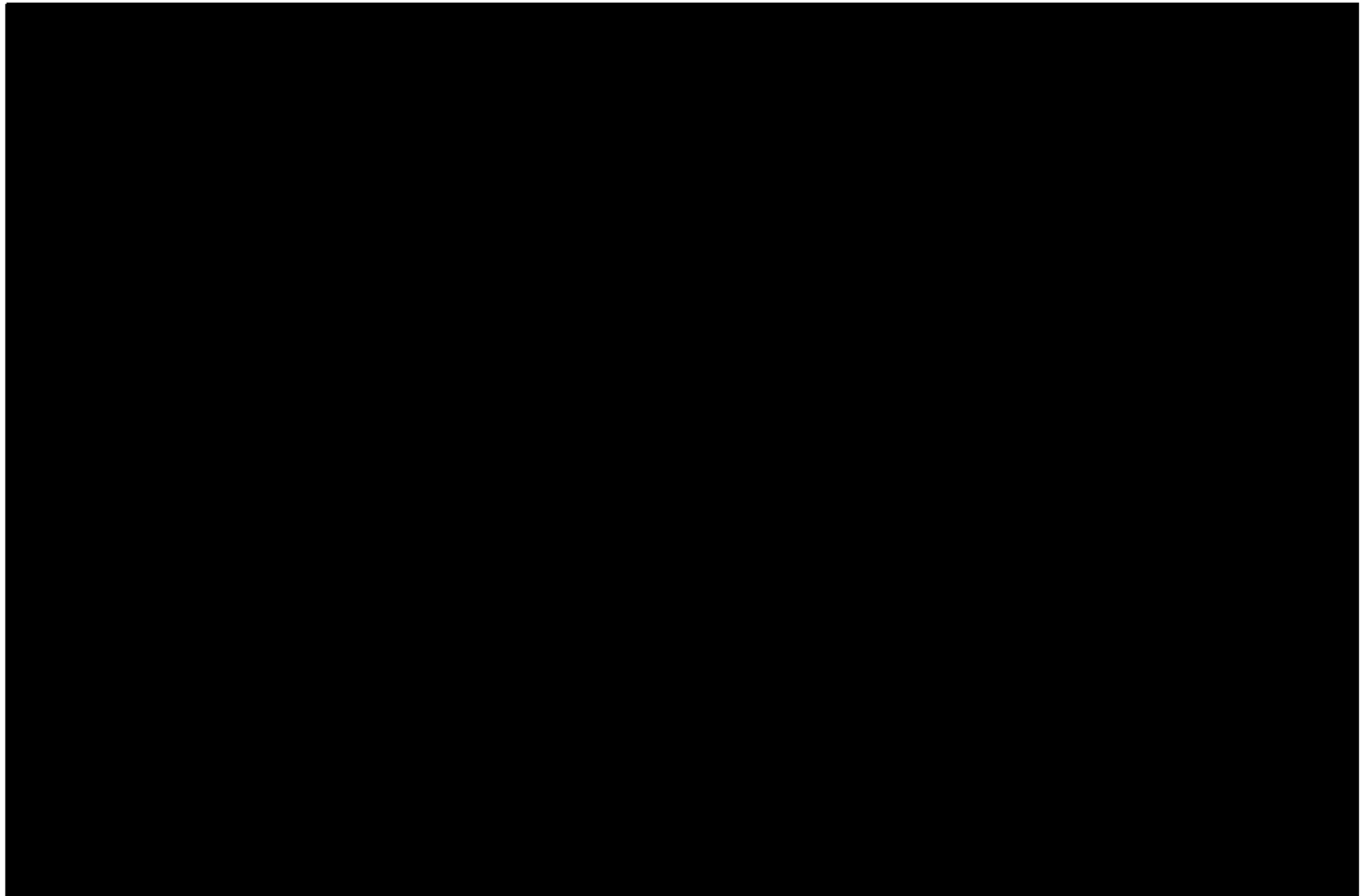
HISTORY OF DEATH: The following information is obtained from the deputy coroner investigative report. On December 2, 2015 a shooting incident was reported to the San Bernardino Police Department (SBPD) from the Inland Regional Center (IRC) in San Bernardino. Two suspects entered the building and began shooting at the attendees of a Christmas party hosted for employees of the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health. Following the shooting, the suspects fled in a vehicle.

Multiple attendees were injured. Fourteen victims were pronounced dead at the scene. Adams' body was in the conference room east of the southernmost tables.

Reference: 701509087, A-1609-15, Shannon Hilliard Johnson
701509088, A-1603-15, Bennetta Bet-Badel
701509089, A-1608-15, Aurora Luz Godoy
701509090, A-1610-15, Isaac G. Amanios-Gebreslassie
701509091, A-1601-15, Larry Daniel Eugene Kaufman
701509092, A-1625-15, Harry Albert Bowman
701509093, A-1605-15, Yvette Alexandra Velasco
701509094, A-1617-15, Sierra Simone Clayborn
701509096, A-1604-15, Nicholas James Thalasinis
701509097, A-1618-15, Tin Thanh Nguyen
701509098, A-1620-15, Juan Espinoza
701509099, A-1626-15, Damian Lawrence Meins
701509100, A-1600-15, Michael Raymond Wetzel

Also refer to Coroner's Investigative Report 701509095.





Description of Injuries:

Gunshot Wound of the Left Upper Back:

Entry: The entry wound is located on the left upper back/base of neck, 8 inches from the top of the head, and 4 inches left of the midline. It consists of a 1-1/2 x 1/2 inch irregular-shaped defect. Surrounding the entrance wound are multiple small red abrasions with embedded metallic material. There is no soot or stippling present.

Direction: The direction of the wound path is from front to back, left to right, and downward.

Path: The bullet perforates the left upper back/base of neck skin and left upper back soft tissue/muscle.

Exit: None

Projectile: Multiple deformed metallic bullet fragments are recovered from the left upper back.

Associated injuries: There is local tissue hemorrhage.

Gunshot Wound of the Right Shoulder:

Entry: The entry wound is located on the right shoulder/right upper back, 10 inches from the top

of the head, and 8 inches right of the midline. It consists of a 1/4 inch circular defect. Marginal abrasion is present from the 10 to 4 o'clock position and measures up to 1/8 inch. No soot or stippling is present.

Direction: The direction of the wound path is from front to back, right to left, and downward.

Path: The bullet perforates the right shoulder/right upper back skin, posterior surface of the third rib, right lower lung lobe, right side of the diaphragm, right liver lobe, right kidney (superior cortical surface), and right back muscle.

Exit: None

Projectile: A deformed copper jacket bullet is recovered from the lower back (right side of L2 vertebral body).

Associated injuries: There are projectile defects of the posterior surface of the third rib, right lower lung lobe, right lobe of the liver, right side of the diaphragm, and right kidney. There are fractures of the right posterior ribs (3-6). There is 500 ml of right hemothorax.

Gunshot Wound of the Left Thigh:

Entry: The entry wound is located on the lateral surface of the left thigh, 21 inches from the bottom of the left heel, and 2-1/2 inches lateral to a posterior vertical line through the left leg. There is a 1/4 inch circular defect present. Marginal abrasion is present from the 4 to 10 o'clock position and measures 1/8 inch. There is no soot or stippling.

Direction: The direction of the wound path is front to back, left to right, and upward.

Path: The bullet perforates the lateral/posterior surface of the left thigh, left thigh muscle, and medial surface of the left thigh.

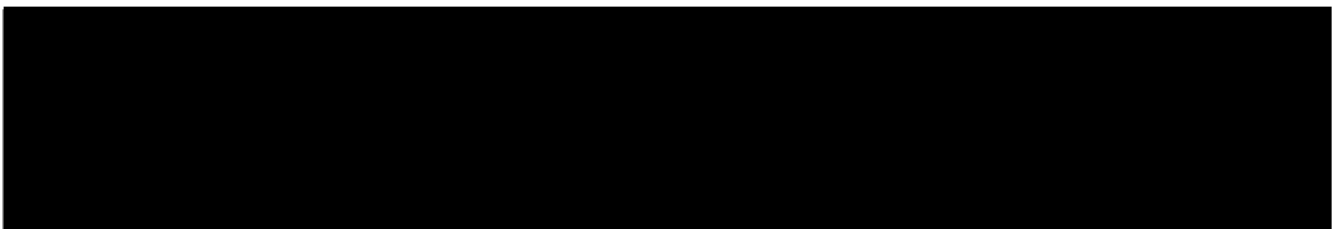
Exit: The exit wound is located on the medial surface of the left thigh, 28 inches from the bottom of the left heel, and 5 inches medial to a posterior vertical line through the left leg. The exit wound measures 1/4 inch.

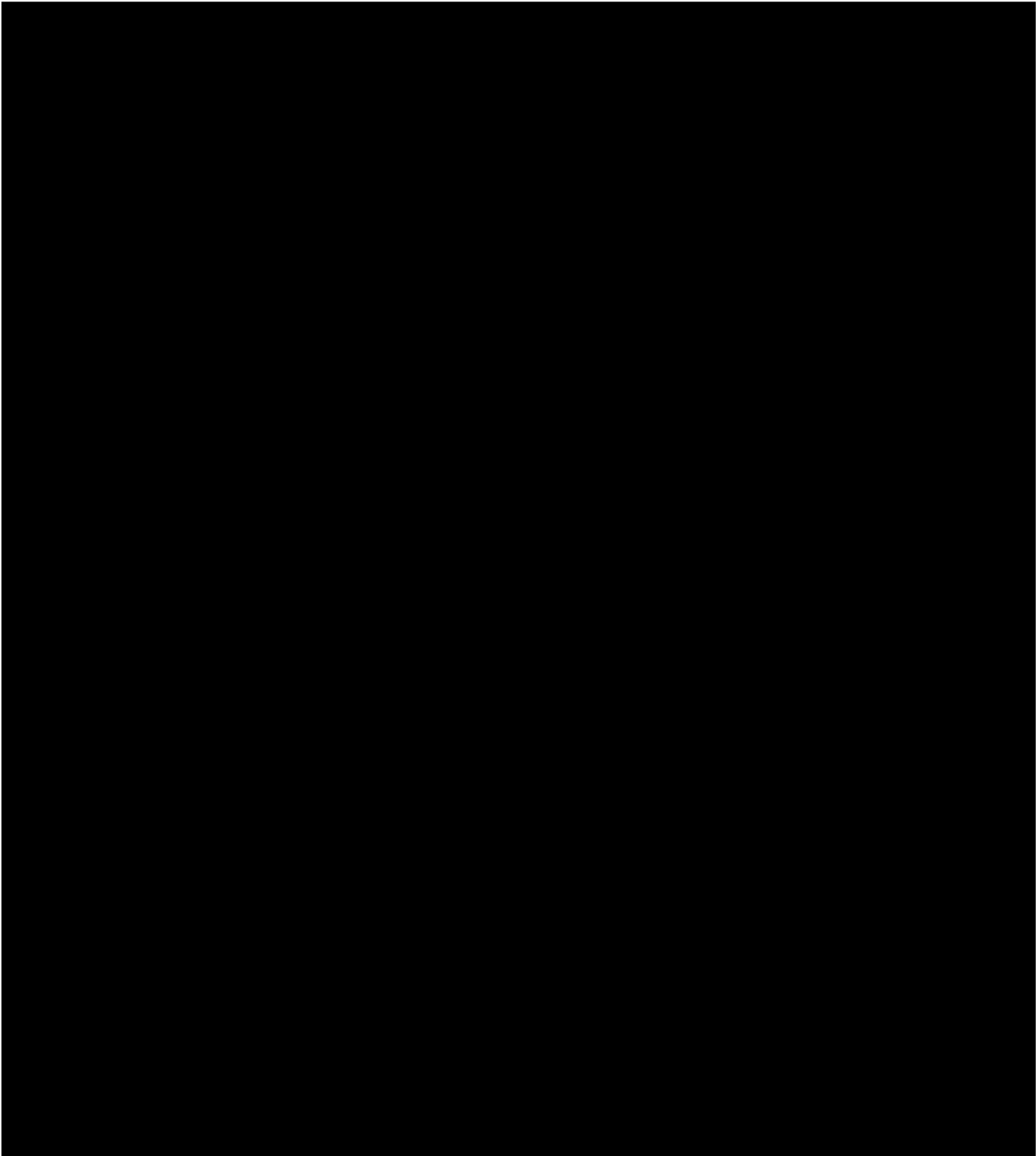
Projectile: A deformed fragment of copper jacket is located in the left thigh tissue/muscle (medial surface).

Associated injuries: There is local tissue hemorrhage.

Additional Injuries:

Located on the lateral/posterior surface of the left side of the head and neck are multiple 1/8 to 1/4 inch red abrasions with a few having embedded metallic material. These abrasions range from 1-1/2 to 7 inches from the top of the head. There is a red abrasion on the mid back. There is a red abrasion on the left knee.





DIAGNOSIS:

- I. Gunshot Wound of the Left Upper Back:
 - A. Entry: Left upper back/base of neck.
 - 1. No soot or stippling.
 - B. Direction: The direction of the wound path is from front to back, left to right, and downward.
 - C. Path: The bullet perforates the left upper back/base of neck skin and upper back soft tissue/muscle.
 - D. Exit: None
 - E. Projectile: Multiple deformed metallic bullet fragments are recovered from the left upper back.
 - F. Associated injuries: There is local tissue hemorrhage.
- II. Gunshot Wound of the Right Shoulder:
 - A. Entry: Right shoulder/right upper back.
 - 1. No soot or stippling.
 - B. Direction: The direction of the wound path is from front to back, right to left, and downward.
 - C. Path: The bullet perforates the right shoulder/right upper back skin, posterior surface of the third rib, right lower lung lobe, right side of the diaphragm, right liver lobe, right kidney (superior cortical surface), and right back muscle.
 - D. Exit: None
 - E. Projectile: A deformed copper jacket bullet is recovered from the lower back (right side of L2 vertebral body).
 - F. Associated injuries: There are projectile defects of the posterior surface of the third rib, right lower lung lobe, right lobe of the liver, right side of the diaphragm, and right kidney. There are fractures of the right posterior ribs (3-6). There is 500 ml of right hemothorax.
- III. Gunshot Wound of the Left Thigh:
 - A. Entry: Left thigh (lateral surface).
 - 1. No soot or stippling.
 - B. Direction: The direction of the wound path is front to back, left to right, and upward.
 - C. Path: The bullet perforates the lateral/posterior surface of the left thigh, left thigh muscle, and medial surface of the left thigh.
 - D. Exit: Left thigh (medial surface).
 - E. Projectile: A deformed fragment of copper jacket is located in the left thigh tissue/muscle (medial surface).
 - F. Associated injuries: There is local tissue hemorrhage.
- IV. Additional Injuries:
 - A. Located on the lateral/posterior surface on the left side of the head and neck are multiple 1/8 to 1/4 inch red abrasions with a few having embedded metallic material. These abrasions range from 1-1/2 to 7 inches from the top of the head. There is a red abrasion on the mid back. There is a red abrasion on the left knee.

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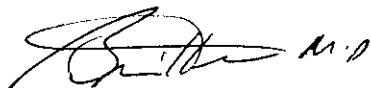
CAUSE OF DEATH: Gunshot wound of the chest and abdomen, minutes.

Manner of Death: Homicide

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WITNESSES PRESENT: Amy Heintz, Joycelyn Wilson, David Wu, Victoria Milko, Tommy Le, Federal Bureau of Investigation; Detective G. Gabera, Forensic Technician R. Meyer, San Bernardino Police Department.

Autopsy Completed 1100 hours, December 6, 2015.

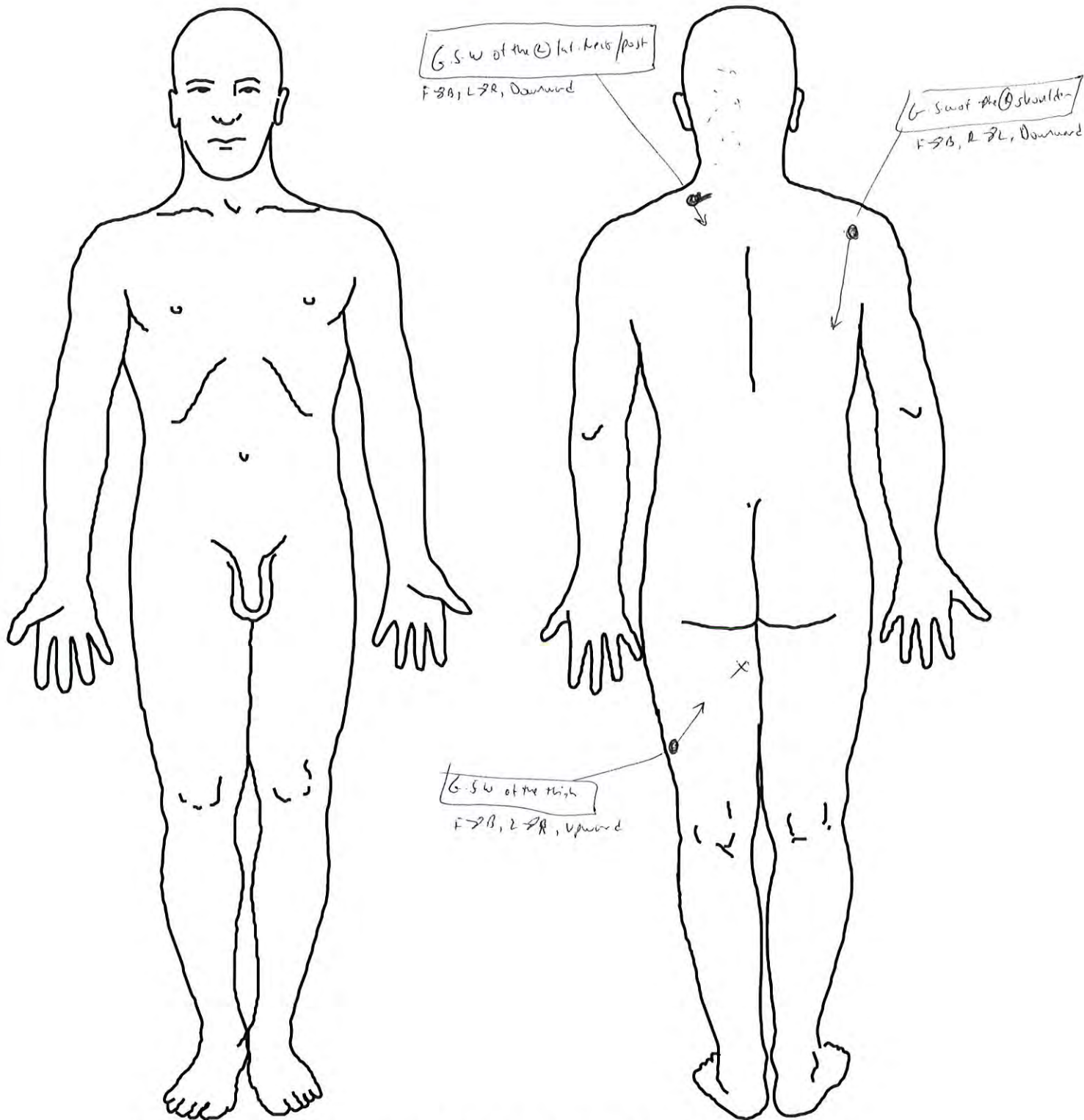


Brian C. Hutchins, M.D.
Pathologist

Date: 03/15/16

BH:pm

San Bernardino County Sheriff/Coroner



Full Body Male, Anterior & Posterior Views, (Ventral & Dorsal).

Name Robert C. Adams Coroner's Case # 701509095 Autopsy No. A1614-15
Age 40 Race White Sex Male Date 12/06/15