

San Bernardino County Sheriff - Coroner Division

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1	MODE Homicide STATUS Post	CASE # 701509090 DEPUTY Chalone Rhea-Hudgens	Sub File To 701509087
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CASE INFO

REPORTED BY ****	AGENCY San Bernardino Police Department (SBPD)	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) Isaac	2 (MIDDLE) Amanios	3 (LAST) Gebreslassie
AKA Isaac Amanios-Gebreslassie		DOE TYPE/NUMBER ****
20 ADDRESS ****		21 CITY Fontana
		25 STATE CA
		23 ZIP 92336
6 SEX Male	14 RACE Black	4 DOB 06/29/1955
		5 AGE 60 yrs
RELATED CASE NUMBERS Yes		
BODY BAG # 5209075	TOE TAG 41374	10 SS # *****
		HEIGHT 73.0 in
		WEIGHT 214.0 lbs
		HAIR Grey
		EYES Brown
DRIVER S LIC # ****	STATE CA	HOW IDENTIFIED (Emilia Herrera/CALID) Subject identified as Amanios, Isaac G., DOB 06/29/1955, [REDACTED]

LEGAL NEXT OF KIN

NAME Hewit Haile	RELATIONSHIP Wife	DOB/AGE ****	DATE/TIME NOTIFIED 12/03/2015 0830	NOTIFIED BY Bob Hunter
ADDRESS ****		21 CITY Fontana	25 STATE CA	23 ZIP 92336
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 Outside 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 4 OF 14:

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

Two suspects, dressed in dark clothing, wearing ski masks, 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 IRC conference room 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 conference room.

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

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

Associated cases: 701509087, 701509088, 701509089, 701509091, 701509092, 701509093, 701509094, 701509095, 701509096, 701509097, 701509098, 701509099, 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 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: EAST SIDE EXTERIOR OF SOUTH BUILDING

I was assigned to respond with Deputy Coroner Investigator L. Perriello 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 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

There was a sidewalk that ran north and south next to the east side of the building. There was a bench located between the south and central door on the west side of the sidewalk. There was a bench located to the north of the center door on the east side of the sidewalk. There was a bench located between the center door and north door on the west side of the sidewalk. There were three metal table and chair sets located to the east and northeast of the north door.

Three decedents, designated as Victim #3 (701509089), Victim #4 (701509090), Victim #5 (701509091), were located outside the east side of the south building. Victim #3 lay on the sidewalk about 6'4" southeast of the center door. Victim #4 was seated on the bench about 14'5" northeast of the center door. Victim #5 lay about 21'2" east of the north door near a table.

EXAMINATION OF THE BODY OF VICTIM #4 (ISSAC AMANIOS-GEBRELESSIE):

I began my examination of the body at 0145 hours. I stopped the exam at 0220 hours due to a possible explosive device located inside the building. I cleared the scene at 0238 hours and submitted one fingerprint card to CAL-ID. I returned to the scene at 0315 hours and resumed the body exam.

The body was that of a Black male adult. The body was seated on the bench about 14'5" northeast of the center door. The head was resting on the right shoulder. The head was oriented to the south and the legs were to the east. The right leg was positioned slightly west of the left foot. Both feet were in contact with the ground. The right hand was resting to the south side of the bench with the hand near the ground. The left arm was to the left side. There was a cell phone resting to the left of the body on the bench.



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IDENTIFICATION:

On Scene:

There was a San Bernardino County picture identification card (C7428) with the name Issac Gebreslassie clipped to the outside of the blue plaid shirt.

Confirmation:

The fingerprints were confirmed by CAL-ID on 12/3/15 at 0344 hours.

BODY TRANSPORTED TO CORONER MORGUE FACILITY:

Coroner morgue personnel, Autopsy Assistants Mark Schrader and Karina Gomez, affixed Coroner tag (#41374) to the right foot and placed the body into a yellow body pouch, which was secured with a pouch lock (#5211474).

The body was transported from the scene at 0349 hours and taken to the Coroner Morgue Facility in San Bernardino, arriving at 0355 hours.

NOTIFICATION OF DEATH TO NEXT OF KIN:

On 12/03/2015 at 0830 hours, the notification of death was made by Deputy Coroner Investigator R. Hunter.

DISPOSITON:

Submitted to pathology for autopsy.

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Coroner Supplemental Report

12/08/2015

Investigator: R. Hunter



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Autopsy Protocol

Coroner's Case Number: 701509090

Autopsy Number: A-1610-15

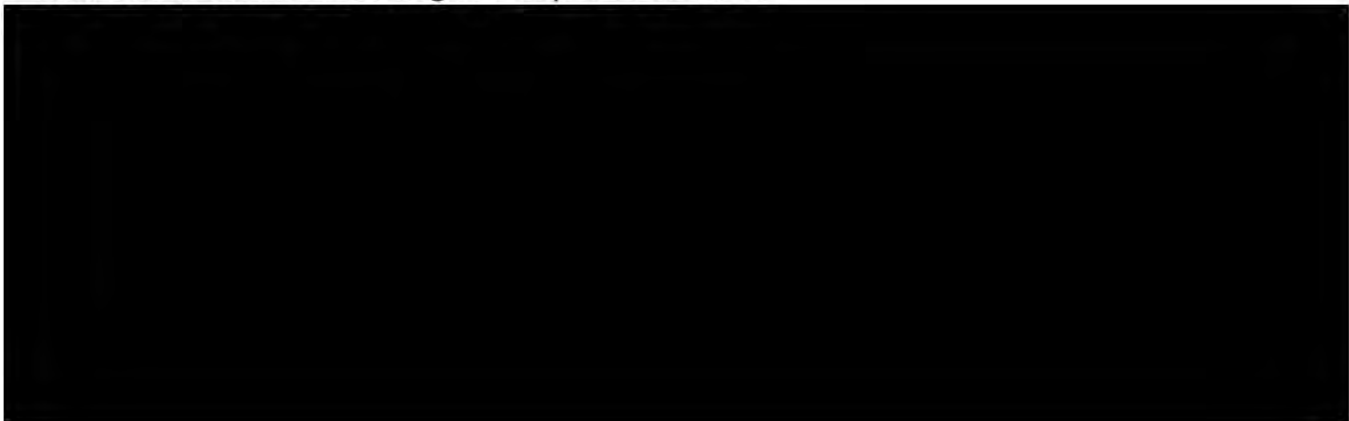
Name: Isaac Amanios Gebreslassie **Age:** 60 **Sex:** Male
Time of Death: Reported 1204 hours, December 2, 2015 **Race:** Black
Time of Autopsy: 1300 hours, December 5, 2015
Place of Autopsy: San Bernardino County Coroner's Facility **Deputy:** Rhea-Hudgens

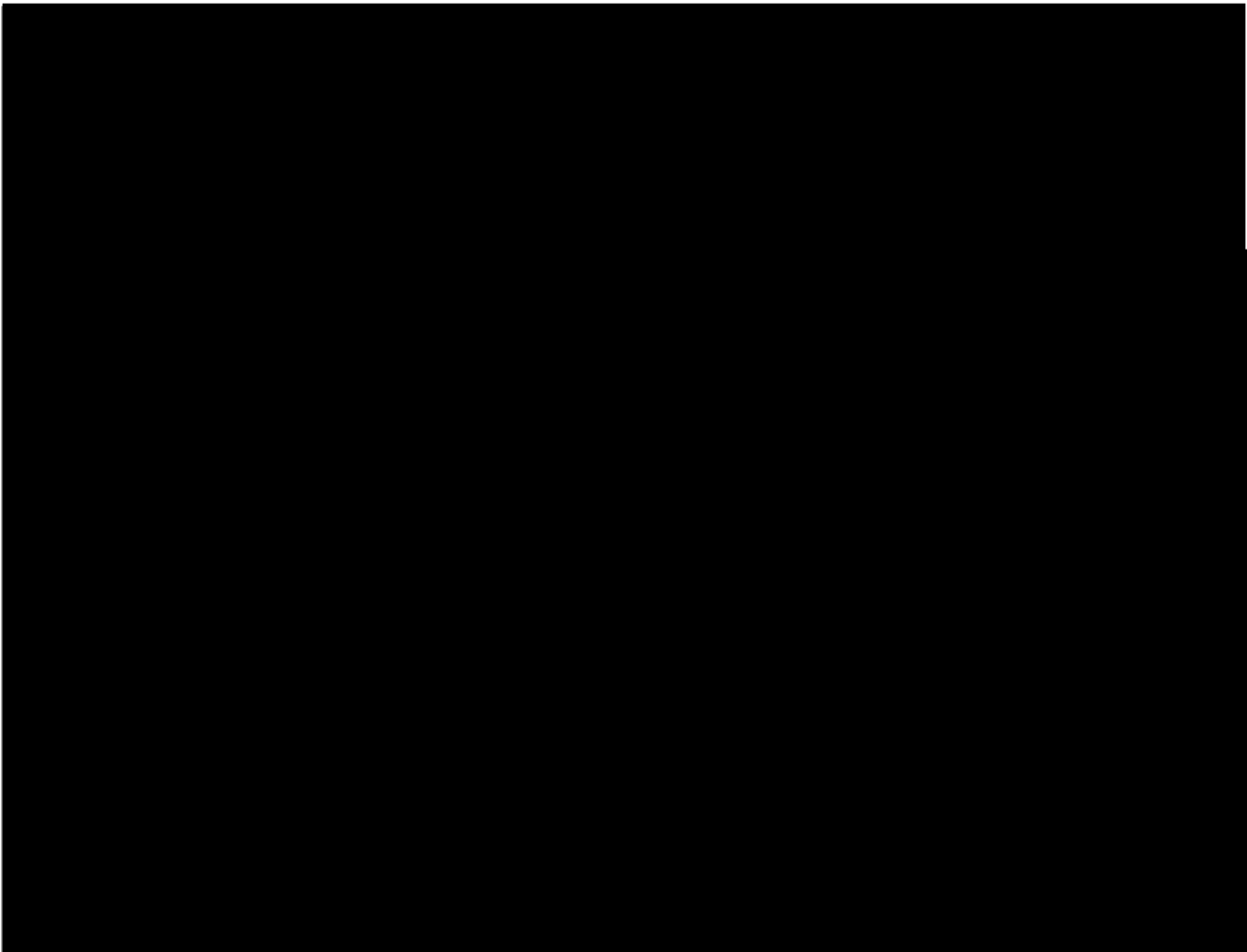
HISTORY OF DEATH: The following information is obtained from the deputy coroner investigative report. On December 2, 2015 a shooting incident was reported to the San Bernardino Police Department (SBPD) from the Inland Regional Center (IRC) in San Bernardino. Two suspects entered the building and began 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. Gebreslassie's body was seated on a bench on the east side of the building.

Reference: 701509087, A-1609-15, Shannon Hilliard Johnson
701509088, A-1603-15, Bennetta Bet-Badel
701509089, A-1608-15, Aurora Luz Godoy
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
701509095, A-1619-15, Robert C. Adams
701509096, A-1604-15, Nicholas James Thalasinios
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 701509090.





Description of Injuries:

Gunshot Wound of the Chest:

Entry: The entry wound is located in the right clavicle, 10 inches from the top of the head, and 3 inches right of the midline. It consists of a 1/4 inch circular defect. Marginal abrasion is present from 6 to 12 o'clock position and measure up to 1/4 inch. There is no soot or stippling present.

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

Path: The bullet perforates the right clavicular skin, right lateral neck tissue/muscle, lateral surface of the right first rib, right upper lung lobe, posterior surface of the right second rib, and back muscles.

Exit: None

Projectile: A deformed fragment of copper jacket was recovered from the left upper back.

Associated injuries: There are projectile defects of the right lateral surface at the base of the neck, lateral surface of the right first rib, right upper lung lobe, and posterior surface of the right second

rib. There are fractures noted on the lateral/posterior surface of the right ribs (1-3). There is 800 ml of right hemothorax.

Gunshot Wound of the Chest:

Entry: The entry wound is located in the left clavicle, 12 inches from the top of the head, and 3 inches left of the midline. It consists of a 1/4 inch circular defect. Marginal abrasion is present from the 6 to 12 o'clock position and measure 1/4 inch. There is no soot or stippling.

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

Path: The bullet perforates the left clavicular skin, left clavicular bone, left shoulder blood vessels and soft tissue, and left humeral head.

Exit: None

Projectile: A deformed fragment of copper jacket and a deformed metallic bullet fragment are recovered from the left shoulder area.

Associated injuries: There are projectile defects of the left clavicle, left shoulder blood vessels, and left humeral head. There is extensive local tissue hemorrhage.

Gunshot Wound of the Right Shoulder:

Entry: The entry wound is located on the right shoulder, 3 inches from the top of the right shoulder, and 8 inches right of the midline. It consists of a 1/4 inch defect. Marginal abrasion is present from the 5 to 11 o'clock position and measures up to 1/4 inch. No soot or stippling is present.

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

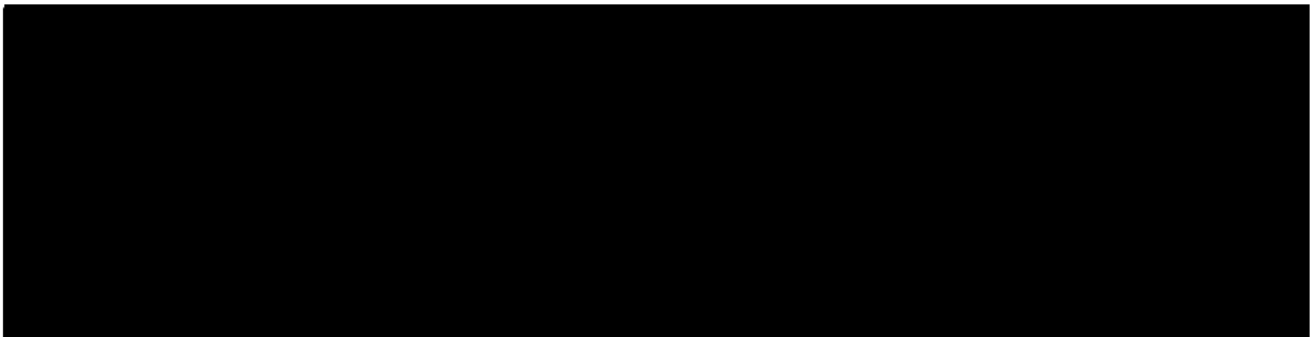
Path: The bullet perforates the right shoulder skin, right shoulder muscle, right upper back muscle, and left upper back muscle.

Exit: The exit wound is located on the upper midline back, 10 inches from the top of the head, and 1/2 inch left of the midline. It consists of a 1/4 inch stellate-shaped defect.

Projectile: None

Associated injuries: There is local tissue hemorrhage.

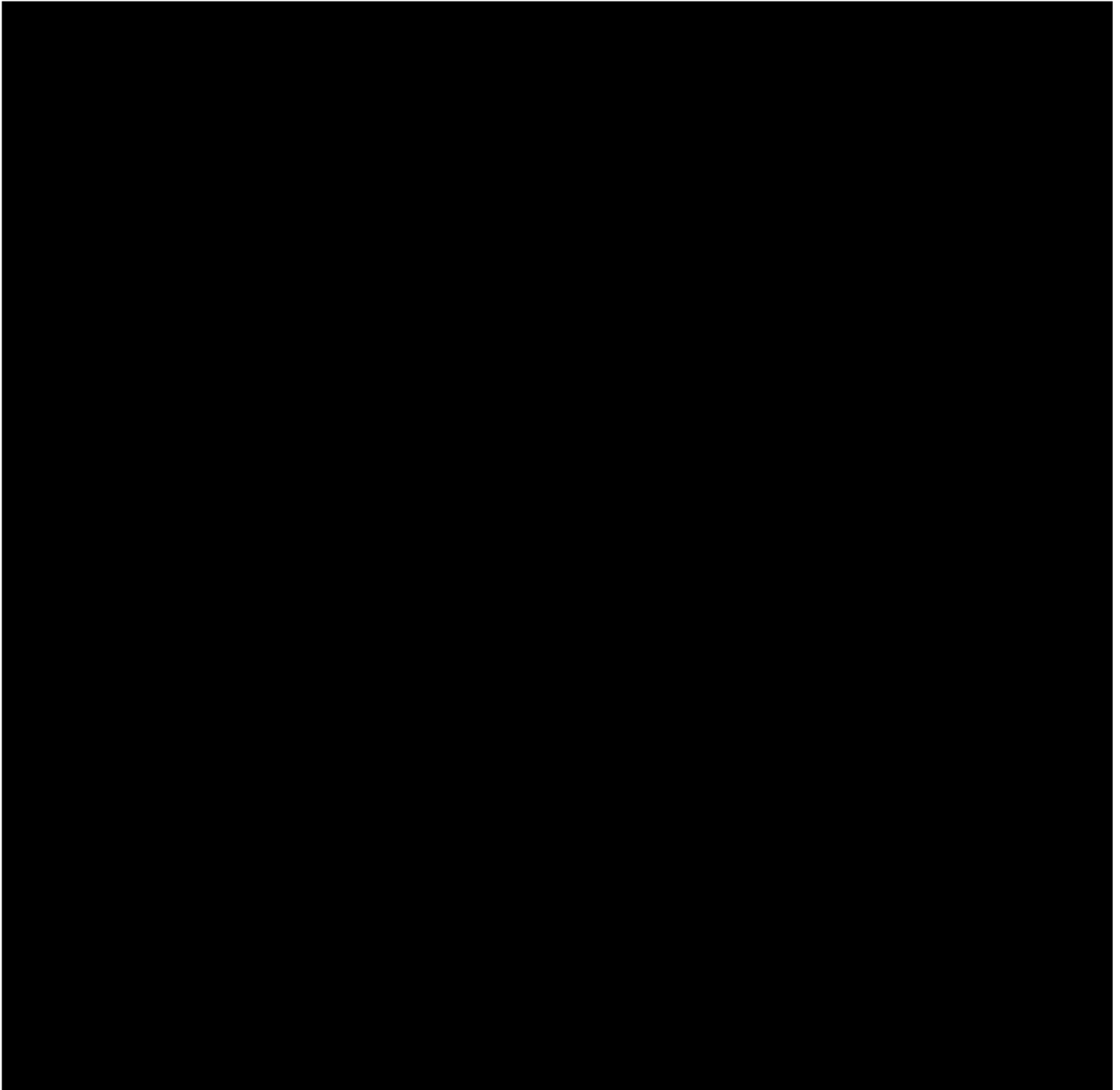
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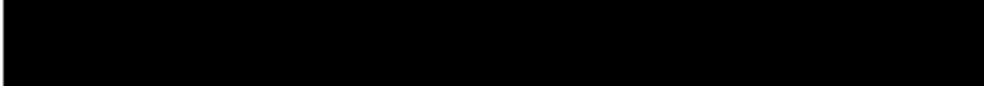
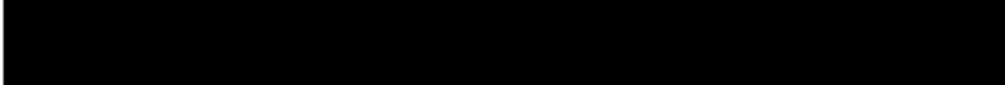
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DIAGNOSIS:

- I. Gunshot Wound of the Chest:
 - A. Entry: Right clavicle.
 - 1. No soot or stippling.
 - B. Direction: The direction of the wound path is from right to left, front to back, and downward.
 - C. Path: The bullet perforates the right clavicular skin, right lateral neck tissue/muscle, lateral surface of the right first rib, right upper lung lobe, posterior surface of the right second rib, and back muscles.
 - D. Exit: None
 - E. Projectile: A deformed fragment of copper jacket was recovered from the left upper back.
 - F. Associated injuries: There are projectile defects of the right lateral surface at the base of the neck, lateral surface of the right first rib, right upper lung lobe, and posterior surface of the right second rib. There are fractures of the right ribs (1-3). There is 800 ml of right hemothorax.
- II. Gunshot Wound of the Chest:
 - A. Entry: Left clavicle.
 - 1. No soot or stippling.
 - B. Direction: The direction of the wound path is from front to back, right to left, and upward.
 - C. Path: The bullet perforates the left clavicular skin, left clavicular bone, left shoulder blood vessels and soft tissue, and left humeral head.
 - D. Exit: None
 - E. Projectile: A deformed fragment of copper jacket and a deformed metallic bullet fragment are recovered from the left shoulder area.
 - F. Associated injuries: There are projectile defects of the left clavicle, left shoulder blood vessels, and left humeral head. There is extensive local tissue hemorrhage.
- III. Gunshot Wound of the Right Shoulder:
 - A. Entry: Right shoulder.
 - 1. No soot or stippling.
 - B. Direction: The direction of the wound path is from right to left, front to back, and upward.
 - C. Path: The bullet perforates the right shoulder skin, right shoulder muscle, right upper back muscle, and left upper back muscle.
 - D. Exit: Upper midline back.
 - E. Projectile: None
 - F. Associated injuries: There is local tissue hemorrhage.
- IV. 
- V. 
- VI. 

CAUSE OF DEATH: Gunshot wounds of the chest, minutes.

Manner of Death: Homicide

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COMMENT: The intact bullet recovered in the body bag may be associated with the right shoulder gunshot wound.

WITNESSES PRESENT: Stefanie Funai, Victoria Milko, Virginia Kwon, Natalie Jenks, Federal Bureau of Investigation; Detective Brian Lewis, Forensic Technician R. Holguin, San Bernardino Police Department.

Autopsy Completed 1500 hours, December 5, 2015.



Brian C. Hutchins, M.D.
Pathologist

Date: 03/15/16

BH:pm

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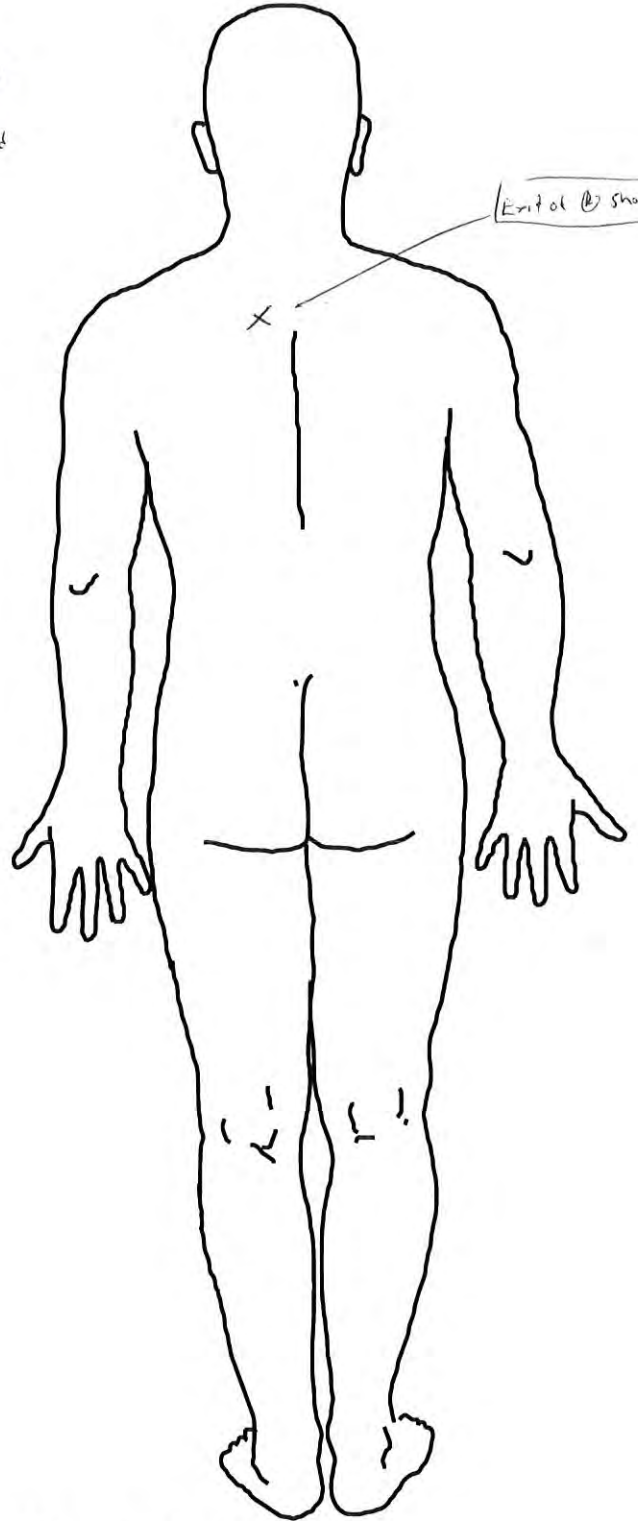
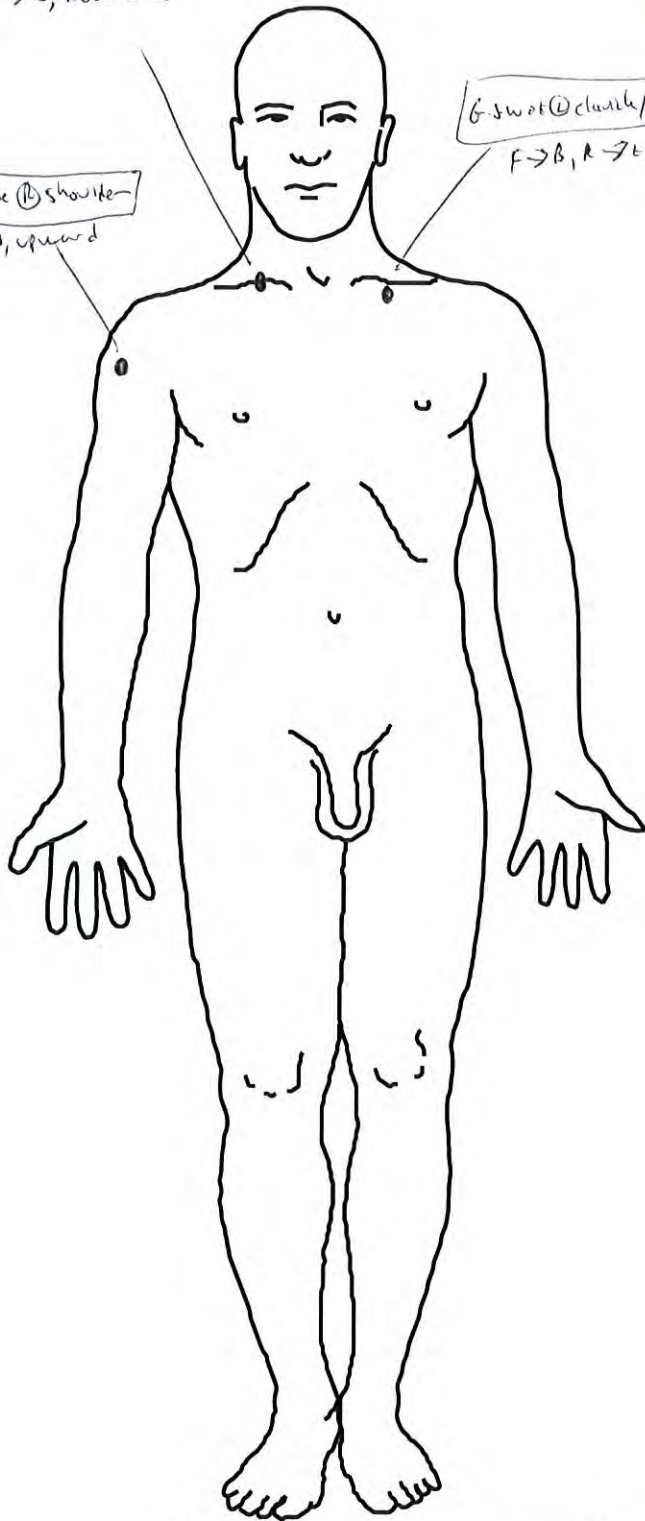


G-sw at the @ clavicle / chest
R → L, F → B, Downward

G-sw at @ clavicle / chest
F → B, R → L, upward

G-sw at the @ shoulder
R → L, F → B, upward

Exit at @ shoulder



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

Name Isaac G. Amanios Coroner's Case # 701509090 Autopsy No. A1610-15
Age 60 Race Black Sex Male Date 12/05/15