

San Bernardino County Sheriff - Coroner Division

Coroner Investigation

1	MODE Homicide STATUS Post	CASE # 701509087 DEPUTY David Van Norman	Master File	
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CASE INFO

REPORTED BY ****	AGENCY San Bernardino Police Department	DATE 12/02/2015	TIME 1208	Call Back Phone ****	
NEWS RELEASE ****	NAME RELEASABLE ****	ROLL-OUT? Yes	# OF PHOTOS ****	MEDIUM ****	SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES None

DECEDENT INFO

1 NAME (FIRST) Shannon	2 (MIDDLE) Hilliard	3 (LAST) Johnson				
AKA	DOE TYPE/NUMBER	PHONE ****				
20 ADDRESS ****	21 CITY Los Angeles	25 STATE CA	23 ZIP 90020			
6 SEX Male	14 RACE White	4 DOB 03/06/1970	5 AGE 45 yrs	RELATED CASE NUMBERS Yes		
BODY BAG # 5209135	TOE TAG 41371	10 SS # *****	HEIGHT 72.0 in	WEIGHT 212.0 lbs	HAIR Grey	EYES Brown
DRIVER S LIC # ****	STATE CA	HOW IDENTIFIED Confirmed by CAL-ID via fingerprint comparison.				

LEGAL NEXT OF KIN

NAME Barbara Pollard	RELATIONSHIP Mother	DOB/AGE	DATE/TIME NOTIFIED 12/03/2015 1154	NOTIFIED BY DCI B. Hunter at Family Assistance Center
ADDRESS ****	21 CITY Watkinsville	25 STATE GA	23 ZIP 30677	
PHONE ****	ALTERNATE PHONE # ****			

PLACE/DEATH OCCURRED

7 DATE 12/02/2015	8 TIME 1150	DAY OF DEATH Wednesday	PRONOUNCED BY SBFD (MT221)
101 PLACE OF DEATH Triage point across from Conference Center		102 IP-ER/OP-DOA	FAC OTHER THAN HOSPITAL Other
105 FACILITY ADDRESS OR LOCATION WHERE FOUND 1494 S. Waterman Ave.			106 CITY San Bernardino

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

ADDITIONAL NARRATIVE ATTACHED YES NO

MASS SHOOTING INCIDENT – VICTIM 1 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 black 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 and emergency medical services personnel arrived and removed multiple injured persons 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 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 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.

Victim #1 was subsequently identified by fingerprint comparison as Shannon Hilliard Johnson, a 45 year old resident of Los Angeles. Johnson 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 Coroner case numbers: 701509088, 701509089, 701509090, 701509091, 701509092, 701509093, 701509094, 701509095, 701509096, 701509097, 701509098, 701509099 and 701509100.

NOTE TO PATHOLOGY

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MEDICAL

TRANSPORTED FROM N/A	ADMITTED TO? N/A	DATE	TIME	M/R ORDERED No	MED REC # ICEMA	BLOOD ORDERED Not Available
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CAUSE OF DEATH

107 CAUSE (A) Gunshot wound of the right thigh	TIME INTERVAL Minutes	109 BIOPSY PERFORMED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
(B)		110 AUTOPSY PERFORMED? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
(C)		AUTOPSY # EXAM # A1609-15 HU
(D)		INDIGENT #

112 OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO CAUSE GIVEN IN 107
None

113 WAS OPERATION PERFORMED FOR ANY CONDITION IN ITEM 107 OR 112? IF "YES" LIST TYPE OF OPERATION & DATE.
No

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN N/A	PHONE	DATE LAST ATTENDED	CAUSE GIVEN BY Dr. Brian Hutchins (POST)
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115 PHYSICIAN TO SIGN D.C. Coroner	ADDRESS	PHONE	DATE 12/05/2015 TIME 1201
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INJURY

119 SPECIFY MODE Homicide	123 PLACE OF INJURY Conference Center	120 AT WK? Yes	121 DATE 12/02/2015	1059	122 HOUR
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125 LOCATION (include Zip Code)
1425 S. Waterman Ave. San Bernardino 92408

DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED
Shot by assailant(s)

PROPERTY

PROPERTY? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	PROP RLS D? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
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LAW ENFORCEMENT

AGENCY San Bernardino Police Department (SBPD) FBI	AGENT Det. William Fleisher TFO Jeff Chase	REPORT NUMBER 2015-132854
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AUTOPSY

ORDERED BY VN	DATE 12/02/2015	TOX ORDERED 12-05-2015	TOX RECEIVED 12/31/2015	AGENT(S) TO ATTEND **** ****
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DISPO OF REMAINS

PRESENT LOCATION ****	MORGUE STATUS ****	VEHICLE TOWED BY ****
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TRANSPORTED BY ****	NOTIFIED BY ****	DATE ****	TIME ****	ARRIVED ****
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44 MORTUARY ****	PHONE OF MORTUARY ****
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REVIEWED BY **Sutcliffe** **12/03/2015 17:53**

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NOTIFICATION TO THE CORONER DIVISION:

On Wednesday, December 2, 2015, at 1208 hours, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Dispatch created CAD (computer aided dispatch) incident #CO153360028, reporting multiple fatalities resulting from a shooting at the Inland Regional Center (IRC), located at 1365 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. Note: The suspects were subsequently killed four hours later following a pursuit and exchange of gunfire with law enforcement on San Bernardino Ave., San Bernardino.

Law enforcement entered the building and extracted survivors. Emergency medical providers 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 east side of the south building conference room and confirmed nine victims dead inside the conference room.

The three victims outside the east side of the building, a female and two males, were designated from south to north as Victims #3, #4 and #5. The nine deceased victims within the IRC conference room were designated from east to west as Victims #6 through #14.

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

RESPONSE TO SCENE/SCENE DESCRIPTION:

I (Deputy Coroner Investigator David Van Norman, working day shift as call sign 7011) was assigned to respond with Lt. Roberto Lomeli, to the ICP in order to coordinate the Coroner response for the investigation and recovery of remains.

We responded from the Coroner Division in San Bernardino at 1940 hours and arrived at the ICP at 1945 hours. There we met with SBPD Det. William Flesher, who was assigned to act as our primary liaison.

After final coordination between the investigating agencies, it was decided to remove the two deceased victims at

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the triage point first, as they had already been removed from the scene during rescue operations.

At 2222 hours, following the arrival of DCI Chantae Wilson, we transitioned from the ICP approximately .1 miles south to the area on Waterman Ave. in front of the Inland Regional Center.

It was dark at the time of our arrival; the weather was cold and clear. The outside temperatures at the scene were estimated by a convection thermometer to be approximately 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

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

Across the street from the IRC is a driveway access to the San Bernardino Golf Course (1494 S. Waterman Ave., San Bernardino, CA 92408). At this location an emergency medical triage center had been established.

Two decedents, designated as Victim #1 and Victim #2, were located on the south side of the driveway, behind screens to obscure public view. Victim #1 lay just west of Victim #2.

EXAMINATION OF THE BODY OF VICTIM #1 (OF 14) – SHANNON HILLIARD JOHNSON:

I began my examination of the body at 2249 hours. The body was initially observed covered by a tarp, over which had been placed a yellow rescue blanket. The body was that of a White male adult lying supine on the pavement near the south curb of the driveway. The head was oriented to the west and the legs were to the east. His arms rested along his torso.

TENTATIVE IDENTIFICATION AT SCENE BY CALIFORNIA DRIVER'S LICENSE:

In the two wallets were various forms of identification, including California driver's license #D3924710, issued to Shannon Hilliard Johnson, a 45 year old resident of Los Angeles. The CDL bore a photograph that matched the decedent. Other identification confirmed that Johnson was an employee of San Bernardino County.

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BODY TRANSPORTED TO CORONER MORGUE FACILITY:

Coroner Morgue personnel, Autopsy Assistants Mark Schrader and Karina Gomez, affixed Coroner tag (#41371) to the right foot and placed the body into a yellow body pouch, which was secured with a plastic pouch lock (#5211471).

The body was transported from the scene at 2347 hours and taken to the Coroner Morgue Facility in San Bernardino, arriving at 2352 hours.

FINGERPRINTS SUBMITTED TO CAL-ID:

DCI Wilson cleared the scene at 2349 hours and proceeded to the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Scientific Investigations, CAL-ID. There she delivered one ten-print fingerprint card, which was registered at 2359 hours.

IDENTIFICATION CONFIRMED BY FINGERPRINT COMPARISON:

On Thursday, December 3, 2015, at 0209 hours, CAL-ID personnel contacted the Coroner Division reporting that based on fingerprint comparison by CAL-ID, the decedent's identity had been confirmed as "Shannon Hilliard Johnson."

NOTIFICATION TO FAMILY:

On Thursday, December 3, 2015, at 1154 hours, the decedent's brother, Rob Johnson, was notified of the death at the Family Assistance Center. Refer to DCI Bob Hunter's supplemental report.

EXAMINATIONS:

Submitted to Coroner Pathology Section for autopsy.

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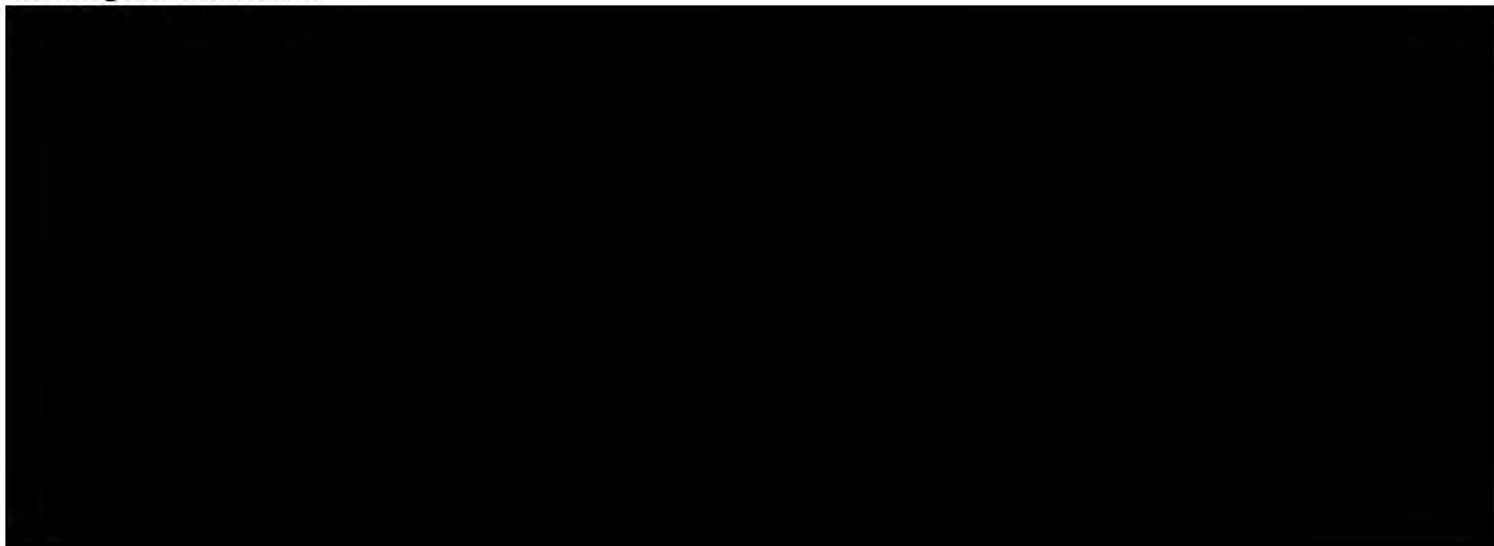
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Coroner Supplemental Report

12/08/2015

Investigator: R. Hunter



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**San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department
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Autopsy Protocol

Coroner's Case Number: 701509087

Autopsy Number: A-1609-15

Name: Shannon Hilliard Johnson **Age:** 45 **Sex:** Male
Time of Death: Pronounced 1150 hours, December 2, 2015 **Race:** White
Time of Autopsy: 0900 hours, December 5, 2015
Place of Autopsy: San Bernardino County Coroner's Facility **Deputy:** Van Norman

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.

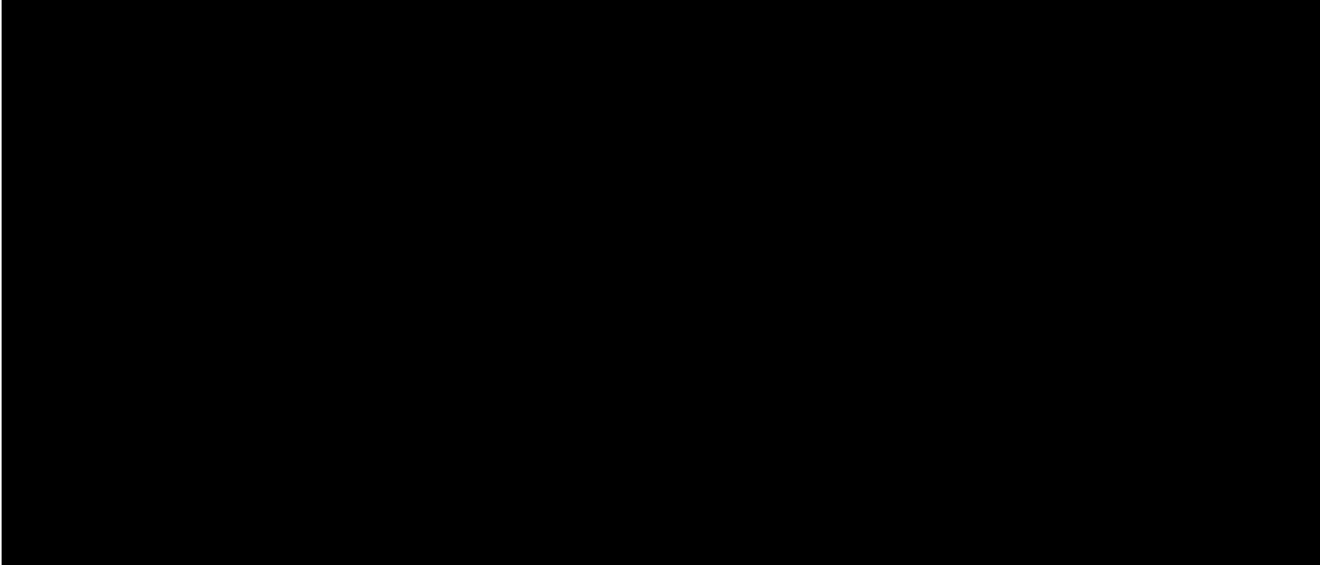
Multiple attendees were injured. Fourteen victims were pronounced dead at the scene. Johnson's body was in the outside triage area.

Reference: 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
701509095, A-1619-15, Robert C. Adams
701509096, A-1604-15, Nicholas James Thalasinios
701509097, A-1618-15, Tin Thanh Nguyen
701509098, A1620-15, Juan Espinoza
701509099, A1626-15, Damian Lawrence Meins
701509100, A-1600-15, Michael Raymond Wetzel

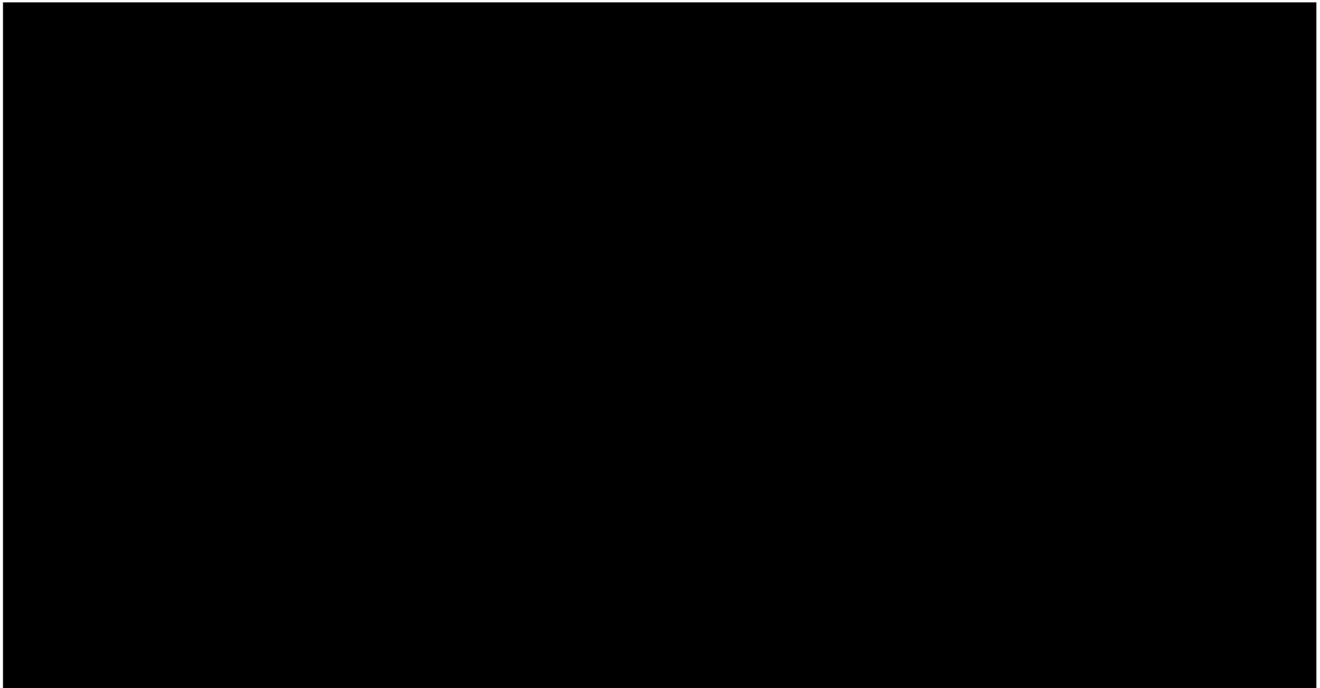
Also refer to Coroner's Investigative Report 701509087.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION





Evidence Collected at Autopsy: Fingernail clippings, hair, blood, and clothing were collected by San Bernardino Police Department. Projectile was collected by the FBI.



Description of Injuries:

Gunshot Wound of the Left Back:

Entry: The entry wound is located on the left upper back, 16 inches from the top of the head and 5 inches left of midline. It consists of a 1/4 inch circular defect. Marginal abrasion is present from 4 to 10 o'clock position and measures 1/8 inch. No soot or stippling is present.

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

Path: The bullet perforates the left upper back skin and subcutaneous tissue.

Exit: There is an elongated 5 x 1-1/2 inch exit wound with an associated 1/4 inch defect (located medially). The exit wound is located 13 inches from the top of the head and 2 inches left of midline.

Projectile: None

Associated injuries: Local tissue hemorrhage.

Gunshot Wound of the Left Elbow:

Entry: The entry wound is located on the superior surface of the left elbow, 8 inches from the top of the left shoulder and midline to the posterior vertical line through the left arm. It consist of a 3/8 x 1/4 inch defect. Marginal abrasion is concentric and measures up to 1/8 inch. No soot or stippling is present.

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

Path: The bullet perforates the superior surface of the left elbow, left elbow soft tissue/muscle, and medial surface the left elbow.

Exit: The exit wound is noted on the medial surface of the left elbow, 7 inches from the top of the left shoulder and 1-1/2 inches medial to a posterior vertical line through the left arm. It consists of a 3/8 x 1/4 inch defect. There is an associated abrasion noted superiorly.

Projectile: None

Associated injuries: Local tissue hemorrhage.

Gunshot Wound of the Right Buttock:

Entry: The entry wound is located on the right buttock, 33 inches from the bottom of the right heel and 6 inches right of midline. It consists of a 1/4 inch circular defect. Marginal abrasion present from 12 to 6 o'clock position and measures up to 1/16 inch. No soot or stippling is present.

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

Path: The bullet perforates the right buttock skin, right buttock muscle, right side of the hip bone, and pubic symphysis.

Exit: None

Projectile: A fragment of deformed copper jacket was located in the pelvis (near the pubic symphysis).

Associated injuries: Local tissue hemorrhage

Gunshot Wound of the Right Thigh:

Entry: The entry wound is located on the medial/posterior surface of the right thigh, 29 inches from the bottom of the right heel and 4 inches medial to posterior vertical line through the right

leg. It consists of 1/4 inch circular defect. Marginal abrasion is concentric and measures up to 1/16 inch. No soot or stippling is present.

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

Path: The bullet perforates the medial aspect of the right thigh, right thigh muscle, right femoral vessels, and anterior surface of the right thigh.

Exit: The exit wound is located on the anterior surface of the right thigh, 32 inches from the bottom of the right heel and 3 inches lateral to anterior vertical line through the right leg. It consists of a 1/2 x 3/8 inch circular defect.

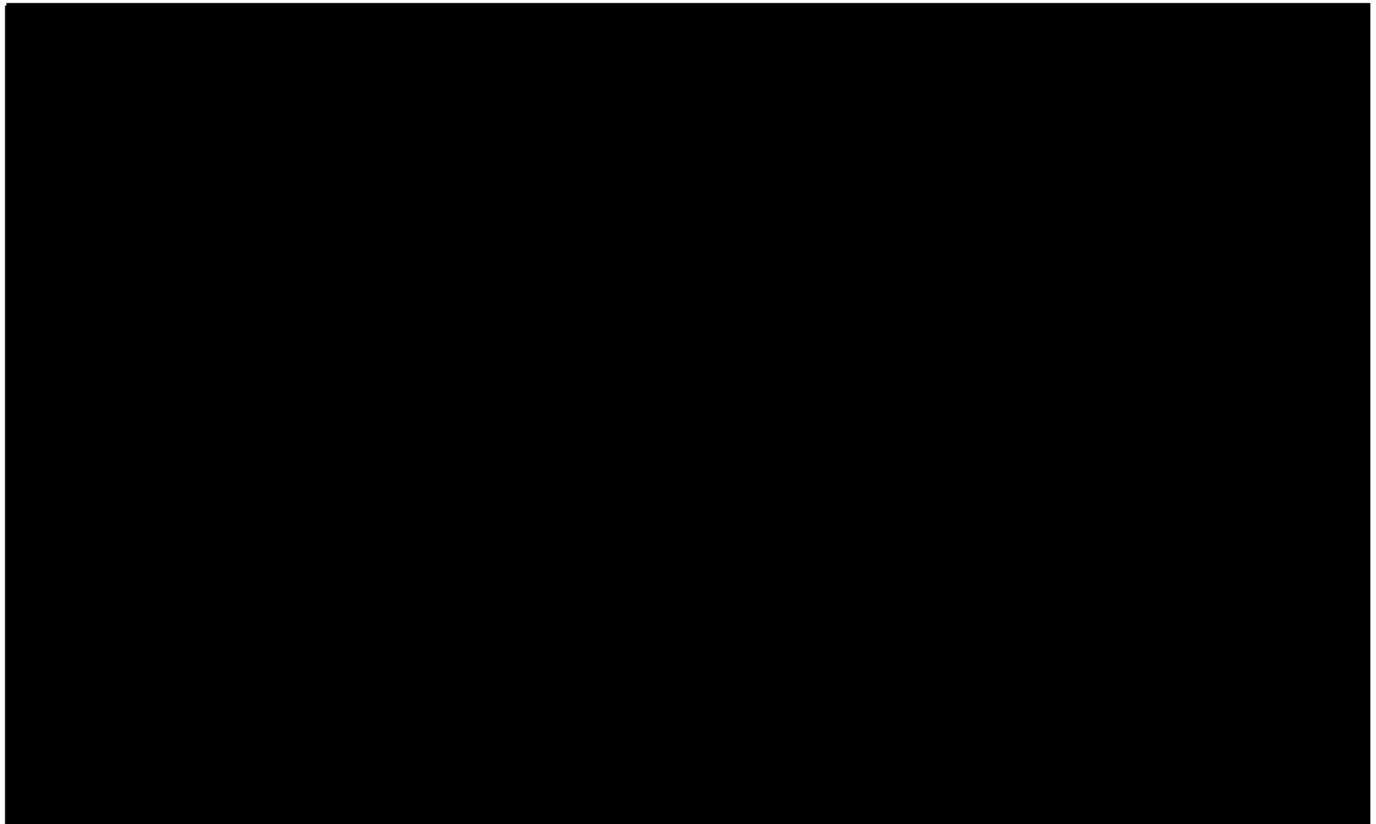
Projectile: None

Associated injuries: There is a projectile defect (laceration) of the right femoral vessels. Extensive hemorrhage seen within the right thigh muscle and soft tissue.

ADDITIONAL INJURIES:

There are multiple red abrasions noted on the posterior surface of the left thigh ranging from 22 to 32 inches from the bottom of the left heel. These defects measure from 1/8 inch to 1/4 inch. There is a focal abrasion noted on the left front scalp. There is focal abrasion noted around the left upper hip area.

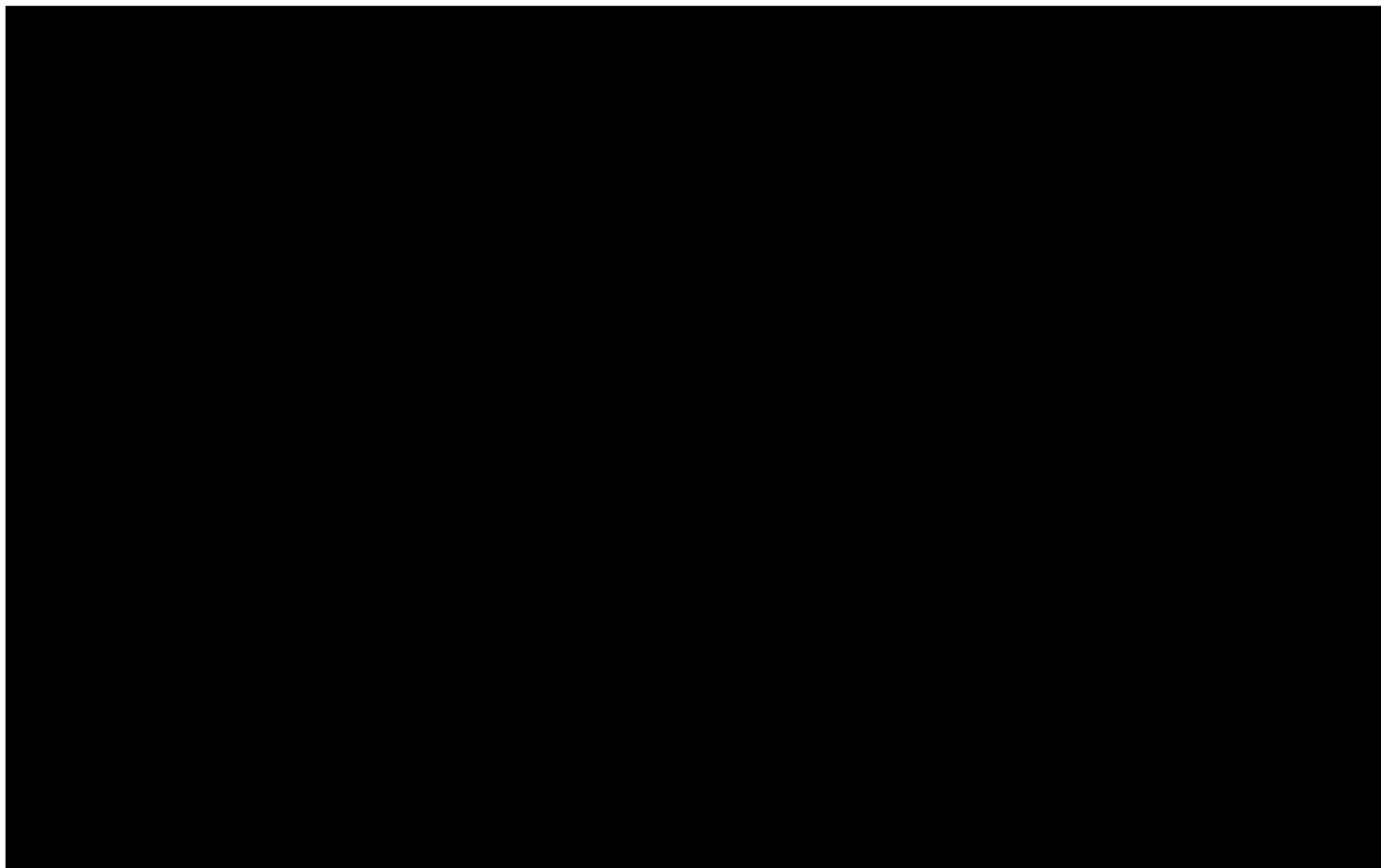
INTERNAL EXAMINATION:



JOHNSON AUTOPSY CONTINUED

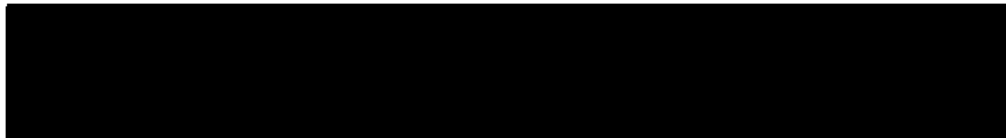
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DIAGNOSIS:

- I. Gunshot wound of the left back.
 - A. Entry: Left upper back
 1. No soot or stippling.
 - B. Direction: Left to right, upward, and slightly front to back.
 - C. Path: The bullet perforates the left upper back skin and subcutaneous tissue.
 - D. Exit: Mid-upper back.
 - E. Projectile: None
 - F. Associated injuries: Local tissue hemorrhage.
- II. Gunshot wound of the left elbow
 - A. Entry: Left elbow superior surface.
 1. No soot or stippling.
 - B. Direction: Left to right, front to back, and downward.
 - C. Path: The bullet perforates the superior surface of the left elbow, left elbow surrounding muscle, and medial surface of the left elbow.
 - D. Exit: Left elbow medial surface.
 - E. Projectile: None
 - F. Associated injuries: Local tissue hemorrhage.
- III. Gunshot wound of the right buttock.
 - A. Entry: Right buttock
 1. No soot or stippling.
 - B. Direction: Back to front, right to left, and upward.
 - C. Path: The bullet perforates the right buttock skin, right buttock muscle, right hip bone, and pubic symphysis.
 - D. Exit: None
 - E. Projectile: A fragment of deformed copper jacket was located in the pelvis (near the pubic symphysis).
 - F. Associated injuries: Local tissue hemorrhage.
- IV. Gunshot wound of the right thigh.
 - A. Entry: Right thigh medial/posterior surface.
 1. No soot or stippling.
 - B. Direction: Left to right, back to front, and upward.
 - C. Path: The bullet perforates the right thigh medial surface, right thigh muscle, right femoral vessels, and anterior surface of the right thigh.
 - D. Exit: Right thigh anterior surface.
 - E. Projectile: None
 - F. Associated injuries: There is a projectile defect of the right femoral vessels. Extensive hemorrhage seen within the right thigh muscle and soft tissue.
- V. Additional Injuries
 - A. There are multiple red abrasions noted on the posterior surface of the left thigh ranging from 22 to 32 inches from the bottom of the left heel. These defects measure from 1/8 inch to 1/4 inch. There is a focal abrasion noted on the left front scalp. There is a focal abrasion noted on the left upper hip area.



CAUSE OF DEATH: Gunshot wound of the right thigh, minutes.

Manner of Death: Homicide

WITNESSES PRESENT: Rhonda Holguin and Brian Lewis; San Bernardino Police Department; Virginia Kwon, Stefanie Funai, Natalie Jenks, Tommy Le, and Victoria Milko; FBI.

Autopsy Completed 1130 hours, December 5, 2015

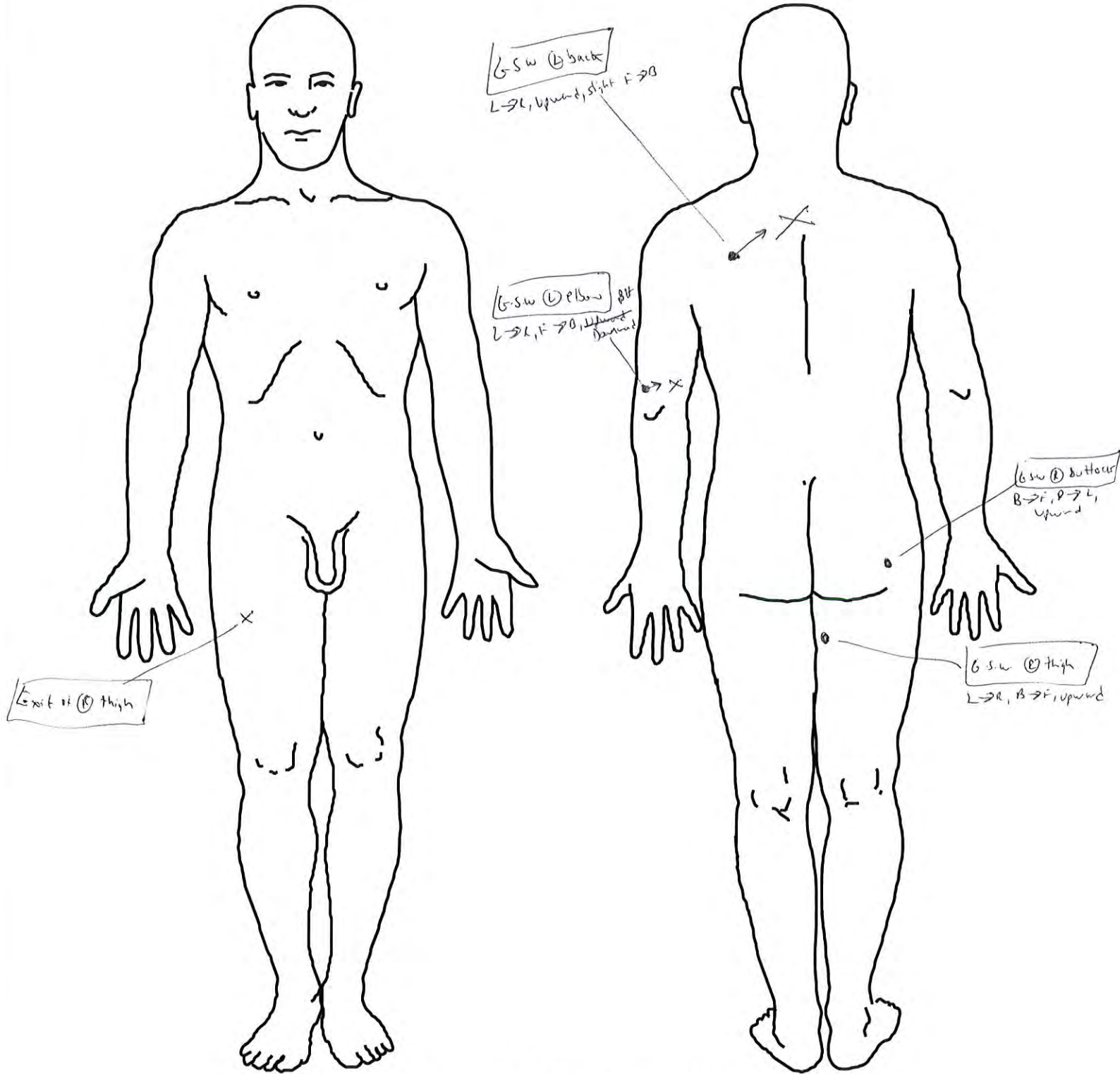
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Hutchins M.D.", followed by the letters "M.D." printed to the right.

Brian C. Hutchins, M.D.
Pathologist

Date: 03/15/16

BH:rlc

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

Name Shannon Hillard Johnson Coroner's Case # 701509007 Autopsy No. A1609-15
Age 45 Race white Sex male Date 12/05/15