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12/04/2015

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 12/03/2015at 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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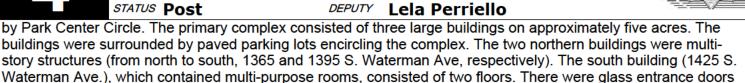
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The glass doors on the east side of the building were designated as follows:

to the north and three doors located on the east side, accessing the east parking lot.

- 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 to the 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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EXAMINATION OF THE BODY OF VICTIM #11 (TIN NGUYEN):

I began my examination of the body at 0625 hours.

The body was supine on the ground with the head to the south and the feet to the northeast. The left arm was across the chest with the hand touching the right biceps. The right, upper arm was at an approximate 45 degree angle to the torso, the elbow was bent, and the hand was pointing to the south.

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IDENTIFICATION:

On Scene:

I located a California driver license in the decedent's purse that I found near the body. The name on the license was Tin Thanh Nguyen, a 31 year old female resident of Santa Ana.

Confirmation:

On 12/3/15 at 1046 hours, the decedent was confirmed to be Tin T. Nguyen by fingerprints submitted to CAL-ID.

BODY TRANSPORTED TO CORONER MORGUE FACILITY:

Coroner Morgue personnel, Autopsy Assistants Mark Schrader and Karina Gomez, transported the body from the scene at 0739 hours to the Coroner Morgue Facility in San Bernardino, arriving at 0744 hours.

NOTIFICATION OF DEATH TO NEXT OF KIN:

On 12/03/2015 at 1137 hours, the notification of death to family was made by Deputy Coroner Investigator J. Lewison.

DISPOSITION:

Submitted to pathology for autopsy.

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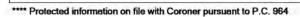
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12/05/2015



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Forensic Pathologist

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San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Coroner Division

Autopsy Protocol

Coroner's Case Number: 701509097 Autopsy Number: A-1618-15

Name: Tin Thanh Nguyen Age: 31 Sex: Female Time of Death: Pronounced 1204 hours, December 2, 2015 Race: Vietnamese

Time of Autopsy: 1330 hours, December 6, 2015

Place of Autopsy: San Bernardino County Coroner's Facility Deputy: Perriello

HISTORY OF DEATH: The history as obtained by the deputy coroner investigating officer is to the effect that on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at 1059 hours an active shooting incident was reported to San Bernardino Police Department from the Inland Regional Center (IRC) in San Bernardino. Reportedly two suspects dressed in dark clothing had entered the south building and had begun 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 had fled the scene prior to the arrival of law enforcement.

Law enforcement made entry into the building and emergency medical personnel set up a triage point directly across the street from the scene.

Two victims were pronounced dead at the triage point. Three other victims were pronounced dead outside the IRC conference room on the east side of the building and nine victims were pronounced dead within the IRC conference room.

All of the fourteen victims died as a result of gunshot wounds.



Reference: 701509087, A-1609-15, Shannon Hilliard Johnson

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Injuries:

The injuries described below are depicted in the accompanying diagram.

<u>Posterior Torso</u>: There are three gunshot wounds of entry in the back of the chest and abdomen and one in the left buttock. From above down these are as follows:

There is a gunshot wound of entry in the left lower posterior chest at height of 40 inches above the sole of the left foot. The center of the wound is about 1 inch to the left of the midline. The wound is approximately oval shaped and vertically oriented measuring about 9 mm x 5 mm. The

lower edge is abraded to a width of about 3 to 4 mm. There is no associated soot or stippling.

The next wound is slightly to the left of the midline of the lower thoracic and upper lumbar area and at a height of 38-1/2 inches above the sole of the left foot. The wound is about 1/2 inch to the left of the midline. The wound is vertically oriented, oval shaped measuring about 9 mm x 4 to 5 mm. The lower edge is abraded to a width of 3 to 4 mm. There is no associated soot or stippling.

There is another gunshot wound of entry very slightly to the left of the midline in the lumbar area at a height of 35-1/2 inches above the sole of the left foot. The center of the wound is about 1/4 inch to the left of the midline. The wound is essentially circular with a diameter of about 5 mm. The edges are abraded, the lower edge slightly more widely abraded than the upper. There is no associated soot or stippling.

There is a gunshot wound of entry on the lateral aspect of the left buttock at a height of 28 inches above the sole of the left foot. The wound is 6-1/2 inches to the left of the midline. The wound is approximately circular, measuring about 6 mm in diameter with an approximately evenly surrounding abrasion collar 1 to 2 mm in width all around. There is no associated soot or stippling.

Anterior Torso: There are two gunshot wounds in the left clavicular area and another in the left groin.

The upper of the two gunshot wounds in the left clavicular area is situated near the root of the neck at height of 52 inches above the sole of the left foot and about 3 inches to the left of the midline. The wound is irregularly shaped with torn, non-abraded edges and measures about 9 mm x 7 mm. The wound edges are slightly everted. There is no associated soot or stippling.

The lower of the two wounds is over the left clavicle at a height of 51 inches above the sole of the left foot and about 4 inches to the left of the midline. The wound edges are irregularly torn and non-abraded. The wound edges are slightly everted. There is no associated soot or stippling.

There is extensive ecchymosis surrounding each of the two wounds described above. There is also a small superficial ecchymosis in the area approximately half way between the two wounds and measuring about 5 mm in diameter.

In the left groin there is a large gaping gunshot wound with extensively torn, non-abraded edges. The wound measures overall about 7 x 7 cm. There is hemorrhage in the depths of the wound which goes deep into the front of the left proximal thigh. There is no associated soot or stippling.

Right Lower Extremity: There is an obliquely oriented graze wound of the skin of the anteromedial aspect of the right thigh at a height of about 20-1/2 inches above the sole of the right foot. The wound measures 2-1/2 cm x about 5 mm and is superficial. The edges of the wound are not easily evaluated as to direction of fire.

There is through and through gunshot wound of the right lower extremity. The entrance wound is on the medial side of the patella. There is no associated soot or stippling. The entrance wound is situated 16 inches above the sole of the right foot. The wound is slightly irregular in shape measuring about 9 mm x 6 mm. The lower edge is abraded. There is no associated soot or stippling.

The exit wound is about 9 cm from the entrance wound and is situated on the anteromedial aspect of the thigh at a height of 19 inches above the sole of the right foot. The wound is

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obliquely oriented, oval shaped and measures about 4 x 2 cm. The edges are cleanly torn and non-abraded. Above the exit wound are three, possibly four very small punctate like red injuries consistent with superficial fragment wounds.

The bullet track passes through the anterior musculature of the thigh to the exit wound. There are no fractures of the femur. A single tiny metallic fragment is identified in this area on x-ray and is not retrieved. The trajectory is upwards and slightly right to left (lateral to medial).

<u>Summary of Gunshot Wounds</u>: The bullet track from the entry wound in the left buttock passes through the pelvis to the left proximal thigh and groin area, severing the femoral artery and vein. The trajectory is essentially front to back, and lateral to medial.

The direction of the graze wound is not established with certainty but is probably in the same trajectory as the through and through wound in the distal thigh, namely from inferior to superior and lateral to medial.

Left Upper Extremity: There is a through and though gunshot wound of the left hand. One of the wounds in on the metacarpophalangeal joint of the little finger, the other on the metacarpophalengeal joint of the index finger. Each of the wounds is irregularly shaped with torn edges. There is no soot or stippling associated with either wound. The wound on the 5th finger measures about 8 x 6 mm. The other wound is larger, measuring about 15 x 10 mm. There is extensive ecchymosis of the skin of the hand and there are palpable fractures of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th distal metacarpals. The general appearance of the two wounds is generally suggestive of a wound going from the ulnar to the radial side of the hand.



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renal peduncle, spleen, head of the pancreas, stomach and the left lobe of the liver. The bullet fragmented and some of the fragments continue into the lower part of the left lung. The base of a copper jacketed bullet, two deformed copper jacket fragments and two tiny lead fragments are retrieved from the left anterolateral chest wall. There is a large amount of blood mixed with stomach content in the left pleural cavity and peritoneal cavity.

The bullet paths from the upper two entrance wounds in the posterior torso pass through the left lung, exiting in the region of the left clavicle. There is a displaced fracture of the left clavicle, as previously noted and there is also a fracture of the left 1st rib. There is extensive pulpefaction of the left lung associated with these wounds.

<u>Summary of Gunshot Wounds</u>: The gunshot wounds in the back of the torso are of indeterminate range. All three of these wounds follow an upward trajectory with sight angulation from medial to lateral (right to left).

There is no evidence of blunt force trauma to the chest or abdomen. The right clavicle and sternum are intact. The thoracic and lumbar vertebral column and pelvis are intact. The pleural, pericardial and peritoneal membranes are generally smooth and glistening. There is no abnormal fluid accumulation in the right pleural cavity or pericardial cavity.



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DIAGNOSIS:

- I. 31-year-old female; one of fourteen individuals shot dead at Inland Regional Center.
 - A. Multiple gunshot wounds.
 - 1. Two indeterminate range gunshot wounds of entry in posterior chest with bullet paths through left lung.
 - a) Left hemothorax.
 - b) Exit wounds in the left clavicular area with fractures of left clavicle and left 1st rib.
 - Indeterminate range gunshot wound of entry in posterior abdominal wall.
 - a) Multiple lower left posterior rib fractures.
 - b) Bullet and fragment injuries of the left renal peduncle, spleen, tail of the pancreas, left lobe of the liver, stomach and probably left lung.
 - c) Hemoperitoneum.
 - d) Projectile fragments retrieved from left anterolateral chest
 - 3. Indeterminate range gunshot wound of entry in left buttock with bullet path through pelvis, exiting in the left groin.
 - a) Tearing of the left femoral artery and vein.
 - 4. One through and through gunshot wound of distal right thigh and one graze wound of right thigh.
 - 5. Through and through gunshot wound of left hand with multiple metacarpal fractures.

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CAUSE OF DEATH: Multiple gunshot wounds, minutes.

Manner of Death: Homicide

<u>WITNESSES PRESENT</u>: Anna Quiroz and D. Houser; San Bernardino Police Department; Meredith A. Burke, Victoria Milko, and Sarah M. Noone; Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Autopsy Completed 1530 hours, December 6, 2015

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Pathologist

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