

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CASE REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF CORONER

1	APPARENT MODE SUICIDE		895374		CASE NO 2008-06413	
	SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES Celebrity, Media Interest				CRYPT 73	
LAST, FIRST MIDDLE WALLACE, DAVID FOSTER			AKA		#	
ADDRESS 4205 OAK HOLLOW ROAD			CITY CLAREMONT		STATE CAL	ZIP 91711
SEX MALE	RACE APPEARS CAUCASIAN	DOB 2/21/1962	AGE 46	HGT 72 in.	WGT 161 lbs.	EYES BROWN
				HAIR BROWN	TEETH ALL NATURAL TEETH	FACIAL HAIR BEARD AND MUSTACHE
					ID VIEW Yes	CONDITION FAIR
MARK TYPE MARK LOCATION MARK DESCRIPTION						
NOK ADDRESS CITY STATE						
RELATIVITY		PHONE		NOTIFIED BY LACO FIRE		DATE 9/12/2008
						TIME 21:43
SSN		DL ID D5096792		STATE CA		PENDING BY
ID METHOD CALIFORNIA DRIVER'S LICENSE						
LA #		MAIN #		CII #		FBI #
						MILITARY #
						POB
IDENTIFIED BY NAME (PRINT)			RELATIONSHIP		PHONE	DATE
						TIME
CALPHOTO						9/12/2008 23:45
PLACE OF DEATH / PLACE FOUND RESIDENCE		ADDRESS OR LOCATION 4205 OAK HOLLOW ROAD			CITY CLAREMONT	ZIP 91711
PLACE OF INJURY PATIO	AT WORK No	DATE 9/12/2008	TIME	LOCATION OR ADDRESS 4205 OAK HOLLOW ROAD, CLAREMONT, CAL		ZIP 91711
DOO 9/12/2008		TIME 21:43		FOUND OR PRONOUNCED BY LACOFD ENG 102		
OTHER AGENCY INV. OFFICER CLAREMONT P.D. - OFCR ABARCA			PHONE		REPORT NO. 08-3137	NOTIFIED BY NO
TRANSPORTED BY WITHERS, WENDY			TO LOS ANGELES FSC		DATE 9/13/2008	TIME 01:25
FINGERPRINTS?	No	CLOTHING	Yes	PA RPT	No	MORTUARY
MED. EV.	No	INVEST. PHOTO #	4	SEAL TYPE	NOT SEALED	HOSP RPT
PHYS. EV.	Yes	EVIDENCE LOG	Yes	PROPERTY?	Yes	HOSP CHART
SUICIDE NOTE	Yes	GSR NO		RCPT. NO.	233954	PF NO.
SYNOPSIS ACCORDING TO POLICE THE DECEDENT WAS FOUND HANGING FROM THE PATIO ROOF RAFTER IN THE REAR YARD. NOTES FOUND. HISTORY OF DEPRESSION.						
ALLEN R. MOSES 298382			INVESTIGATOR <i>Allen R. Moses</i>		DATE 9/13/2008 TIME 19:40	REVIEWED BY <i>gagaleau</i> DATE 9/14/08 TIME 0025

FORM #3 NARRATIVE TO FOLLOW? ☒



County of Los Angeles, Department of Coroner Investigator's Narrative



Case Number: 2008-06413

Decedent: WALLACE, DAVID FOSTER

Information Sources:

1. Officers Saenz / Abarca – Claremont Police Department
- 2.
3. On scene investigation

Investigation:

On 09/12/2008 at 2206 hours Officer Saenz reported this case to the Los Angeles County Department of Coroner – reporting desk, receipt by Courtney Morrow. At 2223 hours Kelly Yagerlener assigned this case for investigation. I arrived at the location at 2345 hours and departed at 0100 hours.

Location:

Place of death: 4205 Oak Hollow Road, Claremont, CA 91711

Informant/Witness Statements:

According to information provided by Officer Abarca at the scene, the decedent was found at approximately 2128 hours, hanging in his rear yard by (decedent's wife) who called 911. Los Angeles County Fire Department Squad 101 responded to the location and pronounced death at 2143 hours without medical intervention. The decedent was last seen by his wife at approximately 1730 hours.

While at the scene, I spoke with who stated in essence that she has been married to the decedent for 4 years, she knew him 2 years prior to marriage. The decedent had a history of depression with two prior suicide attempts. The decedent had a mental health expert, Dr. Jodi Rawles (714) who the decedent last saw two weeks ago. The decedent had been issued Nardol, Clonopin, and Restoril. The decedent was also status post ECT treatments x 12.

Scene Description:

The location was a single story, family style residence with a large outdoor yard on the south side of the residence. Attached to the residence structure was a wood patio cover, the decedent had used a black leather belt as a ligature and nailed it to a 2 x 6 support. There was a lawn chair that was knocked over on its side next to the decedent which measured 1'4" from the seat to the ground. The top of the support beam to the concrete patio measured 8'10 ½".

Evidence:

One black belt ligature was collected at the scene and brought back to the Forensic Science Center as physical evidence. Duct tape around both wrists were left in place pending the examination by the DME.



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Body Examination:

The decedent is a male, Caucasian, who appears to be the reported 46 years of age. He was wearing gray shorts, blue t-shirt, brown underwear, white socks and white gym shoes. The ambient temperature – unregulated was 69.2 degrees at 2355 hours. The liver temperature was 91.7 degrees at 0005 hours. Livor mortis blanched to light pressure and was consistent with the position found. Rigor mortis was 3 throughout. The decedent has a ligature mark about the front of the neck. The decedent also has duct tape about both wrists.

Identification:

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Next of Kin Notification:

s present at the scene.

Tissue Donation:

One legacy handling.

Autopsy Notification:

No law enforcement request.

ALLEN R. MOSES

KELLY YAGERLENER

Date of Report

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INJURY DATE: Unknown.

HOSPITAL DATE: None.

CIRCUMSTANCES:

Please see the Investigator's reports and Forms 1, 3 and 6, copy of evidence log (two), copy of suicide note, copy of paperwork from decedent, and a material from the internet about the life of the decedent. The decedent was found in the backyard of his residence on the evening of September 12, 2008. He was found hanging by a belt noose from the ceiling rafter on the patio in the backyard of his home. The decedent was pronounced dead at the scene on September 12, 2008 at 2123 hours.

There had been a history of prior depression with multiple suicide attempts and history of electroconvulsive therapy treatment.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:

The body is identified by toe tags and is that of an unembalmed, refrigerated adult White male with the stated age of 46 years. The decedent weighs 161 pounds and measures 76 inches in height. The decedent appears thin.

There is a furrow/impression present around the neck. The furrow is present around the anterior neck at the level of and above the thyroid cartilage. It measures approximately 2.5 cm in maximal width and up to 10 mm in depth. It slants slightly upward on both sides laterally. No noose is present.

No other trauma is present.

There is a tattoo on the right upper arm laterally with word "Karen" and a symbol of the heart.

The head is normocephalic and is covered by brown hair of medium to long length. The hair is straight. Frontal balding is present. A mustache and beard are present. Examination of the eyes reveals that the irides are brown. No petechiae are noted. There are no petechial hemorrhages of the lids or sclerae. The oronasal passages appear unobstructed.