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KNOX COUNTY

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AUTOPSY FINAL REPORT

Patient: **ANDERSON, RAEGAN L.**

Accession: **240630-387**

Med. Rec.#:

Client: Cocke County

Reference#:

DOB/Gender: 06/12/2000 (Age 24) WF

DOD: 06/30/2024 13:13

Physician(s)

Autopsy Date: 07/01/2024 08:35

Reported: 08/07/2024

Authorized by: Sarah Knuettel, D.O.

Relationship to Patient: Cocke County Medical Examiner

Restrictions: None

Persons Attending Autopsy: Special Agent Dylan Reid, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation

Technician(s) Cari Oldham

Narrative

The decedent is a 24-year-old white female who was found deceased in a vehicle with another individual, Mr. Chandler Kuhbander (see MEC240630-390). According to investigators, the decedent kidnapped Mr. Kuhbander in Georgia on June 24, 2024. Ms. Anderson reportedly shot Mr. Kuhbander and then herself. They were both found deceased in the vehicle on June 30, 2024. A suicide note written by Ms. Anderson was found in the car.

Significant gross findings at autopsy include a deep tangential, penetrating gunshot wound of the head with associated injuries of brain and skull. A deformed bullet and bullet fragments are recovered from the scalp. Additional findings include putrefactive decomposition and hemoaspiration. The body is identified via fingerprint comparison.

Toxicology on postmortem blood is negative.

As such, the cause of death is gunshot wound of the head. The manner of death is suicide.

Dr. Amy Hawes
Assistant Medical Examiner

Final Anatomic Diagnoses

- I. Penetrating gunshot wound of the head:
 - A. Deep tangential wound on back of scalp; soot deep within entrance wound
 - B. Deformed bullet and bullet fragments recovered from scalp
 - C. Overall wound path slightly back to front and upward
 - D. Associated injuries of brain and skull
 - II. Moderate putrefactive decomposition
 - III. See companion case (MEC 240630-390)
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EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

The body is that of a 68 inch, 148 pound white female. The body is normally developed, well nourished, and appears consistent with the stated age of 68 years. The long, brown scalp hair is of normal amount, distribution, and texture. The irides are brown. The conjunctivae are pale and free of petechiae. The corneas are cloudy. The ears, nose and mouth are free of abnormalities. The natural teeth are in good repair. The neck is free of palpable masses. The torso is symmetrical. The abdomen is slightly protuberant. The back has a normal contour and the anus is without lesions. The external genitalia are of normal female conformation. The extremities are symmetric and the joints are not deformed. The fingers and toes are normal.

Rigor mortis is passed. There is anterior fixed lividity on the chest and left side of the abdomen. There is also posterior fixed lividity on the buttocks and upper thighs. There is an area of yellow postmortem pressure on the left cheek and left side of the neck. There is faint yellow drying on the nose and cheeks. The right side of the abdomen has green discoloration. There is early mummification of the fingers. The torso shows focal areas of skin slip. There is an area of green discoloration on the left buttock and left upper thigh. There are fly eggs in the hair.

The body is identified by a plastic band on the right ankle bearing "240630-387; believed to be Raegan Anderson Cocke County Unidentified Female".

MEDICAL INTERVENTION: None.

IDENTIFYING MARKS AND SCARS: None.

INJURY:

PENETRATING GUNSHOT WOUND OF THE HEAD:

On the back of the scalp, centered 3-1/2 inches below the top of the head in the midline, is a 1-1/4 inch x 1/2 inch deep, tangential, ovoid entrance wound. The entrance wound is surrounded by marginal lacerations ranging from 1/4 inch to 1/2 inch in greatest dimension and dark red contusions. Definitive soot and gunpowder stippling are not identified on the skin surrounding the wound.

A deformed, copper-jacketed bullet and bullet fragments are recovered from beneath the top of the scalp.

In the anatomic position, the overall wound path is slightly back to front and upward.

The bullet perforated the skin and skeletal muscle of the scalp, perforated the posterior portion of the parietal bones on the back of the head, perforated the brain, parietal bones, and came to rest in the scalp. There is focal black discoloration consistent with soot on the inner table of the skull at the entrance wound.

Associated findings include diffuse subgaleal hemorrhage and patchy subarachnoid hemorrhages. Associated findings include linear fractures of the posterior cranial fossa. There are also fractures of the sella turcica and anterior cranial fossa. The brain has subarachnoid hemorrhage. There is a very faint red/blue contusion beneath the right eye.

The above injuries, once having been described, will not be referred to below.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION

The viscera are present in their normal anatomic sites. The serosal surfaces are smooth. The body cavities are free of abnormal masses and excess fluid. The organs are soft and dark due to decomposition.

The 290 gram heart is of conical configuration. The coronary arteries have a normal anatomic distribution. The ostia of the coronary arteries are in the normal positions and are free of obstruction. The coronary arteries are free of atherosclerosis and thrombosis. The epicardium is smooth. The great vessels enter and leave the heart in a normal manner. The cardiac chambers are not constricted or dilated. The septa are intact and free of congenital anomalies. The brown myocardium is free of acute and healed infarction. The left and right cardiac ventricles are 0.9 centimeter and 0.2 centimeter thick, respectively. The heart valves are thin, pliable, delicate, and free of deformity. The valve dimensions are within normal limits. The aorta and its principal branches are free of significant atherosclerosis.

The 280 gram right lung and 400 gram left lung have normal lobar configurations. Both lungs have hemoaspiration. The major bronchi are not constricted or dilated and are free of obstruction. The visceral pleura are smooth and free of lesions. The pulmonary arteries are free of thromboemboli. The dark red parenchyma is free of neoplasm, granulomata, and subpleural emphysematous bullae.

The 700 gram liver has a smooth and glistening capsule. The dark brown parenchyma has a normal lobular pattern. The gallbladder serosa and mucosa are normal. The gallbladder contains approximately 2 milliliters of bile and no calculi.

The firm pancreas is normally lobulated. The tan-pink parenchyma is free of intrinsic lesions, hemorrhage, and fat necrosis.

The adrenal glands and thyroid gland are normal. The parathyroid glands are inconspicuous.

The esophagus is free of lesions. The stomach has a normal configuration, and the serosa is smooth and glistening. The tan mucosa has normal rugal folds and is free of ulceration and lesions. The duodenum is bile stained and free of ulceration. The remainder of the small bowel and colon are free of palpable masses. The appendix is normal.

The 100 gram right kidney and 100 gram left kidney have smooth subcapsular surfaces. The renal arteries are patent. The renal cortices are of normal thickness, and the corticomedullary junctions are distinct. The medullae are normal. The pelvicaliceal systems and ureters are not dilated. The urinary bladder is normal. The smooth tan mucosa is intact and free of lesions. The bladder is empty.

The vagina, cervical os, and cervical mucosa are normal and free of lesions. The tan endometrium is of normal thickness. The myometrium is normal. The ovaries are physiologic. The fallopian tubes are thin walled, pliable, and free of lesions. There are no parametrial lesions.

The 80 gram spleen has a smooth, translucent capsule without areas of thickening. The soft splenic pulp has a normal lymphoid distribution. The lymph nodes throughout the body are not enlarged.

The bone marrow is dark red and trabeculated without lesions.

The exposed axial and appendicular skeleton is free of abnormalities.

The larynx and trachea have a normal caliber and are free of obstruction. The smooth tan mucosa is free of lesions. The hyoid bone and thyroid cartilage are intact and without lesions. The paravertebral musculature and cervical spine are normal.

The 1300 gram brain has symmetrical cerebral convexities. The cerebral hemispheres, brainstem, and cerebellum are free of focal masses.

TOXICOLOGY: Blood is submitted (see separate report). Bile is held for possible further studies.

HISTOLOGY: No tissue cassettes are submitted.

ADDITIONAL STUDIES: Small representative sections of major organs are retained in formalin for possible further studies. DNA blood cards are prepared and retained. A full body radiograph shows a bullet beneath the scalp as described above.

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Toxicology Report

Report Issued 07/12/2024 07:04

Patient Name Cocke Co. Unidentified Female
Patient ID 240630-387
Chain 240630-387
DOB 06/12/2000
Sex Female
Workorder 24266018

To: 10511
Knox County Medical Examiner's Office
2761 Sullins Street

Knoxville, TN 37919

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Positive Findings:

None Detected

See Detailed Findings section for additional information

Agency Case Number: 240630-387

Testing Requested:

Test	Test Name
8051B	Postmortem, Basic, Blood (Forensic)

Specimens Received:

ID	Tube/Container	Volume/ Mass	Collection Date/Time	Matrix Source	Labeled As
001	Gray Stopper Glass Tube	9 mL	07/01/2024 09:50	Cavity Blood	240630-387
002	Lavender (Purple) Stopper Plastic Tube	0.75 mL	07/01/2024 09:50	Cavity Blood	240630-387

All sample volumes/weights are approximations.
Specimens received on 07/02/2024.



Detailed Findings:

Examination of the specimen(s) submitted did not reveal any positive findings of toxicological significance by procedures outlined in the accompanying Analysis Summary.

Sample Comments:

001 Physician/Pathologist Name: Amy Hawes

Unless alternate arrangements are made by you, the remainder of the submitted specimens will be discarded one (1) year from the date of this report; and generated data will be discarded five (5) years from the date the analyses were performed.

Workorder 24266018 was electronically signed on 07/12/2024 06:25 by:

Justin O. Brower, Ph.D., F-ABFT
Forensic Toxicologist

Analysis Summary and Reporting Limits:

All of the following tests were performed for this case. For each test, the compounds listed were included in the scope. The Reporting Limit listed for each compound represents the lowest concentration of the compound that will be reported as being positive. If the compound is listed as None Detected, it is not present above the Reporting Limit. Please refer to the Positive Findings section of the report for those compounds that were identified as being present.

Test 50002B - Amphetamines Confirmation, Blood - Cavity Blood

-Analysis by High Performance Liquid Chromatography/ Tandem Mass Spectrometry (LC-MS/MS) for:

Analyte	Rpt. Limit	Analyte	Rpt. Limit
Amphetamine	5.0 ng/mL	MDMA	5.0 ng/mL
MDA	5.0 ng/mL	Methamphetamine	5.0 ng/mL

Test 52484B - Fentanyl and Acetyl Fentanyl Confirmation, Blood - Cavity Blood

-Analysis by High Performance Liquid Chromatography/ Tandem Mass Spectrometry (LC-MS/MS) for:

Analyte	Rpt. Limit	Analyte	Rpt. Limit
Acetyl Fentanyl	0.20 ng/mL	Norfentanyl	0.40 ng/mL
Fentanyl	0.20 ng/mL		

Test 8051B - Postmortem, Basic, Blood (Forensic) - Cavity Blood

-Analysis by Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA) for:

Analyte	Rpt. Limit	Analyte	Rpt. Limit
Amphetamines	20 ng/mL	Fentanyl / Acetyl Fentanyl	0.50 ng/mL
Barbiturates	0.040 mcg/mL	Methadone / Metabolite	25 ng/mL
Benzodiazepines	100 ng/mL	Methamphetamine / MDMA	20 ng/mL
Buprenorphine / Metabolite	0.50 ng/mL	Opiates	20 ng/mL
Cannabinoids	10 ng/mL	Oxycodone / Oxymorphone	10 ng/mL
Cocaine / Metabolites	20 ng/mL	Phencyclidine	10 ng/mL

-Analysis by Headspace Gas Chromatography (GC) for:



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Analysis Summary and Reporting Limits:

<u>Analyte</u>	<u>Rpt. Limit</u>	<u>Analyte</u>	<u>Rpt. Limit</u>
Acetone	5.0 mg/dL	Isopropanol	5.0 mg/dL
Ethanol	10 mg/dL	Methanol	10 mg/dL



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Demographic Information

Case number:	240630-387	Address 1:	501 Burke Drive #704
Death County:	Cocke	Address 2:	
Last name:	Anderson	City:	Hinesville
First name:	Raegan	State:	Georgia
Middle name:	Leigh	County:	Liberty
Race:	White	Zip:	31313
Sex:	Female		
Age:	24 years 0 months 18 days		
Date of birth:	06/12/2000		

Background Information

Investigator notified:	2024-06-30 13:11	Date LKA:	06/24/2024
Notified by:	Cocke County Sheriff's Office	Time LKA:	Unknown
Facility:	East TN RFC (Knoxville)	Found dead:	06/30/2024 13:00
Authorized by:	Sarah Knuettel	911 call received:	2024-06-30 13:00
ETA at Facility/FH:		Date of death:	06/30/2024 On
Scene investigated ME:	Yes	Time of death:	13:13
Scene investigated by LE:	Yes	Pronounced:	06/30/2024 13:13
Officer:	SA Dylan Reid	Scene arrival:	
Agency:	Tennessee Bureau of Investigation	Scene departure:	
Incident #:			

Next of Kin

Name: O'Neal, Jaimi	Relationship: Mother
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Cause and Manner of Death

Reason for reporting: Unknown, Decomposed Remains,
Concerns for Suicide

Disposition: Sent to Autopsy Facility

I hereby declare that after receiving notice of death described herein, I conducted an investigation regarding the cause of death in accordance with Section 38-7-109 Tennessee Code Annotated and that the information contained herein regarding such death is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Authorization: ME/C ordered	DC signed by: Office of ME/C
RFC MDI: Lisa Ann Taylor	DC signer: Amy Hawes

In accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated 38-7-106, the accompanying body of Anderson, Raegan is the subject of an investigation by the medical examiner.

Authorizing Signature of Medical Examiner or Delegated Investigator:

Narrative Summary of Circumstances Surrounding Death

Raegan Anderson is a 24 year old female who went missing on June 24th from Georgia with her ex boyfriend Chandler Kuhbander. It was reported that Raegan was unstable and had forced Chandler to go with her. They believed her to be in the Sevier county area. They were believed to be in a black Ford Focus. On June 30th this car was found parked in the woods on personal property in Cocke County. There are 2 deceased individuals in the car. Raegan and Chandler were both firefighters with Liberty County Fire department, and both of their ID's are found in the vehicle. One deceased appears to be more decomposed than the other on initial assessment. The male individual believed to be Chandler was found in the passenger seat and appears to be more decomposed than the female deceased believed to be Raegan sitting on top of him.

In the vehicle is a suicide note written by Raegan that reads: I'm sorry to whoever found us. I am sorry to everyone I hurt. June 25, 2024 Please contact my Grandmother Irene Chandler 912-876-5917. And tell her how sorry I am. I love you Nanna. I want her to inherit everything.

TBI on scene investigating as well as Bob Schaff with Cocke County Sherriff Department

The investigative information provided in the above report, completed by Dr. Sarah Kneuttel, Medical Examiner for Cocke County, is subject to change as new information becomes available.