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MEDICAL EXAMINER'S REPORT
BERRIEN COUNTY MICHIGAN

Decedent: FLOWERS, DEWAYNE

Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Age: 33 Sex: M Race: B Occupation: Parolee

Address:

Marital Status: S. Next of Kin:

Death:

Date and Time of Death: On or about Nov 9, 2013 time determinable

Location of Death: Undeterminable.

Date and Time Declared: Nov 9, 2013 1230

Last Seen Alive (Or incident surrounding death):

Date: and Time: Nov 9, 2013 0300

Location: Text message

Police Investigation:

Date and Time: Nov 9, 2013 1230

Location: St Joseph River 400 Riverview Drive, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Police Investigator and Agency: BHPD

View of Body by Medical Examiner:

Date and Time: Dec 2, 2013

Location: LMC Morgue

Description of Body: See autopsy ME13-19

Description of Incident Surrounding Death: Parolee found in St Joseph River.

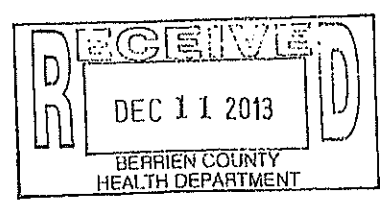
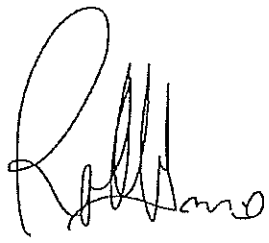
Autopsy: ME13-19

Cause of Death:

1. Mixed drug loxicity

Manner of Death: Undeterminable.

Medical Examiner: Robert Clark, M.D. CME



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AUTOPSY REPORT

AUTOPSY NUMBER: ME13-19
NAME: FLOWERS, DEWAYNE
DATE OF BIRTH: Aug 21, 1997
GENDER: Male
RACE: Black
DATE AND TIME OF DEATH: On or about Nov 9, 2013
DATE AND TIME OF AUTOPSY: Dec 2, 2013 1000

FINAL DIAGNOSES:

1. Mixed drug toxicity.
Cocaine and heroin.

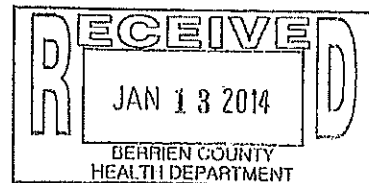
CAUSE OF DEATH: Mixed drug toxicity.
MANNER OF DEATH: Undeterminable.

COMMENT: Body was found in the river incidentally by recreational divers. The lungs contained edema fluid but no river water. The toxicology is positive for cocaine and heroin. These findings support the death being before entry into the water. The skin changes support entry into the water near to the date he was last seen.

Robert Clark, M.D., CME
DeWayne Hellenga, MEI Assisting.



GROSS DESCRIPTION:



CLOTHING: sports shorts and top with sports shoes. Tether anklet present left ankle.

POCKET CONTENTS: None

WOUNDS: None.

RESUSCITATION EVIDENCE: None.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:

The body is refrigerated, unembalmed, and normally developed and nourished. Hydration is normal. The skin is markedly discolored with marbling, slippage, and sand abrasions. Algal growth is adherant to the skin on exposed areas. The head is normocephalic and without abnormalities. The neck is symmetrical and without masses or crepitation of the spine or larynx. The thorax, back and extremities are symmetrical and without deformities or edema. The breasts are unremarkable. Rigor is relaxed.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION:

The internal organs are in their expected anatomic positions and there are no accumulations of blood or fluid in the pleural, abdominal or pericardial cavities. The mediastinum is midline and the leaves of the diaphragm are at an equal level.

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM: The heart is of the expected size, shape, color and consistency. There are no congenital abnormalities. There is no selective chamber dilation. The myocardium is firm, uniform and without fibrosis or infarction. The endocardium, trabeculae carneae, papillary muscles, chordae tendineae and valves are all normal. The coronary ostia are patent and the arteries exhibit minimal atherosclerosis. The aorta exhibits minimal atherosclerosis and no ulceration. The venae cavae are free of extractable thrombi.

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM: The pleural surfaces are smooth and without bullae, adhesions, masses or discolorations. The cut surfaces are wet but without areas of crepitation, consolidation, hemorrhages or masses. The trachea is free of obstruction or water. The extrinsic and intrinsic bronchi are free of obstruction by foreign objects, blood or mucus. The pulmonary vasculature is free of thrombo-emboli and there is no atherosclerosis.

LYMPH NODES: There are no nodes of particular prominence. The nodes are without evidence of neoplasia and present uniform cut surfaces.

HEPATOBIILIARY SYSTEM: The liver capsule is smooth and intact and the liver edge is normal. The hepatic parenchyma is normal. The portal vein, hepatic arteries and hepatic veins are grossly normal. The gallbladder is normal and there are no stones present. The intra and extra hepatic biliary ducts are patent and undilated.

PANCREAS: The pancreas is of the expected size, shape, color and consistency with normal lobular architecture. There is no evidence of masses, cysts, pancreatitis or ductal obstructions.

SPLEEN: The capsule is smooth and intact. The splenic parenchyma is uniform, soft and free of lesions.

DIGESTIVE SYSTEM: The digestive system is patent throughout and there are no intrinsic or extrinsic pathologies.

URINARY SYSTEM: The renal capsules strip with ease and the surfaces are smooth. The renal cortex averages one cm thick and is well demarcated from the medulla. The papillae are intact. There are no renal cysts or masses. The pelves and ureters are patent, undilated and free of masses.

GENITALS: The internal genitals are normally developed and without lesions. The external genitals are normal.

ENDOCRINE SYSTEM: The adrenals are of the expected size, shape, color and consistency. The thyroid, parathyroid and pituitary glands are not examined.

MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM: There are no generalized or localized abnormalities in the areas of examination.

CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM: The skull is unremarkable. The dura is free of lesions and hemorrhage. The meninges are thin and glistening and free of cellular infiltrations. The CSF is clear. The cerebral convexities are normal and there is no thinning of the gyri or widening of the sulci. There is no coning of the unci. The circle of Willis and basilar artery are normally formed, intact and show minimal atherosclerosis. Multiple coronal sections reveal the white and grey matter in their expected anatomic relationships and without lesions or hemorrhage. The ventricles are not widened. Sections of the brainstem and cerebellum reveal normal gross architecture and the absence of lesions.

TOXICOLOGY: Done.

RADIOLOGY: None.

PHOTOGRAPHY: Per BHPD.

FORENSIC EVIDENCE: None.

DENTAL EXAM: Not indicated.

PRINTS: Not indicated.

OTHER EXAMS: None.

MICROSCOPIC DESCRIPTION:

Slide # 1 Cor: No microscopic diagnosis.

Slide # 2 Coronart artery: Patent.

Slide # 3 Trach: No microscopic diagnosis.

Slide # 4 and Slide # 5 Lungs: Pulmonary edema. Anthracosis.

Slide # 6 Liver and spleen: No microscopic diagnosis.

Slide # 7 GI : No microscopic diagnosis.

Slide # 8 Pancreas: Autolysis.

Slide # 9 Kidneys: Autolysis.

Slide # 10 to # 12 CNS: No microscopic diagnosis.