



OFFICE of the WAYNE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER

1300 East Warren Avenue  
Detroit, MI 48207

POST MORTEM REPORT

M.E. CASE NUMBER  
13-11485  
COUNTY OF DEATH  
WAYNE  
TOWN OF DEATH  
DEARBORN HEIGHTS  
DATE PRONOUNCED DEAD  
Nov 02, 2013

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

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AT

Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office

PERFORMED A POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION ON THE BODY

McBride, Renisha

ON

Nov 02, 2013

SUMMARY & OPINION

Renisha McBride, a 19-year-old black female, died of shotgun wound to head.

There was an entrance shotgun wound to the face, with no evidence of close range discharge of a firearm noted on the skin surrounding this wound. The wound tract passed through the soft tissue and bones of the face and entered the brain. Associated with this injury were skull fractures and bleeding around the brain. The wound track was from front to back and right to left. Multiple lead pellets and fragments of wad were recovered from the brain and retained.

The manner of death is homicide.

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Cause of Death:

SHOTGUN WOUND TO HEAD

Other Significant Conditions:

Manner of Death:

Homicide

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION:

Case Number: 11485 - 13

Name: Renisha McBride

Date of Pronounced Death: November 2, 2013

Date of Postmortem Examination: November 2, 2013

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:

The body was that of a well developed, well nourished black female appearing about the recorded age of 19 years. The body measured 5 feet 4 inches in length and weighed 184 pounds. The body was cool, rigor mortis was partially developed, and livor mortis was present posteriorly and unfixated. Clothing consisted of a blue jacket, black undershirt, tan bra, black pants with a black belt, black underpants, and a pair of white socks; the clothing was wet. The scalp hair was black, curly, and up to 8 inches in length. The eyes had white sclerae, pale conjunctivae, translucent cornea, and brown irides. The external auditory canals, external nares and oral cavity contained blood. The earlobes were pierced. The dentition was natural and in good condition. No lesions of the oral mucosa were identified. There were no masses discernable in the neck and the larynx was in the midline. The thorax was symmetrical and unremarkable. The breasts were well formed, symmetric without palpable masses. No injury of the ribs or sternum was evident externally. The abdomen was obese. The external genitalia were those of a normal adult female. The back showed no significant deformities or other abnormalities. The upper and lower extremities were symmetrical and without absence of digits. The fingernails were intact. Tattoos consisted of monochrome text and images were noted on the lateral left shoulder, anterior right shoulder and on the upper back. Small scattered scars were present on the elbows, posterior forearms, knees, and anterior legs.

EVIDENCE OF TREATMENT:

Electrocardiography pads were adherent to the chest and abdomen.

EVIDENCE OF INJURY:

PENETRATING SHOTGUN WOUND TO THE HEAD:

There was a 3 ½ inch x 2 inch irregular entrance shotgun wound on the face, centered 6 inches below the top of the head and 1 inch left of the midline. There was no soot or gunpowder stippling noted on the skin surrounding this wound. The wound track proceeded from this injury through the nasal cartilage and soft tissue of the face and tongue; maxilla, ethmoid, frontal, nasal, and left orbital bones (fractures); dura mater; and frontal, bi-parietal, and occipital lobes



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of the brain. Associated with this injury were subarachnoid and subdural hemorrhages and fractures to the sphenoid, occipital, temporal, and left orbital bones. The wound track was from front to back and right to left when the body is viewed in the anatomical position. Multiple lead pellets and fragments of wad were recovered from the brain and retained.

### INTERNAL EXAMINATION:

An autopsy was performed utilizing the normal thoraco-abdominal and posterior coronal scalp incisions. The pleural, pericardial, and peritoneal cavities had smooth serosal surfaces and the viscera were in their normal anatomical positions. Except for the above previously described injuries, the following internal systems were as follows:

#### Head:

No non-traumatic abnormality was noted in the reflected scalp, calvarium, dura, meninges or the base of the skull. The 1200 gm brain was free of neoplastic and other non-traumatic focal lesions, infarcts, and hemorrhages. The cerebral vascular system was unremarkable.

#### Neck:

No abnormality was noted in the cervical muscles, hyoid bone, laryngeal cartilages, trachea, or the cervical vertebral column.

#### Cardiovascular System:

The 350 gm heart had a normal configuration with an unremarkable epicardial surface and a moderate amount of epicardial fat. The coronary arteries had no significant atherosclerotic disease. No acute thrombi were present. Both ventricles were of normal size and their walls were of normal thickness. No focal endomyocardial lesions were present. The papillary muscles and chordae tendineae were not thickened, and the heart valves were unremarkable. The aorta had no significant atherosclerosis. The major arteries and great veins showed normal distribution.

#### Respiratory System:

The larynx and trachea were unremarkable. The right and left lungs weighed 250 gm and 200 gm, respectively. There was passive congestion in the parenchyma that was accentuated with dependent lividity. No pulmonary emboli were identified.

#### Hepatobiliary System:

The 1300 gm liver had firm dark tan surfaces and an unremarkable parenchymal pattern. The gallbladder and biliary tracts were unremarkable.

#### Hemolymphatics:

The 150 gm spleen had smooth surfaces and dark purple firm pulp. There was no significant lymphadenopathy.

#### Alimentary System:

The tongue, esophagus, stomach, small bowel, appendix and colon were unremarkable. The lining of the stomach had an intact and unremarkable rugal pattern and the contents of the stomach consisted of approximately 100 cc of partly digested food.

#### Pancreas:

The pancreas showed an unremarkable tan lobulated pattern.

#### Endocrine System:

The thyroid gland had a normal bilobed configuration. The adrenal glands were each unremarkable with golden-yellow cortices.

#### Genitourinary System:

The right and left kidneys weighed 125 gm and 150 gm, respectively. Each kidney had smooth cortical surfaces,



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normal cortico-medullary regions and no changes in the calyceal systems, pelves, ureters, or bladder. The non-gravid uterus was of normal size and had a smooth, glistening, tannish-pink serosal surface and an unremarkable cervix and endometrium. The fallopian tubes were patent and the ovaries were unremarkable.

**Musculoskeletal System:**

Except for the above noted injuries, all the muscles and axial skeleton were free of any significant abnormalities.

Routine tissue specimens were retained in formalin for one year after autopsy in accordance with the current record retention schedule.

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Sex F Age 19 Case # \_\_\_\_\_ Autopsy # 13-11485

