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#### REPORT OF INVESTIGATION BY MEDICAL EXAMINER

| DECEDENT First-Middle-Last Names (Please avo   | ) Age 60  |   |                     |   | Birth Date<br>7/28/1960 |   | Race<br>BLACK      |  | Sex<br>//     |                      |
|--|---|---|---------------------|---|-------------------------|---|--------------------|--|---------------|----------------------|
| HOME ADDRESS - No Street, City, State<br>12005 VICTORIA PLACE, OKLAHOMA CITY, OR   | (   |   |                     |   |                         |   |                    |  |               |                      |
| EXAMINER NOTIFIED BY - NAME - TITLE (AGENCY, II<br>LT. BRAD ANDERSON OKLAHOMA CITY POLI  | ,   | ,   |                     |   |                         | DATE<br>12/11/2020                                |                    |  | ME<br>14:26   |                      |
| INJURED OR BECAME ILL AT (ADDRESS) 2111 W HEFNER ROAD  | CITY<br>OKLAHOMA CITY   |   | COUNTY<br>OKLAHOMA  | TYPE OF PREMISES PARKING LOT  |                         | DATE<br>12/11/2020                                |                    | 20   | IME<br>nknown |                      |
| LOCATION OF DEATH 2111 W HEFNER ROAD   | CITY<br>OKLAHOMA CITY   |   | COUNTY<br>OKLAHOMA  | TYPE OF PREMISES PARKING LOT  |                         |   | DATE<br>12/11/2020 |  | IME<br>12:10  |                      |
| BODY VIEWED BY MEDICAL EXAMINER 921 NE 23RD STREET   | CITY<br>OKLAHOMA CITY   |   | COUNTY<br>OKLAHOMA  |   |                         |   |                    |  | 9:00          |                      |
| TRANSPORTATION INJURY DRIVER  TYPE OF VEHICLE: AUTOMOBILE  | PASSEN  | GER PEDI  | ESTRI<br>RUCK       | AN BICYCLE  | MOTORCY                 | CLE   | OTHER              | ₹:   |               |                      |
| DESCRIPTION OF BODY RIGOR  | I   | EXTERNAL OBSERVATION                                    |                     |   |                         |   | NOSE               | MOUTH  | HEARS         |                      |
| EXTERNAL PHYSICAL EXAMINATION Arms Passing Passed Anter  Decomposed Regic  | rior 🗸  | _ · · -   | BROW                | Hair BLA  N/GR Mustache  L 3 MM  NCHES Body Weigh                         | PRESENT                 | ·   | LOOD<br>THER       |  |               |                      |
| Significant observations and injury documentations - (Pleat 1.MULTIPLE GUNSHOT WOUNDS (5), SUSTAINED IN COMPARE GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE RIGHT ARM (GSVPERFORATING GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE CHEST (COMPARE GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE ABDOME-PENETRATING GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE BACK (GSC-GRAZE GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE RIGHT THIGH (GSCABRASIONS ON THE BACK OF THE RIGHT ARM, AN 3.THREE (3) ELECTROSHOCK GUN PROBES ATTACH | OFFICER INVOLV<br>N#1)<br>GSW#2)<br>N (GSW#3)<br>SW#4)<br>SW#5)<br>D LEFT ELBOW / | ED SHOOTING   |                     |   |                         |   |                    |  |               |                      |
| Probable Cause of Death:   |   |   |                     | Manner of Deat  | h: (                    | Case disp   | osition            | ) <i>:</i>   |               |                      |
| MULTIPLE GUNSHOT WOUNDS  Other significant conditions contributing to death (but not a   | resulting in the un   | nderlying cause giv                                     | ren) l              | Suicide Hom   | nicide 🗸 A              | utopsy<br>uthorized I<br>athologist<br>ot a medic | by LE              | ONARDO<br>ONARDO                                   | O ROQU        | JERO M.D<br>JERO M.D |
| MEDICAL EXAMINER: Name, and Address:   |   | conducted a law, and tha                                | an inve<br>It the f | t, after receiving noti<br>estigation as to the c<br>facts contained here | ause and m              | anner of  | death,             | as req   |               |                      |
| LEONARDO ROQUERO M.D. 921 NE 23rd Street   |   | to the best of  | ווון ונ             | KITOWIEUGE.   |                         |   |                    | _  | 12/11/        |                      |
| Oklahoma City, ok 73105  | •   | Signature of Medical Examiner Computer generated report |                     |   | LEONARDO ROQUERO M      |   |                    | Date Case Initiated  1/31/2021  Date Case Finalize |               |                      |

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## REPORT OF AUTOPSY

| Decedent BENNIE JOE EDWARDS, II | Age<br>60     | Birth Date <b>7/28/1960</b> | Race<br>BL | Sex<br>M | Case No <b>2007040</b>                          |
|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|------------|----------|---|
| Means OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING | ID By<br>VISU | AL/TAG                      |            |          | Authority for Autopsy<br>LEONARDO ROQUERO, M.D. |

Present at Autopsy

TAI SPORN (INVESTIGATOR), ANTHONY AUSTIN (PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT)

### **FINDINGS**

- I. Multiple gunshot wounds (5)
  - Graze gunshot wound to the right arm (GSW#1)
  - Perforating gunshot wound to the chest (GSW#2)
  - Perforating gunshot wound to the abdomen (GSW#3)
  - Penetrating gunshot wound to the back (GSW#4)
  - Graze gunshot wound to the right thigh (GSW#5)
- II. Abrasions on the back of the right hand, and left elbow and forearm
- III. Thee (3) electroshock gun probes attached to the clothing

(See Page 2 for OPINION AND SUMMARY):

CAUSE OF DEATH: MULTIPLE GUNSHOT WOUNDS

MANNER OF DEATH: HOMICIDE

The facts stated herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

OCME Central Division 12/12/2020 9:00 AM

LEONARDO ROQUERO, M.D.

Pathologist

Location of Autopsy

Date and Time of Autopsy

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#### **OPINION AND SUMMARY:**

It is my opinion that death was caused by multiple gunshot wounds.

There were five (5) gunshot wounds on the body: right arm (1), chest (1), abdomen (1), back (1), and right thigh (1). There was no muzzle impression, soot or gunpowder stippling noted on the skin surrounding any of the wounds. Unless otherwise stated, the wound tracks were described when the body is viewed in the standard anatomical position. The gunshot wounds were arbitrarily numbered for ease of description and do not reflect the sequence of firing.

#### GRAZE GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE RIGHT ARM (GSW#1):

There was a graze gunshot wound on the inner surface of the right arm adjacent to the axilla. The wound track proceeded from this injury through the skin and subcutaneous tissue with associated soft tissue hemorrhage. The wound track was from right to left. There was no bullet or part of bullet recovered from the wound track.

#### PERFORATING GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE CHEST (GSW#2):

There was a through and through entrance gunshot wound on the side of the chest adjacent to the axilla. The wound track proceeded from this injury through the skin, subcutaneous tissue, and muscles and ended at an exit wound on the right upper back. The exit wound contained clothing material. Associated injury included soft tissue hemorrhage. The wound track was from front to back, left to right and downward. There was no bullet or part of bullet recovered from the wound track.

#### PERFORATING GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE ABDOMEN (GSW#3):

There was a through and through entrance gunshot wound on the right abdomen. The wound track proceeded from this injury through the skin and subcutaneous soft tissue, right iliac bone and ended at an exit wound on the right buttock. Associated injuries included soft tissue hemorrhage and fracture of the right iliac bone. The wound track was from front to back, left to right and downward. There was no bullet or part of bullet recovered from the wound track.

#### PENETRATING GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE BACK (GSW#4):

There was an entrance gunshot wound on the right back. The wound track proceeded from this injury through the skin and soft tissue, T10 vertebral bone and the adjacent right 10th rib, right lung, heart with its ascending aorta, superior vena cava and pulmonary trunk, anterior right 3<sup>rd</sup> rib and body of the sternum and it overlying soft tissue where a deformed jacketed bullet was recovered. Associated injuries included soft tissue hemorrhage, fracture of the T10 vertebral bone, right 10<sup>th</sup> rib, sternum and right 3<sup>rd</sup> rib, and injuries to the right lung, heart and its great vessels. There was bleeding into the right chest cavity and heart cavity. The wound track was from back to front, right to left and upward.

#### GRAZE GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE RIGHT THIGH (GSW#5):

There was a graze gunshot wound on the inner surface of the right thigh. The wound track proceeded from this injury through the skin and subcutaneous tissue with associated soft tissue hemorrhage. The wound track was from back to front. There was no bullet or part of bullet recovered from the wound track.

Additionally, there were three (3) electroshock gun probes attached to the clothing but no injury identified on the body.

#### **EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:**

The body was received sealed with a seal number 1420909 along with the Oklahoma Office of the Chief Medical Examiner identification tag. The hands were bagged. The body was that of a normally developed and nourished Black American male appearing about the recorded age of 60 years. The body measured 69 inches in length and weighed 150 pounds (BMI = 22.1 kg/m<sup>2</sup>). Rigor mortis was complete. The red-purple livor mortis was present posterior and fixed. The body was received clothed in the following items described from outermost to the innermost: blood-stained, with defects, pale tan and black hooded zip-up jacket having an electroshock gun probe attached to the right distal forearm and right front side, respectively; bloodstained, with defects, fatigue green hooded zip-up jacket having an electroshock gun probe attached to left front side; blood-stained, with defects, blue t-shirt; blood-stained, with defects, brown long sleeve shirt; gray jeans with defects containing personal effects; tan shorts; and black leggings with defect. Additionally, there was a blue bonnet, a mask, two (2) pairs of gloves, socks, rubber shoes, necklaces, wristwatches and a ring around the right 5<sup>th</sup> finger. The right and left ears were each plugged with multiple wrappers of candies. The head was normocephalic and the scalp hair was black. The eyes had white sclerae and pale conjunctivae. The right eye had a brown iris having 5 millimeter dilation of the pupil and the left eye had green-brown iris having 3 millimeter dilation of the pupil. The dentition was absent. There was a beard and mustache. No lesions of the oral mucosa were identified. There were no masses discernable in the neck and the larynx was in the midline. The abdomen was flat. The external genitalia were those of a normal adult circumcised male. Swabs (oral, penile and anal), hair (scalp and pubic hair), fingernail clippings and photographs were obtained.

#### **EVIDENCE OF TREATMENT:**

Oral airway tube and defibrillator pads were present.

#### **EVIDENCE OF INJURY:**

#### **GUNSHOT WOUNDS**

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#### GRAZE GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE RIGHT ARM (GSW#1):

There was a graze gunshot wound on the medial surface of the right arm, 16-1/2 inches below the top of the head. There was no muzzle impression, soot or gunpowder stippling noted on the skin surrounding this wound. The wound track proceeded from this injury through the skin and subcutaneous tissue with associated soft tissue hemorrhage. The wound track was from right to left when the body is viewed in the standard anatomical position. There was no bullet or part of bullet recovered from the wound track.

#### **EVIDENCE OF INJURY (cont'd):**

## PERFORATING GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE CHEST (GSW#2):

There was a through and through entrance gunshot wound on the chest, 17 inches below the top of the head and 5-1/2 inches right of the anterior midline. There was no muzzle impression, soot or gunpowder stippling noted on the skin surrounding this wound. The wound track proceeded from this injury through the skin, subcutaneous tissue, and muscles and ended at an exit wound on the back, 18-1/2 inches below the top of the head and 7-3/4 inches right of the posterior midline. The exit wound contained clothing material. Associated injury included soft tissue hemorrhage. The wound track was from front to back, left to right and downward when the body is viewed in the standard anatomical position. There was no bullet or part of bullet recovered from the wound track.

#### PERFORATING GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE ABDOMEN (GSW#3):

There was a through and through entrance gunshot wound on the abdomen, 26-1/2 inches below the top of the head and 3-1/2 right of the anterior midline. There was no muzzle impression, soot or gunpowder stippling noted on the skin this wound. The wound track proceeded from this injury through the skin and subcutaneous soft tissue, right iliac bone and ended at an exit wound on the right buttock, 30 inches below the top of the head and 6-1/2 inches right of the posterior midline. Associated injuries included soft tissue hemorrhage and fracture of the crest of the right iliac bone. The wound track was from front to back, left to right and downward when the body is viewed in the standard anatomical position. There was no bullet or part of bullet recovered from the wound track.

#### PENETRATING GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE BACK (GSW#4):

There was an entrance gunshot wound on the back, 18 inches below the top of the head and 1 inch right of the posterior midline. There was no muzzle impression, soot or gunpowder stippling noted on the skin this wound. The wound track proceeded from this injury through the skin and soft tissue, T10 vertebral bone and its adjacent right 10<sup>th</sup> rib, lower and middle lobes of the right lung, pericardium, right and left atria of the heart, ascending aorta, superior vena cava and pulmonary trunk, pericardium, anterior right 3<sup>rd</sup> rib and body of the sternum, and suprajacent soft tissue where a deformed jacketed bullet was recovered, 15 inches below the top of the head and ½ inch right of the anterior midline. Associated injuries included soft tissue hemorrhage, fracture of the T10 vertebral bone, right 10<sup>th</sup> rib, sternum and right 3<sup>rd</sup> rib, and injuries to the right lung, heart and its great vessels. There was right hemothorax of at least 1200 mL and hemopericardium of at least 30 mL. The wound track was from back to front, right to left and upward when the body is viewed in the standard anatomical position.

#### GRAZE GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE RIGHT THIGH (GSW#5):

There was a graze gunshot wound on the medial surface of the right thigh, 20 inches above the right heel. There was no muzzle impression, soot or gunpowder stippling noted on the skin surrounding this wound. The wound track proceeded from this injury through the skin and subcutaneous tissue with associated soft tissue hemorrhage. The wound track was from back to front when the body is viewed in the standard anatomical position. There was no bullet or part of bullet recovered from the wound track.

#### Additional injuries:

There were abrasions on the back of the right hand, and left elbow and forearm.

#### **INTERNAL EXAMINATION:**

#### **ORGAN WEIGHTS (in grams):**

**Brain:** 1213 **Heart:** 350 **Right Lung:** 350 **Left Lung:** 238 Liver: 1198 Spleen: **74 Right Kidney:** 97 Left Kidney: 108

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. The internal systems were as follows:

#### Head:

No abnormality was noted in the reflected scalp, calvarium, dura, meninges or the base of the skull. The 1213 gm brain was free of neoplastic and other 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 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. The papillary muscles and chordae tendineae were not thickened. 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 350 gm and 238 gm, respectively. There was emphysematous change in the parenchyma. No pulmonary emboli were identified.

#### **Hepatobiliary System:**

The 1198 gm liver had firm dark tan surfaces and red-tan parenchymal pattern. The gallbladder and biliary tracts were unremarkable.

#### **Hemolymphatics:**

The 74 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 mL of partially 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 97 gm and 108 gm, respectively. Each kidney had smooth cortical surfaces, normal cortico-medullary regions and no changes in the calyceal systems, pelves, ureters, or bladder.

#### Musculoskeletal System:

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

#### **RADIOGRAPHS:**

Anterior postmortem radiographs together encompassing the head, torso and extremities were taken and findings were included in the evidence of injury.

January 25, 2021

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LEONARDO ROQUERO, M.D.

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#### REPORT OF LABORATORY ANALYSIS

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ME CASE NUMBER: 2007040 LABORATORY NUMBER: 205491

DECEDENT'S NAME: BENNIE JOE EDWARDS, II DATE RECEIVED: 12/14/2020

MATERIAL SUBMITTED: BLOOD, VITREOUS, URINE, LIVER, BRAIN, HOLD STATUS: 5 YEARS

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SUBMITTED BY: ANTHONY AUSTIN MEDICAL EXAMINER: LEONARDO ROQUERO M.D.

#### NOTES:

#### **ETHYL ALCOHOL:**

Blood: NEGATIVE (Heart)

Vitreous:

Other:

#### **CARBON MONOXIDE**

Blood:

#### **TESTS PERFORMED:**

EIA - (Heart Blood) - Amphetamine, Methamphetamine, Fentanyl, Cocaine, Opiates, PCP, Barbiturates, Benzodiazepines (The EIA panel does not detect Oxycodone, Methadone, or Clonazepam)

#### **RESULTS:**

NONE DETECTED

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12/28/2020

DATE

BYRON CURTIS, PH.D., F-ABFT, Chief Forensic Toxicologist