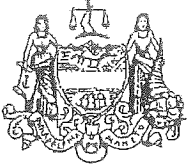


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DATE OF DEATH
07 Aug 96

DECEDENT'S NAME Julon.B Howard	AGE 57	RACE Black	SEX Male	HEIGHT 5'4"	WEIGHT 172 lb
ANNOUNCED DEAD BY Christopher Jackson	AT INSIDE-6120 SAMSON ST		DATE 07 Aug 96	TIME 12:45am	
1ST WITNESS NAME PHODORE HOWARD	ADDRESS [REDACTED]		RELATION [REDACTED]		
2ND WITNESS NAME (#2) NORMAN HOWARD	ADDRESS [REDACTED]		RELATION [REDACTED]		

Alias: August 7 1996 Unidentified


PATHOLOGIC FINDINGS:


I. PERFORATING GUNSHOT WOUND OF BACK.

CAUSE OF DEATH:

GUNSHOT WOUND OF BACK

MANNER OF DEATH: HOMICIDE


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EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

The decedent, Hulon B. Howard, a black man, appears consistent with the stated age of 57 years. He has a height of 5 feet 4 inches and a weight of 172 pounds.

He has black and gray hair, dark brown irides with bilateral arcus senilus and natural teeth. He also has a black and gray mustache and beard. A 4 inch laceration is present on the left side of the upper lip. There is a 2 inch x 1 1/2 x 1/2 inch size necrotic sebaceous cyst on the left side of the upper back. A 1/8 inch old healed scar with a black scab is present on the dorsum of the left foot. The neck and chest are unremarkable. The abdomen and back shows gunshot wounds which will be described in detail below. The external genitalia are those of an adult circumcised male. Both testes are present in the scrotum.

CLOTHING: It consists of a red T-shirt, a pair of blue pants with a black belt, and a pair of white sneakers. The T-shirt and pants are blood-stained.

On inspection of the red T-shirt, a 2" x 2" gunshot wound defect is present on the posterior surface, 18 1/2" below the back collar. The margins of this blown-out defect are ragged with fiber searing. On the anterior surface of the T-shirt there is a 1/4" gunshot wound defect, with irregular borders and is situated 16" below the front collar.

POSTMORTEM CHANGES:

There is partial generalized rigor mortis but no livor mortis.

EVIDENCE OF INJURY

Perforating gunshot wound of back

Entrance wound:

On the back, in the posterior midline, there is a 1/2" x 1/2" oval wound, transversely oriented with muzzle abrasion imprint and open and sharply rounded margin with circumferential abrasion. This is 24 1/2" below the top of the head.

Range: There is gunpowder soot within the wound.

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Narrative Description: (continued)

Contact - Soot in depth of wound with muzzle abrasion about wound.

Direction: Slightly upwards, and slightly forwards.

Wound path: The bullet enters the skin and muscles of the back close to the left side of the lumbar vertebra. It enters the abdominal cavity and perforates the mesentery, two loops of small intestine, the sigmoid colon and the right common iliac artery. At its origin, the bullet then passes through the soft tissue and skin of the left side of the abdomen and ends in the exit wound.

Exit wound: On the left side of the umbilicus, in the anterior midline, 1" x 1/4", L-shaped wound with easily approximable margins, 26" below the top of the head.

.2 liters of clotted blood is recovered from the abdominal cavity. No projectile or fragments are recovered.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION AND ORGAN SYSTEM REVIEW

Cardiovascular: The heart weighs 710 grams. It is markedly hypertrophic and has the following measurements: tricuspid valve 13 cms, mitral valve 10.5 cms, aortic valve 8.5 cms, pulmonic valve 7.7 cms, left ventricular wall thickness 3.5 cms, right ventricular wall thickness 0.6 cms and intraventricular thickness of 2.8 cms. The valve cusps are unremarkable. The coronaries show mild atherosclerosis with stenosis of the right coronary artery of about 30% and the stenosis of the left anterior descending and circumflex arteries of about 20% each. Sectioning of the heart muscle reveals subendocardial reddish-white pale area in the anterior lateral portion, close to the apex. The aorta shows mild atherosclerotic change, consisting of calcifications and complex plaques.

Respiratory: The right and left lungs weigh 485 and 400 grams respectively. Opening through the vessels and major bronchi are unremarkable. Serial sectioning of the parenchyma reveal mild congestion. The hyoid bone and larynx are intact. Opening through the larynx, trachea, and major bronchi are normal.

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Gastrointestinal: The esophagus, the stomach, and appendix are unremarkable. The stomach contains 40 ccs of creamy white paste. Aside from the gunshot wound injury, the small intestine and large intestine are unremarkable.

Hepatobiliary: The liver weighs 1,355 grams and is unremarkable intact and on serial sectioning. The gallbladder is full of bile without any stone.

Endocrine: The pituitary, thyroid, pancreas and both adrenals are unremarkable. The pancreas weighs 195 grams.

Spleen: The spleen weighs 90 grams and is unremarkable intact and on serial sectioning.

Urinary: The right and left kidneys weigh 230 and 210 grams respectively. Peeling of the capsules reveal scarring and mild granular surfaces on both kidneys. Sectioning through the parenchyma reveal unremarkable cortices and medullae.

Central nervous: The brain weighs 1,320 grams and appears symmetrical. There is minimal superficial subarachnoid hemorrhage, more marked on the left side and mainly confined to the temporo-parietal areas of both hemispheres. The vessels of the brain, including the Circle of Willis, are intact. The rest of the brain is unremarkable. There is no sign of trauma or fracture to the scalp or skull respectively.

X-RAYS TAKEN:

FLUOROSCOPY IS NEGATIVE.

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