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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION BY MEDICAL EXAMINER

DECEDENT—First—Middle—Last Names (Please avoid use of initials) Shawn Tee Farrens	Age 23	Birth Date 8-31-73	Race W	Sex F	Marital Status S
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HOME ADDRESS—No. Street, City, State 5945 E. 26th Pl., Tulsa, Oklahoma	Occupation Salesperson
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TYPE OF DEATH: (Check one only)		If motor vehicle accident, check one of the following DRIVER ☐ CYCLIST ☐ PASSENGER ☐ PEDESTRIAN ☐
While in penal incarceration ☐	Unattended during fatal illness ☐	
After unexplained coma ☐	Found dead without obvious cause ☐	
During therapeutic procedure ☐	*Under suspicious circumstances ☐	
Death possible threat to public health ☐	*Violent, unusual or unnatural ☒	
Unattended stillbirth or by midwife only ☐	*Means: GAMMA-HYDROXYBUTYRATE	

EXAMINER NOTIFIED BY—NAME—TITLE(AGENCY, INSTITUTION, OR ADDRESS) Dispatcher Leanne, Tulsa Police Dept.	DATE 9-19-96	TIME 1432
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INJURED OR BECAME ILL AT(ADDRESS) 7230 S. 90th E. Ave.	CITY OR COUNTY Tulsa/Tulsa	TYPE OF PREMISES Residence	DATE Unk	TIME Unk
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LOCATION OF DEATH (ADDRESS OR NAME OF INSTITUTION) 7230 S. 90th E. Ave.	CITY OR COUNTY Tulsa/Tulsa	TYPE OF PREMISES Residence	DATE 9-19-96Fd	TIME 1400Fd
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BODY VIEWED BY MEDICAL EXAMINER AT (ADDRESS) 1115 West 17th St.	CITY OR COUNTY Tulsa/Tulsa	TYPE OF PREMISES Morgue	DATE 9-20-96	TIME 1050
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DESCRIPTION OF BODY	RIGOR	LIVOR	EXTERNAL OBSERVATIONS		NOSE	MOUTH	EARS
EXTERNAL PHYSICAL EXAMINATION	Jaw ☐ Complete ☐	Color _____	Clothed ☐ Unclothed ☐	BLOOD			
	Neck ☐ Absent ☐	Anterior ☐	Partly Clothed ☐ Hair _____	FROTH			
	Arms ☐ Passed ☐	Posterior ☐	Beard _____ Mustache _____	OTHER (Sand, dirt, water, etc.)			
	Legs ☐ Decomposed ☐	Lateral ☐	Circumcised ☐	(cm) _____ (kg) _____			
		Regional _____	Eyes: Color _____	LENGTH _____ WEIGHT _____			
Significant observations and injury documentation —(Please use space below)			Pupils: Opacities, Etc. R _____ L _____	BODY HEAT: _____			

See Autopsy Protocol

X-RAYS TAKEN ☒
I.D. PHOTOS ☒

Probable cause of death: TOXIC EFFECTS OF GAMMA-HYDROXYBUTYRATE	Manner of death: (Check one only) Natural ☐ Accident ☐ Suicide ☒ Homicide ☐ Unknown ☐ Pending ☐	Case disposition: T-406-96 Autopsy: Yes ☒ No ☐ Authorized by <u>R. L. Hemphill</u> Pathologist <u>R. L. Hemphill</u> Not a medical examiner case ☐
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MEDICAL EXAMINER
Name, Address and Telephone No.

**OFFICE OF CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER
1115 WEST 17th STREET
TULSA, OKLAHOMA 74107-1800**

I hereby state that, after receiving notice of the death described
herein, I conducted an investigation as to the cause and manner of
death, as required by law, and that the facts contained herein regard-
ing such death are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and
belief.

Signature of Medical Examiner

9611005

County of Appointment **OCME**

Date
5-19-97

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REPORT OF AUTOPSY

DECEDENT <u>SHAWN</u> <u>TAE</u> <u>FARRENS</u> Authority for Autopsy: <u>R.L. HEMPHILL, M.D.</u>	
First name MI Last name Name Official title	
TYPE OF DEATH	
☐ Unattended by Physician ☐ While in penal incarceration ☐	
☐ *Suspicious circumstances ☐ Found dead without obvious cause ☐	
☐ *Violet, unnatural or unusual ☒ During a therapeutic procedure ☐	
☒ *MEANS: ☒ Body to be cremated, buried at sea transported out of state ☐	
☐ Possible threat to public health ☐	
☐ After unexplained coma ☐	
GAMMA-HYDROXYBUTYRATE	
Age <u>23</u> Race <u>W</u> Sex <u>F</u> Length <u>66</u> in. Weight <u>138</u> lb. Eyes <u>BLUE</u> Pupils: R <u>0.4cm</u> Opacities, Etc.	
Hair <u>BROWN/BLONDE</u> Beard _____ Mustache _____ Circumcised _____ Body Heat <u>COOL</u> L <u>0.4cm</u>	
Rigor	Livor
Jaw ☐ Arm ☐ Neck ☐ Chest ☐ Back ☐ Abd. ☐ Legs ☐	Color <u>PURPLE</u> Ant. ☐ Post. ☐ Lat. ☐
<u>COMPLETE</u>	<u>Regional</u>
Identified By:	
TOE TAG	
Present at Autopsy	
R.L. HEMPHILL, M.D. D. DOOLEY S. SCOTT	

PATHOLOGICAL DIAGNOSIS

1. NO ANATOMICAL CAUSE OF DEATH
2. TOXIC BLOOD CONCENTRATION OF GAMMA-HYDROXYBUTYRATE

Cause of Death:

TOXIC EFFECTS OF GAMMA-HYDROXYBUTYRATE

T-406-96
9611005
RLH/CM

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CME-2 (Rev. 11-92)

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

Signature of Pathologist

09-20-96 (1050)

Date and time of autopsy

OCME TULSA

Place of autopsy

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

The body is that of a white female appearing somewhat older than the stated age. The body is clothed in a predominantly blue long sleeve pullover sweater, white jeans without belt, white bra, and predominantly orange colored bikini panties. There are gold colored ear studs in the earlobes. The one on the right is a solid gold ball, that on the left has a small clear stone. There is a silver colored ring in the skin just above the navel.

External examination after removal of clothing reveals no signs of significant injury. No conjunctival petechiae. No injuries to inside of lips or teeth. Teeth are natural. Genitalia and anus normal without injury.

AUTOPSY NO. T-406-96

CASE NO. 9611005

GROSS EXAMINATION

BODY CAVITIES:

The body is opened with a customary Y-shaped incision. The subcutaneous fat is normally distributed, moist, and bright yellow.

The musculature of the chest and abdomen shows no gross abnormalities.

The sternum and ribs show no injury or other abnormality.

The organs of the chest and abdomen are in normal position and relationship. The diaphragms are intact bilaterally, and arch in the usual fashion.

The pleural membranes are smooth, glistening and without adhesions or effusions.

The pericardium is smooth, glistening and without adhesions or effusions.

The peritoneum is smooth, glistening and without adhesions or effusions.

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM:

The heart weighs 290 grams. It has a normal configuration and location. The visceral pericardium is a smooth, glistening, fat-laden characteristic membrane. The coronary arteries arise and distribute normally and show no atheromatosis. The coronary ostia are normally located and patent. The chambers and atrial appendages are unremarkable. The valves appear competent. The endocardium is a smooth, gray, glistening, translucent membrane uniformly. The myocardium is intact, rubbery, red-tan, and shows no evidence of old or recent infarction. The ventricular walls show no evidence of hypertrophy. The papillary muscles and chordae tendinae are intact and unremarkable. The aorta and its branches show no significant abnormality. The pulmonary artery is unremarkable.

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM:

The right and left lungs weigh 570 grams, and 570 grams respectively. The visceral pleurae are smooth, glistening, and intact with no significant anthracosis or bleb formation. The overall configuration is normal. The trachea is widely patent and lined by a characteristic pink membrane. The major bronchi and bronchioles bilaterally are patent, normally formed, and contain no significant occlusive material. The pulmonary arterial tree is free of emboli or thrombi. The parenchyma is uniformly firm and dark red-purple in color, and exudes moderate quantities of blood and clear frothy edema fluid from its cut surfaces. There is no evidence of consolidation, granulomata, or neoplastic disease. The hilar lymph nodes are within normal limits with relation to size, color, and consistency.

GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT:

The esophagus shows an unremarkable mucosa, a patent lumen and no evidence of gross pathology. The esophagogastric junction is unremarkable. The stomach is of normal configuration, is lined by an intact mucosa, and has an unremarkable wall and serosa. The stomach contains about 200 ml. of gray-tan liquid in which are suspended a few small clumps of yellowish granular material. There is no evidence of acute or chronic ulceration of the mucosa, or other abnormalities. The jejunum, ileum, and colon are examined externally and show no evidence of gross pathology. The appendix is present.

HEPATOBIILIARY SYSTEM:

The liver weighs 1600 grams. It is of normal configuration, rubbery and red-brown in color. Its cut surface shows no pathology. The gall bladder lies in its usual location, contains liquid bile, no calculi, and has a velvety green mucosa. The biliary tree is intact and patent, without evidence of neoplasm or calculi.

PANCREAS:

The pancreas is normal in position, with normal configuration, and is pink-tan and characteristically lobulated with no apparent gross pathology.

SPLEEN:

The spleen weighs 180 grams. The capsule is intact. The parenchyma is rubbery, maroon, and shows a characteristic follicular pattern.

ADRENALS:

The adrenals lie in their normal position with yellow cortices and tan-gray medullae.

GENITOURINARY SYSTEM:

The right and left kidneys weigh 140 grams, and 160 grams respectively. Both are configured normally with no abnormality. The capsules strip with ease. Sectioning of the kidneys show them to be moderately congested with unremarkable cortices, medullae, and pelves. The ureters and bladder show no gross pathology. The bladder contains approximately 150 ml. of urine. The uterus, fallopian tubes, and ovaries are non-pregnant and normal.

NECK:

The skin, soft tissues, and muscles of the neck show no evidence of trauma or gross abnormality. The tongue is intact and normally papillated without evidence of tumor or hemorrhage. The hyoid bone is intact. The cartilages of the larynx show no evidence of fractures. The epiglottis is a characteristic plate-like structure without edema, trauma, or other gross pathology. The inside of the larynx is comprised of unremarkable vocal cords and folds. It is patent without foreign material, and is lined by a smooth glistening membrane. There are no petechiae of the epiglottis, laryngeal mucosa or thyroid cartilage. The thyroid gland is symmetric, rubbery, light tan to maroon in color, and in its normal position without evidence of neoplasm. There are no fractures of the cervical vertebrae.

HEAD:

The scalp shows no trauma or other abnormality. The calvarium is intact without evidence of osseous disease. The brain weighs 1310 grams. The dura and leptomeninges are unremarkable without evidence of trauma. The cranial nerves and arterial circle of Willis arise and distribute normally, and show no significant pathology. Externally the brain is normally configured and symmetric. Multiple serial sections of the cerebral hemispheres, pons, medulla, and cerebellum show no gross pathological change. The ventricular system is symmetrical and unremarkable. The base of the skull is intact without osseous abnormalities.

VERTEBRAE AND PELVIC BONES:

No injuries or other osseous abnormalities.

AUTOPSY T-406-96

CASE NO. 9611005

MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION

Sections of brain, heart, coronary arteries, lungs, liver, pancreas and kidneys confirm the gross diagnostic impressions.

FINAL SUMMARY

This was a 23 year old white female who was reportedly found dead in her apartment by a friend on the afternoon of 9-19-96. She was found in a sitting position on the floor leaning against a couch. There was an apparent suicide note present beside the body. She had reportedly been depressed and angry over some incident that had occurred with a male friend. She was reported by friends to have recreationally used gamma-hydroxybutyrate in the past.

Autopsy revealed no anatomical cause of death. Toxicological analysis revealed a toxic blood concentration of gamma-hydroxybutyrate.

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REPORT OF LABORATORY ANALYSIS

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NAME: FARRENS, Shawn T.

LABORATORY NO. 962287

MATERIAL SUBMITTED: Blood, Vitreous, Urine, Liver,
Brain, Gastric

DATE RECEIVED: September 25, 1996

CASE NO. 9611005

SUBMITTED BY: R.L. Hemphill, M.D.

MEDICAL EXAMINER: R.L. Hemphill, M.D.

RESULTS:

BLOOD: (Heart)

Ethyl Alcohol - Negative

Diazepam - Trace

Gama-Hydroxybutyrate - 1,900 mcg/mL (Analysis performed by Harris County, Texas M.E.)

Negative for Amitriptyline, Amobarbital, Amphetamine, Benzoyllecgonine, Butalbital, Carisoprodol,
Chlordiazepoxide, Chlorpheniramine, Chlorpromazine, Cocaine, Codeine, Desipramine,
Dextromethorphan, Diphenhydramine, Doxepin, Doxylamine, Gluthethimide, Imipramine, Meperidine,
Meprobamate, Mesoridazine, Methadone, Methamphetamine, Methaqualone, Morphine, Nordiazepam,
Nortriptyline, Pentazocine, Pentobarbital, Phencyclidine, Phenobarbital, Phenytoin, Primidone,
Propoxyphene, Secobarbital, Strychnine, Thioridazine.

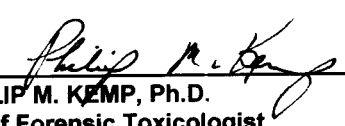
URINE:

Gama-Hydroxybutyrate - Positive



May 12, 1997

DATE


PHILIP M. KEMP, Ph.D.
Chief Forensic Toxicologist

Please Note: Unless notified in writing to the contrary, the specimen(s) submitted in this case will be discarded at the end of 60 days.