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## REPORT OF AUTOPSY EXAMINATION

### DECEDENT

**Document Identifier** B201901706  
**Autopsy Type** ME Autopsy  
**Name** Danquirs Napoleon Franklin  
**Age** 27 yrs  
**Race** Black  
**Sex** M

### AUTHORIZATION

**Authorized By** James R. Lozano MD                      **Received From** Mecklenburg

### ENVIRONMENT

**Date of Exam** 03/26/2019                                      **Time of Exam** 09:00  
**Autopsy Facility** Mecklenburg County M E Office      **Persons Present** Ms. Linnelle Banks

### CERTIFICATION

#### Cause of Death

Gunshot wounds of abdomen

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

#### Digitally signed by

James R. Lozano MD 02 July 2019 15:16

### DIAGNOSES

1. Perforating gunshot wound of left upper arm (A), exiting left upper arm
  - Soft tissue lacerations
2. Penetrating gunshot wound of left upper abdomen (B)
  - Lacerations of the liver, pancreas, small intestine, right kidney, and large intestine
  - Hemoperitoneum
3. Penetrating gunshot wound of left abdomen (C)
  - Lacerations of the spleen, left kidney, small intestine, large intestine, aorta, and liver
  - Hemoperitoneum
4. Abrasions of right forehead and cheek
5. Cardiomegaly (500 grams) with left ventricular hypertrophy
6. Pulmonary edema
7. Status post left thoracotomy

### IDENTIFICATION

#### Body Identified By

Papers/ID Tag

### EXTERNAL DESCRIPTION

**Length** 77 inches  
**Weight** 219 pounds  
**Body Condition** Intact  
**Rigor** 2+  
**Livor** None  
**Hair** Black, with moustache and beard  
**Eyes** Brown  
**Teeth** Natural

Received is the body of a well-developed, well-nourished black man appearing compatible with the reported age of 27 years. The body is received unclothed. There are no personal effects accompanying the body. Identifying marks and scars consist of a well-healed scar on the left lateral elbow. Evidence of medical intervention consists of a nasopharyngeal airway in the right nasal cavity; endotracheal intubation; needle thoracotomy catheters in the right and left upper chest; chest tube in the right chest; sutured left thoracotomy incision from the right lower chest across to the left axilla; left chest tube incision; electrocardiograph lead on the right upper chest; abdominal drain tube in the middle upper abdomen; intravascular lines in the right antecubital fossa and right femoral triangle; and right femoral cut-down incision.

## **INJURIES**

The gunshot wounds are lettered for convenience of description. The lettering is not intended to convey the order in which the injuries occurred. There is no evidence of soot or gunpowder stippling on the skin surrounding these wounds. Wound directions are given relative to the body in the standard anatomic position.

### **PERFORATING GUNSHOT WOUND OF LEFT UPPER ARM (A):**

There is a 5/8" by 1/2" elliptical entrance gunshot wound on the left upper arm located 8" below the top of the left shoulder and along the posterior midline of the left arm. The wound track proceeds through the soft tissue of the posterior left upper arm and ends at an irregular 1" by 3/4" exit gunshot wound on the posterior-medial left upper arm located 9" below the top of the left shoulder and 2" medial to the posterior midline of the arm. There is no bullet or fragment of bullet recovered from the wound track. The wound path is associated with soft tissue hemorrhage. The wound direction is left-to-right and downward. **\*\*See Note\*\***

### **PENETRATING GUNSHOT WOUND OF LEFT UPPER ABDOMEN (B):**

There is 1-3/4" by 1-1/4" atypical re-entrance gunshot wound with up to 1/4" marginal abrasion on the left upper abdomen located 22-1/2" below the top of the head and 4-1/2" left of the midline. The wound track proceeds through the soft tissue of the left upper abdomen; lacerates the liver, pancreas, loops of small intestine, right kidney, and ascending colon; and terminates in the soft tissue of the right flank/abdomen, where a deformed, jacketed bullet is recovered. The wound path is associated with hemoperitoneum. The wound direction is front-to-back, left-to-right, and downward. **\*\*See Note\*\***

**\*\*NOTE\*\*** In the appropriate anatomic position, the wound paths of gunshots A and B align and likely resulted from the same projectile.

### **PENETRATING GUNSHOT WOUND OF THE LEFT ABDOMEN (C):**

There is a 1/2" entrance gunshot wound with up to 1/8" circumferential marginal abrasion on the left abdomen located 26-1/2" below the top of the head and 3/4" posterior to the left axillary midline. The wound track proceeds through the soft tissue of the left abdomen; lacerates the spleen, left kidney, loops of small and large intestine, the aorta, and liver; and terminates in the soft tissue of the anterior right upper abdomen, where a deformed jacketed bullet is recovered. The wound path is associated with hemoperitoneum. The wound direction is back-to-front, left-to-right, and slightly downward.

### **Other Injuries:**

There are minor abrasions on the skin of the right forehead and right cheek.

## **DISPOSITION OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EVIDENCE**

### **The following items are released with the body**

None

### **The following items are preserved as evidence**

- Bloodstain card
- Deformed jacketed bullet recovered from right abdomen (gunshot wound B)
- Deformed jacketed bullet recovered from anterior right abdomen (gunshot wound C)

These items are released to CMPD Crime Scene Investigator S.R. Zay on March 28, 2019 at 2:10 p.m.

## **PROCEDURES**

### **Radiographs**

Anterior-posterior and lateral full-body radiographs reveal two radio-opaque projectiles in the anterior right abdomen and lateral right abdomen.



## **INTERNAL EXAMINATION**

### **Body Cavities**

The pleural cavities exhibit the previously described medical interventions and are free of significant fluid and adhesions. The peritoneal cavity exhibits the previously described gunshot injuries.

### **Cardiovascular System**

**Heart Weight** 500 grams

The pericardial sac is free of significant fluid and adhesions. The coronary arteries arise normally, follow the usual distribution, and are widely patent without evidence of significant atherosclerosis or thrombosis. The left ventricular free wall measures 1.5 cm in thickness at a point located 1 cm below the mitral valve annulus. The chambers and valves otherwise bear the usual size-position relationships and are unremarkable. The myocardium shows no evidence of acute infarction, scarring or focal lesions. The abdominal aorta exhibits the previously described gunshot injury.

### **Respiratory System**

**Right Lung Weight** 675 grams

**Left Lung Weight** 450 grams

Examination of the soft tissues of the neck including the strap muscles and large vessels reveals no abnormalities. The hyoid bone and laryngeal cartilages are intact. The larynx is clear. The upper and lower airways are free of debris and foreign material. The lungs are normally formed. The parenchyma of both lungs shows congestion and edema without obvious consolidation or focal lesions. The pulmonary arteries are free of thrombi or emboli.

### **Gastrointestinal System**

The gastrointestinal tract exhibits the previously described gunshot injuries. The stomach is empty.

### **Liver**

**Liver Weight** 1275 grams

The liver exhibits the previously described gunshot injuries. The gallbladder is present, contains bile, and is grossly unremarkable.

### **Spleen**

**Spleen Weight** 150 grams

The spleen exhibits the previously described gunshot injuries.

### **Pancreas**

The pancreas exhibits the previously described gunshot injury.

### **Urinary**

**Right Kidney Weight** 150 grams

**Left Kidney Weight** 150 grams

The kidneys exhibit the previously described gunshot injuries. The bladder contains sanguineous urine.

### **Reproductive**

Grossly unremarkable.

### **Endocrine**

The thyroid gland and bilateral adrenal glands are grossly unremarkable.

### **Neurologic**

**Brain Weight** 1375 grams

Reflection of the scalp reveals no evidence of injury. There are no skull fractures identified. The leptomeninges are thin and delicate. The cerebral hemispheres are grossly unremarkable. The vasculature at the base of the brain is intact and without significant atherosclerosis. Coronal sections reveal a normal architecture without focal lesions or masses.

### **Skin**

Except as previously described, grossly unremarkable.

### **Immunologic System**

Grossly unremarkable.

### **Musculoskeletal System**

Except as previously described, grossly unremarkable. There are no fractures identified.



### **MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION**

#### **Microscopic Comment**

Histologic examination is not performed.

### **SUMMARY AND INTERPRETATION**

The decedent is a 27-year-old black man who was shot.

Autopsy examination reveals three gunshot wounds on the body, with the abdominal wounds resulting in fatal injuries to multiple organ systems.

Ethanol is not detected in the decedent's blood on postmortem toxicology. Please see separate report (T2019-2715) for further toxicology details.

Based on the history and autopsy findings, it is my opinion that the cause of death in this case is Gunshot wounds of the abdomen.

### **DIAGRAMS**

1. BODY DIAGRAM: ADULT (FRONT/BACK)
2. BODY DIAGRAM-Injuries: ADULT (FRONT/BACK)

State of North Carolina

Name of Decedent: Danquils Franklin

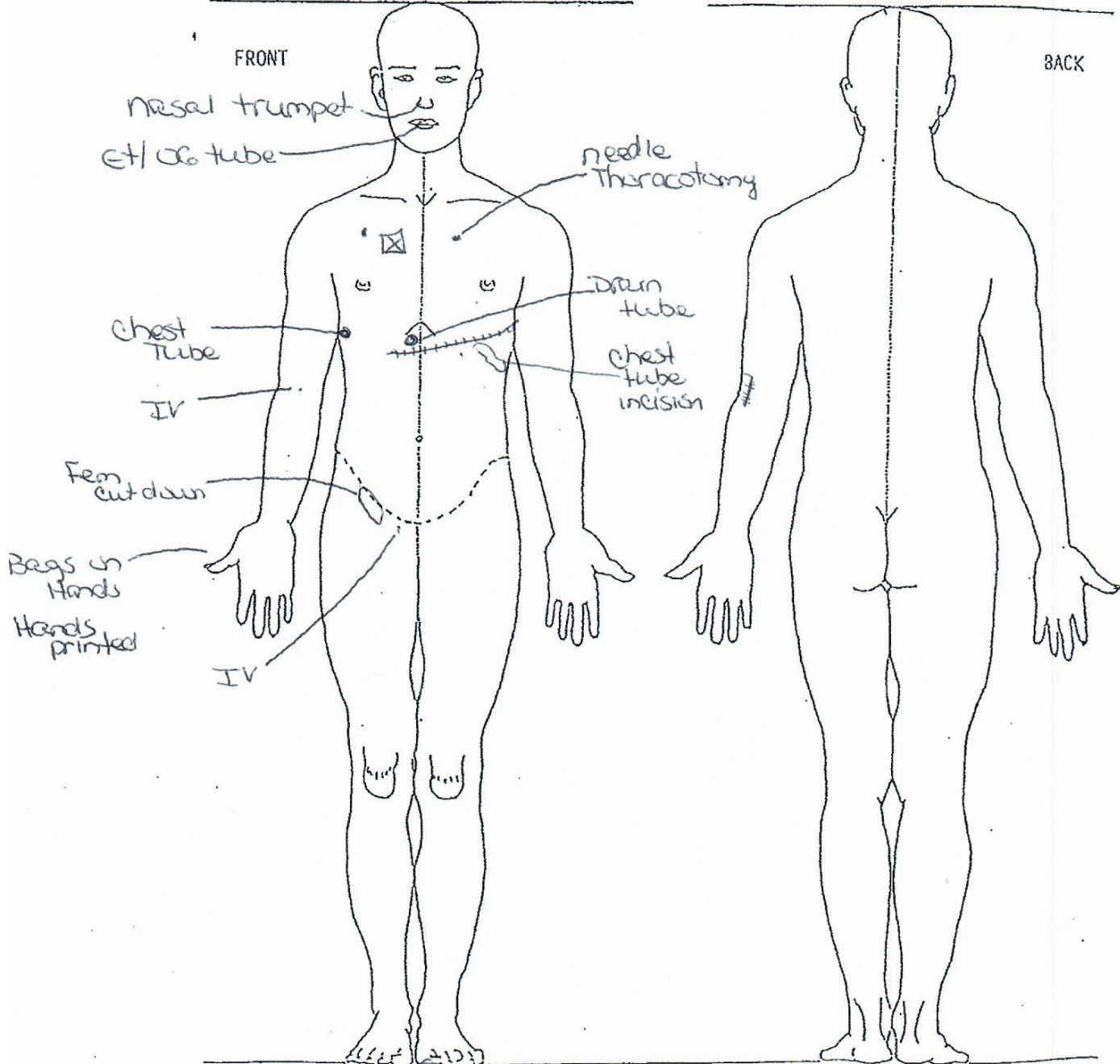
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Examined By: JBL Date: 3-26-19

**BODY DIAGRAM: ADULT (Front/Back)**



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