



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER**  
11 Shuttle Road, Farmington, Connecticut 06032-1939  
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August 3, 2001

Re: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 06-17-01

Dear [REDACTED]

The examinations pertaining to the death of your wife have been completed and an amended certificate of death filed with the Registrar of Vital Statistics in Bridgeport. The cause of death has been determined to be "Oxycodone intoxication". The manner of death has been classified as "Accident".

In accordance with the Administrative Regulations of the Commission on Medicolegal Investigations, copies of Medical Examiner's Office records may be furnished to you upon payment of the fee indicated on the enclosed form. It has been our experience, because these are technical, medical documents, that families often prefer to have the records sent to a physician or an attorney. If you would like to have records sent to someone other than yourself, please supply his/her name and address on the form.

If you have any questions concerning the examination, cause or manner of death, please contact Dr. Ira Kanfer at (860)679-3980.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Wayne Carver, II, M.D.", written over a large, stylized triangular graphic.

H. Wayne Carver, II, M.D.  
Chief Medical Examiner

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

ME-102 (rev 7/99)

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M.E. Case No. [REDACTED]

DECEASED	Name (First, Middle or Maiden name)		Age	Race	Sex
	[REDACTED]		45	WT	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female
INJURY (if any)	Last Residence (No., Street)		Town	State	Zip Code
	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]	CT	[REDACTED]
DEATH	Place of Death (No., Street)		Town	State	Date of Injury
	Residence				
	Reported By (Name)		Affiliation		
	Butt Police Dept				
Death Reported		Examiner Notified		O.C.M.E. Notified	
Date 6-17-01 Time 5:50 AM		Date 6-17-01 Time 6:30 AM		Date 6-17-01 Time 5:00 AM	
Arrival at Scene		Departure from Scene		Death Determined By	
Date 6-17-01 Time 7:30 AM		Date 6-17-01 Time 8:10 AM		A.E. GIANGROSSO	
Deceased Identified By (Name)		Address (Street, Town, State)		Time 7:30 AM	
[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]			
INFORMANT	Other Informants (Names)				
	SAT-Joe Berry DA J. Gole Butt PD				

CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH (Include when deceased last seen alive and pertinent medical and occupational history)

Deceased was a 45 y.o. white female - nurse - with long hx of Lyme Disease (15 yrs.) Has had multiple treatment program but never with severe pain. She was on Amoxic, Hydro, Oxycontin & Reglan. (also had Bostons) Under PMS [REDACTED] (pain control) - fell next to dumpster, several days ago. Went to call on SVH last evening 7 PM. No Rx. Last seen alive - last call 4:30 AM. Her hand found [REDACTED] in bed. Called 911. But had no [REDACTED] as advised & EMS. Body to O.C.M.E.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION	Deceased Examined At	On (Date)
	Residence	6-17-01

Briefly describe position of body, estimated height & weight, eye color, hair characteristics, scars, tattoos, bluish, & signs of injury or disease. Note signs of death, including rigor mortis and lividity. In homicides or suspicious deaths, record appearance of clothing.

Body of middle aged white female lying on bed room floor facing away from camera. Height about 63" & about 140 lb. Her hair brown & blue eyes. Attired in green nightgown. Body pale, cool, no rigors but dependent mottled pin point, along the back. Her long eyelashes are very long. Left breast [REDACTED] Her [REDACTED] material from [REDACTED]. No evidence of [REDACTED].

AUTOPSY	Performed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Authorized <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/>	Date Performed	At (Hospital Name)	By (Name of Examiner)
CREMATION	Performed <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Crementation Certificate Issued <input type="checkbox"/>		O.C.M.E.	

CAUSE OF DEATH: Cause and manner of death should be listed as on Certificate of Death and should be based on circumstances of death, past medical history, external examination, and autopsy, if performed.

Pending Autopsy + toxicology

CERTIFICATION	I certify that I made an external examination of the deceased on the date shown and that the cause of death is as stated above.		
	Date	Name of Assistant Medical Examiner	Signed
	6/17/01	A.E. GIANGROSSO MD	[Signature]

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POSTMORTEM REPORT  
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M. E. CASE NO.
COUNTY OF DEATH Fairfield
TOWN OF DEATH
DATE OF DEATH 17 Jun 2001

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT Ira J. Kanfer, M.D., Associate Medical Examiner	PERFORMED A POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION ON THE BODY	
AT Office of the Chief Medical Examiner	BEGINNING AT 9:00 am	ON 18 Jun 2001
IN THE PRESENCE OF		

AND SAID POSTMORTEM REVEALED

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:

The body is that of a well developed, well nourished white female appearing the stated age of 45 years. The height is 65 inches. The weight is 185 pounds. The deceased is clad in a blouse and underwear. There is a 6 cm. red-purple bruise overlying the left breast.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION:

HEART AND GREAT VESSELS:

The 340 gram heart has a normal amount of subepicardial fat and a right predominant coronary arterial system which has mild atherosclerosis. Sectioning of the heart discloses a firm, brown, homogeneous myocardium without abnormalities. The cardiac valves and coronary orifices are unremarkable. The intimal surface of the aorta is free of any lacerations or intimal tears.

LUNGS:

The right and left lungs weigh 770 and 750 grams each respectively. They are dusky blue-purple with mild anthracotic mottling. The cut surfaces are congested and edematous, but no foci of consolidation are seen or palpated. The pulmonary arteries, bronchi and veins are unremarkable.

LIVER AND GALLBLADDER:

The liver weighs 1,820 grams. The capsule is intact. The cut surface is homogeneous red-brown throughout. No focal lesions are found. The gallbladder is collapsed and has approximately 30 cc. of green bile within the lumen. No gallstones are found.

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Narrative Summary of Postmortem Examination: (continued)

SPLEEN:

The purple-blue spleen weighs 170 grams. The capsule is intact. The cut surface reveals a normal trabeculated appearance. The lymphoid follicles are not unusual.

GENITOURINARY SYSTEM:

The right and left kidneys weigh 120 and 110 grams each respectively. The cortex is smooth. The corticomedullary junction is distinct. The ureters are thin-walled and nondilated. The bladder is collapsed.

HEAD AND BRAIN:

The brain weighs 1,450 grams. It is symmetrical. There is no evidence of subdural or subarachnoid collections of blood. There is no evidence of skull fracture. Examination of the circle of Willis is unremarkable. The cut surface fails to reveal any focal lesions.

ENDOCRINE SYSTEM:

The pancreas, adrenals and thyroid are unremarkable exteriorly and on cut section.

NECK ORGANS:

The larynx, trachea and main stem bronchi are unremarkable externally and along the mucosal surfaces. The hyoid bone is intact. The tongue is free of any lacerations or contusions.

GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM:

The esophagus, stomach and small and large bowel are present. There is no evidence of tumor, polyp, obstruction or ulceration. The stomach has approximately 300 cc. of partially digested food and fluid material within the lumen.

LABORATORY PROCEDURES:

Specimens taken for Toxicologic Analysis:

Blood, Cardiac; Liver; Gastric Contents; Brain;  
Vitreous

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NAME [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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ANATOMIC DIAGNOSES:

PULMONARY CONGESTION AND EDEMA.

POSTMORTEM COMPLETED AT: 10:00 am

CAUSE OF DEATH:

PENDING FURTHER STUDIES

FINAL CAUSE OF DEATH:

(Amended: 07/27/2001)

OXYCODONE INTOXICATION

FINAL MANNER OF DEATH: ACCIDENT

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Certification:

This is a true statement of the postmortem findings upon the body of [REDACTED]

Ira J. Kanfer, M.D.  
Associate Medical Examiner  
07/27/2001

(End of Report)

M.E. CASE NO. [REDACTED]
DATE OF REPORT 12 July 01

LAB NO. L01-0707	DECEASED [REDACTED] 45 yrs White Female
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SPECIMENS SUBMITTED

Blood (90 mL), Stomach Contents (25 mL), Brain (75 g), Liver (80 g), Vitreous (5 mL)

TAKEN BY Ira J. Kanfer, M.D.	AT Office of the Chief Medical Examiner	ON (Date/Time) 6/18/01
RECEIVED FROM Ira J. Kanfer, M.D.	BY Thommasina Loveless	ON (Date/Time) 6/19/01 6:44 a.m.

FINDINGS

Blood was analyzed for the presence of ethanol and other common volatile hydrocarbons by a microdiffusion procedure. None were detected.

Blood was analyzed for the presence of acidic drugs by gas chromatography/mass spectrometry procedures. Acetaminophen (less than 25 mL), amitriptyline (trace amount) caffeine and/or caffeine metabolite(s) were detected.

Blood was analyzed for the presence of basic drugs by gas chromatography/mass spectrometry procedures. Ephedrine-related, amitriptyline, nortriptyline, oxycodone, metoclopramide and caffeine were detected.

Blood was analyzed for the presence of salicylates by a colorimetric procedure. None were detected.

Blood was analyzed for the presence of cocaine and/or cocaine metabolites and opiates by radioimmunoassay. Opiates were detected.

Blood and vitreous humor were analyzed for the presence of opiates by gas chromatography/mass spectrometry. The following results were obtained:

	<u>dihydrocodeine</u>	<u>oxycodone</u>	<u>hydrocodone</u>
blood	trace amount	present	present
vitreous humor	trace amount	present	present

Samples were sent to National Medical Services, Inc., Willow Grove, PA for analysis. The following results were obtained:

	<u>oxycodone</u>
blood	1.1 mg/L

*Sherwood C. Lewis*  
Sherwood C. Lewis, Ph.D.  
Director of Toxicology

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