

TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT
 OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER
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 REPORT OF INVESTIGATION BY COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER

MEC 2008-0655
 State Number: 08-79-0621

DECEDENT: Shindri Roberson
 RACE: Black SEX: Female AGE: 22 Years MARITAL STATUS: Single
 HOME ADDRESS: 584 Exchange Ave. ; Memphis, TN

OCCUPATION: AKA: Alicia Stevenson DATE OF BIRTH: 09/23/85

TYPE OF DEATH: Apparent Natural/Unattended Motor Vehicle Cremation: N
 Casualty Other
 Homicide/Suspected Homicide Suddenly when in apparent health
 In Prison Suicide

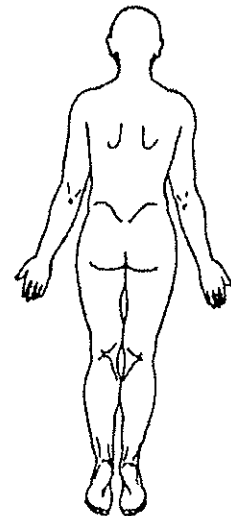
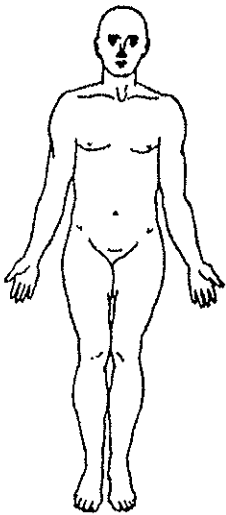
COMMENT: Homicide victim - multiple GSW (victim #3 of 6)

AGENCY INVESTIGATOR AND COMPLAINT #: City Police Dept. 0803001324ME

DESCRIPTION OF BODY: Clothed Unclothed Partly Clothed Circumcised?

Eyes: Hair: Mustache: Beard:
 Weight: (Lbs.) Length: (In.) Body Temp:
 Rigor? Livor Color: Full Fixed?

Marks & Wounds



Probable Cause of Death	Manner of Death	Disposition Of Case
Multiple gunshot wounds.	<input type="checkbox"/> Accident <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Homicide <input type="checkbox"/> Suicide Cremation Approved: N	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural <input type="checkbox"/> Could Not Be Determined <input type="checkbox"/> Pending Investigation Medical Examiner Jurisdiction: Accepted Autopsy Ordered: Autopsy Toxicology: Y Responsible for Death Certificate: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical Examiner <input type="checkbox"/> Other Physician Funeral Home: N.J. Ford & Sons

I hereby declare that after receiving notice of death described herein, I took charge of the body and made inquiries regarding the cause of death in accordance with Section 38-7-101-117 Tennessee Code Annotated and that the information contained herein regarding such death is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

June 24, 2008
 Date

Shelby
 County of Appointment

[Signature]
 Signature of County Medical Examiner

	Last Seen Alive	Injury or Illness	Death	Discovery	Medical Examiner Notified	View of Body	Police Notified
Date		Unknown	03/03/2008	03/03/2008	03/03/2008	03/04/2008	03/03/2008
Time		Unknown	11:54 PM	06:08 PM	11:14 PM	08:30 AM	05:51 PM

	Location	City or County	Type of Premises (hospital, hotel, highway, etc.)
Injury or onset of illness	722 Lester Street	Memphis, TN	House
Death	722 Lester Street	Memphis	House
Viewing of body by Medical Examiner	1060 Madison Ave	Memphis	M. E. Office

MEDICAL ATTENTION AND HOSPITAL, INSTITUTIONAL CARE OR HOME HEALTH CARE

Name of Physician or Institution	Address	Diagnoses	Dates

(35) CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH

	Name	Address
Found Dead By	Memphis Police Officers (car #542D)	
Last Seen Alive By		
Witness to Injury or Illness		
Witness to Death	Inv Lewis Crider	Office of the Medical Examiner 1060 Madison Ave; Memphis, TN 38104
Next of Kin	James Roberson	

(36) NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DEATH

Reportedly this 22 y.o. B/F was found in a residence located at 722 Lester Street with five other individuals who had apparently been killed by others. The victim was discovered by Memphis Police Officers while performing a welfare check at the residence. Memphis Police were contacted by friends of the victims' when they had not been heard from in several days. Memphis Police Homicide Lt Toney Armstrong contacted Investigator Crider who accepted jurisdiction for the Medical Examiner's Office and responded to the scene with Investigator Acerra and Dr. Chancellor. After a brief examination Investigator Crider pronounced the victim deceased at 2354 hours. The decedent and the scene were photographed by Investigator Acerra. The decedent had numerous open wounds. The decedent's body was transported to the Regional Forensic Center by MTRS for further examination, positive identification and disposition to the funeral home. Lewis Crider, Investigator
03/04/08

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REPORT OF AUTOPSY EXAMINATION**

CASE NUMBER: 2008-0655 **DECEDENT:** Shindri Roberson
AKA: Alicia Stevenson

AGE: 22 Years **RACE:** Black **SEX:** Female

Authorized by: Karen E. Chancellor, M.D. **Received from:** Shelby County

Date of Autopsy Examination: 03/04/2008

Persons present at the autopsy: LaQuita Woods

PATHOLOGICAL DIAGNOSIS

- I. Gunshot wound of the right thigh.
 - A. Injury of the muscles of the right thigh, the soft tissue and muscles of the pelvis, the right femoral vein and soft tissue and muscle of the right retroperitoneum.
 - B. Trajectory of the bullet: front to back, left to right and upward.

 - II. Gunshot wound of the left knee.
 - A. Injury of the subcutaneous soft tissue of the left knee.
 - B. Trajectory of the bullet: undetermined.

 - III. Gunshot wound of the left calf.
 - A. Injury of the soft tissue and muscle of the left calf.
 - B. Trajectory of the bullet: back to front, upward and without significant deviation to the right or left.

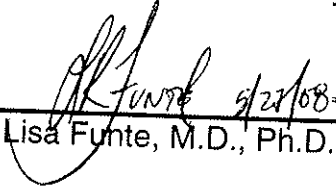
 - IV. Gunshot wound of the left thigh.
 - A. Injury of the soft tissue and muscle of the left thigh.
 - B. Recovery of a severely-deformed, lead projectile and copper jacket.
 - C. Trajectory of the bullet: back to front, left to right and upward.
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CASE NUMBER:

DECEDENT:

CAUSE OF DEATH: Multiple gunshot wounds.

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

 5/28/08
Lisa Funte, M.D., Ph.D. Pathologist

Date

EXTERNAL DESCRIPTION

Body Condition: Intact with evidence of early decomposition.

Length: 68 inches.

Weight: 113 pounds.

Body Heat: Cool.

Rigor: None.

Livor: Posterior fixed, ill-defined, and red-purple.

Hair: Black; a black hair piece is present.

Eyes: Brown with slightly cloudy cornea. Tache noir is identified.

Teeth: Natural and in fair condition.

Facial Hair: None.

Other External:

The body is that of an adult, black woman who is unidentified at the time of autopsy. She has been since identified as 22 year old Shindri Roberson, AKA Alicia Stevenson. The hands are bagged. The body is clad in a pair of blue jeans which are pulled down to the level of her knees; the blue jeans are blood soaked. A pair of bloody panties is present with the waist band pulled down to the level of the ankles. A pair of blood soaked grey-white socks are present as are a pair of blood stained white tennis shoes, a black bra which is pulled up exposing the left breast, and a pink shirt which is pulled up to the level of the armpits. An obliquely-oriented, 5/8 of an inch long scar is present on the inferior aspect of the left side of the chin. An area of hyperpigmented skin, consistent with a scar, is present on the posterior right forearm; this area measures 1 x 3¼ inches and has a rectangular configuration. A 1 inch long scar is present on the anterior right knee. Curvilinear scars are present on the lateral and medial aspect of the right ankle ranging in length from 2 to 3½ inches. Silver, glitter polish is present on the toenails bilaterally. A color ink tattoo is present on the posterior aspect of the right wrist. A black ink tattoo is present on the lateral aspect of the right leg. A faint black ink tattoo on the distal anterior left thigh. The external genitals are that of an apparently normal female and are atraumatic. A plastic bag containing a hard yellow substance is present between the labia.

Patchy, grey-green discoloration is present on the torso. Skin slip is present on the lower extremities. Marbling is present on the upper chest.

EVIDENCE OF INJURY:

Four gunshot wounds are identified. These gunshot wounds will be described without chronological sequence or severity of injury. Once described, these injuries will not be repeated.

Gunshot wound of the right thigh:

On the right thigh, 36 inches below the top of the head and 4 inches medial to the anterior midline of the right lower extremity, is a gunshot wound of entrance. The entrance defect measures $\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{3}{8}$ of an inch and is surrounded by an eccentric, red-brown abrasion measuring up to $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch at the 4 o'clock position and $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch at the 7 o'clock position. No soot or stippling is identified.

After perforating the skin and subcutaneous soft tissue of the right thigh, the bullet sequentially perforates the underlying musculature, the pelvic cavity with hemorrhage into the soft tissue and muscle, lacerates the right femoral vein, perforates the retroperitoneal tissue on the right side with surrounding retroperitoneal hemorrhage. Approximately 50 ml of blood is present in the peritoneal cavity. Approximately 50 ml of brown fluid are present in the right pleural cavity.

On the right side of the back, $23\frac{1}{4}$ inches from the top of the head and $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches to the right of the posterior midline, is an exit defect. This defect measures $\frac{1}{8} \times \frac{3}{16}$ of an inch and is surrounded by an eccentric, red abrasion measuring up to $\frac{1}{16}$ of an inch in width at the 6 o'clock position.

The trajectory of the bullet is front to back, left to right and upward.

Gunshot wound of the left knee:

On the left knee, surrounding the patella, are two gunshot wound defects. The superior-most defect is present 47 inches below the top of the head and $\frac{7}{8}$ of an inch to the left of the anterior midline of the left lower extremity. This defect measures $\frac{1}{8}$ of an inch in diameter and is surrounded by an eccentric, brown abrasion measuring up to $\frac{3}{16}$ of an inch in width at the 2 o'clock position. No soot or stippling is identified surrounding this gunshot wound defect.

The inferior-most defect is present 48 inches below the top of the head and $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch medial to the anterior midline of the left lower extremity. This defect measures $\frac{1}{8}$ of an inch in diameter and is surrounded by a brown abrasion $\frac{1}{8}$ of an inch in width. No soot or stippling is identified.

A gunshot wound tract perforates the subcutaneous soft tissue and connects these two defects.

The trajectory of the bullet is undetermined.

Gunshot wound of the left calf:

On the posterior aspect of the left calf, 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches superior to the inferior surface of the right heel and 1 $\frac{7}{8}$ inches medial to the posterior midline of the left lower extremity, is a gunshot wound of entrance. This entrance defect measures $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch. A skin tag is present at the posterior edge. No soot or stippling is identified.

After perforating the skin and soft subcutaneous soft tissue of the left calf, the bullet sequentially perforates the underlying soft tissue and musculature.

On the anterior left leg, 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch superior to the inferior aspect of the left heel and 1 $\frac{9}{16}$ inches lateral to the anterior midline of the left lower extremity, is an exit defect. This exit defect is slit-like and is surrounded by an eccentric, pink abrasion measuring up to $\frac{3}{16}$ of an inch in width at the 7 o'clock position.

The trajectory of the bullet is back to front, upward and without significant deviation to the right or left.

Gunshot wound of the left thigh:

On the lateral aspect of the left thigh, 44 inches below the top of the head and 1 inch posterior to the lateral midline of the left lower extremity, is a gunshot wound of entrance. The defect measures $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch in diameter and is surrounded by an eccentric, pink abrasion which measures up to $\frac{1}{16}$ of an inch in width at the 6 o'clock position. No soot or stippling is identified.

After perforating the skin and subcutaneous soft tissue, the bullet penetrates the underlying musculature. A severely-deformed, lead projectile and copper jacket are recovered from the subcutaneous tissue of the left thigh. On the anterior surface, overlying these projectile fragments, is an area of blue-green contusion measuring 2 x 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches with centrally-located, brown abrasions each measuring $\frac{3}{16}$ of an inch in length.

The trajectory of the bullet is back to front, left to right and upward.

Associated injuries:

On the right side of the chest, 22 inches below the top of the head and 6 inches to the right anterior midline, is a contused, brown abrasion measuring $\frac{1}{4}$ x $\frac{7}{8}$ of an inch. Red discoloration is present overlying the medial aspect of the left

breast, suggestive of contusion. On the left side of the mid-abdomen, is a red-purple to blue-green contusion measuring 1½ x 1¾ inches.

ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES:

- Radiographs:** Radiographs of the torso and lower extremities are taken.
- Microbiology:** None.
- Toxicology:** Please see separate report.
- Evidence Collected:** A rape kit, a head hair standard, fingernail clippings, gunshot residue swabs, projectile fragments, clothing, an FTA blood spot card, and fingerprints are collected for submission to the investigating agency. Please refer to the evidence sheet.
- Personal Effects Disposition:** No personal effects are released with the decedent.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION

All internal organs contain red-brown discoloration and softening consistent with early decomposition.

Body Cavities:

Please see evidence of injury.

The thoracic and abdominal organs are in their normal anatomic positions. The pericardial sac and the left pleural cavity contain no abnormal collections of fluid no adhesions are identified.

Head:

The scalp and skull are unremarkable. The dura is tan and smooth; the dural sinuses are patent. No epidural, subdural or subarachnoid hemorrhages are identified. The brain weighs 1250 grams. The leptomeninges are thin and delicate. The cerebral hemispheres are symmetrical with a normal gyral pattern. The cranial nerves are symmetrically present and without lesions. The cerebral vasculature is without abnormalities. Sections through the cerebral hemispheres demonstrate a normal amount of white matter and a uniform cortical ribbon. No hemorrhages of the deep white matter or basal ganglia are identified. Sections of the cerebellum and brain stem are unremarkable. The cerebral ventricles

have a smooth lining and are free of blood. The spinal cord as viewed from the cranial cavity is unremarkable.

Neck:

The soft tissues and prevertebral fascia are unremarkable. The hyoid bone and laryngeal cartilages are intact. The lumen of the larynx is not obstructed.

Cardiovascular:

The intimal surface of the abdominal aorta is free of atherosclerotic plaques. The aorta and its major branches and the great veins are normally distributed. The pulmonary arteries contain no thromboemboli and are without atherosclerotic plaques. The heart weighs 300 grams. The pericardium, epicardium, and endocardium are smooth. No mural thrombi are present. The foramen ovale is closed. The coronary arterial system is right dominant and is without atherosclerotic plaques. The atrial and ventricular septa are intact. The cardiac valves are normally developed. The left ventricular wall thickness is 0.7 cm; the right ventricular wall thickness is 0.1 cm. The myocardium is brown and soft no focal abnormalities are identified.

Respiratory:

The trachea is without lesions and is not obstructed. The pleural surfaces are smooth. The right lung weighs 390 grams; the left lung weighs 250 grams. The major bronchi are without lesions. Sectioning of the lungs discloses red-purple to dark purple parenchyma.

Hepatobiliary:

The liver weighs 780 grams and is covered by a smooth, intact capsule. The parenchyma is brown. The gallbladder contains approximately 5 ml of bile and no calculi.

Gastrointestinal System:

The esophageal mucosa is tan and without lesions. The stomach is empty. No tablets or capsules are identified in the stomach contents. The gastric mucosa is without rugal folds; no ulcers or other lesions are identified. The small and large intestines are unremarkable externally. The appendix is present. The pancreas is unremarkable externally and upon sectioning.

Genitourinary:

The right kidney weighs 140 grams; the left kidney weighs 150 grams. The subcapsular surfaces of the kidneys are smooth. The cortices are of normal thickness with well-demarcated cortico-medullary junctions. The calyces, pelves

and ureters are unremarkable. The urinary bladder is empty; the mucosa is tan and smooth. The uterus, uterine tubes and ovaries are unremarkable externally and on sectioning.

Endocrine:

The pituitary, thyroid and adrenal glands are unremarkable externally and upon sectioning.

Reticuloendothelial:

The spleen weighs 80 grams and is covered by a smooth, blue-gray, intact capsule. The parenchyma is dark red and diffuent. The cervical, hilar and peritoneal lymph nodes are not enlarged.

Musculoskeletal:

The sternum, clavicles, ribs, pelvis, and vertebral column have no visible or palpable fractures. The diaphragm is intact.

MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION

None.

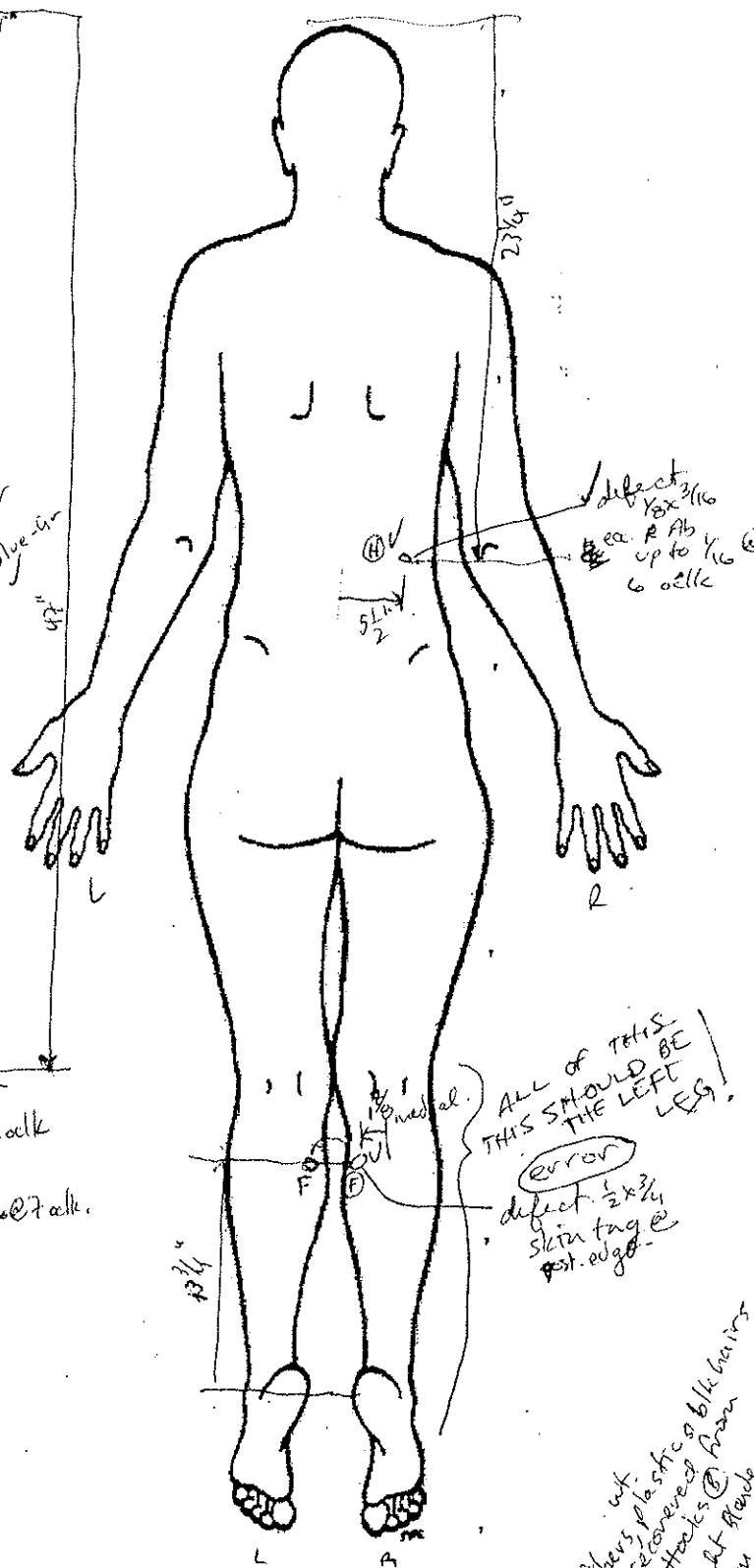
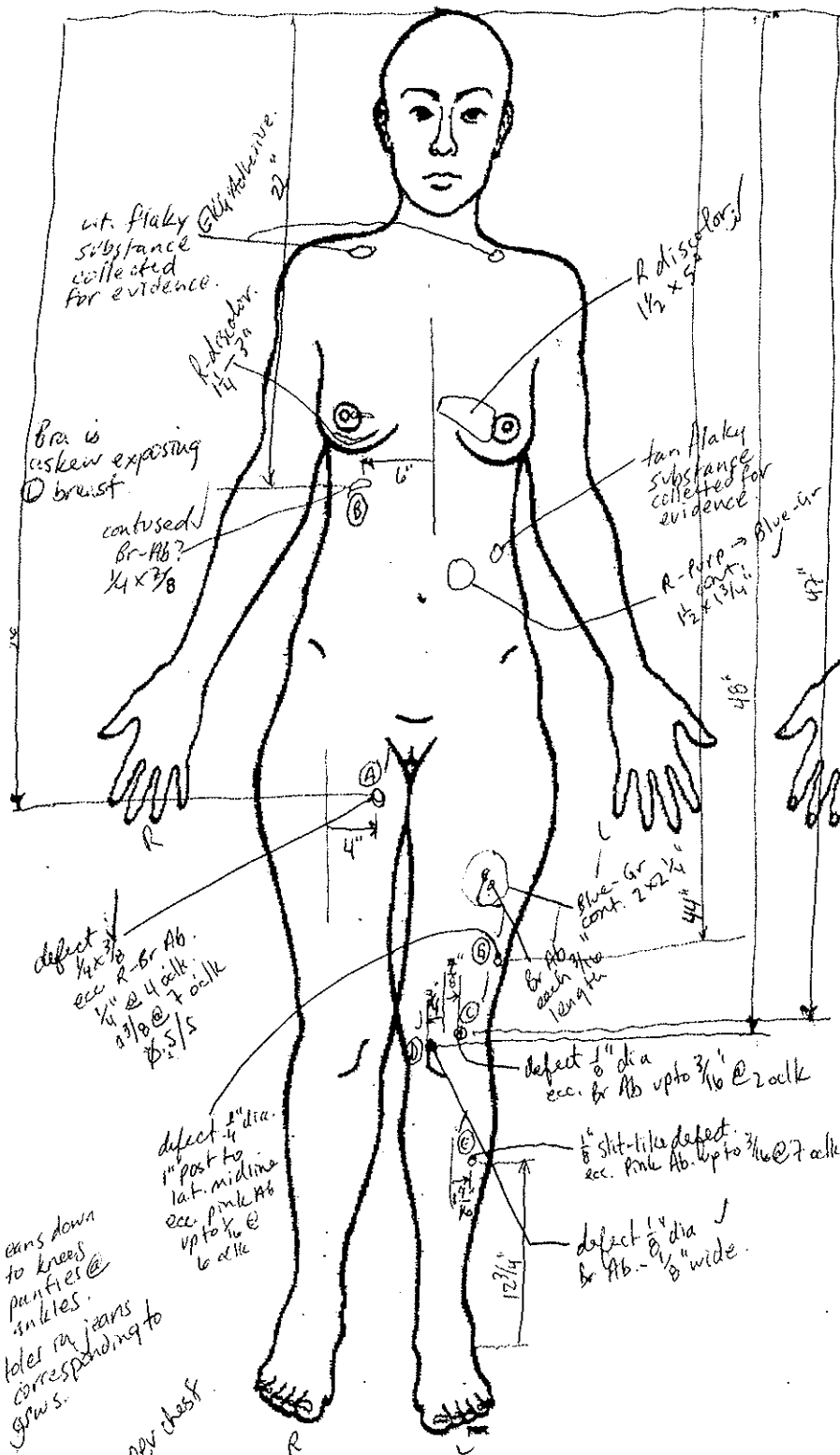
SUMMARY AND INTERPRETATION

This individual was found without signs of life in a rental residence along with five other victims (See companion cases 2008-0653 through 2008-0658).

At postmortem examination, four gunshot wounds are identified with significant injury to the right femoral vein.

Based on the case history and autopsy findings it is my opinion that the cause of death is multiple gunshot wounds. The manner of death is homicide.

LF/mp



wt. flaky substance collected for evidence.

tan flaky substance collected for evidence.

defect 1/8" dia ecc. for Ab up to 3/16 @ 2 o'clock

defect 1/4" dia. 1" post to lat. midline ecc. pink Ab up to 1/16 @ 6 o'clock

defect 1/2 x 3/4 skin tag @ post. edge

ALL OF THIS SHOULD BE THE LEFT LEG!

fibers, wt. recovered buttocks from Stroight from post. thigh

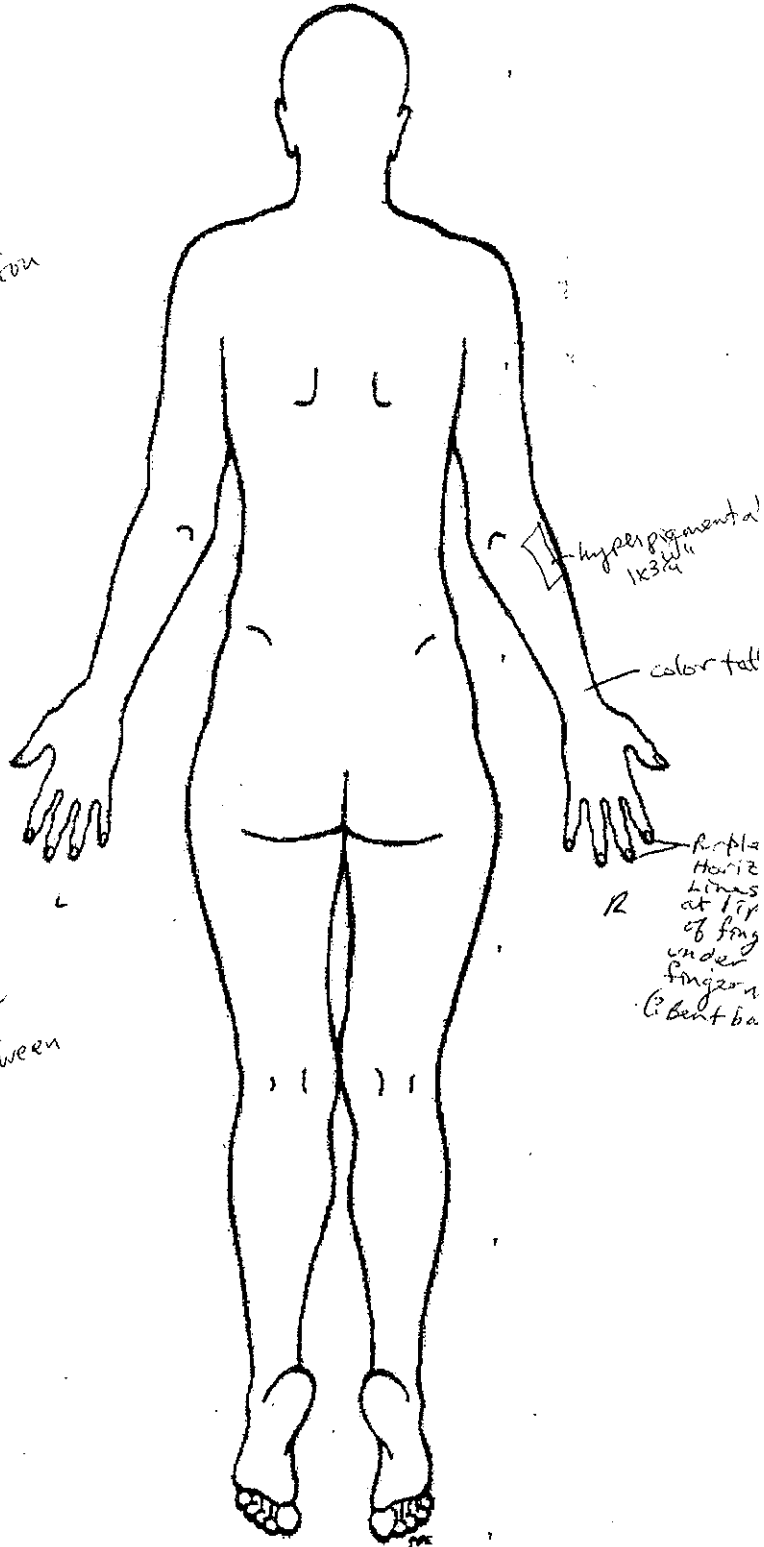
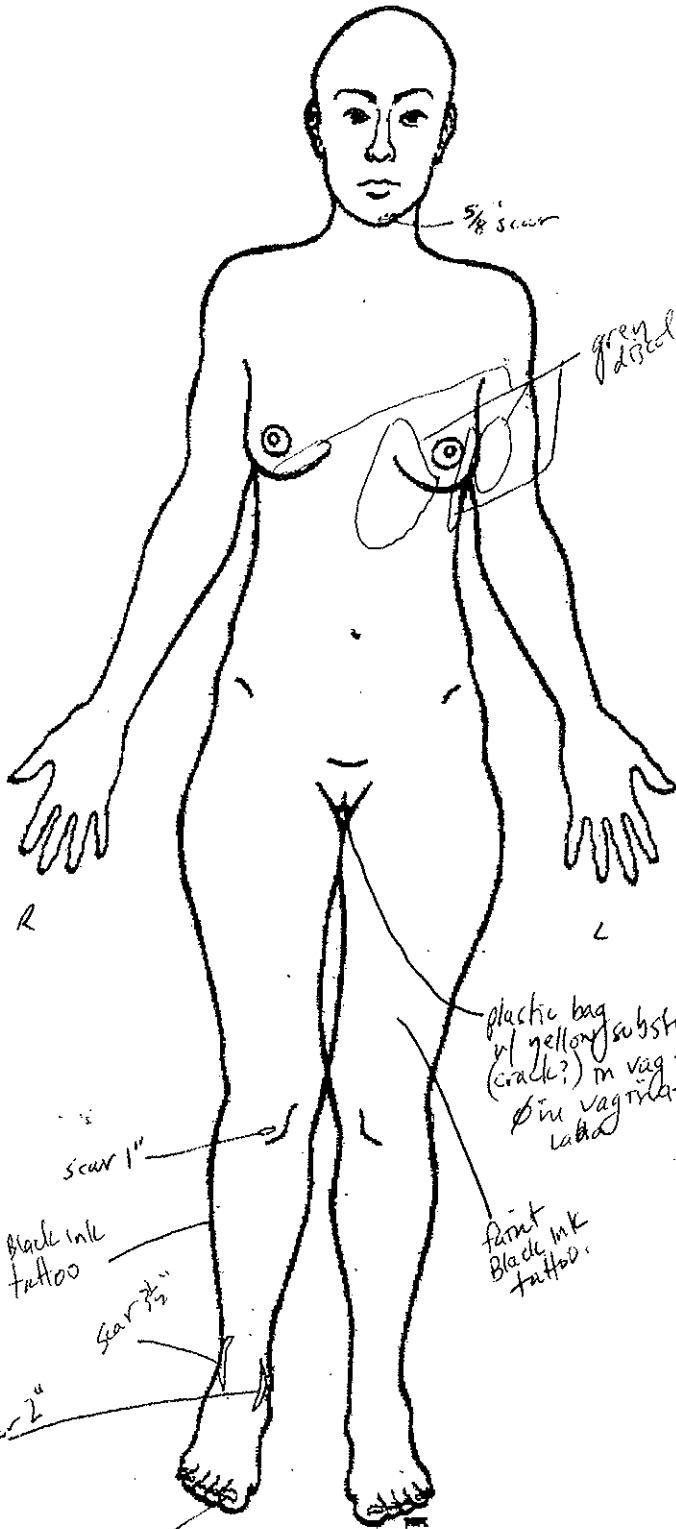
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5/8" scar

green discoloration

hyperpigmented 1x3 1/2"

color tattoo

R
Apt 14
Horiz
Lines
at top
of fing
under
fingers
B bent ba

plastic bag
w/ yellow substance
(crack?) in vagina?
Ø in vagina between
labia

faint
black ink
tattoo

scar 1"

black ink
tattoo

scar 3/4"

scar 2"

silver
glitter
nail polish

lots of blood
on pants & jeans
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Client:	3733 - Forensic Medical - Memphis	Case ID:	2008-0655 <i>Shindri Roberson</i>
Report To:	Dr. Funte Forensic Medical - Memphis 1060 Madison Ave Memphis, TN 38104	Laboratory ID:	4371193
Reason:	Post-mortem	Collected:	03/04/08 00:00
Specimen Type:	Muscle	Received:	03/06/08 11:26
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		Reported:	03/21/08 16:08

Test(s) Ordered: 40579 - Profile- Comprehensive Tissue

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Alcohol - Volatiles	NEGATIVE		
Acetaminophen	NONE DETECTED		10 mg/100g
Acetaminophen	NONE DETECTED		
Amphetamines	NONE DETECTED		10 mcg/G
Stimulants	NONE DETECTED		50 ng/G
Barbiturates	NONE DETECTED		50 ng/G
Sedatives/Hypnotics	NONE DETECTED		200 ng/G
Methadone	NONE DETECTED		200 ng/G
Benzodiazepines	NONE DETECTED		50 ng/G
Cocaine Metabolite	NONE DETECTED		25 ng/G
Opiates	NONE DETECTED		100 ng/G
Synthetic Narcotics	NONE DETECTED		100 ng/G
Phenothiazines	NONE DETECTED		100 ng/G
Salicylate	NONE DETECTED		10 ng/G
Salicylate	NONE DETECTED		
Tricyclic Antidepressants	NONE DETECTED		50 mg/kg
Atypical Antidepressants	NONE DETECTED		50 ng/G
Antipsychotics	NONE DETECTED		10 ng/G
Miscellaneous	NONE DETECTED		2 ng/G
			0.25 ng/G

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Certified by: 
Date:

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