Sonoma County Sheriff's Office

Mark Essick, Sheriff-Coroner
Coroner Investigations Unit
3336 Chanate Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95404
(707) 565-5070

DEATH INVESTIGATION REPORT

CORONER CASE #: **18-0000360**

INCIDENT INFORMATION

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY WITH JURISDICTION:	REPRESENTATIVE TITLE AND NAME:	AGENCY CR #: ☐ N/A
Santa Rosa Police Department	**Sgt. Josh Ludtke**	**18-0004069**

DATE/TIME RECEIVED:	NAME AND AGENCY OF PERSON REQUESTING DEPUTY CORONER: (Officer, Nurse, EMS, etc.)
03/29/2018 03:37	**Sgt. A. Mancilla, Sonoma County Sheriff's Office**

MANNER OF DEATH:	DONOR CASE:	DONOR BANK NAME:	REMOVAL SERVICE:
Accident	**No**	**N/A**	**Other**

DECEDENT INFORMATION

DECEDENT'S NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST):	DOB:	AGE:	ETHNICITY:	GENDER:
Roderic Bernard Cameron	[redacted]	**44 yrs**	**White**	**M**

DECEDENT'S RESIDENCE ADDRESS: (Street, City, State, Zip)	HOME PHONE#:
[redacted], **Sonoma, CA 95476**	

DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER:	DL STATE:	SSN#:
[redacted]	**CA**	[redacted]

MARITAL STATUS:	DISPOSITION OF DECEDENT'S PERSONAL PROPERTY:
[redacted]	**None collected by Marin County Coroner Invest.**

NEXT OF KIN NAME / ADDRESS:	RELATIONSHIP TO DECEDENT:	PHONE #'S:
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

NEXT OF KIN NOT FIED?	F NOTIF ED, BY WHOM:	DATE / T ME NOT FIED:	AGENCY:
Yes	**Violent Crimes Detectives**	**03/28/2018 00:00**	**Santa Rosa Police Department**

DEATH INFORMATION

PLACE OF DEATH (Facility Name or Address Location): ☐ SAME AS DECEDENT'S RESIDENCE	☒ RESUSCITATIVE EFFORTS WERE MADE ☐ DEATH WAS OBVIOUS
[redacted] **Andrieux Street, Sonoma, CA 95476**	

DATE OF DEATH:	PRONOUNCED BY: (Title, Name, ID #, Agency)	LOCATION OF DECEDENT (MORTUARY NAME): ☐ CMF
03/28/2018 [Actual]	**Doctor Daniel Calder, , Sonoma Valley Hospital**	**See Marin County Coroner investigation**
TIME OF DEATH:	HOW WAS DECEDENT IDENTIFIED:	WHO MADE IDENTIFICATION (NAME / RELATIONSHIP):
22:47 [Actual]	**Visually - Photo**	**Roger Fielding / Investigator**

DATE/TIME LAST KNOWN ALIVE:	BY WHOM (NAME):	ADDRESS:	PHONE#:
3/28/2018 22:45	**Dr. Daniel Calder**	**347 Andrieux Street, Sonoma, CA 95476**	**(707) 935-5000**

CLOTHING DESCRIPTION: **Nude**

MEDICAL INFORMATION

DECEDENT'S PRIMARY PHYSICIAN: ☒ UNKNOWN	PHYSICIAN OFFICE #:	DATE LAST SEEN: ☒ UNK	PHYSICIAN W LL SIGN D.C.:
			Coroner

MEDICAL / SOCIAL HISTORY: ☐ UNKNOWN
Hypertension, Hyperlipidemia, Ischemic Heart Related Issues

FOUND MEDICATIONS: ☒ NONE LOCATED

DRUG/ALCOHOL HISTORY: ☒ UNKNOWN

If decedent's death was the result of an accident / injury, please complete the following:

DATE & T ME OF INJURY:	LOCATION OF INJURY (ADDRESS):	CITY:	ZIP	COUNTY:
03/28/2018 21:52	**Ramon Street**	**Sonoma**	**95476**	**Sonoma**

DESCR BE HOW INITIAL INJURY OCCURRED: ☐ Motor Vehicle Accident - DECEDENT WAS: ☐ Driver ☐ Passenger ☐ Pedestrian - DECEDENT WAS WEARING: ☐ Seatbelt ☐ Helmet
The decedent was involved in a physical altercation with law enforcement officers while being detained for his safety, was non-compliant and

VEHICLE MAKE / MODEL / COLOR:	LICENSE PLATE NUMBER:	DISPOSITION (TOW COMPANY NAME):
/ N/A	**N/A**	**N/A**

SYNOPSIS

The decedent suffered a medical event while resisting law enforcement officers. The decedent was transported to Sonoma Valley Hospital Emergency Room where he subsequently died. Per policy critical incident protocol was invoked. This death investigation was taken over by the Santa Rosa Police Department and Marin County Coroner's Office.

REPORTING EMPLOYEE:	ID #:	APPROVED BY:	DATE:
L. BOTTOMLEY / CORONER DETECTIVE	**1102234**	**J. HAUGEN / SERGEANT**	**8/21/2018**

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The cause of death was determined to be: **"FATAL CARDIAC DYSRHYTHMIA DUE TO SEVERE HYPERTENSIVE AND ATHEROSCLEROTIC CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE."** Other significant conditions contributing to death were noted as: **"BIPOLAR DISORDER WITH AGITATED STATE; PHYSIOLOGICAL STRESS ASSOCIATED WITH PHYSICAL CONFRONTATION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT; OBESITY; CHRONIC ASTHMATIC BRONCHITIS."**

Chief Deputy Coroner Roger Fielding mannered this death as an **"ACCIDENT,"** which was consistent with the circumstances and cause.

CONTACTS

[redacted] [redacted]
Role Name DOB Sex Race

[redacted]
Address Telephone Height Weight

[redacted]
Employer Work Phone Cell Phone Occupation

State/DL#

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NARRATIVE

SCENE DESCRIPTION:

See Marin County Coroner's Office report 18-059 for details.

BODY CONDITION/POSITIONING:

See Marin County Coroner's Office report 18-059 for details.

NARRATIVE:

On 03/29/2018, at 0337 Hrs, I received a call from Sgt. A. Mancilla from the Sonoma County Sheriff's Coroner's Office. Sgt. Mancilla advised me of a death had occurred at the Sonoma Valley Hospital Emergency Room. The death followed a violent struggle with Sonoma County Sheriff's Office Deputies while they were attempting to take him into custody. I responded to the Sonoma Valley Hospital Emergency Room. Per policy, critical incident protocol was invoked. This death investigation was taken over by the Santa Rosa Police Department and Marin County Coroner's Office.

I took photographs of the emergency room and the decedent. I subsequently downloaded those photographs onto a CD and booked it into evidence. In addition, I uploaded those photographs into this case file. I prepared a jurisdictional release form and faxed it to the Marin County Coroner's Office.

On 08/20/2018, at 0800 Hrs, I reviewed the Marin County Coroner's Office report written by Chief Deputy Coroner R. Fielding, as well as the Autopsy Report written by Marin County Chief Forensic Pathologist Dr. Joseph I. Cohen regarding this case. After the completion of the investigation and Chief Deputy Fielding and Dr. Cohen, the decedent's cause of death was listed as: **"FATAL CARDIAC DYSRHYTHMIA DUE TO SEVERE HYPERTENSIVE AND ATHEROSCLEROTIC CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE."** Other significant conditions contributing to death were noted as: **"BIPOLAR DISORDER WITH AGITATED STATE; PHYSIOLOGICAL STRESS ASSOCIATED WITH PHYSICAL CONFRONTATION WITH LAW ENFFORCEMENT; OBESITY; CHRONIC ASTHMATIC BRONCHITIS."**

The Manner of Death was determined to be, **"ACCIDENT,"** See attached copy of Marin County Coroner's Office case number 18-059.

-Nothing Further/Case Written for Documentation Purposes-

SUPPLEMENTALS

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