

**OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER
DISTRICT NINE
2350 E. Michigan Street
Orlando, Florida 32806-4939**

REPORT OF AUTOPSY

DECEDENT: EDDIE JUSTICE

CASE NUMBER: ME 2016-000926

MANNER OF DEATH: Homicide

IDENTIFIED BY: Photo ID

AGE: 30 years

SEX: Male

RACE: Black

DATE OF DEATH: June 12, 2016

DATE/TIME OF AUTOPSY: June 13, 2016 at 8:15 am

PERFORMED BY:

Marie H. Hansen MD
Marie H. Hansen, MD, Associate Medical Examiner

August 5, 2016

CAUSE OF DEATH:

Gunshot wound of arm and neck

AUTOPSY FINDINGS

- I. Gunshot wound of arm and neck with:
 - A. Entrance in left lateral arm
 - B. Hemorrhage through muscles of chest and anterior arm and chest
 - C. Exit above clavicle on anterior chest
 - D. Re-entrance in left lateral neck
 - E. Perforation of left carotid
 - F. Hemorrhage in posterior neck muscles
 - G. Medium-caliber yellow metal jacketed projectile recovered in muscles of right neck
 - H. Overall pathway is left to right, front to back, and upward

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TOXICOLOGY ANALYSIS: See laboratory report.

CONCLUSION: In consideration of the circumstances surrounding the death, and after examination of the body, it is my opinion that the death of Eddie Justice, a 30 year old black male, is due to a gunshot wound of the arm and neck.

The manner of death is classified as homicide.

The autopsy of the body of Eddie Justice is performed pursuant to Florida Statute 406.11 by Marie H. Hansen, MD, Associate Medical Examiner, District Nine at the Orange County Medical Examiner facility, Orlando, Florida on June 13, 2016 at 8:15 am.

IDENTIFICATION: The body of Eddie Justice is positively identified by his Florida Driver's License #J232-210-86-104-0. The identification is made Special Agent Walsh on June 12, 2016 at 7:45 pm at the Orange County Medical Examiner facility.

CLOTHING AND VALUABLES: The body is clothed in a shirt, pants, underwear, a single shoe and two socks, and accompanied by a wallet with a Florida Driver's License, three credit cards, four keys, two key fobs, and a braided key chain, photo ID from the YMCA, and a club ID band. Also present is a purple leather watch with a yellow metal face, a white beaded bracelet, a yellow metal necklace with a white metal pendant, and one yellow metal rope bracelet, as well as one yellow metal earring with a clear stone, and a container of Blistex, and personal papers. Clothing and personal items are turned over the law enforcement.

GENERAL STATEMENT: The body is that of a 74 inches in length, 199 pound, normally developed, well nourished, black male, appearing consistent with the given age of 30 years. There is mild rigor (passing) and dependent non-blanching livor mortis observed.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

The hair of the head is black and 1/2 inch in maximal length, with bifrontal recession. The irides are brown with equal round pupils bilaterally. The sclerae are bilaterally clear and without petechiae. Each earlobe is singly pierced. The 1/4 inch black outline mustache and the lower jaw have a 1/2 inch outline black beard. The mouth has a set of natural yellowed teeth in good repair.

The neck is unremarkable except as described in the paragraphs on 'Evidence Of Injury'.

The chest has a design tattoo over the left anterior chest. The breasts are symmetric and without palpable masses, and there is anterior skin slip. The

abdomen has a design type tattoo above the umbilicus and there are no identifiable scars. The external genitalia are those of an adult circumcised male. The upper and lower extremities are unremarkable. The back has a café du lait spot in the posterior right chest, and a tattoo that says "Brooklyn" over the posterior hips. There are no other areas of significant tattooing or scarring.

EVIDENCE OF MEDICAL INTERVENTION: None.

EVIDENCE OF INJURY

There is a complex gunshot wound to the left arm with exit in the anterior chest and re-entry into the left neck.

Examination of the body and accompanying clothing reveals no evidence of powder tattooing or soot around any entrance wound.

There is a complex gunshot wound of the left arm and neck with an entrance wound in the left upper arm present at a point 3 inches below the top of the shoulders and 11 ½ inches left of the midline. The wound itself is 5 x 5 mm with surrounding inferior and lateral abrasion.

The wound track continues with hemorrhage through the muscles of the anterior arm and shoulder without penetrating the chest cavity, and exits the anterior chest above the mid left clavicle at a point 10 ½ inches below the head and 4 ½ inches left of the midline through a defect that is 1.3 x 1.5 cm with irregularly abraded edges and an area of triangular abrasion that is 5 mm x 7 mm on the lateral aspect of the neck.

The wound track enters the neck with a re-entry wound at a point 10 inches below the top of the head and 3 inches left of the midline through a 1 ½ x 1 cm defect with irregular edges and a 5 mm x 2 mm area of abrasion superiorly.

The wound track continues with hemorrhage into the muscles of the neck and perforation of the left carotid below the bifurcation. There is hemorrhage in the posterior muscles of the neck without perforation of the esophagus or trachea. The hemorrhage and wound track miss the right vascular bundle; however, a medium caliber, yellow metal, relatively pristine jacketed projectile is recovered in the muscles of the right neck below the ear.

The overall path is therefore front to back, left to right, and upward.

Examination of the hands reveals no areas of contusion or laceration.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION

HEART: The pericardial sac contains 8 cc of clear yellow fluid. The 510 gram heart has a right anatomic dominant coronary arterial system that on serial section is without significant atherosclerosis. The atria are bilaterally unremarkable, and the foramen ovale is closed. Each of the heart valves has the correct number of thin pliable leaflets or cusps.

The myocardium is red-tan to red-brown and 1.5 cm in thickness in the interventricular septum and left ventricular free wall without distinguishable of mottling or scarring.

PERIPHERAL VASCULAR SYSTEM: The aorta is intact and the great vessels have a normal orientation through their thoracic and abdominal distributions. There are no areas of coarctation, or aneurysmal dilatation. The carotid and iliac arteries are unremarkable except as described in the paragraphs on 'Evidence Of Injury'.

HEAD and BRAIN: There is no subgaleal, epidural, subdural, or subarachnoid hematoma. The leptomeninges are clear with congested vessels over the convexity of the cortex of the 1490 gram brain. Serial coronal sections reveal gray-tan cortical ribbon and diffusely softened white matter. The corpus callosum, basal ganglia, hippocampi, and lateral ventricles, as well as the posterior lobes, cerebellum, and brainstem are grossly unremarkable as well as on section. The substantia nigra has an adequate amount of pigmentation and the crossing fibers in the pons are without areas of hemorrhage.

Stripping of the dura reveals an intact calvaria and base of skull.

NECK ORGANS: The superficial and deep muscles of the anterior neck are unremarkable except as described in the paragraphs on 'Evidence Of Injury'. The hyoid bone and thyroid cartilage are intact. The tongue is unremarkable on horizontal section. The tracheal mucosa is tan-pink and without edema or petechiae, and the trachea is without occlusion by food or foreign material.

Palpation of the anterior cervical vertebral column reveals no evidence of fracture.

LUNGS: The pleural cavities are bilaterally dry. The right and left lungs weigh 610 and 480 grams respectively. The pleural surfaces are tan-pink to tan-black with mild anthracosis but no petechiae or adhesions. On section, the parenchyma is tan-pink to red-blue with mild anthracosis and no evidence of pulmonary emboli, tumor, hemorrhage, or consolidation. The distal tracheobronchial trees have no mucus plugs.

LIVER: The 1040 gram liver has an intact capsule and red-brown parenchyma with a lobular architecture and normal consistency. The gallbladder contains an estimated 2 cc of yellow-green, runny bile without gallstones. The mucosa is otherwise unremarkable.

RETICULOENDOTHELIAL SYSTEM: The 140 gram spleen has a dull capsule that wrinkles easily. The parenchyma is red-purple and soft, without fibrosis, hemorrhage, or tumor on section. The peritracheal lymph nodes are 3 to 5 mm in greatest dimension and are grey-black on section. The remaining lymph node chains are grossly unremarkable.

ENDOCRINE SYSTEM: The thyroid gland has symmetric, tan lobes that are homogeneous on section. The adrenal glands have bilaterally golden yellow cortices and gray medullae. The pancreas consists of tan-brown lobulated tissue, without interdigitated fat, fibrosis, hemorrhage, tumor, or pseudocyst formation.

GENITOURINARY SYSTEM: The right and left kidneys weigh 130 grams each. The capsules strip easily revealing smooth, red-brown cortical surfaces of normal thickness. The medullae, calices, collecting systems, ureters, and bladder are unremarkable. The bladder contains an estimated 35 cc of clear yellow fluid.

The prostate is tan-brown and smooth without enlargement or nodularity. The testicles are unremarkable to palpation.

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GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM: The esophageal mucosa is tan-white and glistening. The stomach contains less than 5 cc of tan opaque fluid without identifiable food fragments, pill fragments or distinctive odor. The underlying rugal folds have a normal slightly autolyzed arrangement without evidence of antral or duodenal ulceration. The serosal surfaces of the small bowel, appendix, and colon are grossly unremarkable.

MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM: The subcutaneous fat is 1.5 cm at the umbilicus and the muscle is normally formed. Examination of the clavicles, bilateral rib cages, cervical, thoracic, lumbar, and sacral vertebral column, and pelvic girdle reveals no evidence of acute trauma. Examination of the long bones and joints of the upper and lower extremities reveals no evidence of fracture.

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Patient: JUSTICE, EDDIE
Client Patient ID: 9-16-926
Physician: HANSEN, MARIE

Age: 30 **Sex:** M
Account#: VX82951
Client: DISTRICT 9 MEDICAL EXAMINER MISC

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Specimen Collected :06/13/2016

Lab Order No: 661401240

Reg Date: 06/14/16

Test Name	Result	Units	Cutoff/Reporting Limits
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VOLATILE PANEL - VOLP
SPECIMEN TYPE
PERIPHERAL BLOOD

ETHANOL	0.017	g/dL	0.010
ACETONE	NONE DETECTED	mg/dL	7.5
METHANOL	NONE DETECTED	mg/dL	15.0
ISOPROPANOL	NONE DETECTED	mg/dL	15.0

Analysis by Gas Chromatography (GC) Headspace Injection
BLOOD DRUG SCREEN - BDSME
SPECIMEN TYPE
HEART BLOOD
GC/MS
COCAINE METABOLITE, CAFFEINE
LC/MS/MS
COCAINE, COCAINE METABOLITE, CAFFEINE, CAFFEINE METABOLITE
BLOOD IMMUNOASSAY SCREEN
SPECIMEN TYPE
PERIPHERAL BLOOD

AMPHETAMINES	NEGATIVE	mg/L	0.100
BARBITURATES	NEGATIVE	mg/L	0.100
BENZODIAZEPINES	NEGATIVE	mg/L	0.050
BUPRENORPHINE	NEGATIVE	mg/L	0.001
CANNABINOIDS	NEGATIVE	mg/L	0.050
COCAINE METABOLITE		mg/L	0.100

Screening result suggests the need for further testing

FENTANYL	NEGATIVE	mg/L	0.001
OPIATES	NEGATIVE	mg/L	0.050
SALICYLATES	NEGATIVE	mg/L	50.0

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Specimen Collected : 06/13/2016

Lab Order No: 661900673

Reg Date: 06/14/16

Test Name	Result	Units	Cutoff/Reporting Limits
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VOLATILE PANEL, VITREOUS - VOLPV

SPECIMEN TYPE

VITREOUS

ETHANOL	0.014	g/dL	0.010
ACETONE	NONE DETECTED	mg/dL	7.5
METHANOL	NONE DETECTED	mg/dL	15.0
ISOPROPANOL	NONE DETECTED	mg/dL	15.0

Analysis by Gas Chromatography (GC) Headspace Injection

Specimens were intact upon receipt. Chain of custody, specimen security and integrity has been maintained. Testing has been performed as requested

Reviewed by: Date: 7/20/16**FINAL REPORT - THIS COMPLETES REPORTING ON THIS CASE**TOXICOLOGY REPORT**JUSTICE, EDDIE**

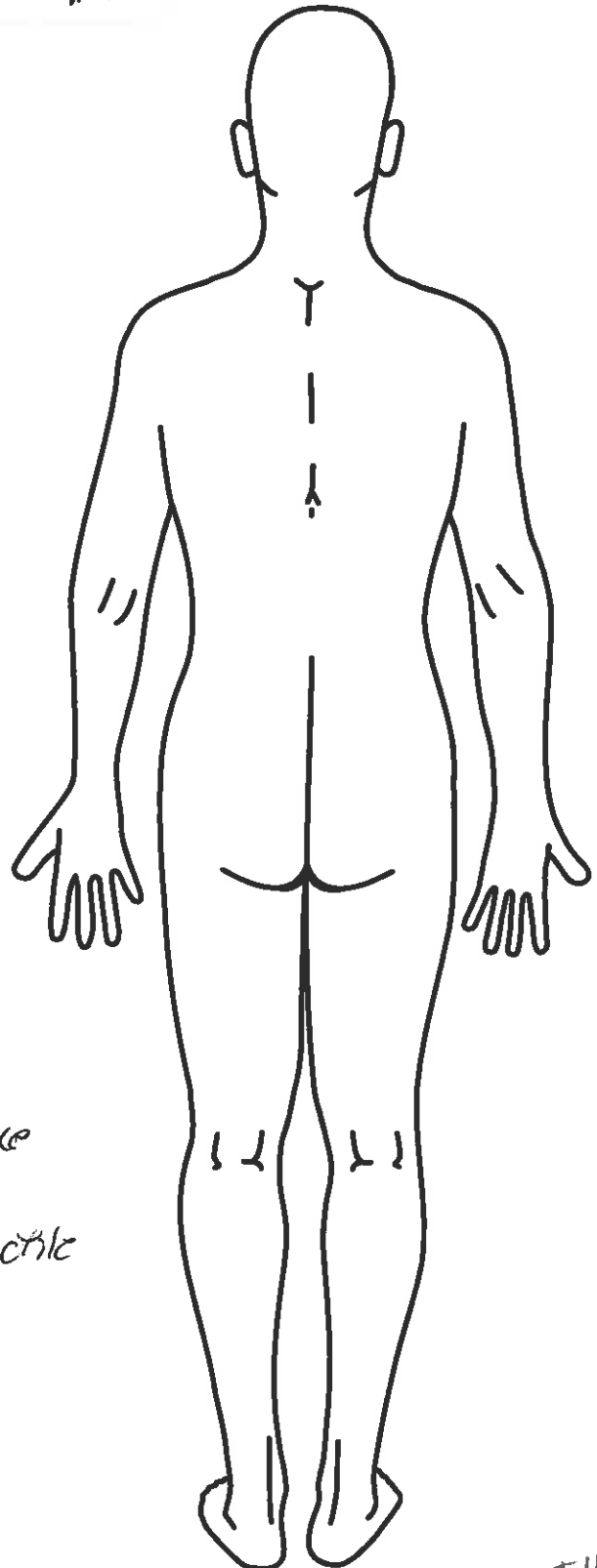
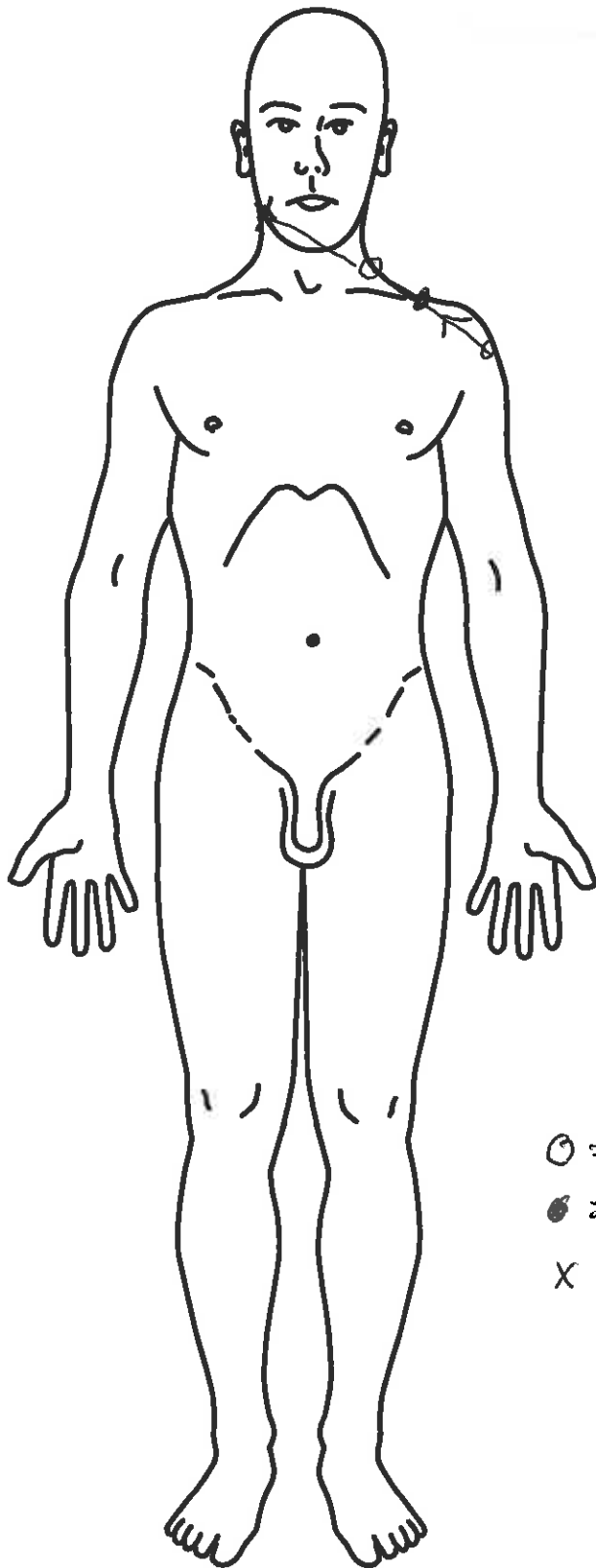
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○ = Entrance
● = Exit
X = Projectile

INJURY CLARIFICATION DIAGRAM

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