

PHYLLIS CAROLINE SCHNECK

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AUTOPSY REPORT

PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA

PIMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

CASE # 110108078

JANUARY 9, 2011

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PATHOLOGIC DIAGNOSES:

- 1) Gunshot wound to head with perforations of skull and brain
 - a) Initial entry at right upper extremity with re-entry into head
 - b) Bullet recovered and retained
- 2) Blunt impact to right upper extremity consisting of scattered small red abrasions at right hand
- 3) Thickening of mitral valve with fused chordae tendineae
- 4) Atherosclerosis of the aorta and coronary arteries, tri-vessel, slight
- 5) Calcifications of left hilar pulmonary lymph nodes
- 6) Bilateral rib fractures (presumed resuscitative artefact)

OPINION:

Death of this woman is due to a gunshot wound of the head with perforations of skull and brain. The manner of death is certified as homicide.

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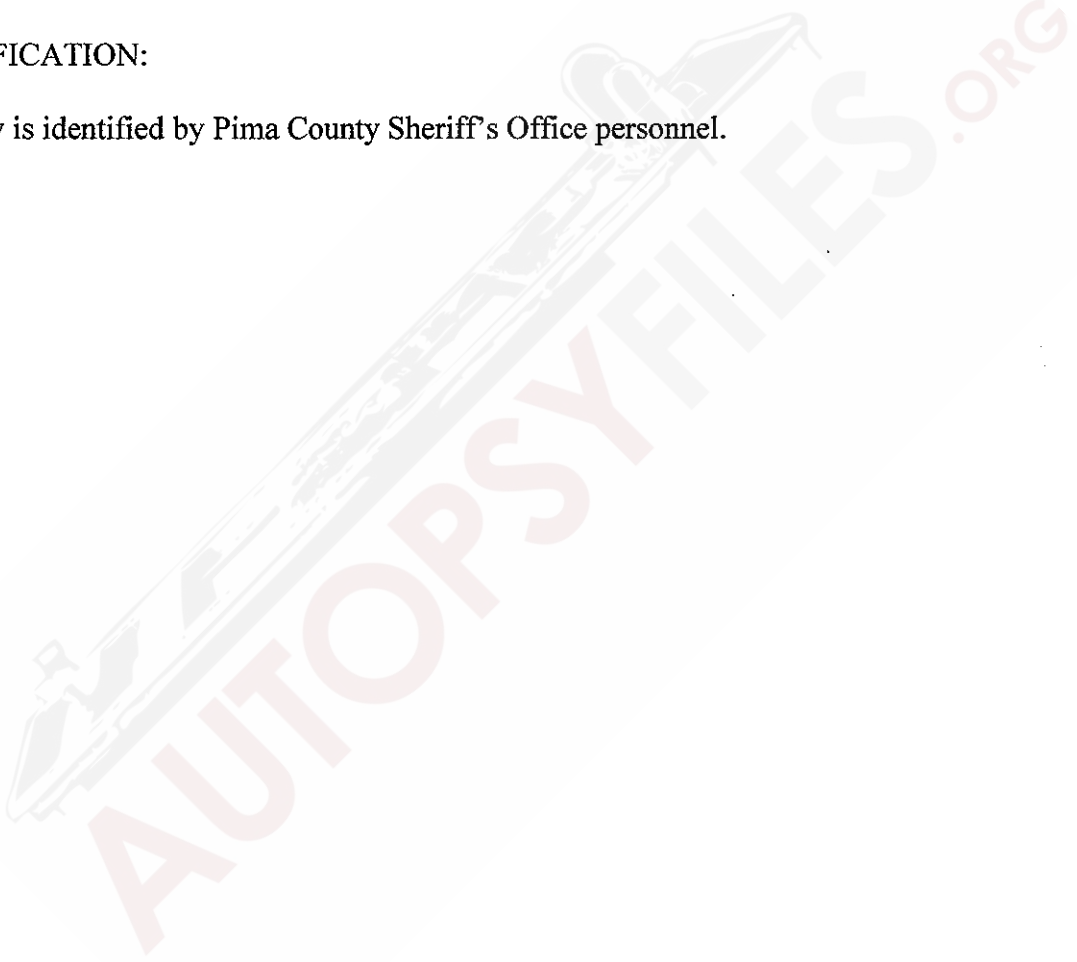
MEDICOLEGAL INVESTIGATION

AUTHORIZATION:

The postmortem examination is performed under the authorization of the Pima County Medical Examiner's Office.

IDENTIFICATION:

The body is identified by Pima County Sheriff's Office personnel.



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POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION

CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE EXAMINATION:

The postmortem examination of Phyllis Schneck is performed at the Forensic Science Center, 2825 E. District Street, Tucson, Arizona on January 9, 2010 commencing at 1:00 PM. Assisting in the examination are Ernest Hernandez, Krystal Poulin and Louie Goad. X-rays of the right upper torso (including right shoulder region) and head are made and retained.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The body is received in a sealed white vinyl pouch.

SCENE DESCRIPTION:

I arrived at 7110 N. Oracle Road (Safeway Shopping Center) at approximately 5:45 PM on January 8, 2011 where I was met by personnel from the Pima County Sheriff's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This was the site of a multiple shooting with five dead at the scene. This decedent was supine with full rigor mortis and blanchable dependent livor mortis. The body was cool. There was one perforating gunshot wound to the upper right arm/shoulder region and a penetrating gunshot wound to the neck/head (Comment: Single bullet re-entry; see description below). The hands were bagged and the decedent was removed to the Office of the Medical Examiner for examination.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:

The body is of a light-skinned, well-developed, well-nourished, 5' 5", 183 pound woman whose appearance is consistent with the reported age of 79 years. The hair is thick, gray and of short-to-medium length. The nose and ears are well-formed. The irides are blue and the conjunctivae are anicteric without petechiae or hemorrhage. The oral cavity is atraumatic and contains natural teeth. The torso and extremities are well developed and unremarkable. The genitalia are of an unremarkable adult.

POSTMORTEM CHANGES:

Rigor mortis is strong throughout. Livor mortis is non-fixed and posterior. The body is cool.

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CLOTHING/BELONGINGS:

On or accompanying the body are:

- 1) One pair of white sneakers
- 2) One pair of white socks
- 3) One pair of blue jeans
- 4) One red flannel shirt
- 5) One blue fleece jacket
- 6) One red undershirt
- 7) One white bra
- 8) One yellow metal wrist watch at left wrist
- 9) One pair of white panties with maxi pad in place

Note: There are perforations to the bra, red undershirt, red flannel shirt, and blue fleece jacket that correspond to the gunshot wound described below. See Personal Effect Receipt for other items not catalogued above.

THERAPEUTIC PROCEDURES:

None.

INJURIES, EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL:

There is a single perforating gunshot wound to the right upper extremity with re-entry into the right side of the neck/head. There are blunt impact injuries to the back of the right hand.

Gunshot Wound to Right Upper Extremity with re-entry to Neck/Head:

A gunshot entrance wound is at the inner right upper arm, 5 inches from the top of the shoulder. It is a 3/8 inch circular perforation with a symmetrical 1/16 inch red rim of abrasion. There is no fouling or stippling. After perforating the skin and soft tissues of the upper right arm, the bullet exited the top of the right shoulder through a curvilinear 1/2 inch defect without surrounding fouling, stippling, or marginal abrasion. The bullet then re-entered the body at the right side of the neck/back of the head, 5-1/2 inches from the top of the head and 3 inches below and slightly behind the right ear. It is a 3/8 inch oval perforation without fouling or stippling with a patterned contusion surrounding the entrance wound extending up to 1 inch in the inferior dimension. This pattern consists of multiple parallel linear abrasions corresponding to the weave of the decedent's shirt.

After re-entry into the head, the bullet passed into the posterior cranial fossa, perforating the

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Gunshot Wound to Right Upper Extremity with re-entry to Neck/Head (cont'd):

right cerebellar hemisphere before lodging in the right temporal-parietal cerebrum. There is marked basilar subarachnoid and slight subarachnoid hemorrhage at bilateral convexities. The bullet is of medium caliber, fully yellow metal jacketed, and slightly deformed at one side. It is retained.

The direction this bullet traveled is upward, right-to-left and without appreciable front-to-back deviation.

Blunt Impact Injuries to Right Hand:

There are a few scattered red abrasions, up to ½ inch, at the dorsal aspect of the right hand at the base of the third, fourth and fifth fingers.

These injuries, having been described, will not be repeated.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION:

Head:

See "INJURIES, EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL". The brain weighs 1250 gm.

Neck Organs:

The cervical vertebrae, hyoid bone, and tracheal and laryngeal cartilages are unremarkable. The base of the tongue and paratracheal soft tissues are unremarkable.

Body Cavities:

The organs are in their normal situs. There are no abnormal fluid accumulations or fibrous adhesions in any of the body cavities.

Cardiovascular System:

The aorta has slight atherosclerosis. The venae cavae and pulmonary arteries are without thrombus or embolus. The heart weighs 370 gm and has an unremarkable distribution of right dominant coronary vessels with focally calcified tri-vessel, slight atherosclerosis (less than 25% occlusion). The mitral valve is focally thickened and its chordae tendineae are focally fused. The myocardium is uniformly red-brown without hemorrhage, softening, fibrosis or pallor. The left ventricle is 1.2 cm thick. The endocardial surfaces and three remaining cardiac valves are unremarkable.

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Respiratory System:

The right lung weighs 730 gm; the left lung weighs 530 gm. Both lungs are dark red without hemorrhage, consolidation or obstruction. There are no mass lesions. The bronchial vasculature and architecture are unremarkable.

Liver, Gallbladder and Pancreas:

The liver weighs 1780 gm, has an intact, smooth capsule, and a medium brown parenchyma without slippery or fibrous texture. The gallbladder is unremarkable and contains approximately 10 ml of green bile without calculi. The pancreas is of normal lobulation, color, and texture.

Hemic and Lymphatic Systems:

The spleen weighs 170 gm, has an intact, smooth capsule, and a dark red parenchyma without prominent white pulp. A few of the left-sided pulmonary lymph nodes are calcified. The remaining lymph nodes are unremarkable without enlargement.

Genitourinary System:

The right kidney weighs 110 gm; the left kidney weighs 130 gm. Both kidneys have smooth subcapsular surfaces with an unremarkable underlying architecture and vasculature. Both ureters are normal caliber and drain into an unremarkable bladder containing approximately 100 ml of clear, yellow urine. The fallopian tubes, ovaries, uterus, cervix, and vagina are unremarkable.

Endocrine System:

The pituitary, thyroid, and adrenal glands are of normal size, color and consistency.

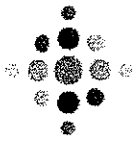
Digestive System:

The esophagus and gastroesophageal junction are unremarkable. The stomach contains 250 ml of brown fluid including numerous chunks of partially digested white-tan soft food. There are no pill or tablet fragments. The gastric mucosa, duodenum, remainder of small intestine, appendix, and large intestines are unremarkable.

Musculoskeletal System:

There are bilateral anterior rib fractures, 3 – 6 (Comment: presumed resuscitative artefact).

TOXICOLOGY (SEE ATTACHED REPORT)



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LABORATORY CASE NUMBER: 1495122	Subject's Name: SCHNECK, PHYLLIS
Client Account: 13399 / FSC01-PETERS Physician: Report To: Forensic Science Center ATTN: Dr. Eric Peters 2825 E. District Street Tuscon, AZ 85710 Fx: 520-243-8610	Agency Case#: ML11-00063 Date of Death: 01/08/2011 Test Reason: Other Investigator: Date Received: 01/13/2011 Date Reported: 01/20/2011

Laboratory Specimen No: 40205901	Date Collected: 01/09/2011
Container(s) : 01: Red Top Tube Blood, PERIPHERAL	Test(s) : 70615 Drugs of Abuse Panel, Blood

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BARBITURATES	Negative				
BENZODIAZEPINES	Negative				
CANNABINOIDS	Negative				
COCAINE/METABOLITES	Negative				
FENTANYL	Negative				
METHADONE/METABOLITE	Negative				
OPIATES	Negative				
PHENCYCLIDINE	Negative				
PROPOXYPHENE/METABOLITE	Negative				
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Ethanol	Negative				
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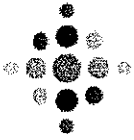
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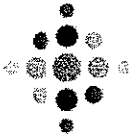
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COCAINE/METABOLITES	Negative				
METHADONE/METABOLITE	Negative				
OPIATES	Negative				
OXYCODONE/METABOLITE	Negative				
PHENCYCLIDINE	Negative				
ALCOHOLS	Negative				

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Laboratory Specimen No: 40205903	Date Collected: 01/09/2011
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ALCOHOLS	Negative				
Methanol	Negative				
Ethanol	Negative				
Acetone	Negative				
Isopropanol	Negative				

The Specimen identified by this Laboratory Specimen Number has been handled and analyzed in accordance with all applicable requirements.

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