

POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION

Givan, Jayvon

OMI Case Number: 2024-06720

Year of Birth: 1995

Age: 28 years

Date/Time of Death Pronouncement: 9/17/2024 11:24:00 AM

County Pronounced: Bernalillo

Law Enforcement:

Agent:

Central Office Deputy Medical Investigator (FDMI): Adriana M Graham-Torres

Type of Examination: Pathologist External

Date of Examination: 9/18/2024

CAUSE OF DEATH:

Self-inflicted hanging

MANNER OF DEATH:

Suicide



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FINAL PATHOLOGIC DIAGNOSIS:

- I. Self-inflicted hanging
 - A. Discovered hanging by chain
 - B. Upward canting, abraded, patterned ligature furrow
 - C. Mild cerebral edema

NARRATIVE SUMMARY AND OPINION:

Jayvon Givan was a 28-year-old man who, according to available reports, was discovered hanging outside a local business. Emergency medical services and law enforcement responded to the scene; no life saving measures were undertaken due to obvious demise. Law enforcement made no note of signs of foul play or otherwise concerning circumstances.

External examination showed the body of an adult male with a metallic chain around the neck. Removal of the chain revealed an upward canting, abraded ligature furrow in the pattern of the chain. No other injuries were observed on exam including review of a full body postmortem CT scan. The CT scan also did not show significant natural structural disease.

Findings on examination indicate the cause of death to be self-inflicted hanging. Findings on examination paired with available investigative information indicates the manner of death to be suicide.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

GENERAL

An external examination is performed on the body identified as Jayvon Givan at the Office of the Medical Investigator, State of New Mexico, on September 18, beginning at 10:00. The body is that of an adult male who has a weight of 76.4 kg, has a height of 172 cm and a body mass index of 25.82 kg/m², and appears compatible with the reported age of 28 years. Encircling the left wrist is an identification band bearing the decedent's name. The body is received fully clad. Personal effects are listed in the "Personal Effects" inventory.

POSTMORTEM CHANGES

The body is cool subsequent to refrigeration. Rigor is fixed. Livor mortis is fixed, purple, and distributed on the posterior surfaces of the body, except in areas exposed to pressure. The body is without significant changes of decomposition.

EXAMINATION

The scalp hair is black and short in length. Facial hair consists of a beard. The irides are brown. The corneas are clear. The sclerae and conjunctivae are white and clear. No petechial hemorrhages are identified on the sclerae, conjunctivae, facial skin, or oral mucosa. The nose and ears are normally formed. The dentition is natural and in good condition. The neck is unremarkable. The thorax is well-developed and symmetrical. The abdomen is flat. The spine is normally formed. The anus is unremarkable. The upper and lower extremities are well-developed and symmetrical without absence of digits. A superficially ulcerating, crusted lesion is on the dorsal left foot. The external genitalia are that of an adult male without abnormalities.

MARKS, SCARS, AND COSMETIC PIERCINGS

There is a faint, linear scar on the abdomen. The left ear is pierced.

TATTOOS

Tattoos are on the right arm and forearm.

MEDICAL INTERVENTION

There is no evidence of medical intervention.

EVIDENCE OF INJURIES

Hanging:

An approximately 145 cm in length x 2 cm metallic chain with carabiners at each end, encircles the decedent's neck.

Removal of the chain and examination of the neck shows a 2-2.5 cm wide abraded ligature furrow partially encircling the neck with sparing of the right posterior neck. The furrow crosses the anterior midline above the thyroid cartilage. The lowest point of the furrow is at the anterior neck, 27 cm below the top of the head. The furrow cants upwards to its highest point at the left posterior neck (just shy of posterior midline), 15 cm below the top of the head. The furrow is patterned with deep ovoid impressions in the pattern of the chain.

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Other: Small abrasions are on the forehead and the ala of the left side of the nose that have a dried appearance and may represent postmortem injury, antemortem injury cannot be entirely ruled out.

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ANCILLARY STUDIES

POSTMORTEM COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY

Findings on review of the computed tomography scans by forensic pathologist include but are not limited to the following: cerebral edema and no obvious acute skeletal injury or significant natural structural disease.

TOXICOLOGY

Toxicology testing was performed and is reported in full separately.