

STATE OF GEORGIA  
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CRIME LABORATORY  
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THIS FORM TO BE MADE  
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RECORD OF MEDICAL EXAMINER

70-55604

CITY Augusta COUNTY Richmond

NOTIFIED BY Coroner Widener HOUR 7 a.m. DATE 5/12/70

OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO CASE Officer R. W. Bell and Corporal Trout

OFFICERS EMPLOYED BY City of Augusta Police Dept.

NAME OF DECEASED John Bennett AGE 28 SEX M RACE C HEIGHT 5'8" WEIGHT 155

RESIDENCE OF DECEASED 1613 Bleakley Street, Augusta, Ga.

TIME OF DEATH: HOUR 4:13 a. DATE 5/12/70 PLACE OF DEATH DOA-University Hospital

MANNER OF DEATH: HOMICIDE Shot during riot of May 11-12, 1970 JUSTIFIABLE \_\_\_\_\_ ACCIDENTAL \_\_\_\_\_ SUICIDE \_\_\_\_\_ NATURAL \_\_\_\_\_

TIME OF ? M. DATE 5/12/70 PLACE OF picked up at 15th Street & Tobias Court

METHOD OF shot during race riot

BODY REMOVED FROM 15th Street & Tobias Court REMOVED BY Peoples Ambulance

DATE RECEIVED AT FUNERAL HOME: May 12, 1970 HOUR ? M.

NAME OF FUNERAL HOME Peoples Funeral Home

AUTOPSY AUTHORIZED BY Coroner Widener

PRESENT AT AUTOPSY Dr. Larry Howard and Dr. Irvine Phinizy.

BODY IDENTIFIED BY Coroner Widener

PHOTOGRAPHS BY James P. Dawson (at autopsy)

DATE AUTOPSIED: HOUR \_\_\_\_\_ M. DATE 5/15/70 PERFORMED BY Dr. Larry Howard

ACCUSED Unknown.

NOTE: A COPY OF THIS RECORD SHALL BE SENT TO:

SOLICITOR GENERAL \_\_\_\_\_

CORONER

OFFICER \_\_\_\_\_

CAUSE OF DEATH Shotgun (00 buckshot, 1 pellet) wound of heart.  
(Second wound in arm not related to his death).

EVIDENCE SUBMITTED TO LABORATORY \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE 23 Sept 1970

APPROVED Larry Howard  
(LABORATORY)

DATE June 23 1970

SIGNED Irvine Phinizy M. D.

- c. located just below the nasion and measures  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch in diameter.
- d. vertical, located just below the right outer canthus and measures  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch in height and  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch in length.

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DATE \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
(LABORATORY)

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ M. D.  
(APPROVED PATHOLOGIST)

(USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

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RECORD OF MEDICAL EXAMINER

CASE #70-5604

CITY Augusta COUNTY Richmond

NOTIFIED BY Coroner Nathan F. Widener HOUR 10:00 P. M. DATE May 14, 1970

OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO CASE \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICERS EMPLOYED BY \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF DECEASED John Bennett AGE 28 SEX M RACE C HEIGHT 5'8" WEIGHT 155

RESIDENCE OF DECEASED 1638 Bleckley Street, Augusta, Georgia

TIME OF DEATH: HOUR 4:13 A.M. DATE May 12, 1970 PLACE OF DEATH DOA University Hospital

MANNER OF DEATH: HOMICIDE \_\_\_\_\_ JUSTIFIABLE ? ACCIDENTAL \_\_\_\_\_ SUICIDE \_\_\_\_\_ NATURAL \_\_\_\_\_

TIME OF \_\_\_\_\_ M. DATE \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF \_\_\_\_\_

METHOD OF \_\_\_\_\_

BODY REMOVED FROM University Hospital REMOVED BY Norman White

DATE RECEIVED AT FUNERAL HOME: May 12, 1970 HOUR 4:50 A. M.

NAME OF FUNERAL HOME Peoples Funeral Home

AUTOPSY AUTHORIZED BY Coroner Nathan F. Widener

PRESENT AT AUTOPSY Coroner Nathan F. Widener, Dr. J. Byron Dawson, D. L. Branch, GBI, C. W. Herndon, GBI

BODY IDENTIFIED BY great toe tag

PHOTOGRAPHS BY Dr. J. Byron Dawson

DATE AUTOPSIED: HOUR 4:00 P.M. DATE May 15, 1970 PERFORMED BY Larry B. Howard, Ph. D.

ACCUSED \_\_\_\_\_

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OFFICER \_\_\_\_\_

CAUSE OF DEATH Exsanguination secondary to missile wound to heart

EVIDENCE SUBMITTED TO LABORATORY \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE 29 May 1970  
APPROVED Larry B. Howard  
(LABORATORY)

DATE May 15 1970  
SIGNED Larry B. Howard  
(APPROVED PATHOLOGIST)

c. located just below the nasion and measures  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch in diameter.

d. vertical, located just below the right outer canthus and measures  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch in height and  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch in length.

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(APPROVED PATHOLOGIST) M. D.

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## AUTOPSY OR REPORT OF EXAMINATION OF BODY

CASE #70-5604

NAME OF DECEASED John BennettDATE OF DEATH: MONTH May DAY 12 19 70 COUNTY WHERE DEATH OCCURED RichmondEXTERNAL EXAMINATION OF BODY

This body is identified by a right great toe tag as John Bennett, further identified as body No. 4.

This is the body of a moderately nourished, moderately developed, young colored male showing embalming incisions in the abdomen and over the right femoral and right axillary areas.

## Bullet wounds: ( )

1. There is a bullet wound of entry in the left side of the back located 17 inches below the top of the head and 2 3/4 inches to the left of the midline. This wound measures approximately 3/8 inches in diameter.

2. This wound tract is located 19 inches below the top of the head in the posterior lateral surface of the upper right arm and consists of an entrance-exit combination separated by a distance of 3/4 inch inclined slightly downward assuming that the posterior wound is an entrance wound. The posterior wound is round and measures 3/8 inches in diameter. The more anterior wound tends to be horizontal and also shows contusion and abrasion and is 3/8 inch in length but only 3/16 inch in height. The more anterior wound appears to be the exit wound.

3. This wound is 16 1/2 inches below the top of the head just to the left of the anterior midline, tends to be somewhat vertical and measures 5/8 inches in length and approximately 3/16 inch in width. Margins of this wound appear to be abraded.

## The face shows numerous abrasions:

a. Near horizontal abrasion which appears to have been inflicted vertically just below the hairline with the medial aspect at the midline extending left laterally 1 1/4 inches, 3/8 inch in height.

b. located to the right of the midline is 1/2 inch in length and 1/8 inch in height.

c. located just below the nasion and measures 1/2 inch in diameter.

d. vertical, located just below the right outer canthus and measures 1/2 inch in height and 1/4 inch in length.

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AUTOPSY OR REPORT OF EXAMINATION OF BODY

CASE #70-5604

NAME OF DECEASED John Bennett

DATE OF DEATH: MONTH May DAY 12 19 70 COUNTY WHERE DEATH OCCURED Richmond

e. abrasion almost completely limited to the cutaneous medial aspect of the lower lip, approximately 1 1/4 inches in diameter.

f. is located over the left supraorbital ridge 3/4 inch in length and 1/4 inch in height, 1 inch above the nasion.

g. fills the left outer canthus and is 3/4 inch in diameter.

Subject has a beard. Eyes, nose, mouth and ears are not remarkable.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION OF BODY

Head: The scalp is reflected anteriorly and posteriorly. There is minimal contusion over the left supraorbital ridge. The scalp is otherwise free of traumatic injury. The calvarium is removed. Brain is not remarkable.

Chest and Abdominal Cavities: The chest and abdominal cavities are opened with the usual Y incision and sternal reflection. Bone spicules are pushed outward anterior to the sternum and hematoma is quite extensive. Periosteum, however, is split on the inner aspect. The sternum is closely examined. There are numerous small linear vertical fractures around the bullet wound on the anterior surface of the cartilagenous part of the fourth rib only. In addition the broken end can be displaced anteriorly with slight pressure whereas it will not displace posteriorly. Based on this, the wound in the chest is an exit wound.

There is tremendous hemopericardium with a small hole measuring 1/4 inch in the posterior portion of the left ventricle and a large tear measuring 3/4 inch in length on the anterior portion of the right ventricle. Abdominal cavity is free of trauma. The bronchial tree is full of clotted blood. The wound tract enters the body between the 7th and 8th ribs just nicking the inferior aspect of the 7th rib, enters the right lung and passes medially through the heart and into the sternum. No bone fragments are present along the tract posteriorly because the missile passed between two ribs.

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DATE May 15 1970 SIGNED Larry Howard M.D. (APPROVED PATHOLOGIST)