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RECORD OF MEDICAL EXAMINER

70-5606

CITY Augusta COUNTY Richmond  
 NOTIFIED BY Coroner HOUR 8 a.m. M. DATE 5/12/70  
 OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO CASE Detective S. Lewis  
 OFFICERS EMPLOYED BY City of Augusta Police Department  
 NAME OF DECEASED Sammie L. McCullough AGE 20 SEX M RACE C HEIGHT 5'10" WEIGHT 150  
 RESIDENCE OF DECEASED 413 Gilbert Manor, Augusta, Ga.  
 TIME OF DEATH: HOUR 11:35 p M. DATE 5/11/70 PLACE OF DEATH Talmadge Memorial Hospital  
 MANNER OF DEATH: HOMICIDE  JUSTIFIABLE \_\_\_\_\_ ACCIDENTAL \_\_\_\_\_ SUICIDE \_\_\_\_\_ NATURAL \_\_\_\_\_  
 TIME OF ? M. DATE May 11, 1960 PLACE OF Poplar and 15th Street  
 METHOD OF Deceased was shot by an unknown party during a riot  
 BODY REMOVED FROM scene REMOVED BY ambulance  
 DATE RECEIVED AT FUNERAL HOME: May 12, 1960 HOUR ? M.  
 NAME OF FUNERAL HOME Dent's Funeral Home  
 AUTOPSY AUTHORIZED BY Coroner  
 PRESENT AT AUTOPSY Doctor Larry Howard, Dr. Irvine Phinizy  
 BODY IDENTIFIED BY Coroner  
 PHOTOGRAPHS BY James P. Dawson  
 DATE AUTOPSIED: HOUR P.m. M. DATE 5/15/70 PERFORMED BY Dr. Larry Howard  
 ACCUSED Unknown party

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 CORONER  \_\_\_\_\_  
 OFFICER \_\_\_\_\_

CAUSE OF DEATH Shotgun (00 buckshot, 2 pellets) wounds of chest.

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

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described above in the right anterior ~~axillary~~ axillary ~~axilla~~  
 Cause of death: "Shotgun (00 buckshot, 2 pellets) wounds of chest."  
 NOTE: Missiles were not recovered from all six of the bodies. All that were recovered were 00 buckshot. The wounds of entrance were quite similar and it is the opinion of the Medical Examiner that all the entrance wounds were caused by 00 Buckshot. Complete autopsies were performed by Dr. Howard, Director of the State Crime Laboratory. When the completed reports of these autopsies are received, a copy will be attached to these reports.

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## AUTOPSY OR REPORT OF EXAMINATION OF BODY

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NAME OF DECEASED Sammie L. McCulloughDATE OF DEATH: MONTH May DAY 11 19 70 COUNTY WHERE DEATH OCCURED Richmond

Investigation revealed that this 20 year old man arrived at Talmadge Memorial Hospital Emergency Room at 11:05 p.m. on May the 11th 1970. He had been picked up at the corner of Poplar and 15th Streets. Surgery was performed in an effort to save his life, but he died at 11:35 p.m. on May the 11th. Examination of the body revealed that there were two wounds of entrance in the back. One 4 inches to the left of the 6th dorsal spine. A second wound 6 inches to the right of the 10th dorsal spine. There were three sutured surgical wounds on the anterior surface of the chest. One over the right clavicle 3½ inches long; a second transversly across the right chest 7 inches long; a third 6 inches transversly across the left chest. These last two wounds were the approximate level of the nipples. The first wound had been made in an attempt to control hemorrhage from the subclavian artery. A wound of exit had been excised at this area. The second surgical wound had also been made in an effort to control bleeding in the right chest. The third surgical wound was made to massage the heart. There was an irregular wound of exit that easily admitted an exploring finger in the anterior right axillary line 6 inches below the tip of the shoulder.

At autopsy it was determined that the missile, believed to be 00 buckshot that entered the right chest had coursed upward and slightly forward, perforating all three lobes of the right lung. It shattered the right clavicle, lacerated the right subclavian artery, and exited. The missile believed to be 00 buckshot that entered the left chest coursed to the right and upward. It traversed the lower lobe of the left lung, made a furrow wound on the anterior surface of the 5th thoracic vertebra, traversed the upper lobe of the right lung, and fractured the 3rd right rib, and exited in the wound described above in the right anterior axillary line.

Cause of death: Shotgun (00 buckshot, 2 pellets) wounds of chest.

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(LABORATORY) (APPROVED PATHOLOGIST)

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RECORD OF MEDICAL EXAMINER

CASE #70-5606

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 Sammy Tony McCullough AGE 20 SEX M RACE C HEIGHT 5'10" WEIGHT 150

RESIDENCE OF DECEASED 413 Gilbert Manor, Augusta, Ga.

TIME OF DEATH: HOUR 11:35 P.M. DATE May 11, 1970 PLACE OF DEATH Talmadge Memorial Hospital

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

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

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

BODY REMOVED FROM Talmadge Memorial Hospital REMOVED BY Floyd Thomas

DATE RECEIVED AT FUNERAL HOME: May 12, 1970 HOUR 8:30 A.M.

NAME OF FUNERAL HOME Dent's 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 7:10 P.M. DATE May 15, 1970 PERFORMED BY Larry B. Howard, Ph. D.

ACCUSED \_\_\_\_\_

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CAUSE OF DEATH Exsanguination secondary to missile wounds of lung and right subclavian

artery.

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

INTERNAL EXAMINATION OF BODY

Chest and Abdominal Cavities: The chest and abdominal cavities are opened by the  
usual Y incision and sternal reflection. The clavicle is shattered. The left pleural

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## AUTOPSY OR REPORT OF EXAMINATION OF BODY CASE #70-5606

NAME OF DECEASED Sammy Tony McCulloughDATE OF DEATH: MONTH May DAY 11 19 70 COUNTY WHERE DEATH OCCURED RichmondEXTERNAL EXAMINATION OF BODY

The body is identified by a great toe tag on the left great toe. The left leg is partially atrophied apparently the result of polio. The subject is 5'10½" tall and has a surgical cutdown over the right medial malleolus. The body is unclothed. Jewelry is absent. The body is arterially embalmed through a right carotid incision and shows considerable evidence of trauma.

Surgical Procedures: 1. a crescent shaped incised wound closed with three sutures measuring 3½ inches in length at the base of the right side of the neck anteriorly.

2. a near horizontal surgical incision of the right chest 15½ inches below the top of the head extending nearly to the midline and 6½ inches in length closed with six sutures.

3. a surgically incised wound of the left chest extending from the left mid axillary line 15 inches below the top of the head to within 2 inches of the midline approximately 7 inches in length enclosed with seven sutures.

Bullet Wounds: 4&5. There are two areas of hematoma located in the posterior thorax which have been incised which represent bullet wounds.

4. is located on the right side of the back 16 inches below the top of the head, 3½ inches left of the midline.

5. is 20½ inches below the top of the head on the posterior axillary line 5½ inches right of the midline.

6. There is an apparent surgically altered bullet wound of exit in the right chest at the level and 1 inch anterior to the right axilla 12½ inches below the top of the head. This wound is ½ inches in diameter and is square.

Nose, mouth, eyes, ears and scalp are not remarkable. According to Dr. Phinzy the crescent shaped surgical wound at the right base of the neck covers a bullet wound which is no longer visible.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION OF BODY

Chest and Abdominal Cavities: The chest and abdominal cavities are opened by the usual Y incision and sternal reflection. The clavicle is shattered. The left pleural

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cavity is full of fluid and blood. The fourth rib on the right has been removed and the third rib is fractured in the area of wound No. 6 but is still in place. The fifth rib on the left has been removed. The lower lobe of the right lung shows a large bullet tract which posteriorly shows fragments of bone. The tract enters from the right back, enters the lower, the middle, and upper lobe of the right lung in succession traveling slightly medially but mostly anteriorly and exits from the wound overlying the shattered right clavicle. The bullet wound in the right anterior chest near the axilla and the bullet wound in the left back are also connected by a bullet tract which passes through the inferior aspect of the anterior surface of the upper lobe of the right lung, the mediastinum, the posterior portion of the lower lobe of the left lung and penetrates the posterior thorax between the fourth and fifth ribs on the left side.

Available evidence from the wound tract just described shows numerous bone fragments in the pectoralis muscle and the absence of bone fragments in the tract through the lungs. This indicates that this wound also passes from left posterior to right anterior. The marked difference in the trajectory between the two tracts indicates two separate shots.

The pericardial sac is opened and there is no evidence of blood around the heart. The heart is not remarkable. The structures of the mediastinum are dissected out and the bullet grooves approximately the fifth thoracic vertebra, passing just beneath the esophagus and into the lung on the right side. The esophagus and stomach contain a moderate amount of blood which apparently originated from the right lung through the pharynx.

Head: The scalp is reflected anteriorly and posteriorly and there is no evidence of trauma.

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