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RECORD OF MEDICAL EXAMINER

CASE #70-5601

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 William Wright, Jr. AGE 18 SEX M RACE C HEIGHT 5'10 1/2" WEIGHT 175

RESIDENCE OF DECEASED 213 Furgal Street, Augusta, Ga.

TIME OF DEATH: HOUR 10:30 P.M. DATE May 11, 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 1:00 P.M. DATE May 15, 1970 PERFORMED BY Larry B. Howard, Ph. D.

ACCUSED _____

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

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CAUSE OF DEATH Perforating wound of lungs.

EVIDENCE SUBMITTED TO LABORATORY Buckshot

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in diameter.

7. An apparent exit-entrance combination in the left upper arm approximately 2 inches proximal to the elbow and 23 1/2 inches below the top of the head on the anterior

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EXTERNAL EXAMINATION OF BODY

The body is that of a well nourished, well developed, young, colored male identified by a left great toe tag. This is identified as body No. 1. Subject is 73 inches in height and weighs approximately 200 lbs. There are numerous apparent bullet wounds on the body all of which have been sutured shut by the undertaker. There is a cutdown over the right medial malleolus. The bullet wounds are described as follows:

1. A bullet wound of entry in the right side of the back 17 inches below the top of the head, 7 inches to the right of the midline measuring, including an apparent abrasion ring, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in diameter.

2. An apparent bullet wound of entry in the right side of the back $27\frac{1}{2}$ inches below the top of the head, 3 inches to the right of the midline, measuring $\frac{3}{8}$ inch in diameter including the abrasion ring.

3. An apparent bullet wound of entry located $27\frac{1}{2}$ inches below the top of the head $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches to the right of the midline. This wound measures approximately $\frac{3}{8}$ inch in diameter with considerable contusion-abrasion located superiorly and right laterally. The perforation is located on the left side of the wound.

4. An apparent wound of entry $31\frac{1}{2}$ inches below the top of the head at the level of the pelvis, $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches to the right of the midline. The wound shows abrasion and contusion and is approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in diameter.

5. This is a bullet wound of entry in the right hip 36 inches below the top of the head on approximately the continuation of the posterior axillary line which measures $\frac{3}{8}$ inch in diameter and is surrounded by abrasion-contusion and is symmetrical.

6. A questionable bullet wound of the abdomen 26 inches below the top of the head just to the right of the midline whose margins are very clean and shows almost no evidence of hemorrhage, although one margin shows slight evidence of contusion. The margin is also very straight and appears to have been cut. This wound measures $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in diameter.

7. An apparent exit-entrance combination in the left upper arm approximately 2 inches proximal to the elbow and $23\frac{1}{2}$ inches below the top of the head on the anterior

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surface of the bicep laterally and medially with the medial wound in the middle of the
medial surface and the lateral wound on the anterior lateral surface. Each of the
wounds measure approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in diameter. It appears that the wound of entry
is medial and the wound of exit lateral.

8. An entrance-exit combination is present on the proximal portion of the left
forearm primarily on the flexor surface located 26 inches below the top of the head
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches below the elbow. These wounds are $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches apart with both wounds measur-
ing $\frac{3}{8}$ inch in diameter.

9. An apparent entrance-exit combination 35 inches below the top of the head on the
distal forearm on flexor and extensor surfaces, each measuring approximately $\frac{3}{8}$ inches
in diameter with an apparent entrance wound on the flexor surface. These wounds are
located $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches apart and the wound on the flexor surface contains a bone fragment.

Patches of skin containing the wounds are removed with the wounds from the back
cut in squares, the wounds on the arms cut in triangles and any other wounds cut in
circles.

Continuity of the exit-entrance combination wounds in the arm is proven by section.

A piece of buckshot is removed from beneath the skin in the left mid axillary line ap-
proximately $26\frac{1}{2}$ inches below the top of the head. Blood drainage is present on the
back and abdomen. There are light abrasions in the right frontal area numbering five
and located between the midline and $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches to the right of the midline between 1 and
3 inches above the nasion. The largest is $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in length vertically and $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in
width. There is also minimal contusion in these areas. Blood is present in the nose.

Eyes are not remarkable except they are full of cotton. There is another small vertical
abrasion on the right side of the nose approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in length. Mouth is not
remarkable except it also contains blood. Scalp and hair and ears are not remarkable
except for bloody drainage which is present in the ears. There is a trocar incision
just above the umbilicus.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION OF BODY

Chest and Abdominal Cavities: The chest and abdominal cavities are opened with

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the usual Y incision and sternal reflection. There is no hematoma around the previously described possible bullet wound in the abdomen. Therefore, wound #6 represents an embalming incision. A second piece of buckshot is found near the left axilla, 13 inches below the top of the head approximately 6 inches left of the midline. It exits from the chest cavity through the second rib. Both pleural cavities contain variable amounts of blood. There is considerable blood in the mediastinum and both bronchial trees are full of free and clotted blood. The tract, subadjacent to wound No. 1, enters the upper right shoulder enters the superior posterior aspect of the lower lobe of the right lung and penetrates in an anterior left lateral direction into the mediastinum just below the level of the bronchi. The pericardium is free of clotted blood. The aorta is intact. The bronchus is perforated. Esophagus is intact. The stomach and esophagus are full of blood. Abdominal cavity is free of blood.

Head: The scalp is reflected anteriorly and posteriorly. There is only moderate evidence of contusion under the right frontal area. The skull is not remarkable. The brain is not remarkable.

The remaining projectiles are not recovered.

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