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REPORT OF AUTOPSY EXAMINATION

AUTOPSY NUMBER: A95-0901 CASE NUMBER: 95-6738

DECEDENT: Patricia Blakley Kimble

AGE: 28 RACE: White SEX: Female

Authorized by: Dr. Jan Hessling Received from: Guilford County

Date of Autopsy Examination: 10/10/95 Time: 9:15 a.m.

Body identified by: Dental records and x-rays provided by Dr. Scott Walrond

Persons present at autopsy: Mr. Kevin Gerity, Det. H.L. Byrd of the Guilford County

Sheriff's Department

PATHOLOGICAL DIAGNOSES

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CAUSE OF DEATH: Gunshot wound to the head

The facts stated herein are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Karen E. Chancellor, M.D., Pathologist

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Body condition: Charred

Weight: 101 pounds

Body Heat: Cool

Hair: Brown and singed

Eyes: Burned

Teeth: Natural. Amalgam restorations are present. See accompanying dental

diagrams.

Facial hair: None present.

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ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES

Radiographs: X-rays of the head, chest and abdomen are performed. The head x-ray reveals projectile present on the right side of the head.

Microbiology: None

Chemistry: None

Evidence collected: The remnants of clothing are sealed in nylon bags. Also collected are rectal and vaginal swabs. These items, together with the bullet and jacket and metal fragments, three blood samples, plucked scalp hair sample and plucked pubic hair sample are turned over to Det. Herbert L. Byrd of the Guilford County Sheriff's Department on 10/10/95 at 1:15 p.m.

Personal Effects Disposition: The jewelry is returned with the body.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION

Body cavities: There is no excess fluid within the chest or abdominal cavities. Adhesions are not present. The right lung and bowels on right side of the body are partially charred. The internal organs have a slight green discoloration.

Cardiovascular system: Heart: 320gm. The coronary arteries have a normal right-dominant distribution and no coronary atherosclerosis. Opening the chambers reveals

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normal openings and valves. The foramen ovale is probe-patent. Sectioning the myocardium reveals reddish-brown tissue with no focal abnormality.

Neck: There is no hemorrhage. The hyoid bone and thyroid cartilage are intact. The larynx is clear.

Respiratory tract: Lungs: Right 230gm, left 240gm. The pleural surfaces are smooth. The major bronchi contain no foreign material. Sectioning reveals congested lung tissue.

Gastrointestinal tract: The esophagus contains a small amount of partially digested food. The stomach contains approximately 75cc of partially digested food with no unusual odor. The stomach mucosa is unremarkable. The small bowel, colon and appendix are intact.

Liver: 1230gm. The liver capsule is smooth and intact. Sectioning reveals soft brown tissue. The gallbladder is present and contains approximately 10cc of liquid bile and no stones.

Pancreas: The pancreas is the usual size, shape and consistency.

Spleen: 130gm. The splenic capsule is smooth and reddish-purple. Sectioning reveals no abnormality.

Adrenal glands: Unremarkable.

Urinary tract: Kidneys: Right 100gm, left 130gm. The kidneys have normal size and shape and smooth cortical surfaces. Sectioning reveals no abnormality. The bladder contains approximately 100cc of clear, straw-colored urine. The bladder mucosa is unremarkable.

Reproductive tract: The uterus, fallopian tubes and ovaries are the usual size, shape and configuration. Sectioning reveals no abnormality.

Musculoskeletal system: There are no rib or vertebral fractures present.

Immunologic system: Unremarkable.

Head: Brain: 1380gm. Please see description of injury.

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MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION

Rectal smear: Spermatozoa not present.

Vaginal smear: Spermatozoa not present.

Heart: No pathologic abnormality.

Lungs: Congestion.

Liver: Minimal fatty vacuolization is present. Changes due to thermal injury are also

present.

Kidneys: No pathologic abnormality.

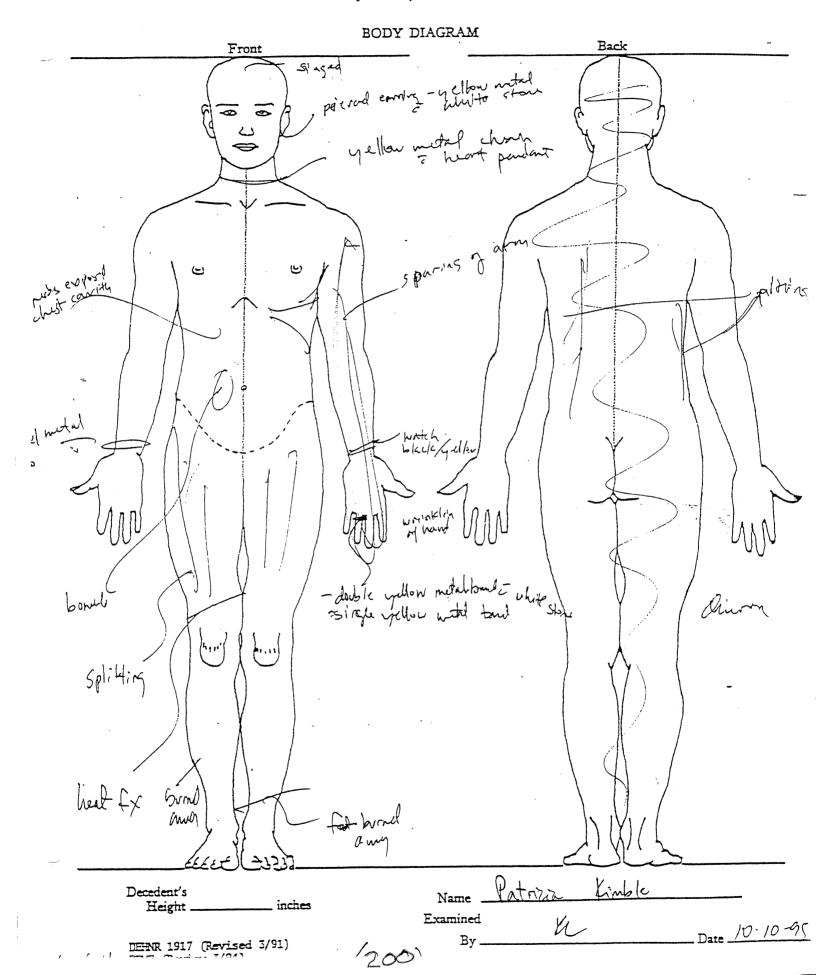
Brain: Section of cortex confirms the presence of subarachnoid hemorrhage. Perivascular cortical hemorrhages consistent with contusion injury are also present.

SUMMARY AND INTERPRETATION

This woman was found in the remains of her burning home in Guilford County on 10/09/95. Accelerants were allegedly found near the home.

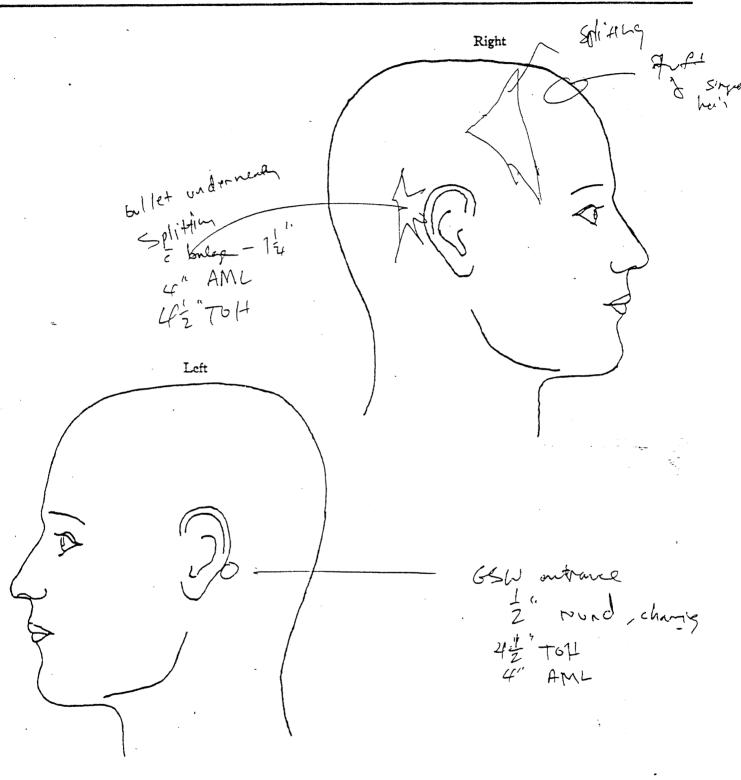
At postmortem examination, the body is that of a charred young adult white female. The identification is confirmed by comparison of dental records and x-rays provided by Dr. Scott Walrond with the dentition (see odontologic consultation). Examination reveals a gunshot wound to the left side of the head involving the left temporal lobe, brainstem and right temporal lobe of the brain. A projectile and jacket material are recovered from this wound track. The blood alcohol is negative, and the blood carbon monoxide saturation is less than 5%.

In my opinion, death resulted from the gunshot wound to the head.



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BODY DIAGRAM—HEAD



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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER Chapel Hill, North Carolina Report of Dental Examination at Autopsy

Case Number: 95-901

Age: 27

Date Completed: 10 October, 1995

Race: Cau

Examined by: Dr. E. Jeff Burkes, Jr.

Sex: Female

The partially charred remains of 95-901 were examined in the Medical Examiner's Autopsy Room on 10 October, 1995. Removal of soft tissues obstructing view was accomplished and the teeth and gingivae cleaned. The gingival contour showed no significant abnormalities, however, calculus was present on the facial and lingual of the lower incisors. The teeth in the maxilla and mandible were slightly crowded in the anterior. There was overlapping of the interproximals with rotation in the maxilla. In the mandible there was rotation and lingual version of teeth numbers 23 and 25. Amalgam restorations were present in teeth numbers 2, 3 and 14. The third molars were erupted and in good alignment. The distofacial cusp of tooth number 31 was fractured, revealing approximately lmm of dentin.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: Oc

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TO:

North Carolina Medical Examiner's Office

FROM:

Dr. E. Jeff Burkes, Jr.

RE:

DENTAL RECORDS COMPARISONS

I reviewed the records on Patricia Blakley provided by $\underline{\text{Dr. Scott Walrond}}$ dated $\underline{\text{2-19-93}}$ and compared them to $\underline{\text{95-901}}$. In my opinion there are sufficient points of similarity between these two records to match them for purposes of identification.

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