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REPORT OF AUTOPSY EXAMINATION

DECEDENT

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Autopsy Type ME Autopsy
Name Shaniya Nicole Davis
Age 5 yrs
Race White
Sex F

AUTHORIZATION

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ENVIRONMENT

Date of Exam 11/17/2009 **Time of Exam** 8:30
Autopsy Facility Office of the Chief Medical Examiner **Persons Present** Dr. Butts and Hiliary Sheaves

CERTIFICATION

Cause of Death
Asphyxiation

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

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Thomas B. Clark, III MD 12 January 2010 09:58

DIAGNOSES

Abrasions of the vagina.

IDENTIFICATION

Body Identified By
Papers/ID Tag

EXTERNAL DESCRIPTION

Length 48 inches
Weight 60 pounds
Body Condition Decomposed
Rigor Not detectable
Livor Not detectable
Hair Brown
Eyes Brown
Teeth Natural, appropriate for age

The decedent is received in 2 body bags. The body is covered with leaves, twigs, and vines. She is clothed in a black sweatshirt, adult size, and striped panties.

A sexual assault kit is performed. Several hairs are retrieved from the right hand and bagged as evidence. A hair is removed from the left elbow and bagged as evidence.

The body is in a state of early to moderate decomposition, manifested by focal discoloration, skin slippage, and the presence of a few maggots. Even in places that are intact, the epithelium falls off as leaves and other debris are removed from the body.

INJURIES

There is a faint blue bruise on the left side of the face, approximately 1/4" in maximum dimension. There is no intraoral injury. The frenulum is intact.

Examination of the pelvis shows a ring of abrasion surrounding the vaginal introitus. The abrasions are most prominent anterior and posterior to the introitus. Lacerations are not present. The hymen is not intact. There is no evidence of recent injury to the hymen. There is no evidence of rectal injury.

DISPOSITION OF CLOTHING AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

The following items are preserved as evidence

The clothing is retained. In addition to the clothing, the sexual assault kit and hairs collected during the external examination are preserved as evidence. The sheet on which the body is initially examined is also folded, packaged, and preserved as evidence. The evidence is released to Detective Grambow of the Fayetteville Police Department.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION

Body Cavities

The serosal surfaces are smooth and glistening. There is no unusual accumulation of blood or fluid.

Cardiovascular System

Heart Weight 150 grams

The coronary arteries and great vessels arise in the usual locations and are widely patent. Serial sections of heart show only normal structure.

Respiratory System

Right Lung Weight 160 grams

Left Lung Weight 150 grams

The lungs are normally formed. There is no evidence of intra-alveolar hemorrhage. There is no evidence of consolidation.

Gastrointestinal System

The GI system is intact. The stomach contains a small amount of mucus. The bowel is unremarkable.

Liver

Liver Weight 610 grams

The liver is of the usual color and consistency. The extrahepatic biliary system is intact. The gallbladder contains liquid green bile.

Spleen

Spleen Weight 80 grams

The spleen is normally formed and does not have focal lesions.

Pancreas

Unremarkable.

Urinary

Right Kidney Weight 60 grams

Left Kidney Weight 60 grams

The kidneys are normally formed and do not have focal lesions.

Reproductive

The uterus and ovaries are infantile.

Endocrine

The thyroid gland is of the usual size and configuration.

The adrenal glands are unremarkable.

Neurologic

Brain Weight 1380 grams

The meninges are thin and delicate, with no evidence of inflammation. There is no evidence of injury to the external surface of the brain. Serial sections of brain do not show focal lesions.

Immunologic System

Thymus Weight 40 grams

The thymus is normally formed and does not have focal lesions. Petechial hemorrhage is not present.

Musculoskeletal System

The right wing of the hyoid bone is incised during removal. Otherwise, the hyoid bone is intact. There is no hemorrhage associated with the hyoid bone, nor with the strap muscles of the neck.

MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION

Cardiovascular

There is no evidence of acute nor old infarction. There is no significant inflammation.

Respiratory

Sections of lung show edema, chronic bronchitis and focal intra-alveolar hemorrhage.

Liver

No pathologic diagnosis.

Genitourinary

A single section of kidney is examined and is unremarkable.

Neurologic

No pathologic diagnosis.

Immunologic

A section of thymus is normally populated and unremarkable.

SUMMARY AND INTERPRETATION

The body of this child was found in a wooded area near Sanford, NC on November 16, 2009. She had been reported missing from home several days earlier, and was subsequently documented by a security camera being carried by a man in a hotel.

Autopsy examination shows injury to the vagina consistent with a sexual assault. There are no other significant anatomic findings. Toxicology testing is negative for alcohol, benzodiazepines, organic bases, oxymorphone, cocaine, and opiates.

Given the circumstances, lack of specific anatomic findings, and negative toxicology, death is most likely due to asphyxiation.

DIAGRAMS

1. 1. Adult (front/back)
2. 2. Female Perineum

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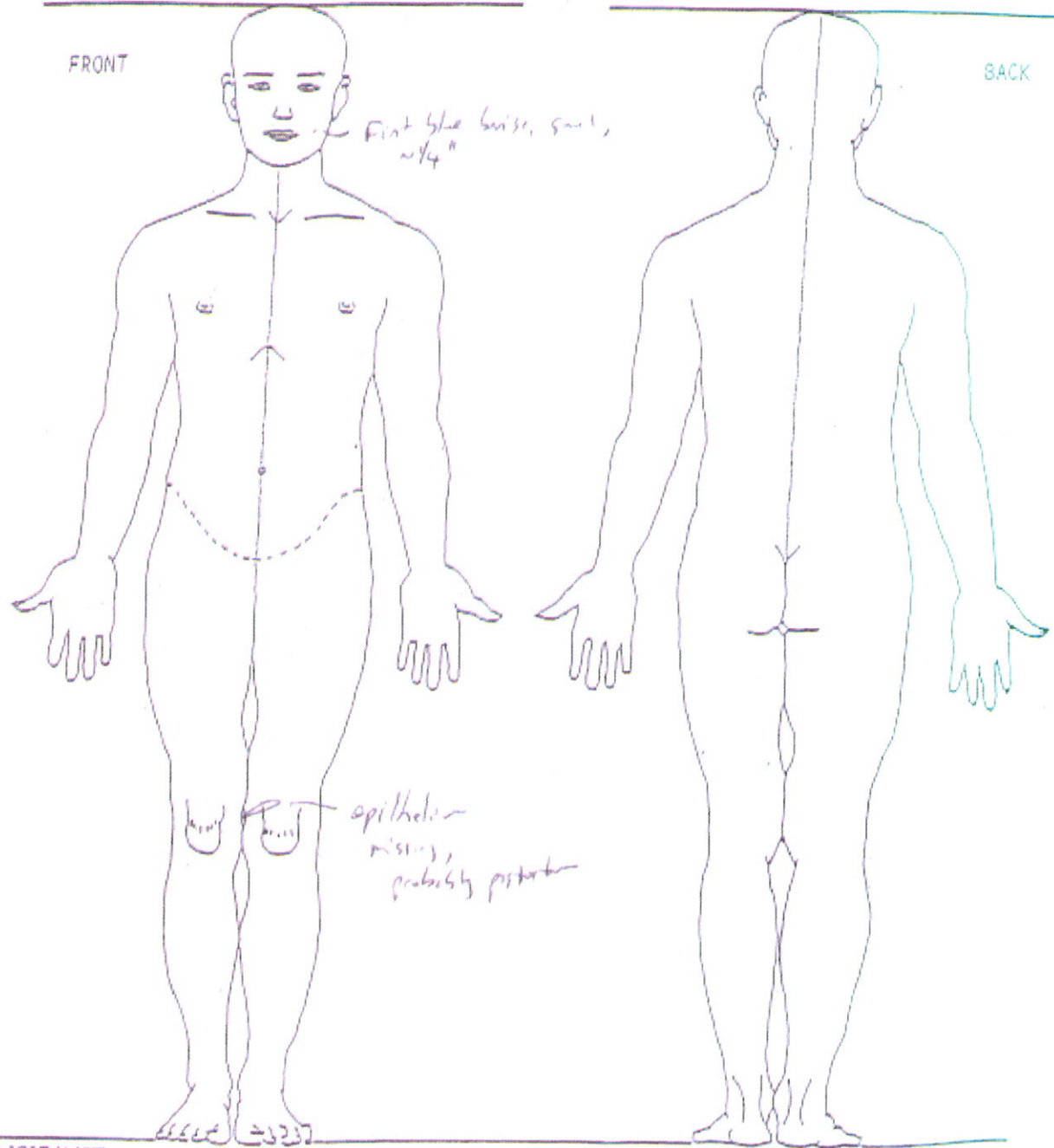
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BODY DIAGRAM: ADULT (Front/Back)



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