



SHERIFF-CORONER

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

STANLEY SNIFF, Sheriff-Coroner

MARK A. FAJARDO, M.D.
Chief Forensic Pathologist

AUTOPSY PROTOCOL

NAME OF DECEDENT: GARCIA, MARCELINO (U46-17)

FILE NUMBER: 2017-02246

- FINAL DIAGNOSES:**
- I. Decedent status post a penetrating gunshot wound of the anterior torso with a large defect to the apex of the heart and concomitant hemopericardium and left hemothorax.
 - A. Perforating defect of the stomach also noted.
 - B. Perforating, not immediately-life threatening, gunshot wounds of the left shoulder and right foot.
 - II. Decedent status post total body thermal injury:
 - A. Carboxyhemoglobin 6% saturation.
 - III. Please refer to formal toxicology report.

CAUSE OF DEATH: PENETRATING GUNSHOT WOUND OF TORSO

"I hereby certify that I, Mark A. Fajardo, M.D., Chief Forensic Pathologist, have performed an autopsy on the body of Unidentified Male U46-17, later identified as Marcelino Garcia, on the 22nd day of February 2017, commencing at 9:15 a.m., in the mortuary of the Office of the Riverside County Sheriff-Coroner."

External Examination: The body is received in a sealed body bag bearing the seal number 053926 which is subsequently broken at 9:15 a.m. Upon opening the body bag, the body is found to be that of a well-developed, well-nourished, Caucasian/Hispanic appearing male who is status post extensive and marked total body thermal injury with subsequent contraction of the upper and lower extremities, thermal fixation, and extensive carbonaceous debris present to the body. The decedent grossly measures 67" in length and weighs 268 pounds. The subject's general appearance is consistent with the possible reported age. The decedent is clothed in the following garments: Present about the feet is a pair of black "World Industry" tennis shoes, size 11 ½. The right shoe has defects to the garment which correspond to gunshot wound injury to the dorsum of the right foot to be described further below. Beneath the shoes are "Dickies" black socks with the right sock also having

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defects as previously described. Present about the lower torso is a pair of "Fruit of the Loom" boxers, size 3XL. Present about the upper torso is a black t-shirt with a tank top present beneath. It is noted that the garments are extensively involved with thermal artifact and partial destruction of the garments. The body has been refrigerated and is cool to the touch. Rigor mortis is 4+ in the jaws, neck, and upper and lower extremities with overlying thermal fixation. Livor mortis is present in a posterior dependent distribution, with relative sparing of the weight-bearing areas, and does not blanch to palpation. The body is unembalmed. The decedent is identified by a Coroner's tag bearing the decedent's case number.

The subject is normocephalic. There is extensive thermal injury to be described further below. The scalp hair is either extremely shortened or consumed by the thermal injury but appears to be black in nature. There is a neatly trimmed mustache and beard measuring up to 1/4" in length. The facial features appear symmetrical and normally formed. The eyes are thermally fixed precluding further evaluation. The nose is normally formed and has an intact bony and cartilaginous structure. The nostrils are patent and are free of hemorrhage or discharge. The ears are asymmetrical with the left ear being markedly diminished in size, presumably secondary to the thermal injury. The teeth are natural and are in a good state of repair. The oral mucous membranes are pink and moist and show no evidence of trauma or petechial hemorrhage. No foreign material or blood is present in the mouth. The neck is symmetrical, normally formed and atraumatic. There is no palpable crepitation or hypermobility of the neck.

The chest is symmetrical and normally formed. There is a gunshot wound to the anterior chest region to be described further below. No palpable crepitation or bony deformity is present over the chest wall. The abdomen is relatively flat. There is thermal injury to be described further below. No masses are palpated. The external genitalia are those of a normally developed apparently circumcised adult male. The testicles are non-palpable due to thermal injury. The pubic hair pattern is consumed. The anus is closed and atraumatic.

The upper extremities are symmetrical, normally formed and assume a pugilistic attitude. They are extensively involved with thermal injury with partial consumption of the digits of the hands bilaterally. Fingerprint examination is attempted at this time. No needle tracks or needle marks are noted. Upon receipt of the body the hands are not enclosed in paper or plastic bags.

The lower extremities are symmetrical, normally formed, and the right foot involved with a gunshot wound and thermal injury also noted. The toenails appear without gross abnormality. The soles of the feet appear moderately calloused.

The posterior trunk shows a normal symmetrical external contour. There is minimal thermal injury. A palpable projectile is noted.

SCARS AND DISTINGUISHING MARKS: Multiple tattoos adorn the body surfaces.

EVIDENCE OF THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTION: None.

EVIDENCE OF EXTERNAL TRAUMA

GUNSHOT WOUND NUMBER ONE

ENTRANCE: Present to the left anterior chest, located 17 1/2" from the top of the head and 2" left of the anterior midline, is a roughly circular entrance gunshot wound. The injury proper measures 1/4" in rough diameter with no appreciable abrasion collar noted. There is extensive overlying soot and carbonaceous debris secondary to the thermal injury precluding complete evaluation of range of fire.

EXIT: By gross and radiographic assessment this is a penetrating gunshot wound with no exit wound associated. However, a palpable projectile is noted 22 1/2" from the top of the head and 1" left of the posterior midline. A jacketed moderately deformed projectile is recovered (please refer to photograph for further detail).

PATH OF PROJECTILE: The projectile passes through the skin and subcutaneous soft tissues of the anterior chest region, passing immediately superior to the fourth rib on the left. The projectile then enters the pericardial sac resulting in a large perforating defect to the apex of the heart involving primarily the left ventricle, measuring up to 5 to 8 cm in greatest dimension. The projectile then produces contusions to both the lingula and lower lobe of the left lung exiting at the T8-T9 soft tissues adjacent to the spinal column and is lodged within the musculature of the back as previously described. Associated with this injury is approximately 1 liter of liquid and clotted blood present within the pleural space as well as approximately 100 cc of primarily clotted blood within the pericardial sac. There is also a perforating defect to the left hemidiaphragm and greater curvature of the stomach with associated spillage of gastric contents primarily isolated to the left upper quadrant as well as minimally contaminating the left hemithorax (please refer to photograph for further detail).

TRAJECTORY OF PROJECTILE: The projectile travels from front to back, slightly downward, and minimally from left to right.

RECOVERY OF PROJECTILE: As previously stated, a moderately deformed jacketed projectile is recovered from the soft tissues of the back and is submitted to the investigating agency.

GUNSHOT WOUND NUMBER TWO

ENTRANCE/EXIT: Present to the left upper anterior superior shoulder are two closely located gunshot wounds. One is located 8 1/2" left of the anterior midline and the other located 10 3/4" left of the anterior midline. Both injuries are somewhat circular in configuration, measuring up to 3/8" in dimension with several macrolacerations which emanate radially primarily on the outside of the gunshot wound proper. Due to the thermal artifact, determination of entrance and exit cannot be made.

PATH OF PROJECTILE: The projectile passes through the skin and subcutaneous soft tissues of the left upper shoulder with no vital structures encountered.

TRAJECTORY OF PROJECTILE: Due to the inability to determine entrance and exit wound complete directionality cannot be determined. A probe is utilized to demonstrate the two possible trajectories.

RECOVERY OF PROJECTILE: By gross and radiographic assessment this is a perforating gunshot wound with no projectile recovered.

GUNSHOT WOUND NUMBER THREE

ENTRANCE: Present to the distal right forefoot region is a slightly elliptically shaped entrance gunshot wound. The injury proper measures 3/8" x 1/2" in greatest dimension with no appreciable abrasion collar noted. There is soot material adherent to the skin secondary to thermal artifact.

EXIT: Immediately proximal to the aforementioned entrance wound is a large elliptically shaped exit defect. The injury proper measures 7/8" by 3/4" in length with no appreciable abrasion collar appreciated.

PATH OF PROJECTILE: The projectile involves the skin and soft tissues of the forefoot with no vital structures encountered.

TRAJECTORY OF PROJECTILE: The projectile travels primarily from the front of the body towards the back, slightly upward, and minimally from right to left.

RECOVERY OF PROJECTILE: By gross and radiographic assessment this is a perforating gunshot wound with no projectile recovered.

As previously stated, the decedent is status post extensive and marked thermal injury with the upper and lower extremities assuming a pugilistic attitude, partial consumption of the digits of the hands bilaterally, heat laceration of the skin and soft tissues in several places, and extensive soot and carbonaceous debris deposited primarily on the anterior aspects of the body. No other evidence of internal trauma is appreciated.

Internal Examination:

OPENING INCISION AND BODY CAVITIES: The standard Y-shaped thoracoabdominal incision reveals a subcutaneous fat thickness of 2" at midabdominal level. The pleural, pericardial, and peritoneal cavities are smooth and shiny and confirms the left hemothorax, hemopericardium and gastric contents present within the left upper quadrant as previously described. The internal organs are otherwise normally arranged.

NECK ORGANS: The hyoid bone and laryngeal cartilages are intact and normally formed. No fractures are identified. There is no evidence of hemorrhage in the strap muscles or soft tissues of the neck. The carotid sheaths and anterior cervical spine are without obvious abnormalities.

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM: The heart weighs 400 grams [REDACTED]. The epicardial surface is smooth and shiny. There is a normal distribution of epicardial fat. The myocardium is firm, red-brown without focal softening, discoloration, or fibrosis. The chambers are not dilated, and the ventricular walls are normal in thickness (left ventricle 1.4 cm, right ventricle 0.3 cm). The endocardial surfaces show a typical trabecular pattern and are free of fibrosis or mural thrombus. The valves are normally formed, thin, and pliable. The coronary ostia are patent. The coronary arteries are normal in origin and distribution. The right coronary artery is dominant. The coronary arteries show minimal atherosclerotic narrowing. There is no thrombotic occlusion. The aorta is patent and follows a normal course. There is minimal aortic atherosclerosis.

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM: The right lung weighs 500 grams. The left lung weighs 270 grams. The lungs are dissimilar in appearance with the left lung being markedly atelectatic as a result of the hemothorax as previously described. The pleural surfaces are otherwise smooth, shiny, light purple-tan with minimal scattered anthracotic mottling and contusions as previously described. Sectioning reveals dense and congested, purple-tan parenchyma. There is no localized consolidation or infarction. No parenchymal mass lesions or abscesses are present. The larynx, trachea, and bronchi are normally formed. The mucosal surfaces of the airways are unremarkable but are coated by a thin film of carbonaceous debris primarily localized to the most proximal aspects of the airway adjacent to the epiglottis and larynx but does not appreciably extend to the trachea. There is no airway obstruction. The pulmonary arteries are normally formed and free of thromboemboli.

GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM: The esophagus is normally formed, patent and shows a smooth, pink-tan mucosa. The stomach is normally formed. It is devoid of gastric contents secondary to the gunshot wound. The gastric mucosa is pink-tan and shows a typical rugal pattern. No localized erosion, ulceration, or mass lesion is evident. The duodenum, small intestine, appendix, and colon are grossly normal.

PANCREAS: The pancreas is normal in size and configuration. Sectioning reveals a uniform, tan, lobulated parenchyma.

HEPATOBIILIARY SYSTEM: The liver weighs 1450 grams. It is normally formed. The capsule is thin, smooth, and shiny. The cut surface is firm, red-brown and displays a typical lobular pattern. No parenchymal mass lesion is noted. The gallbladder is normally formed. It contains 20 cc of amber bile. There are no calculi. The gallbladder mucosa shows a typical finely reticulated appearance. The bile ducts are patent and of normal caliber.

GENITOURINARY SYSTEM: The right kidney weighs 160 grams. The left kidney weighs 160 grams. The kidneys are similar in appearance. The capsules strip with ease. The cortical surfaces are smooth, red-tan. Sectioning reveals a normal pattern of internal architecture. Corticomedullary demarcation is distinct. No cysts or mass lesions are present. The pelves and ureters are patent and are of normal caliber. The bladder contains 10 cc of yellow turbid urine. The bladder mucosa is smooth, light pink-tan. The prostate and testes are unremarkable to inspection and palpation.

LYMPHORETICULAR SYSTEM: The spleen weighs 140 grams. It is normally formed. The capsule is thin, smooth, and shiny. The cut surface is firm, red-purple and shows a typical follicular pattern without evidence of fibrosis or neoplasia. The thymus is atrophic. Lymph nodes throughout the body are small and inconspicuous.

ENDOCRINE SYSTEM: The thyroid is symmetrical and normally formed. Sectioning reveals a uniform, firm, red-brown, colloid parenchyma. The adrenals are grossly unremarkable. The pituitary is grossly unremarkable.

SKELETAL SYSTEM: There is minimal fracture of the superior portion of the fourth rib as previously described; otherwise, there is no gross evidence of skeletal fracture or deformity.

HEAD: Reflection of the scalp reveals no evidence of subgaleal hemorrhage. The skull is intact and normal in thickness. The dura is smooth and shiny. There is no dural neomembrane or sinus thrombosis. No subdural hemorrhage is present. Removal of the dura reveals no evidence of skull fracture.

The brain weighs 1490 grams. The leptomeninges are thin and transparent. There is no subarachnoid hemorrhage or exudate. The superficial blood vessels are fine and patent. The vessels at the base of the brain are free of atherosclerosis. The circle of Willis is normally formed. The cranial nerves are intact. The dorsal surface of the brain presents a symmetrical appearance with a normal convolitional pattern. There is no evidence of subfalcial herniation. The base of the brain shows no evidence of uncal or tonsillar herniation. The brainstem and cerebellum show the usual external configuration. There is no localized external softening or contusion of the brain.

Multiple coronal sections of the cerebrum and transverse sections of the cerebellum and brainstem show the usual pattern of internal architecture without focal mass lesions or hemorrhages. The ventricular system is of normal configuration and contains clear, colorless cerebrospinal fluid.

ASSISTANTS: Jacqueline Zelon.

SPECIMENS FOR PATHOLOGY: Representative sections of all major organs are retained.

SPECIMENS FOR TOXICOLOGY: Heart blood, vitreous, liver, bile, urine, and brain.

POSTMORTEM RADIOGRAPHS: Postmortem radiographs are obtained.

PHOTOGRAPHS: Photographs are by Erika Arballo.

DIAGRAMS: Diagrams are by Dr. Fajardo.

MATERIALS FOR CRIME LAB: Recovered projectile and clothing.

POLICE WITNESSES: Rick Wheeler from RPD, Sue Lane from RPD, and Chris Cook from the District Attorney's Office.

MICROSCOPIC DESCRIPTION: Microscopic examination is deferred.

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Chief Forensic Pathologist

3/29/17

Date

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MAF 3/27/17

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Coroner Investigation



MODE **Suicide** CASE # **201702246**
STATUS **Coroner Review** DEPUTY **Lisa Maccie**

CASE INFO

REPORTED BY Detective R. Cobb, #260	AGENCY Riverside Police Department	DATE 02-21-17	TIME 1219
NEWS RELEASE ****	NAME RELEASABLE ****	ROLL-OUT? Yes	# OF PHOTOS ****
MEDIUM ****	SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES Coroner Review		

DECEDENT INFO

1 NAME (FIRST) Marcelino	2 (MIDDLE) Arthur	3 (LAST) Garcia
AKA	DOE TYPE/NUMBER Undetermined 46-17	PHONE
20 ADDRESS ****		21 CITY Perris
25 STATE CA	23 ZIP 92570	
6 SEX Male	14 RACE White	4 DOB 04-13-1977
5 AGE 39 yrs	RELATED CASE NUMBERS NIA	
BODY BAG # 053926	TOE TAG 51780	10 SS# [REDACTED]
HEIGHT	WEIGHT 268.0 lbs	HAIR
EYES	DRIVER'S LIC. # [REDACTED]	
STATE CA	HOW IDENTIFIED	
Cal ID and Tattoos-02/22/2017		

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NAME	RELATIONSHIP	MOTHER'S DOB/AG	DATE/TIME NOTICED	NOTICED BY
[REDACTED]				

PLACE/DEATH OCCURRED

7 DATE 02-21-17	8 TIME 1232	FND	DAY OF DEATH Tuesday	PRONOUNCED BY Paramedic S. Edwards, #P23227
101 PLACE OF DEATH A Residence			102 IP-ER/OP-DOA	FAC OTHER THAN HOSPITAL Other
105 FACILITY ADDRESS OR LOCATION WHERE FOUND [REDACTED]				106 CITY Riverside

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

ADDITIONAL NARRATIVE ATTACHED YES NO

MEDICAL HISTORY

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MEDICAL

TRANSPORTED FROM N/A	ADMITTED TO? N/A	DATE	TIME	M/R ORDERED No	MED REC # n/a	BLOOD ORDERED Not Available
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CAUSE OF DEATH

107 CAUSE (A) Penetrating Gunshot Wound of Torso	TIME INTERVAL Seconds	109 BIOPSY PERFORMED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
DUE TO (B)		110 AUTOPSY PERFORMED? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
(C)		AUTOPSY # A0204-17 MF EXAM #
(D)		INDIGENT #

112 OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO CAUSE GIVEN IN 107
None

113 WAS OPERATION PERFORMED FOR ANY CONDITION IN ITEM 107 OR 112? IF "YES" LIST TYPE OF OPERATION & DATE.
 YES NO DESCRIBE

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN N/A	PHONE	DATE LAST ATTENDED	CAUSE GIVEN BY Mark Fajardo
115 PHYSICIAN TO SIGN D.C. Riverside County Coroner	ADDRESS	PHONE	DATE 02-22-17 TIME 0915

INJURY

119 SPECIFY MODE Suicide	123 PLACE OF INJURY A residence	120 AT WK? No	121 DATE 02/21/2017	122 HOUR Unknown
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125 LOCATION (include Zip Code)

124 DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED
Shot self with 9mm semi-automatic handgun while in the presence of law enforcement

PROPERTY

PROPERTY? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	PROP RLS'D? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
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LAW ENFORCEMENT

AGENCY -	AGENT Detective R. Cobb, #260	REPORT NUMBER P17-032034
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AUTOPSY

ORDERED BY	DATE	TOX ORDERED	TOX RECEIVED	AGENT(S) TO ATTEND
		02-22-17	03-22-17	

DISPO OF REMAINS

PRESENT LOCATION ****	MORGUE STATUS	VEHICLE TOWED		
TRANSPORTED BY ****	NOTIFIED BY ****	DATE ****	TIME ****	ARRIVED
44 MORTUARY Gold Coast Cremation	PHONE OF MORTUARY (866) 744-4142			

REVIEWED BY **Secrest** **05-16-17 0950**

[Signature] 5.16.17

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02/22/2017

Report of Death to Coroner:

On 02/21/2017, at 1219 hours, I received a telephone call from Detective R. Cobb, (ID #260) of the Riverside Police Department (RPD), in regards to the residential death following an officer involved shooting, of thirty nine year old, Marcelino Garcia (identified by his fingerprints). Detective Cobb told me that a briefing had already been completed and he would call back when they were ready for a deputy coroner to respond.

At 1415 hours, Detective Cobb called me and stated that they were ready for a deputy coroner to respond. I told him I would be en route to the location.

I responded from the Perris Forensic Center at 1429 hours. Coroner Sergeant Brent Sechrest responded with me.

Details/Scene Description:

I arrived to the residence at 1507 hours. The residence was located [REDACTED] in the city of Riverside. The residence was located at the end of a cul-de-sac. The residence had significant damage from a fire. I made contact with Detective Cobb and he told me the following; on 02/20/2017, at 2253 hours, patrol officers with RPD saw a male, later identified as Garcia, standing next to a parked car, talking to the people in the car, in front of 4041 Macarthur Road, in the city of Riverside. The officers stopped and told Garcia to show his hands. Garcia started walking away with his hands in his pockets. Garcia then turned towards the officers, removed a gun from a pocket and fired at the officers. The officers returned fire, possibly hitting Garcia in the right leg. Garcia continued walking for about twenty feet and then fell to the ground. Garcia moved while on the ground and officers feared Garcia was attempting to shoot at them. Officers fired their handguns at Garcia. Garcia was able to get up and hobbled away from the officers. As Garcia hobbled away, he turned towards the officers and looked like he was going to fire at the officers again and officers fired at him. Garcia continued to flee resulting in a foot pursuit. Garcia was able to jump over several fences and officers lost sight of him. Officers started a search of the area and found a blood trail that lead to the residence on [REDACTED]. As RPD arrived to the residence, the occupants of the house were fleeing and told officers that Garcia was inside. RPD set up a perimeter and the SWAT team was called out for a barricaded suspect. There was no communication made with Garcia over the next several hours.

On 02/21/2017, at 0703 hours, the SWAT team deployed two canisters of CS gas into the residence. Immediately following the deployment of the CS gas the residence caught fire. After the fire started officers thought they heard a single gunshot come from inside the residence. Several minutes later, more gunshots were heard and officers then saw something (unknown what) thrown out a window. Riverside City Fire Department arrived on scene and extinguished the house fire. After the residence was safe to enter, Garcia was found lying in a supine position in the bathtub of a bathroom. At 1232 hours, Garcia was pronounced dead by Paramedic Steve Edwards (ID #P23227).

For additional information refer to Riverside Police Department, report # P17-032034.

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Deputy Coroner's External Examination of Remains:

At 1645 hours, I began the body examination. The body examination was brief due to the charred conditions of the remains and RPD requested that I not remove clothing for evidence preservation purposes at the scene.

a) Body Position: Garcia was lying in a supine position on the ground. His arms were bent at the elbow and his hands were in front of his stomach. His legs were bent at the knees.

b) Clothing Description: He was wearing a t-shirt, tank top, boxers, socks and shoes. All clothing was charred.

c) Post Mortem Changes: Rigor and livor mortis could not be observed due to thermal burns to the remains.

d) Ambient temperature and method used: It was approximately 65 degrees Fahrenheit at the time of the examination.

e) Identifying marks, scars, tattoos: Garcia had several tattoos to include "Death is not to die, but to live" on his neck and "Garcia" on his back. Other tattoos were observed but due to the condition of his remains the tattoos were unrecognizable.

f) Trauma: Garcia had a possible injury noted to his left shin. He had what appeared to be a shoe lace tied around his right ankle in what appeared to be an attempt to make a tourniquet. Due to the amount of charring and soot covering the remains, a thorough body exam was limited.

g) Other Observations: A black Smith and Wesson handgun was found in the bathtub with Garcia. The gun slide was noted to be in the locked back position and the magazine was empty. A live bullet and a spent shell casing were also found in the bathtub.

Medical and Social Histories:

[REDACTED]

Medications:

[REDACTED]

Transportation:

At 1520 hours, I contacted Rubidoux Transportation and requested they respond to the residence and transport Garcia's remains to the Perris Forensic Center.

Documentation:

I cleared the scene at 1716 hours. I took eighty-seven digital photographs of Garcia's remains and the scene. Garcia's hands were not processed due to thermal burns. At 1652 hours, a toe tag with number 51780 was placed on Garcia's right wrist. At 1701 hours, I sealed the body bag with seal number 053926.

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Next of Kin Notification:

On 02/22/2017, I notified Garcia's [REDACTED] of the death. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Disposition:

On 02/22/2017, a complete autopsy was performed by Forensic Pathologist Dr. Mark Fajardo. Please see the Administrative Deputy Coroner's supplemental report for cause and manner of this case.

On 02/23/2017, the body was released to Gold Coast Cremation at the request of the family for final disposition.

Report prepared by:

Lisa Maccie, Deputy Coroner, N5335, 04/03/2017

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Coroner Supplemental

02/21/2017

Supplemental Information

On 02/21/2017, at 1759 hours, I received a telephone call from [REDACTED]. She stated that she had reason to believe that her brother, Marcelino Garcia, died in the house fire at [REDACTED], located in the city of Riverside. She provided me with the following summary of information: The house is owned by a man named [REDACTED]. On 02/20/2017, sometime between 2300-0000 hours, she received a telephone call from M. Garcia. He told her that he was in an altercation with the police and got shot in the foot. He fled to [REDACTED] house and was hiding there. He told her that he "did not want to go out this way," she did not understand this statement. He told her that he was sorry and that he loved her and their mother.

[REDACTED] described some of her brother's tattoos for identification purposes. M. Garcia had several tattoos on his arms, legs, and throughout his whole body. She provided the following tattoo descriptions: Horns on his head, near his hair line, "AX3" on the back of his head, and "A" on his chin. M. Garcia had a "Mezzly Rider Lucky" tattoo, but she could not recall where it was located on his body. He also had a scar on his top lip.

I advised [REDACTED] that we did not have the identity of house fire victim yet. I took her contact information and told her we would get ahold of her if needed.

Deputy Coroner Angie Mendoza, ID#N6025
02/21/2017

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05/12/2017

Supplemental Information:

On 05/11/2017, Riverside County Sheriff-Coroner Stan Sniff conducted a Coroner's Review in the matter of the death of Marcelino Garcia. After the facts were presented, Sheriff-Coroner Sniff certified the cause, manner and mode of death.

The cause of death was determined to be: Penetrating Gunshot Wound of Torso.

The manner of death has been classified as: Suicide.

The mode of death has been determined to be: Shot self with 9mm semi-automatic handgun while in the presence of law enforcement.

Report prepared by:

Lisa Maccie, #N5335

Administrative Deputy Coroner

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