Sonoma County Sheriff's Office

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Coroner Investigations Unit
3336 Chanate Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95404
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DEATH INVESTIGATION REPORT

Dave Glen Ward
19-0001121

INITIAL CALL

DATE / TIME RECEIVED	REPORTED BY	PHONE #
11/27/2019 00:00	**Lt. Adrian Mancilla, Sonoma County Sheriff's Office**	

CASE TYPE	DATE / TIME ARRIVED	DATE / TIME DEPARTED	PRIMARY INVESTIGATOR
Coroner Case			**Justin Haugen**

DECEDENT INFORMATION

DECEDENT'S NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST)	DOB	AGE	RACE	GENDER
Dave Glen Ward	[redacted]	**52 yrs**	**White**	**M**

DECEDENT'S RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip)	MARITAL STATUS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
[redacted]	**Unknown**	**5'11"**	**155**

DATE / TIME ID'D	ID	SSN#	DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER	PROPERTY
	Other	[redacted]	[redacted]	**NO**

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NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO DECEDENT	TELEPHONE	CELL PHONE
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

ADDRESS	DATE / TIME NOTIFIED	IF NOTIFIED, BY WHOM
[redacted]	**11/27/2019 00:00**	**Unk.**

DEATH INFORMATION

DATE / TIME OF DEATH	DATE / TIME PRONOUNCED	PRONOUNCED BY	TELEPHONE	EXAM TYPE	EXAM DATE
11/27/2019 07:17	**11/27/2019 07:17**	**Dr. Goldberg ER Physician**		**Autopsy**	**12/03/2019**

PLACE OF DEATH	ADDRESS OF DEATH
Petaluma Valley Hospital	**400 North McDowell Boulevard, Petaluma, CA 94954**

MANNER OF DEATH	CAUSE OF DEATH
Homicide	**Cardiorespiratory collapse**

DUE TO	DUE TO
Blunt impact injuries, neck restraint and application of conducted energy device	**Physical confrontation with law enforcement**

DUE TO	DATE DC SIGNED	SIGNED BY
	05/13/2020	

OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS
Acute methamphetamine intoxication; chronic substance abuse; hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; pulmonary hypertension and cor pulmonale, clinical; remote head trauma (status post craniotomy); bipolar disorder/schizophrenia, by history

DONOR CASE	REFERRAL #	MORTUARY	TELEPHONE
Refer	**PVH advised donor service**	**Montes Chapel of the Hills**	

INJURY INFORMATION

DATE / TIME OF INJURY	INJURY ADDRESS	PLACE OF INJURY	WORK INJURY?
11/27/2019	**N/A, Sebastopol , CA**	**Street/Highway**	**No**

DESCRIBE HOW INITIAL INJURY OCCURRED
The decedent was pursued by Sonoma County Deputies after failing to yield during a traffic stop. The decedent was non-compliant with Deputies during the arrest process and became unresponsive.

INITIAL CASE SUMMARY

The decedent was involved in a vehicle pursuit with Sonoma County Sheriff's Deputies and ultimately died at

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Petaluma Valley Hospital. The County-wide, Critical Incident (Officer Involved) Protocol was enacted and the case was turned over to Santa Rosa Police Department Violent Crimes Investigations. The coroner investigation was conducted by the Marin County Coroner's Office.

The cause of death was determined to be: **"Cardiorespiratory collapse (mins)",** due to**, "Blunt impact injuries, neck restrain and application of conducted energy device (mins)"** due to**, "Physical confrontation with law enforcement (mins)"**. Other significant conditions contributing to death were noted as: **"Acute methamphetamine intoxication; chronic substance abuse; hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, pulmonary hypertension and cor pulmonale, clinical; Remote head trauma (status post craniotomy); bipolar disorder/schizophrenia, by history"**.

The Marin County Coroner's Office mannered this death as a **"Homicide"** which I agree, was consistent with the circumstances and cause.

Additionally, it should be noted the Mannering of death as a homicide is a “neutral” term and neither indicates nor implies criminal intent. The determination of intent lies within the legal process.

Refer to the Marin County Coroner's Office report (CR1900283) for further.

ASSISTING AGENCIES

RESPONDING AGENCY	RESPONDING PERSONNEL	AGENCY REPORT #
Santa Rosa Police Department	**Det. Anthony Turner**	**19-16259**

MEDICAL / SOCIAL HISTORY

DECEDENT'S PRIMARY PHYSICIAN	PHYSICAN OFFICE #

MEDICAL / SOCIAL HISTORY

[redacted]

MEDICATIONS COLLECTED ☒ **NONE LOCATED**

DRUG / ALCOHOL / TOBACCO HISTORY

[redacted]

NARRATIVE

SCENE DESCRIPTION:

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This death occurred in Emergency Room # 12/13 at Petaluma Valley Hospital, located at 400 North McDowell Blvd. in Petaluma, Ca. The hospital room had various medical devices within and was unremarkable. The room was being guarded by Sonoma County Deputy D. Higgenbottom who advised that he relieved Sonoma County Deputy D. Glosser before him who was on scene when the decedent presented to the ER. Deputy Higgenbottom advised that other than treating hospital staff and Marin County Coroner investigator Stuart Cowan (who had arrived moments before me), no one had been inside the treating room with the deceased. There were no obvious abnormalities with the death scene.

BODY CONDITION/POSITIONING:

The decedent was lying supine on a hospital bed. There was an apparent endotracheal tube protruding from within the decedent's mouth. The e-tube appeared to be fastened around the decedent's head and back of the neck with a light-colored strap which had multiple holes down the middle like a belt that goes around your waist. The decedent had what appeared to be dried blood streaming horizontally across his upper forehead and on and around his nose/ center face area. The decedent had a "black eye" to his left eye. The decedent had various medical leads and pads affixed to his upper torso, an injection port and line in the right crook of his elbow, hospital identification on his left wrist (name Ward, David listed) and a intraosseous line in his right shin area just below his knee. There were no major, obvious wound defects or significant trauma to the decedent's body. Refer to the Marin County Coroner's Office Case # CR1900283 for further information.

MODE OF IDENTIFICATION:

Refer to the Marin County Coroner's Office Case # CR1900283 for the decedent's confirmed identification method.

NARRATIVE:

On 11/27/2019 at about 0700 hours, I received a call from Sonoma County Coroner Detective T. Rountree that Sonoma County Deputies had been involved in a vehicle pursuit hour(s) earlier near Bloomfield Road in the west county area. Det. Rountree said that a SRPD investigations "tracker" was on the vehicle in question (03' Honda Ca # [redacted]) and they alerted Deputies to this information. The vehicle was reportedly involved in a carjacking days earlier and a BOL had been broadcast.

Deputies located the vehicle, attempted to conduct a traffic stop and were subsequently led on a vehicle pursuit. When the vehicle finally stopped, Deputies attempted to take the decedent into custody when an altercation ensued. During the course of the arrest, one of the Deputies was bit by the decedent and a carotid restraint and

taser deployment were attempted (unknown if successful). The decedent became unresponsive during the arrest process and CPR was initiated. EMS arrived shortly thereafter, took over life-saving efforts and transported the decedent to Petaluma Valley Hospital ER. ER staff continued life-saving measures but to no avail. The decedent was ultimately pronounced deceased by ER DR. Goldberg at 0717 hours.

Due to the death involving Sonoma County law enforcement, our administration enacted the county-wide, critical incident (officer involved) protocol where Santa Rosa Police VCI would investigate the death circumstances and the Marin County Coroner's Office would conduct the coroner investigation (manner and cause of death).

At approximately 0940 hours, Lt. Mancilla advised our administration and SRPD had a briefing about the events of this incident. Both SRPD and Marin County investigators were enroute to Petaluma Valley Hospital for the death scene investigation. Due to Det. Rountree's high call volume at that same time, I went to the hospital to act as the liaison for our Coroner's Office with Marin County and SRPD investigations.

At about 1015 hours, I arrived at Petaluma Valley Hospital ER where I made contact with Deputy Higgenbottom (room security), SRPD Field Evidence Tech Shannon Brady, SRPD Gang Detective B. Klein and Marin County Coroner investigator Stuart Cowan. I provided investigator Cowan with the decedent's California driver's license photo, his Sonoma County booking demographic information, his rap sheet, aforementioned vehicle registration, an active warrant document (two local warrants out of Sonoma County), the dispatch CAD chronology documents, and a copy of the Jurisdictional Release per Government Code 27491.55 in which Marin County would officially take jurisdiction for the coroner investigation in this incident. I later provided investigator Cowan with the contact information to obtain medical records for Petaluma Valley Hospital and Bodega Bay Fire (patient care report).

I relayed my best understanding of the events from this incident to investigator Cowan. Afterward, I observed investigator Cowan conduct his investigation as he and Field Evidence Tech Brady took photos of the decedent. I took photos as well and uploaded them into the Evidence Upload XT program as evidence and uploaded them into the "docs" tab of the Cohero report writing system. I did not touch or manipulate the decedent in any way during this process.

The decedent's body was eventually removed from the hospital by attendants [redacted] from RC Fields Mortuary Services, Marin County Coroner's transport service. They transported the decedent in locked bag (# 110124) with investigator Cowan following to preserve chain of custody to Montes Chapel of the Hills in San Anselmo, Ca. Dr. Cohen will be conducting the postmortem examination on Tuesday December 3, 2019 at

1000 hours. SRPD VCI and Field Evidence Techs were made aware and will be in attendance.

The decedent's next of kin, [redacted], was made aware of her son's passing and will be contacted in the near future by Det. Turner at SRPD's request as part of their investigation.

I completed the required, State of California, Death In Custody Reporting Form (BCIA 713) and faxed it to the Department of Justice in Sacramento, Ca.

SUPPLEMENTAL/ CONCLUSION REPORT by Sergeant J. Haugen #855

Based on the investigation conducted by the Marin County Coroner's Office, the decedent's cause of death was determined to be,**"Cardiorespiratory collapse (mins)",** due to**, "Blunt impact injuries, neck restrain and application of conducted energy device (mins)"** due to**, "Physical confrontation with law enforcement (mins)"**. Other significant conditions contributing to the death were listed as,**"Acute methamphetamine intoxication; chronic substance abuse; hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, pulmonary hypertension and cor pulmonale, clinical; Remote head trauma (status post craniotomy); bipolar disorder/schizophrenia, by history"**. The Marin County Coroner's Office mannered the death a, **"Homicide"**, which I agree, was consistent with the circumstances and cause.

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Nothing further/ case written for documentation only as this death occurred in Sonoma County.

SUPPLEMENTALS

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