Supplement Report

Agency: **Santa Rosa Police Department** Case #: **SR220008672.018**

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Incident Information

Date/Time Reported: **07/29/2022 1042**	Occurred: **07/29/2022 1042**
Location: **965 SONOMA AV , SANTA ROSA CA 95404**	
UCR Status:	Officer:
Related Cases: No Associated Cases	

Narrative

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Date/Time: **08/10/2022 10:56:00**

SUPPLEMENT:

AUTOPSY:

On Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at approximately 0825 hours, while on duty as a Field Evidence Technician, I retrieved decedent David Pelaez Chavez's shirt (ITEM 13) from SRPD Property and Evidence for viewing purposes during autopsy, if needed. I then went en route to Montes Chapel of the Hills located at 330 Red Hill Ave. in San Anselmo to attend the autopsy of decedent Chavez's (Marin County Sheriff's Office #22-226). I arrived at 0912 hours and met with Sonoma County District Attorney Thomas Gotshall, District Attorney Investigator Alexis Bartley, and Santa Rosa Police Department Violent Crime Investigations Detective Christopher O'Neill. Also present on scene were Pathologist Joseph Cohen, MCSO Deputy Coroner Roger Fielding, Coroner Forensic Technician Emily Mandel, and Intern Jessica Cantwell.

Using a Nikon D5600 DSLR camera, I took overall, midrange and close-up photographs throughout the autopsy, with and without scale. MCSO Dep Coroner Fielding also took photographs during the autopsy. Refer to MCSO Dep Coroner Fielding's report for further.

Autopsy began at approximately 0939 hours. Dr. Cohen provided me with the red body bag seals: #4338909 & #3594672 (ITEM 41).

I made the following observations in regard to decedent Chavez.

Chavez was wearing a pair of blue jean pants with a black leather belt and a pair of blue underwear. All were covered in dirt and apparent bloodstains. He did not have on a shirt, socks, or shoes. There were four circular adhesive pads attached to various locations on Chavez's torso. There was a large clear adhesive seal covering a wound on the upper portion of the left side of his chest. (2) Adhesive pads with attached cords were on the right side of his abdomen. Both his hands were sealed in white bags. All of the adhesive pads/seals were discarded. I did not collect the white hand-bags because the decedents hands were fingerprinted by MCSO Alexandra Torres at the scene. There were apparent wounds to the inside of Chavez's left ear and upper right arm.

Dr. Cohen located and removed $15.13 in U.S. currency (ITEM 42) from Chavez's left front pants pocket. He then cut and removed the pants and underwear (ITEM 46). Dr. Cohen provided me them to be collected as evidence.

CFT Mandel provided me with (2) blood tubes (gray and purple) (ITEM 40) and a Whatman DNA Card (ITEM 43) she collected from Chavez.

Dr. Cohen located and removed an expended bullet from the internal right-side chest area of decedent Chavez (ITEM 44). He located and removed an apparent bullet and (2) copper colored metal fragments from the skull and head area (ITEM 45).

During the autopsy, I photographed a probe used by Dr. Cohen to follow and indicate the apparent bullet paths.

Autopsy concluded at approximately 1212 hours. Following the autopsy, I collected elimination fingerprints from decedent Chavez (ITEM 47).

The shirt (ITEM 13) was not opened to view during the autopsy.

I returned to SRPD and at approximately 1525 hours, I placed the blood tubes in the secured refrigerated evidence locker #2 and placed the collected evidence in locker #9.

On Wednesday, August 3, 2022, at approximately 0730 hours, I removed the evidence from Evidence Locker #9 and the refrigerator #2.

I booked the blood tubes (gray and purple toppers) into SRPD Property and Evidence, Safe Evidence Management (ITEM 40).

I took overall, midrange and close-up photographs of the bullets and metal fragments, with and without scale.

I placed the remaining items of evidence into secured FET Evidence Locker 2.

On Thursday, August 4, 2022, I removed the evidence items from FET Evidence Locker 2. I took overall, midrange and close-up photographs of the clothing.

I booked the autopsy photographs, and evidence photographs into SRPD Property and Evidence, Evidence.com (22-8672 Autopsy).

I booked the following items into SRPD Property and Evidence, Safe Evidence Management:

(ITEM 41) Body bag seals: #4338909 & #3594672

(ITEM 42) $15.13 US currency, collected from the left front pocket of pants

(ITEM 43) Whatman DNA bloodstain collection card

(ITEM 44) Expended bullet, copper colored jacket, with a green ring and a red compressed tip

(ITEM 45) Expended bullet, copper colored jacket, with (2) copper colored metal fragments

(ITEM 46) Blue jeans (Levi's), black leather belt, and blue underwear (Hanes)

(ITEM 47) Elimination fingerprint card

DISPOSITION:

Attach to original report.