



Coroner Investigation

Case Number: ME-2017-01-31-C

Decedent: Jeffrey K. Downs Jr.

Information Sources: LSPD Homicide Detective

Investigation:

At 0500 hours, a security guard on LSPD property heard what he believed to be a gunshot near the vicinity of the north parking lot. Upon arrival to the area and after a brief search, an individual was discovered with a single gunshot wound to the right temple. The individual was identified as Sgt. Jeffrey Downs Jr. A Glock 42 serial number XXXX was located next to the body. One spent casing was found near the decedent's feet. The headstamp read "R P 380 AUTO." Weapon released to LSPD Homicide Detective.

Location:

North parking lot LSPD Headquarters 550 West Highland Avenue Los Sands, CA 90220

Informant/Witness Statements:

LSPD Security Guard Joe Smith was retrieving his positions and leaving work, headed for his car in the north parking lot when he heard what he believed to be a single gunshot. He initially took cover not knowing what was going on, but eventually decided to go inquire. He looked around for about a minute before discovering a white male (later identified as Sgt. Jeffrey Downs Jr. lying supine on the parking lot with an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound to the right temple. Smith called dispatch who notified LSPD Fire and the Hicks County Medical Examiner. The decedent was an officer with the LSPD. He was recently divorced and in a tumultuous custody battle. No known suicidal ideation or prior attempts, and the death came as a complete shock to co-workers. No history of anxiety or depression. Family members noted decedent had been drinking more and not sleeping well. A suicide was located in the decedent's personal vehicle. The note apologized for the act and left information about how to handle the decedent's personal affairs.

Scene Description:

The decedent was located in the LSPD north parking lot near the entrance located in a supine position with the head pointed south. There were approximately 10 cars in the lot at the time the body was discovered. A large pool of blood surrounded the decedent's head. There was some blood spatter on the ground. A Glock 42 serial number XXXX was located near the body and a single bullet casing was located at the decedent's feet. Also located near the decedent car keys and a cell phone, both of which were the decedent's.



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Evidence:

GSR kit was collected on scene at 0515 hours. The decedent's hands were bagged. Evidence was booked at the Hicks County Medical Examiner's Office.

Body Examination:

Decedent found supine on north parking lot at LSPD Headquarters. Head facing south and feet facing north. Large pool of blood surrounded the decedent's head. A Glock 42 was found on decedent's right side with single bullet casing near his feet. Defect of 1/3 inches was seen on right side of head, exit wound on left side 3/4 inch. No scars, marks, or tattoos noted. Decedent was wearing LSPD uniform, black boots, white underwear, sunglasses.

Identification:

DOJ fingerprints identified the decedent as Jeffrey K. Downs Jr. at 0530 hours.

Next of Kin Notification:

Detective Joseph King notified the decedent's spouse Kelley Downs of the death.

Tissue Donation:

DMV Donor Registry Verification shows the decedent wished to donate organs.

Autopsy Notification

Detective King requests a 2-hour post notification. Confidential contact information is in case notes.

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Date Report

Form 82

GSR Data Sheet

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Decedent's Name

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Incoming Mode

Homicide Suicide Accident Undetermined OIS

Investigator: Detective Joseph King

Collected at: Forensic Science Center Scene Hospital

Collector: Det. Alan Roberts

Date: 01-31-2017

Time: 0515am

Weapon was in decedents: Left Hand Right Hand Unknown
Neither, The weapon was located: Near the right side of the body

Firearm - Make/Model: Glock 42

Ammunition - Brand/Caliber .380

Date of Shooting: 01-31-2017

at N. parking lot LSPD **Hours** 0500

Location of decedent: Indoors Outdoors Automobile

Location Shooting Occurred: North parking lot LSPD Headquarters 550 West
Highland Avenue Los Sands, CA 90220

Numbers of shots fired: 1

Decedent's activity prior to shooting: Unknown, reporting for duty at 0600.

Decedent's occupation: Police Officer

Decedent's hands were touched prior to GSR collection by: Police

Family Paramedics Handcuffed Bagged Bags Collected

Other Unknown

Notes/ Comments: Firearm collected was decedent's duty weapon
Serial Number XXXX