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SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

A supplemental report is issued on this 5th day of December, 1969, to
correct the following error in the autopsy protocol.

SEE PAGE 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5:

ERROR: Autopsy Protocol dated August 4, 1969

CORRECTION: Should read: August 11, 1969


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DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER

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ANATOMICAL SUMMARY

I. MULTIPLE STAB WOUNDS TO NECK AND TRUNK:

- A. Perforation of lung.
- B. Perforation, stomach.
- C. Laceration of cervical spinal cord.
- D. Laceration of spleen.

SUMMARY OF INJURIES:

Multiple stab wounds of the neck and trunk are present, of which most are on the back, 22 on the upper portion of the back, and 14 on the lower portion. In addition, four are present on the anterior portion of the trunk, and one at the lower margin of the right mandible. The major ones are enumerated as follows:

#1: At the posterior neck, 9 inches from the vertex, slightly to the left of midline, pointing somewhat downward and to the right of the deceased in a downward direction, entering the cervical spinal canal at the junction of the 2nd and 3rd cervical vertebrae and lacerating the spinal cord at that level, causing approximately 2/3 complete transection. This wound is considered fatal.

Major wounds #2, #3, #4, and #5 are on the left side of the back at 9-1/2, 11-1/2, 13, and 19 inches from the vertex, respectively. These lacerations are up to 1 inch in maximum length and approximately 1/8 to 3/16 of an inch in width, has a somewhat hemorrhagic connective tissue surrounding, goes through the intercostal spaces at these levels: the 1st intercostal space, the 4th intercostal space, the 6th intercostal space, and the 10th intercostal space, then penetrating into the lung for distances up to 2-1/2 to 3 inches. Major and minor blood vessels transected as demonstrated by water injection of the vessels. Total depth of penetration of these wounds from skin surface is from 4-1/2 to 5-1/2 inches in total depth. These wounds are considered inevitably fatal.

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Wounds #6 and #7 are on the right back at 11 and 13-1/2 inches from the vertex, respectively, perforates the 6th and the 9th intercostal space, penetrates to depth of 4-1/2 inches from skin, penetrating the lung parenchyma with transection of major and minor vessels as demonstrated by water injection. These wounds are considered inevitably fatal.

Wound #8 is on the left breast just above and lateral to the nipple, approximately 1 inch in length, goes downward through the lower lobe.

In addition to the lung perforation of wound #5, the diaphragm and stomach has also been perforated. A small laceration of spleen is also sustained. Portions of the stomach are herniated into the thoracic cavity, and a slight spill of stomach contents is also present.

Two moderately deep stab wounds are present in the upper mid-back, one near the midline and one approximately 5 inches to the right of the midline, and penetrate to depths of approximately 5 to 5-1/2 inches and pointed downward and to the right at approximately 45 degrees. These do not penetrate into the abdominal or thoracic spaces.

On the lower portion of the posterior trunk, numerous lacerations - stab wounds whose depths are up to 1-1/2 inches and approximately 3/4 to 1 inch in maximum width. However, these do not show any significant hemorrhage into the connective tissue surrounding. Also present are linear lacerations, very superficial, from 5-7 inches in length, with the lines going from left to right in a downward direction. The abdomen also shows several relatively superficial stab wounds into the connective tissues only, up to 4 inches in maximum depth.

The laceration of the jaw is relatively superficial, extends approximately 1-1/2 inch to 2 inches.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:

The unembalmed body is that of a Caucasian female who is partially clothed in a blue striped dress-like housecoat with a faint orange gown. The hands are presently in celophane bags. There appears to be pink enamel-like material on the fingernails. The head is covered with a pillowcase type material and a rather loose electric cord ligature is present around the neck. The anterior portion of the orange gown does show slash marks. There is a moderate amount of blood present on the clothing. The toes are also coated with an orange nail polish.

After removal of the outer garments and the hood and the ligature, numerous stab wounds are noted as indicated in the Summary of Injuries above. Large amounts of blood pours out from the wounds in the posterior back, especially in the upper portion. No surgical scars are presently recognizable. The hair is

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brownish, the eyes are hazel. The teeth are in good condition. The external genitalia are female. The mouth and tongue show no recognizable injury. Small abraded areas are present on the right wrist area. These have a somewhat ecchymotic appearance. The height is 66 inches, and the weight is approximately 128 pounds, and the age appears to be that stated of 38. The skin shows no recognizable abnormality. There is no edema present.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION

INCISION:

The usual Y-shaped incision is employed. The organs appear generally in their usual position. A small portion of stomach is herniated into the thoracic cage on the left. A small amount of blood is present in the tracheobronchial tree and in the oral pharynx.

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM:

The trachea and bronchi contain a moderate amount of bloody material. The lungs weigh 450 grams on the right and 470 grams on the left. Stab wounds as noted previously are noted on both sides with slight hemorrhage into the connective tissue surrounding. There is no recognizable consolidation or evidence of edema. The pulmonary vessels are transected in the peripheral portions by the stab wounds. There is no recognizable tumor.

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM:

The aorta and its branches show no significant atherosclerosis. The heart weighs 290 grams, lies within a smooth pericardial sac. The epicardial and endocardial surfaces are smooth. The cardiovascular spaces are almost completely empty of blood. There is no hypertrophy or dilatation. The coronary arteries show no significant atherosclerosis. The valve appearances and sizes are grossly normal. Cut surfaces of myocardium show no recognizable old, recent, or fresh infarct. The venous system appears grossly normal.

HEMIC AND LYMPHATIC SYSTEM:

The abdominal and mediastinal nodes are not significantly enlarged. The spleen weighs approximately 120 grams, shows a small laceration on the lateral, superior aspect. The capsule is wrinkled. The spleen has a softened parenchyma that is rather pale reddish in color. The vertebral marrow is red-brown in color.

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DIGESTIVE SYSTEM:

The esophagus shows no recognizable abnormality. The stomach shows several through and through lacerations up to 1-1/2 cm in length. A small amount of granular material is present in the stomach. The small bowel, appendix, and colon are grossly normal.

The pancreas has the usual lobular yellow-tan appearance, shows early postmortem autolytic changes.

The liver weighs 1200 grams, has a smooth capsule. The parenchyma is markedly decongested, shows early postmortem changes, with no accentuation of lobules or fibrosis. The gallbladder and biliary tree are grossly normal.

UROGENITAL SYSTEM:

The kidneys weigh approximately 120 grams each, have easily stripped capsules with cortices up to 4-5 mm in thickness. The pelvis, ureters, and urinary bladder are grossly normal. The uterus is approximately 8x6x6 cm, has an endometrium approximately 3-4 mm in thickness. The uterine tubes and ovaries are grossly normal.

ENDOCRINE SYSTEM:

The adrenals show no recognizable abnormality in size, shape, color, or location. The thyroid weighs approximately 25-30 grams. The pituitary shows no gross abnormality.

SKULL AND CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM:

The scalp, calvarium, and dura are free of evidences of hemorrhage or other injury. The brain weighs 1450 grams. The arteries at the base show no significant atherosclerosis. Uncinate shows minimal grooving. There is slight herniation of cerebellar tonsils. Multiple sections through cerebrum, cerebellum, mid-brain and pons show no recognizable hemorrhage, infarct, or neoplasm. The ventricular system is slightly diminished in size.

The spinal cord is removed by the anterior approach, and there is a rather extensive area of laceration, somewhat transverse, approximately 2/3 of the cross sectional area being involved at the C level of Vertebrae C-2 and C-3.

MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM:

No gross deformities of the extremities are noted. No evidence of defense marks are noted on the hands.

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The thoracic and lumbar vertebrae show no gross abnormality.
The ribcage shows no recognizable fractures.

SPECIMENS:

A specimen of blood, liver, bile, urine and kidney are submitted
for toxicology study.

SECTIONS:

Routine hold sections are taken.

NOTE

Sargeant Knuckles from Central Homicide present for autopsy.


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DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER

DMK:AMJ::G
9/17/69



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
OFFICE OF CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER-CORONER

MEDICAL REPORT

Name ROSEMARY LA BIANCA Occupation _____ Case No. 498860

Date 8-11 Time 11:30 A IN Crypt # 11 A OUT MORTUARY CORNER
 INVESTIGATION AUTOPSY PENDING FINAL ON 8-11 Dr. Victor

CAUSE OF DEATH:

multiple stab wounds to neck and hand
SCAUSING MASSIVE HEMORRHAGE.

- Micro. Neuro.
 Bact. Med. History
 P. R. S. P. R.
 Photo By _____
 X RAY A. S.
 Toxicology
 Alcohol Over 24 Hrs.
 Barbs. C. O.
 Other - Explain Below

Due to:

OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH

NATURAL ACCIDENT. SUICIDE HOMICIDE UNDETERMINED

DATE OF OPERATION: _____ OPERATION - CHECK ONE
 NO OPERATION PERFORMED OPERATION PERFORMED - FINDINGS USED IN DETERMINING ABOVE STATED CAUSE OF DEATH OPERATION PERFORMED - FINDINGS NOT USED IN DETERMINING ABOVE STATED CAUSE OF DEATH

Evidence of Injury Yes No At work Yes No SUICIDE NOTE Yes No FETAL DEATH CERTIFICATE

Embalmed by: Washington License No. 5285 Blood Sample Taken No Yes Explain _____

Rx No. 1 Date Filled: _____ Contents: _____ Amount Prescribed: _____ Amount Remaining: _____

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION Age 38 Sex F Race W Complexion Med Wt. 128 lbs. Ht. 66 in.

Hair ? Teeth U? Eyes ? Pupils _____ Scars, amputations, clothed

Appliances on body hood over head + cord around neck Tattoo or deformity _____

Hospitalized Yes No Hospital Report Yes No Hospital No. _____ Unit _____

In Jail _____ Hospital Duration _____

For SEE REPORTS

Physician _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

Diagnosis or Comment: _____

Information taken by VINCE

MEDICAL EXAMINER'S COMMENTS

David M. Katay M.D.

CERTIFICATE ISSUED TO MORTUARY Pending By _____ FINAL By _____

TEMPERATURE - U - 50 CERTIFICATE MADE Pending By PKS-11-69 INQUEST By _____ FINAL By ROB

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER-CORONER
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

Name ROSEMARY LA BIANCA Case No. 69-8860

RIGOR MORTIS:

NECK:

Anterior flexion 2+
Posterior flexion 2+
Right lateral flexion 2+
Left lateral flexion 2+

JAW: ? HIP: 3+
SHOULDER: 2+ KNEE: 2+
ELBOW: 2+ ANKLE: 3+
WRIST: 2+

TEMPERATURE:

ENVIRONMENT TEMPERATURE = 74 F

DATE 8-11-69 TIME 3:50 PM

LIVER TEMPERATURE = 84° F

WHERE TAKEN AT SCENE

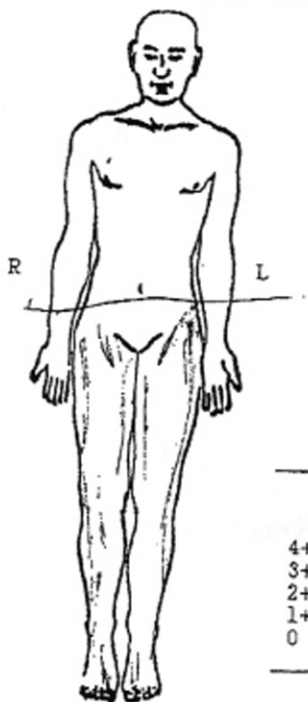
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LIVOR MORTIS:

Use shading on diagrams to illustrate location.

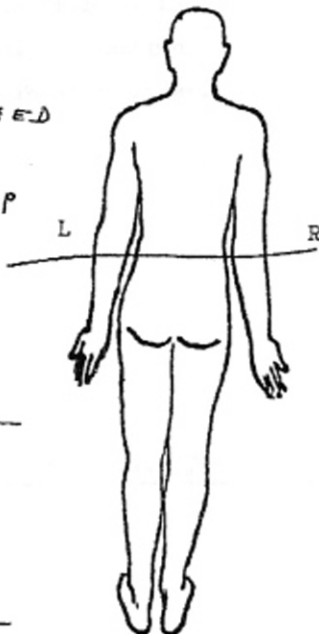
Describe intensity of coloration. (use scale)

Permanent or blanches under pressure? Describe.



2+ LIVOR

BODY DRESSED
FROM
WAIST UP



SCALE

4+ = Extreme Degree
3+
2+
1+
0 = Absence/Negative

Remarks:

John C. Vondra
Coroner's Investigator

Date 8-11-69 Time 7:10 AM

REPORT OF MICROBIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS
CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER-CORONER'S OFFICE
Bacteriology Laboratory
Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California

File No. 69-8860

Name of Deceased Rosemary La Bianca

Date Submitted 8/11/69

Autopsy Surgeon D. Matsuyama, M.D.

Material Submitted Vaginal smear for spermatozoa and acid

phosphatase.

Laboratory Findings:

Acid phosphatase reactive 2+.
Positive control reactive 4+.
Negative control nonreactive.
No spermatozoa found on smear.

Examined By Federick J. Lupo Date 8/15/69

REPORT OF CHEMICAL ANALYSIS
 LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER-CORONER
 Toxicology Laboratory
 Hall of Justice
 Los Angeles, California

Name of Deceased Rosemary LaBinaca File No. 69-8860
 Date Submitted August 12, 1969 Lab No. 8-216-69
 Time 8 A.M.
 Autopsy Surgeon D. Katsuyama, M.D.

Material Submitted:	Blood <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Liver <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stomach <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Brain	Lung	Lavage
	Femur	Spleen	Urine
	Kidney <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sternum	Gall bladder
	Drugs	Chemicals	Bile <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Test Desired: Ethanol

Laboratory Findings:

Blood: Ethanol absent

Examined By R.R. Thompson Toxicologist Date August 18, 1969

Tap # 1-2 Start 7 End 4B

Crypt # 4A

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CASE REPORT

REPORTED AS:

- Natural
- Accident
- Suicide
- Homicide
- Undetermined

- In Custody
- Nursing Home
- At Work

Phone at Scene: 665-1860

Case No. 69-8860

Taken by: M. J. ...

Stabbing + Post. Strangulation 8-10-69
Died at 10:50 P.M. 3301 Waverley Dr. L.A.

Post Mortem at

Coroner

Request of

NAME Rosemary Labianca Occupation

AGE 38 Sex Female

Place of Death 3301 Waverley Dr. L.A.

Reported by Palando Address D.H.Q.

Phone

Date 8-11-69 Time 3:05 P.M. Pronounced Dead by G-1

Date and Time of Death 8-10-69 10:50 P.M.

Investigating Agency L.A. P.D.

Officer Palando Date Time A.M. P.M. Hospital No.

Residence of Deceased Same Religion

Employer Soc. Sec. Number Military No. Vet.

Next of Kin Address Phone

Relationship Notified by at A.M. P.M.

Weight 128 lbs. Height 66 In. Hair ? Teeth U 7 Eyes ? Mustache

Beard Tattoo or Deformity Body Condition Prints Yes No

Brought in by VONDR Date 8-11-69 A.M. P.M. Property Yes No
Clothing Yes No
Door Sealed Yes No

REMARKS:

See # 69-8859

Assigned to Dr. Investigation active Deputy

INQUEST Yes No Held on Inquest Deputy

CERTIFICATE ISSUED: TO MORTUARY Pending By FINAL By 9/17/69

CERTIFICATE MADE Pending By 8-11-69 INQUEST By FINAL By A.C.B.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
OFFICE OF CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER-CORONER
MEDICAL REPORT

Name: Leon La Bianca
Rosemary La Bianca

Case No. 69-8859

Dr. _____

Date: 12/4/69

CONTINUATION SHEET

Department received call from Sgt. D. Galindo, L.A.P.D. Homicide Detail in the early afternoon, requesting the information re above cases:

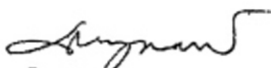
Radio log shows activity of Mike 2+ on August 11, 1969 as follows

10-8 at 0328 from Hall of Justice

Code 6 at 0345 at 3301 Waverly Dr., Los Angeles

10-8 at 0458 from 3301 Waverly Dr., Los Angeles

Code 6 at 0510 at Hall of Justice


D. Drynan
Act. Chief, Inv. Div.

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 AUTOPSY CHECK SHEET

Name La Bianca Rosemary File # _____ Date 1968 Time 11:30

EXTERNAL EXAM

Sex F
 Race Cauc
 Age 38
 Height 66
 Weight 128
 Hair Br
 Eyes hazel
 Sclera _____
 Teeth Ex
 Mouth _____
 Tongue _____
 Nose _____
 Chest _____
 Breasts F
 Abdomen _____
 Scar _____
 Genital Ex
 Edema 0
 Skin OK
 Decub _____
 HEART Wt 290
 Pericard _____
 Hypert 0
 Dilat 0
 Muscle OK
 Valves OK
 Coronar OK
 AORTA OK
 VESSELS _____
 LUNGS Wt
 R 450
 L 470
 Adhes _____
 Fluid bloody
 Atelectasis _____
 Oedema _____
 Congest H
 Consol _____
 Bronchi bloody
 Nodes _____
 PHARYNX _____
 TRACHEA _____
 THYROID _____
 THYMUS _____

PERITONEUM

Fluid _____
 Adhes _____
 LIVER Wt 7200
 Caps S
 Lobul _____
 Fibros decoung
 G B OK
 Calc _____
 Bile ducts OK
 SPLEEN Wt small
 Color _____
 Consist S
 Caps W
 Malpig _____
 PANCREAS OK auto
 ADRENALS _____
 KIDNEYS Wt 120-120
 Caps E
 Cortex 4-5
 Vessels 0
 Pelvis 0
 Ureter T
 BLADDER 0
 GENITALIA
 Prost _____
 Testes _____
 Uterus 3x6 x6
 Tubes OK
 Ovar OK
 OESOPHAGUS OK
 STOMACH H L
 DUOD & SM INT _____
 APPENDIX OK
 LARGE INT _____
 ABDOM. NODES _____
 SKELETON
 Spine _____
 Marrow R.B.

BRAIN Wt 1430

Dura _____
 Fluid _____
 Ventric ↓↓
 Vessels OK
 Ears _____
 Nasal Sin _____
 PITUITARY C 2-3
partial
transect

TOXICOLOGY

Bl

SECTIONS

routine

GROSS IMPRESSION

Spt. Enucleation
multiple
State woman

20 tabs
4-stal part
1 front

Deputy Medical Examiner

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NAME:

Rosemary LaBianca

1/4 3/4 7/8 9/8 9/8 1/8 1/8

9/8 1 1 1 7/8 5/8 7/8

9 7/2 1 1/2 13 19 11 13 1/2

REGION AND WOUNDS	STAB	CRW		
Back - Upper	22			#1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; two (2) moderately deep upper mid back; + 14 not numbered or described.
Back - Lower	14			3/4 to 1" wounds, described but not numbered; some post mortem.
Anterior Trunk	3			Not numbered - indicated on autopsy body chart
Left Breast	1			#8 <i>lung</i>
Right Lower Jaw	1			1 1/2 - 2" - described - not numbered
TOTAL:	41			

SUMMARY OF WOUNDS: 41 stab wounds
abrasions

FATAL WOUNDS: #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

WOUNDS NOT DOCUMENTED:

All wounds documented: numbered, described or charted.

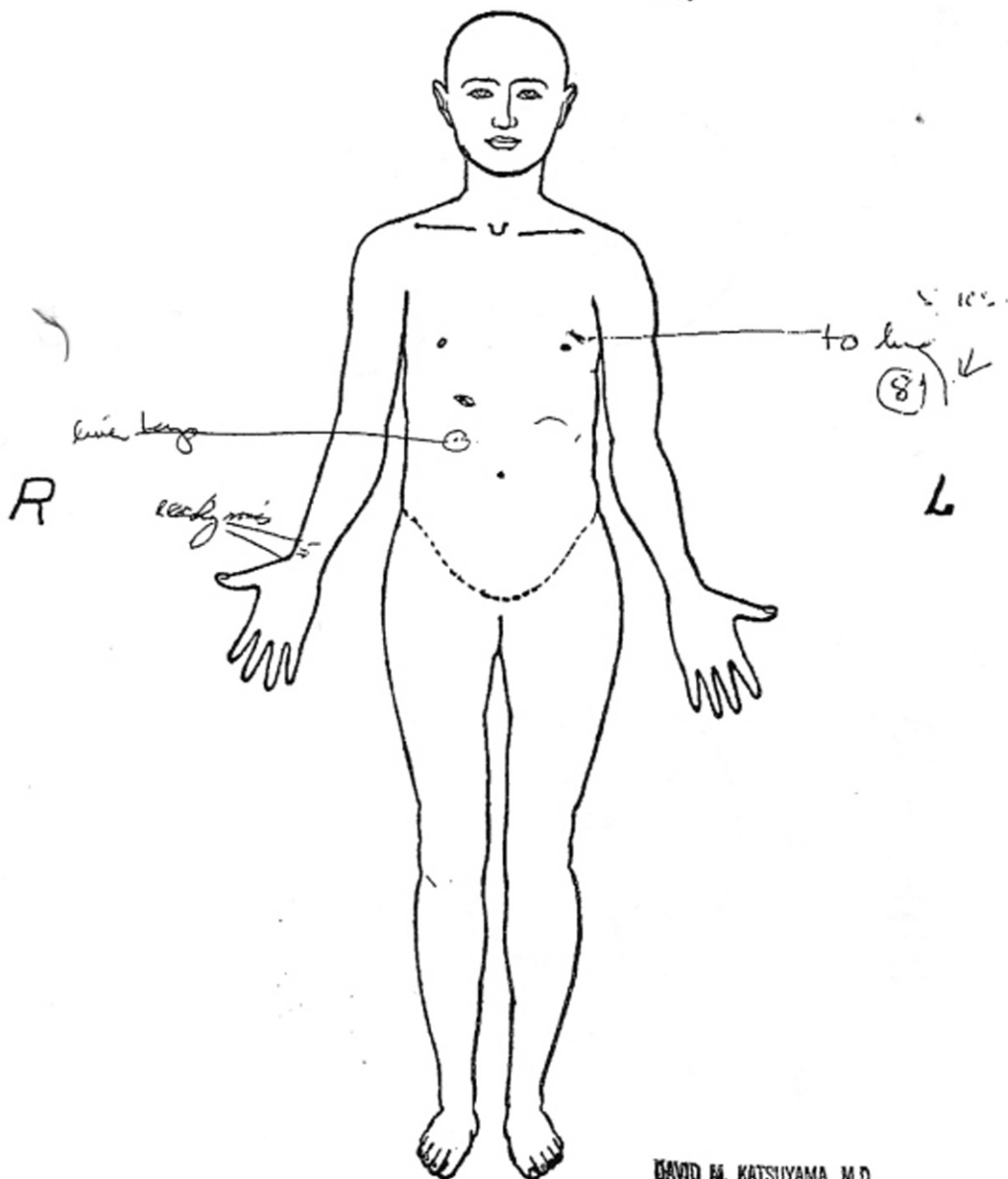
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BODY FULL LENGTH ANTERIOR

NAME La Bianca, Rose

Date 7/19/69

File # _____



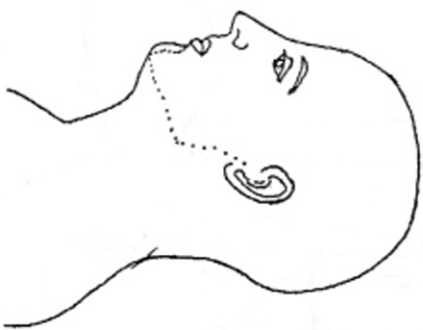
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M.D.

Deputy Medical Examiner.

Ar. Rivera
Rosman



Left

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Right

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 BODY FULL LENGTH POSTERIOR

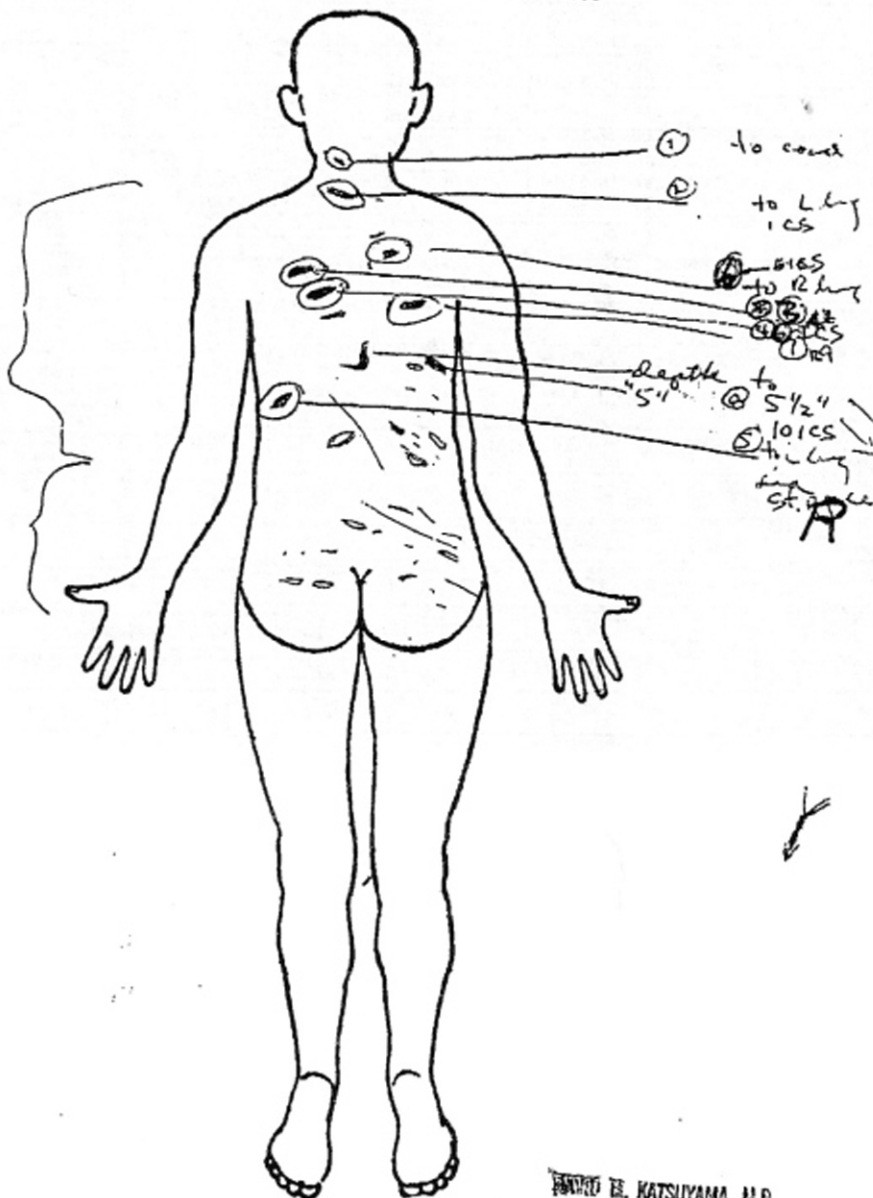
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Date AUG 17 1968

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- 13 ⑤
- 13 1/2 ⑥
- 19 ⑦

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