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INVESTIGATIVE REPORT
February 5, 1964

Name: JOHNNY RAY SWINDLE

CC# 252-64

Age: 20

Undersigned viewed the decedent, a well developed, well nourished, Caucasian male adult of the apparent stated age, lying on a bed in Room 107, Doctors Hospital, San Diego, California. The eyes, which were brown, were moderately dilated. The hair was brown. It was noted that the decedent's upper and lower eyelids were markedly swollen and discolored; and, further, that the left sclera was clear, while the right sclera was congested. The body was viewed in primary flaccidity, Livor mortis was noted on the dependent portions of the body, which was cool to the touch.

An abrasion was noted on the decedent's right temporal area. A small circular wound was noted on the right frontal portion of the decedent's head, approximately 1 inch inside of the hairline and 2 inches to the right of the midline. The same type wound was noted on the decedent's left ear, approximately 4 inches above his ear canal. The same type wound was noted on the rear portion of the decedent's left arm, midway between his elbow and shoulder. Approximately 2 inches below this wound and 1 inch to the right of this wound, another small hole was noted. The same type wound was noted on the lateral aspect of the decedent's left thigh, approximately 8 inches below his hip. Identification was established by Doctors Hospital records, San Diego, California.

For further information regarding this homicide, please refer to Joyce Swindle's file, No. 42542, and/or San Diego Police Department records, San Diego, California.

HOMICIDE: Shot in head by unknown assailant with a .22 caliber semi-automatic weapon.
LOCATION: Beach area, foot of Narragansett Avenue, San Diego, California.
DATE: February 5, 1964; found, 8:35 p.m.

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W. T. SOUZA, Deputy Coroner

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AUTOPSY REPORT

File No. 42544

Medical Dept. No. 252-64

Name of Deceased JOHNNY RAY SWINDLE Age 20

Place of Death DOCTORS HOSPITAL

Date of Death FEBRUARY 5, 1964

Place of Autopsy SAN DIEGO COUNTY EXAMINING ROOM

Date of Autopsy FEBRUARY 6, 1964

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

This is the arterially embalmed body of an adult white male appearing about the stated age of 20 years. The body measures 72 inches in length and weighs 162 pounds. The scalp bears moderately long, medium brown hair. In the right frontal area, a cutaneous defect is present which passes through the full thickness of the scalp. The defect in the skin measures 4 mm in diameter and is surrounded by a ring of slight excoriation which averages 1 to 2 mm in diameter. The overall diameter of the defect is thus 7 mm. The eyes show marked ecchymosis into both the upper and lower lids bilaterally. Examination of the left ear reveals a circular cutaneous defect passing through the helix at a point 1 cm above the external auditory canal. This enters the skull without passing through the posterior aspect of the ear and is situated at the attachment of the ear to the skull. The left upper extremity bears both an entrance and an exit wound on its lateral aspect in the deltoid area. The entrance wound is situated at a point 20 cm from the acromium on the lateral aspect of the arm. It is an elliptical defect which measures 22 by 7 mm. The upper portion of the defect is a grazing defect which enters a somewhat elliptical through-and-through skin wound situated at the lower terminus of the elliptical graze. There is a wound of exit which is situated 4 cm from this first wound and communicates with it by a subcutaneous tract. The exit wound is irregularly elliptical with its long axis directed in the long axis of the upper extremity. It measures 1 by 8 mm and has characteristic ragged everting edges.

The thorax is typical in configuration. The abdomen is slightly protuberant and bears a healed incised scar in the right lower quadrant, which measures 5 by 1.5 cm. It is well healed. The external genitalia are typical. The right lower extremity is not remarkable. On the lateral aspect of the left lower extremity, at the level of the mid thigh, there is an irregularly circular defect which measures 1.5 by 1.2 cm. The edges are inverting, and the anterior surface of the wound is marked by an area of cutaneous abrasion. The skin edge overhangs the defect on its posterior margin. Palpation of the skin over the lower extremity reveals a subcutaneous missile which is situated in direct line with this cutaneous wound. The missile is recovered

through a skin incision made through an area of cutaneous bruising measuring 4 cm in diameter. The missile is a cylindrical missile of gray-white metal with a somewhat deformed, circular base measuring 4 mm. Its nose is a hollow-point type. This missile is recovered as missile A.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION

HEAD

The scalp is reflected using the usual bitemporal incision. Extensive subgaleal hemorrhage is present in the right frontal area beneath the cutaneous wound described in that area and again in the left temporal area. There is extensive hemorrhage into the left temporal musculature. The bones of the calvarium are removed in the usual fashion. A circular bony defect underlies the right frontal cutaneous wound. The bony defect measures 1.2 cm in maximum diameter. There is a similar defect underlying the bony skull within the dura. The brain is removed, and the missile tracts are traced. The first of these (wound B) extends from the right frontal area downward and backward to terminate at the tip of the right occipital lobe at a point 1.5 cm from the midline. At this point, a flattened missile is present which has a marked mushroom configuration and slight deformity at the base. This is missile B.

The missile tract which commences in the left ear extends across the base of the left temporal lobe and lacerates the base of the brain extensively in this area. There is fracturing of the petrous portion of the left temporal bone, and the missile passes beneath the anterior clinoid process, through the ethmoid sinuses, through the bony orbit on the right, through the anterior edge of the bony orbit and lies within the soft tissues of the right lower eyelid. This missile is similar in configuration to the others recovered, having a striking mushroom deformity and a circular, somewhat indented base. This missile tract and the missile are identified as C.

The body is opened using a routine "Y" incision. Subcutaneous fat measures up to .5 inch in thickness over the anterior abdominal wall. The thoracic and the abdominal musculature do not appear remarkable. The chest plate is removed in the usual fashion. The underlying thoracic viscera are anatomically situated. The pleural cavities contain no free fluid nor adhesions.

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

The right lung weighs 760 and the left lung weighs 700 grams. Multiple sections made through each lung reveal a vesicular, moderately congested, red-purple cut surface from which moderate quantities of foamy, blood-tinged fluid exude. No areas of pneumonitis or tumor formation are present.

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM


The heart weighs 360 grams. The pericardial sac contains a small quantity of serous fluid. The heart shows no abnormalities in its valvular pattern or general configuration. Multiple sections made through the coronary arteries reveal minimal degrees of coronary arteriosclerosis.

ABDOMEN

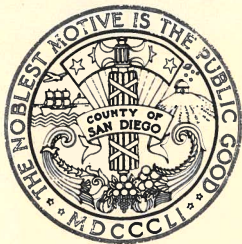
The abdominal contents are entirely typical. The intestinal tract bears no lesions. The solid parenchymal organs are all typical in appearance.

CAUSE OF DEATH

Laceration and hemorrhage of brain due to gunshot wounds (two) of head.


ROBERT R. EGGEN, M. D.,
Chief Pathologist for the Coroner

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LABORATORY REPORT

NAME..... SWINDLE, Johnny Ray.....
MEDICAL DEPT. NO..... 252-64 42544.....
DATE SPECIMEN RECEIVED..... 2/6..... 19 64
TIME..... 4:20 A.M...... A.M.
P.M.

SPECIMEN SUBMITTED..... Blood.....

ANALYSIS REQUESTED..... Ethyl Alcohol.....

SPECIMEN SUBMITTED BY..... Examining Room.....

..... Robert R. Eggen, M.D......

REPORT

2/6/64 Blood Ethyl Alcohol - Negative

DATE COMPLETED..... Feb. 6,..... 1964.....

APPROVED
~~EXAMINER~~

Richard F. Shaw
Richard F. Shaw, B.S.
Toxicologist