



COLLIN COUNTY

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Case No. 2022-02392

Name: BARBER III, Marion

Age: 38 Race: Black Sex: Male

Date and time found dead:
June 1, 2022; 3:45 PM

Date and time of examination:
June 2, 2022; 7:20 AM

Died at:
9440 Stratton Drive, Apt 12107
Frisco, Texas

Examination performed at:
Collin County
Medical Examiner's Office
McKinney, Texas

AUTOPSY REPORT

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION: Identification tags are affixed to an outer blue vinyl intact disaster pouch. An inner white pouch contains the deceased. Photographs are taken. There is no clothing worn and there is no jewelry.

Fingerprints were obtained by this office and submitted to the Collin County Sheriff's Office. Positive identification was achieved June 2, 2022 by fingerprint comparison with those of Marion Sylvester Barber III within the Texas DPS data base.

The deceased is a normally-developed appearing but decomposed male adult appearing the recorded 38 years of age, 72 inches (182.9 cm) in crown-heel length, and now weighing 168 pounds (76.2 kg) unclothed weight within a single disaster pouch. There is decomposition. This includes skin changes, uniform bloating, and odor. Insect activity is not seen. No embalming. Lividity is not appreciated. Rigidity is absent. Skin is cold to touch after refrigeration. Head hair is full, short, curly, and black. Sideburns terminate into a slight beard and mustache. Body hair is that of a male in distribution. Eyes have cloudy corneas. Vitreous could not be obtained. Upper and lower teeth are natural with many dental restorations. Limbs are equally and symmetrically developed. External genitalia are that of a male. Examination of the back is unremarkable. No significant scars are identified. There are many tattoos including those along each arm that extend onto shoulders and scapular area bilaterally. These tattoos also include the right hand.

EVIDENCE OF TREATMENT: None

EVIDENCE OF INJURY: No morphologic injury was observed.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION: It is to be noted that all soft tissue has changes of decomposition.

HEAD: Brain weighs 1060 grams. Upon removal it is contained within the dural sac and is liquefied. Morphology is not appreciated. There is no evidence of intracranial hemorrhage present. Skull has no fractures. There are decompositional changes within the scalp.

NECK: Tongue was removed at autopsy. There are no contusions or lacerations. Examination of inner lips reveals no laceration. Glottic structures do not appear edematous. Trachea and esophagus are clear. Cartilaginous and bony structures are intact. Soft tissues of the neck reveal no hemorrhage.

SEROUS CAVITIES: There is a small amount of decomposition fluid within each pleural space. Trace amount is present in the pericardial sac. There is none in the peritoneal cavity.

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM: Heart weighs 170 grams. There is no coronary artery disease. Coronary arteries are normally disposed. All heart chambers are thin and autolytic. Scar was not identified. Cardiac valves are unremarkable. The aorta exhibits only a few fatty streaks.

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM: Right lung is 380 grams and left is 260 grams. Distal airways are clear. Pulmonary thromboembolism could not be identified. There is no consolidation of parenchyma.

HEPATOBIILIARY SYSTEM: Liver is 600 grams. Cut surface reveals unremarkable architecture. Gallbladder is somewhat distended containing 45 mL of thin brown-yellow bile and is without stones.

LYMPHORECTICULAR SYSTEM: Spleen is small, autolytic, and 25 grams. Otherwise, it is unremarkable. Infarcts are not identified. Thymus gland is not identified. Lymph nodes are unremarkable where seen.

GENITOURINARY SYSTEM: Right kidney is 70 grams and left 80 grams. Kidneys are soft and autolytic. Cortical surfaces are smooth. Cut surfaces appear unremarkable with unremarkable architecture. Collecting systems, ureters, and bladder are all unremarkable. Bladder is devoid of urine. Prostate gland is unremarkable.

GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM: Gastrointestinal tract is distended throughout. Stomach contains 20 mL of brown chyme. Appendix is present.

ENDOCRINE SYSTEM: All endocrine organs are autolytic. Those examined include pituitary gland, thyroid gland, adrenal glands, and pancreas. All are without gross abnormality.

MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM: No fractures are identified. Specifically, cervical spine is intact and there are no rib fractures. Skeletal muscles are autolytic with putrefaction throughout. Body wall fat is of increased thickness.

MICROSCOPICS: Tissue from brain, heart, both lungs and trachea, liver, spleen, kidney, adrenal gland, pancreas and thyroid gland were prepared for microscopic examination. All reveal advanced decompositional changes. Significant histopathology could not be appreciated.

TOXICOLOGY: It is to be noted that blood, vitreous fluid and urine could not be obtained for analysis.

BILE FLUID:

Ethanol – 145 mg/dL

Diphenhydramine – 3300 ng/mL

Presumptive positive for acetaminophen, caffeine and cotinine.

Negative for acetone and illicit substances.

LIVER TISSUE:

Presumptive positive for β -phenethylamine and caffeine.

KIDNEY TISSUE:

Presumptive positive for β -phenethylamine.

Negative for alcohols, acetone, illicit substances and therapeutic drugs

FINDINGS:

1. History and scene circumstances of:
 - A. Found deceased in shower without water running; another shower in residence was on with shower water running.
 - B. Residence thermostat set at 91°F with heat set to “on”; ambient air described as hot by those investigating scene.
 - C. Exercise equipment present.
 - D. History of exercising during sauna-like conditions.
2. Toxicology with:
 - A. Bile fluid containing diphenhydramine and ethanol.
 - B. Liver tissue with caffeine.
 - C. Kidney tissue with no significant findings.
3. No evidence of morphologic trauma or drug overuse.
4. No clear evidence of natural disease found.
5. Decompositional changes.

CONCLUSION: I am of the opinion that Marion Sylvester Barber III, a 38-year-old male, died of heat stroke. Mr. Barber was known to exercise in sauna-like conditions. Ethanol in the bile is probability the result of decomposition. Diphenhydramine concentration in the bile indicated use of the medication and cannot be related to overuse. Its use is associated with increased risk for heat related illnesses.

MANNER OF DEATH: Accident.



Date: 07-05-2022

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