


**NEVADA COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**



**SHANNAN MOON**  
SHERIFF/CORONER  
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR

**CORONER FINAL REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**

<b>CLASSIFICATION</b>	FINAL CLASSIFICATION: <b>Accident</b>	CASE NUMBER: <b>1220-2506</b>	DATE OF DEATH: <b>08/21/2022</b>	TIME: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FOUND <b>2033 HRS</b>	DEPUTY ASSIGNED: <b>Mackey</b>	
<b>DECEDENT'S IDENTIFYING INFORMATION</b>	FIRST NAME: <b>Kiely</b>	MIDDLE NAME: <b>Mai</b>	LAST NAME: <b>Rodni</b>	DATE OF BIRTH: <b>09/01/2005</b>	AGE: <b>16</b>	
	SEX: <b>Female</b>	RACE: <b>White</b>	HEIGHT: <b>505</b>	WEIGHT: <b>103</b>	HAIR: <b>Bln</b>	EYES: <b>Haz</b>
<b>RESIDENCE</b>	USUAL ADDRESS: <b>8600 Coldstream Road</b>					
	CITY: <b>Truckee</b>	COUNTY: <b>Nevada</b>	STATE: <b>CA</b>	ZIP CODE: <b>96161</b>		
<b>IDENTIFICATION</b>	REMAINS IDENTIFIED BY OR HOW IDENTIFIED: <b>Detective Strachan during the autopsy</b>					
<b>RELATIVES</b>	NAME: 1. <b>Lindsey Nieman</b> 2. 3. 4.			RELATION: <b>Mother</b>		
	PLACE OF DEATH: <b>Prosser Creek Reservoir</b>					
<b>PLACE OF DEATH</b>	CITY: <b>Truckee</b>	COUNTY: <b>Nevada</b>	STATE: <b>California</b>	ZIP CODE: <b>96161</b>		
	DEATH REPORTED BY: <b>Private dive company</b>			REMOVED TO CORONER?: <b>Yes</b>	TYPE OF MEDICAL EXAM. <b>Autopsy</b>	
<b>CAUSE OF DEATH</b>	CAUSE: <b>Drowning</b> DUE TO: DUE TO: DUE TO:					
<b>OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS</b>	OTHER CONDITIONS: <b>None</b>					
<b>INJURY INFORMATION</b>	MANNER OF DEATH: <b>Accident</b>	PLACE OF DEATH: <b>Prosser Creek Reservoir</b>	AT WORK?: <b>No</b>	DATE OF INJURY: <b>08/-/2022</b>	FND/EST/UNK: <b>UNK</b>	
	ADDRESS OR LOCATION: <b>Prosser Creek Reservoir</b>					
	CITY: <b>Truckee</b>	COUNTY: <b>Nevada</b>	STATE: <b>CA</b>	ZIP CODE: <b>96161</b>		
	DESCRIBE HOW THE INJURY OCCURRED: <b>Decedent drown in a lake while inside her vehicle</b>					
<b>CASE SUMMARY</b>	<p><i>As required by Government Code Section 27491, an inquiry was made into the death of the subject of this report. It is the duty of the coroner to inquire into and determine the circumstances, manner, and cause of all violent, sudden, or unusual deaths; unattended deaths; or deaths where the deceased has not been attended by either a physician or a registered nurse. The investigation includes review of the circumstances and/or scene, medical history and autopsy, as required. This case was reviewed by a forensic pathologist who concluded that the subject died as indicated in this report.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Deputy:  Date: <b>10/11/2022</b></p>					



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## INCIDENT REPORT

CASE NUMBER 12202506	SUPPLEMENT NUMBER
CASE TYPE CORONER	CAD EVENT NUMBER 2208210118
REPORTING OFFICER 3684 - MACKEY, JASON	REPORT DATE 08/21/2022

### NAMES

NUMBER 1	INV DEC	NAME: LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE RODNI, KIELY MAI											
HOME ADDRESS 8600 COLDSTREAM RD								CITY, STATE, ZIPCODE TRUCKEE, CA 96161					
MAILING ADDRESS								CITY, STATE, ZIPCODE					
OTHER ADDRESS								CITY, STATE, ZIPCODE					
EMPLOYER				EMPLOYER ADDRESS				CITY, STATE, ZIPCODE					
HOME PHONE				CELL PHONE				OTHER PHONE				EMPLOYER PHONE	
DOB 09/01/2005	AGE 16	SEX F	RACE W	ETH N	HEIGHT 505	WEIGHT 103	HAIR BLN	EYES HAZ	POB	RESIDENCY 2	CITIZEN	OCCUPATION	
BUILD S	SKIN FAR	JUVENILE N			BUSINESS N			NON DISCLOSURE N					
DL NUMBER			DL STATE	SSN	FBI ID				STATE				
LOCAL													
ID							ID						
GANG IDENTIFICATION													
COMMENT													
DNA TAKEN N	DNA REFUSED N	DATE/TIME TAKEN	TAKEN BY			SOURCE			DESCRIPTION				
LOCATION OF DNA SAMPLE													



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### NARRATIVE

**Nevada County Sheriff's Office case # 12202506**

**Reported by Deputy J. Mackey**

**Date: 08-21-2022**

**Time: 1858 (Time of Arrival on Scene)**

**Location : Prosser Creek Reservoir  
Prosser Creek Reservoir near GPS coordinates 39.374240, -120.159936  
Truckee, Ca. 96161  
County of Nevada**

**Date Reported: 08-06-2022**

**Time Reported: 1007 Hours (S.A.R. request reported to PCSO)**

**Date of Death: 08-21-2022**

**Time of Death: 2033 Hours**

**Time Death Pronounced:** 2033 Hours on 08-21-2022 by Deputy Jason Mackey

**Place of Death:** Located in a 2013 Honda CRV Cal Plate 8YUR127. The vehicle was near GPS coordinates **39.374240, -120.159936**.

**Organ/Tissue Donor:** Unknown

**Contagious Disease:** Unknown

**Medical Information:** Unknown

**Cause of Death:** Pending investigation

**Smoker:** Yes

**Alcohol Use:** Yes.

**Remains Identified By:** Pending forensic pathologist's report.

**Marks/Scars/Tattoos:** None observed.

**Personal Physician:** Unknown

**Personal Dentist:** Unknown

**Next-of-Kin:** Lindsey Rodni-Nieman and Daniel Rodni were contacted at California Highway Patrol's Truckee office at 2145 hours on 08-21-2022 and notified there was a decedent located in the vehicle registered to Kiely Rodni. Positive identification was not able to be made at that time. Based on circumstantial evidence, the decedent was believed to be Kiely Rodni. They were advised of the pending pathologist's report for confirmation of identity and a cause of death.

**Investigation:** I was called to respond to Prosser Creek Reservoir to a peninsula southwest of Prosser Family

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Campground. I was advised a female decedent was located within the cargo space of the vehicle Kiely Rodni was reported to have been driving. I responded to the location to handle the coroner's case.

**Scene:** I arrived on scene at approximately 1900 hours and FBI agents, FBI Crime Scene Technicians, Placer County Sheriff's Office Deputies, California Highway Patrol Officers, Truckee Police Department Officers and Detectives from Nevada County Sheriff's Office were all near a tow truck. I spoke to Detective Sonnier who advised me that Law Enforcement divers had hooked the tow truck's winch to a vehicle under the water and were assisting with recovering the vehicle. I waited until the vehicle was removed from the water and I was given permission to begin my investigation.

**Body Position:** There was a white female decedent located in the rear cargo compartment of the silver 2013 Honda CRV (Cal Plate 8YUR127). The right leg of the decedent was against the pillar of the back seat and resting near the headrest. The remainder of the decedent was behind the seats and not visible from outside the vehicle. FBI Agents and Technicians donned Tyvex suits and protective gear and entered into the vehicle. The body was removed under my supervision by FBI agents and FBI Crime Scene Technicians. The body was placed into a large black vinyl body bag, visually inspected and the bag was sealed. No items were removed from the decedent's person and the remains were later transported by Truckee -Tahoe Mortuary directly to the Placer County Morgue.

**Body Condition:** The body showed obvious signs of bloating, lividity and decomposition. There was skin-sloughing and no positive identification could be made due to the decomposition present on the face.

**Mortuary:** Detective Sonnier told me the decedent was going to be transported directly to the Placer County Morgue and scheduled for examination on Tuesday. No Mortuary photographs were taken by this investigator.

**Statements:** I was advised by Detective Sonnier that he believed the decedent was Kiely Mai Rodni based on his investigation. I did not obtain any additional statements related to this case while I was on scene.

**Remains Removed By:** Truckee-Tahoe Mortuary funeral counselor Elyssa Babcock arrived on scene and transported the decedent's remains to Placer County's Morgue facility at approximately 2120 hours on 08-21-2022.

**Property:** No items of property were removed from the decedent. Any items taken from the scene will be noted in supplemental reports by the investigator(s).

**Vehicle:** I was told the silver 2013 Honda CRV (Cal Plate 8YUR127) was going to be towed by the FBI and taken to their facility in Sacramento for additional processing. I was advised the vehicle will then be returned to the Truckee California Highway Patrol office for their vehicle accident investigation team to perform their investigation.

**Case disposition:** This case is pending the forensic pathologist's findings for identification and cause of death.

Forward to Chief Coroner Sergeant Clinkinbeard.

**End of report.**

**Attachments:** For photographs of the scene and the decedent, refer to Detective Sonnier's supplemental report.



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## INCIDENT REPORT

CASE NUMBER 12202506	SUPPLEMENT NUMBER 1
CASE TYPE CORONER	CAD EVENT NUMBER
REPORTING OFFICER 4002 - NORDEN, DAMIAN	REPORT DATE 08/23/2022

### NARRATIVE

12202506-1 Supplemental  
Deputy Damian Norden  
August 23, 2022  
1017 hours

Location: 10879 Donner Pass Rd. (Truckee Substation)  
Truckee, Ca.  
Nevada County

Unit: TK 2  
WatchGuard: N/A

#### Narrative:

On August 23, 2022, at approximately 1020 hours, I received a phone call from Captain Sam Brown. Captain Brown told me the decedent in case 12202506 had been positively identified as Kiely Rodni. After I spoke to Captain Brown, I called the decedent's parents, Daniel Rodni and Lindsey Rodni-Nieman. I offered to meet with Daniel and Lindsey, and they both told me to update them on the phone. I told Daniel and Lindsey the decedent had been positively identified as Kiely Rodni.

End.

#### Attachments:

None.

#### Disposition:

Attach to and route with main report.



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## INCIDENT REPORT

CASE NUMBER 12202506	SUPPLEMENT NUMBER 2
CASE TYPE CORONER	CAD EVENT NUMBER
REPORTING OFFICER 4003 - STRACHAN, JOSEPHINE	REPORT DATE 08/23/2022

### NARRATIVE

Detective Josephine Strachan

Date: 08/23/2022

Time: Approximately 0830 hours

Location: Placer County Morgue

Roseville CA 95768

#### Information:

On the above date and time, I attended the autopsy for (DEC) Kiely Rodni at the Placer County Morgue in Roseville. At the completion of the autopsy, I collected the following items of jewelry removed from the decedent:

SK-1 / Jewelry- miscellaneous jewelry

SK-2 / Jewelry- bracelets from right wrist

SK-3 / Jewelry- Necklaces

SK-4 / Jewelry- Rings

The items were transported to the Sheriff's Property Unit and booked.

End of Supplement



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## INCIDENT REPORT

CASE NUMBER 12202506	SUPPLEMENT NUMBER 3
CASE TYPE CORONER	CAD EVENT NUMBER
REPORTING OFFICER 3882 - CLINKINBEARD, JASON	REPORT DATE 10/12/2022

### NARRATIVE

Nevada County Sheriff's Office case # 1220-2506

Reported by Sgt. Jason Clinkinbeard

Date: October 12, 2022

Time: 0930 hours

Location: Nevada County Sheriff's Office

Coroner Division

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### Supplemental investigation:

This report was forwarded to the coroner division by Deputy Mackey with the patrol division. On August 23, 2022, Placer County Forensic Pathologist, Dr. Gregory Reiber, MD., performed an autopsy on the remains of Kiely Mai Rodni. Positive identification of the decedent had been made by Detective Josephine Strachan during the autopsy. Detective Strachan was present during the autopsy and documented her observations and the method of identification in a supplemental report to the original missing person's report, NCSO case # 1220-2364 supplemental report # 14.

I have recently reviewed the pathologist's final report of autopsy, which listed the cause of death in this case as, "Drowning." There were no other significant contributing conditions listed. I conferred with Detective Sonnier and he told me there was no indication of foul play regarding the criminal investigation into the death of Kiely. The manner of death in this case has been determined to be accidental.

### Case disposition:

Closed - Accident

### Attachments:

Coroner Cover

Toxicology Report

Autopsy Report



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Robert A. Middleberg, PhD, F-ABFT, DABCC-TC, Laboratory Director

**Toxicology Report**

**Report Issued** 09/30/2022 16:02

**Patient Name** RODNI, KIELY MAI  
**Patient ID** 1220-2506  
**Chain** 22311695  
**DOB** Not Given  
**Sex** Female  
**Workorder** 22311695

**To: 43C**  
Nevada County Coroner  
Sgt. Jason Clinkinbeard  
950 Maidu Avenue  
Nevada City, CA 95959

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**Positive Findings:**

<u>Analyte</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Matrix Source</u>
Ethanol	88	mg/100 g	002 - Liver Tissue
Nicotine	Presump Pos	ng/g	002 - Liver Tissue
Caffeine	Presump Pos	mcg/g	002 - Liver Tissue
Cotinine	Presump Pos	ng/g	002 - Liver Tissue
Delta-9 Carboxy THC	Positive	ng/g	002 - Liver Tissue

See Detailed Findings section for additional information

**Testing Requested:**

<u>Test</u>	<u>Test Name</u>
8052TI	Postmortem, Expanded, Tissue (Forensic)

**Tests Not Performed:**

Part or all of the requested testing was unable to be performed. Refer to the **Analysis Summary and Reporting Limits** section for details.

**Specimens Received:**

<u>ID</u>	<u>Tube/Container</u>	<u>Volume/ Mass</u>	<u>Collection Date/Time</u>	<u>Matrix Source</u>	<u>Labeled As</u>
001	White Cap Plastic Container	58 g	08/23/2022 08:30	Liver Tissue	1220-2506
002	Homogenate Container	Not Given	08/23/2022 08:30	Liver Tissue	Not Applicable

All sample volumes/weights are approximations.  
Specimens received on 08/26/2022.



**Detailed Findings:**

Analysis and Comments	Result	Units	Rpt. Limit	Specimen Source	Analysis By
Ethanol	88	mg/100 g	80	002 - Liver Tissue	Headspace GC
Nicotine	Presump Pos	ng/g	250	002 - Liver Tissue	GC/MS
This test is an unconfirmed screen. Confirmation by a more definitive technique such as GC/MS is recommended.					
Caffeine	Presump Pos	mcg/g	0.40	002 - Liver Tissue	GC/MS
This test is an unconfirmed screen. Confirmation by a more definitive technique such as GC/MS is recommended.					
Cotinine	Presump Pos	ng/g	50	002 - Liver Tissue	GC/MS
This test is an unconfirmed screen. Confirmation by a more definitive technique such as GC/MS is recommended.					
Delta-9 Carboxy THC	Positive	ng/g	20	002 - Liver Tissue	LC-MS/MS
Ethanol	Confirmed	mg/100 g	40	002 - Liver Tissue	Headspace GC

**Other than the above findings, examination of the specimen(s) submitted did not reveal any positive findings of toxicological significance by procedures outlined in the accompanying Analysis Summary.**

**Reference Comments:**

- Delta-9 Carboxy THC (Inactive Metabolite) - Liver Tissue:  
Delta-9-THC is the principle psychoactive ingredient of marijuana/hashish. Delta-9-carboxy-THC (THCC) is the inactive metabolite of THC.
- Ethanol (Ethyl Alcohol) - Liver Tissue:  
Ethyl alcohol (ethanol, drinking alcohol) is a central nervous system depressant and can cause effects such as impaired judgment, reduced alertness and impaired muscular coordination. Ethanol can also be a product of decomposition or degradation of biological samples.

**Sample Comments:**

- 001 Tissue specimen required homogenization: 22311695-001  
002 NMS Labs generated homogenized Tissue sample: 22311695-002  
002 Due to the nature of this specimen, some analytes may not be detected by GCMS Qualitative analysis.

Unless alternate arrangements are made by you, the remainder of the submitted specimens will be discarded one (1) year from the date of this report; and generated data will be discarded five (5) years from the date the analyses were performed.

Workorder 22311695 was electronically signed on 09/30/2022 15:27 by:

Brianna L. Peterson, Ph.D., F-ABFT  
Forensic Toxicologist

**Analysis Summary and Reporting Limits:**

All of the following tests were performed for this case. For each test, the compounds listed were included in the scope. The Reporting Limit listed for each compound represents the lowest concentration of the compound that will be reported as being positive. If the compound is listed as None Detected, it is not present above the Reporting Limit. Please refer to the Positive Findings section of the report for those compounds that were identified as being present.

Test 50013TI - Cannabinoids Confirmation (Qualitative), Tissue - Liver Tissue



**Analysis Summary and Reporting Limits:**

-Analysis by High Performance Liquid Chromatography/ Tandem Mass Spectrometry (LC-MS/MS) for:

<u>Analyte</u>	<u>Rpt. Limit</u>	<u>Analyte</u>	<u>Rpt. Limit</u>
11-Hydroxy Delta-9 THC	4.0 ng/g	Delta-9 THC	N/A
Delta-9 Carboxy THC	20 ng/g		

**Not Reported:** Delta-9 THC: Canceled due to Sample Matrix Problem.

Test 50014TI - Cocaine and Metabolites Confirmation, Tissue - Liver Tissue

-Analysis by Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS) for:

<u>Analyte</u>	<u>Rpt. Limit</u>	<u>Analyte</u>	<u>Rpt. Limit</u>
Benzoylcegonine	200 ng/g	Cocaine	160 ng/g
Cocaehtylene	160 ng/g		

Test 52250TI - Alcohols and Acetone Confirmation, Tissue - Liver Tissue

-Analysis by Headspace Gas Chromatography (GC) for:

<u>Analyte</u>	<u>Rpt. Limit</u>	<u>Analyte</u>	<u>Rpt. Limit</u>
Acetone	20 mg/100 g	Isopropanol	20 mg/100 g
Ethanol	40 mg/100 g	Methanol	40 mg/100 g

Test 8052TI - Postmortem, Expanded, Tissue (Forensic) - Liver Tissue

-Analysis by Colorimetry (C) for:

<u>Analyte</u>	<u>Rpt. Limit</u>	<u>Analyte</u>	<u>Rpt. Limit</u>
Salicylates	800 mcg/g		

-Analysis by Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA) for:

<u>Analyte</u>	<u>Rpt. Limit</u>	<u>Analyte</u>	<u>Rpt. Limit</u>
Benzodiazepines	400 ng/g	Cocaine / Metabolites	80 ng/g
Buprenorphine / Metabolite	2.0 ng/g	Opiates	80 ng/g
Cannabinoids	40 ng/g	Oxycodone / Oxymorphone	40 ng/g

-Analysis by Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS) for: The following is a general list of analyte classes included in the Gas Chromatographic screen. The detection of any specific analyte is concentration-dependent. Note, not all known analytes included in each specified class are included. Some specific analytes outside of these classes are also included. For a detailed list of all analytes and reporting limits included in this screen, please contact NMS Labs. Amphetamines, Analgesics (opioid and non-opioid), Anorectics, Antiarrhythmics, Anticholinergics, Anticonvulsants, Antidepressants, Antihistamines, Antiparkinsonians, Antipsychotics, Antitussives, Antivirals, Cardiovascular Agents (non-digitalis), Muscle Relaxants and Stimulants (Amphetamine-like and others).



**Analysis Summary and Reporting Limits:**

-Analysis by Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS) for: The following is a general list of analyte classes included in the Gas Chromatographic screen. The detection of any specific analyte is concentration-dependent. Note, not all known analytes included in each specified class are included. Some specific analytes outside of these classes are also included. For a detailed list of all analytes and reporting limits included in this screen, please contact NMS Labs. Amphetamines, Analgesics (opioid and non-opioid), Anorectics, Antiarrhythmics, Anticholinergics, Anticonvulsants, Antidepressants, Antihistamines, Antiparkinsonians, Antipsychotics, Antitussives, Antivirals, Cardiovascular Agents (non-digitalis), Muscle Relaxants and Stimulants (Amphetamine-like and others).

-Analysis by Headspace Gas Chromatography (GC) for:

<u>Analyte</u>	<u>Rpt. Limit</u>	<u>Analyte</u>	<u>Rpt. Limit</u>
Acetone	20 mg/100 g	Isopropanol	20 mg/100 g
Ethanol	80 mg/100 g	Methanol	40 mg/100 g

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Autopsy Record



SHANNAN MOON  
SHERIFF/CORONER

Name RODNI, Kiely Mai Age 16 yr Sex F Race White Case No. 1220-2506  
Type of Examination R/O Date and Time of Examination 8/23/2022 @ 8:30 hrs Acc. No. N22-096  
Identifying Characteristics: Eyes Unk Hair Blonde Height 66 in. Weight 103 lb.

The undersigned, having made an examination, find the cause of death to be:

Time Interval Between  
Onset and Death

- (A) Immediate: Drowning **Minutes**
- (B) Due To: \_\_\_\_\_
- (C) Due To: \_\_\_\_\_
- (D) Due To: \_\_\_\_\_

Other significant conditions contributing to death, but not directly related to the cause listed above:

Comments:

SPECIMENS TAKEN

TOX  HOLD  Stock Tissue

- |                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Blood <input type="checkbox"/>    | Liver <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Urine <input type="checkbox"/>    | Muscle <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| Vitreous <input type="checkbox"/> | Lung <input type="checkbox"/>             |
| Gastric <input type="checkbox"/>  | Spleen <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| Bile <input type="checkbox"/>     | Kidney <input type="checkbox"/>           |
|                                   | Brain <input type="checkbox"/>            |

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Gregory D. Reiber, MD  
Forensic Pathologist

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2 **Shannan Moon, Sheriff-Coroner**  
3 **Gregory D. Reiber, MD, Pathologist**  
4 **950 Maidu Avenue, Nevada City, California 95959-8617**

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6 **REPORT OF AUTOPSY**  
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9 **NAME** RODNI, Kiely Mai  
10 **NEVADA COUNTY CASE No.** 1220-2506 **ACCESSION No.** N22-096  
11 **DATE OF AUTOPSY** Tuesday, August 23, 2022 **TIME OF AUTOPSY** 0830 hr  
12 **AGE** 16 **ETHNICITY** White **SEX** Female **LGTH** 66 in **WT** 103 lb  
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14 **IDENTIFICATION**  
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16 A Coroner's ID tag attached to the zipper pull of the body bag containing the decedent confirms the  
17 case number.  
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19 **CLOTHING**  
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21 The upper body is covered by a spaghetti-strap black french-cut bodysuit. A pair of black briefs are  
22 on the lower body as well. The lower body is also covered by green twill pants with a black belt  
23 through the belt loops bearing multiple rivets. The belt appears buckled. A gray-green sneaker is  
24 on the right foot along with a multicolored ankle-length sock. A matching sneaker accompanies the  
25 body within the body bag. A matching left sock is inside the loose left sneaker. Except for the shoe  
26 being off the left foot, the clothing appears relatively normal in position.  
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28 Personal property includes a white metal hoop through a piercing in the left ala nasi. The right ear  
29 has three white metal hoops through the helix and a small crescent moon-shaped stud earring through  
30 a piercing in the earlobe. The left ear has a post through the helix, a small ball stud through the  
31 upper earlobe and a crescent moon stud earring through the lower earlobe. Three yellow metal  
32 chains are around the neck, one of which has a small colorless stone, one of which has a small  
33 constellation-shaped pendant and the third of which has a small disc-shaped pendant. An open  
34 discolored yellow metal ring is on the left middle finger and a heavy darkened yellow metal ring is  
35 on the right middle finger. There are five bracelets on the right wrist, including a tan elastic band,  
36 a black fabric bracelet with a printed logo, a bracelet consisting of multiple black strings bearing a  
37 small disc-shaped pendant with an engraved letter either "P" or "D". The fourth bracelet is a light-  
38 colored beaded bracelet and the fifth is a blue-green elastic band engraved with the lettering  
39 "Bianchi" and "Lifetime Sea Otter Classic". A discolored string anklet is around the right ankle.  
40 A piercing in the umbilicus bears a white metal curved post with a small ball on one end and a white  
41 and orange metal disc on the other end. The orange metal disc portion has a central yellow stone.  
42 Engraving around the stone on the orange metal part of the jewelry reads "Winchester .38 spl".  
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46 EVIDENCE OF MEDICAL INTERVENTION

47  
48 None.

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50 EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

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52 The unembalmed body is that of a slender, white female in a state of moderate decomposition. There  
53 is generalized sloughing of epidermis, except for portions of plantar skin which readily separate from  
54 the bottoms of the feet and bear multiple toenails. A separately submitted segment of sloughed  
55 epidermis from one of the hands also bears a single thumbnail. There is mild bloating of the body  
56 and generalized discoloration of the exposed dermis, ranging from pale gray-green to dark maroon.  
57 There is no remaining rigor mortis and no lividity pattern is discernible. A strong odor of  
58 decomposition surrounds the remains. No postmortem insect activity is present.

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60 The subject is normocephalic. There is no apparent external head trauma. The scalp hair is almost  
61 completely sloughed due to decomposition and consists of wavy blond hair up to about 22 inches  
62 in maximum length. The facial features are distorted by decomposition and postmortem positioning.  
63 The eyes are discolored from decomposition, although there is definition between the corneas and  
64 the conjunctivae. The anterior chambers of the eyes are discolored from decomposition and original  
65 color of the irises and definition of the pupils is obscured. The conjunctivae vary from pale maroon  
66 to pale green. The soft tissues of the nose appear normally developed but distorted from  
67 decomposition. Both nares are patent. There is no palpable nasal fracture. Other midfacial bones  
68 are also palpably intact. The ears are softened from decomposition but appear symmetrical. A small  
69 amount of fluid is present at the right external auditory meatus, apparently from decomposition.  
70 There is no apparent discharge from the left ear. The teeth are natural and in good condition. There  
71 is discoloration of the crowns of the teeth, which have a pale pink stain from decomposition. The  
72 oral mucous membranes show deterioration from decomposition with partial sloughing. This results  
73 in partial exposure of the anterior mandible and maxilla. These changes all appear consistent with  
74 postmortem decomposition rather than trauma. There are no obvious intraoral injuries. A small  
75 amount of purge fluid is collected in the mouth. The lips are softened from decomposition and show  
76 loss of surface epithelium but are otherwise unremarkable.

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78 The neck has a slender symmetrical exterior contour without evidence of injury. The cervical spine  
79 is easily mobilized due to decomposition but is palpably stable. The larynx and trachea are palpably  
80 midline. The chest is symmetrical and the chest wall is palpably stable. The breasts are normally  
81 developed adolescent female without palpable masses. The abdomen is slightly distended due to  
82 postmortem tissue gas formation but has a symmetrical external contour and shows no evidence of  
83 external injury. The external genitalia are normally developed adolescent female with a closely  
84 trimmed pubic hair pattern. Speculum examination reveals no evidence of introital or vaginal

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85 trauma. There appears to be a cervical cap-type device within the vaginal vault (see below). The  
86 perianal skin shows discoloration from decomposition and is otherwise unremarkable.

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88 The upper and lower extremities are symmetrical and normally developed and show no apparent  
89 external trauma. An area of postmortem change on the left wrist at the radial side is about 4.5 cm  
90 x 1.5 cm where there is splitting of the exposed dermis which exposes underlying soft tissue. The  
91 margins of this area are smooth and the area is consistent with dehiscence of a surgical scar. There  
92 is no discoloration suggestive of antemortem hemorrhage. Epidermis from both hands has been  
93 previously lost from decomposition along with the fingernails. The toenails have also separated with  
94 the macerated and sloughed plantar skin from both feet. The back is symmetrical and the spine is  
95 palpably stable at the midline. There is no visible trauma on the back.

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97 SCARS AND IDENTIFYING MARKS

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99 A small stippled tattoo of the number 17 is on the lateral right hip. There is a vaguely defined  
100 longitudinal linear surgical scar on the ventral left wrist. Postmortem radiographic scan  
101 demonstrates an orthopedic plate and multiple screws in the distal left radius.

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103 EXTERNAL EVIDENCE OF INJURY

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105 There is no apparent blunt or penetrating injuries seen externally. Postmortem radiographic scan of  
106 the whole body also demonstrates no evidence of acute skeletal trauma.

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108 INTERNAL EVIDENCE OF INJURY

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110 None.

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112 INTERNAL EXAMINATION

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114 **OPENING INCISION AND BODY CAVITIES:** The standard, Y-shaped, thoracoabdominal  
115 incision reveals a subcutaneous fat thickness of 1.3 cm at midabdomen. The pleural, pericardial, and  
116 peritoneal surfaces are smooth. No excess fluid or blood is found in the body cavities. The internal  
117 organs are normally arranged.

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119 **NECK ORGANS:** The anterior soft tissues of the neck show discoloration from decomposition and  
120 marked softening. There are no apparent strap muscle hemorrhages. The hyoid bone and laryngeal  
121 cartilages show no fractures. The cervical spine is grossly intact.

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123 **CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM:** The heart weighs 90 g and appears normally formed. The  
124 epicardial surface is smooth with a normal fat distribution. The myocardium is softened, moderately

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125 decomposed and light red-brown. There are no obvious myocardial lesions. The ventricular walls  
126 appear relatively normal in thickness and the cardiac chamber is normal in size, considering the state  
127 of preservation. The endocardial surfaces and valves show light staining from decomposition and  
128 are otherwise unremarkable. The coronary ostia are patent. The coronary arteries appear patent and  
129 normal in distribution. Dominance is uncertain. The aorta is patent, follows a normal course, and  
130 shows light orange discoloration from decomposition.

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132 **RESPIRATORY SYSTEM:** The right lung weighs 100 g, and the left lung weighs 110 g. The  
133 pleural surfaces are smooth, and the lungs are light maroon to gray-tan. No anthracotic markings  
134 are seen. The lung parenchyma is moderately decomposed, soft and maroon in color. There are no  
135 apparent focal parenchymal lesions. Prominent tissue gas formation distorts the parenchymal  
136 architecture of both lungs. The larynx, trachea, and bronchi are patent and normally formed.  
137 Airway mucosal surfaces are smooth, light gray-tan. There is no apparent airway obstruction. The  
138 pulmonary arteries appear normally developed and patent throughout.

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140 **GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM:** The esophagus and stomach are patent, continuous, and  
141 normally developed. The mucosal surfaces are softened, pale purple-tan to yellow-tan with a  
142 decomposed appearance. No focal lesions are evident. The stomach contains a trace amount of  
143 particulate food material consistent with small fragments of peas or beans. The duodenum, small  
144 intestine, appendix, and colon show discoloration, softening and focal gas bloating from  
145 decomposition and are otherwise unremarkable.

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147 **PANCREAS:** The pancreas is small but appears normal in location. The parenchyma is moderately  
148 decomposed, soft and yellow-tan. A lobular pattern is maintained and there are no apparent lesions.

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150 **HEPATOBIILIARY SYSTEM:** The liver weighs 400 g and appears normal in shape, though  
151 diminished in size from decomposition. The capsule is intact and smooth. The parenchyma is  
152 softened, dark gray-brown with a decomposed appearance blurring the expected lobular architecture.  
153 No focal lesions are apparent. The gallbladder is normally formed. There is no measurable bile.  
154 Gallbladder mucosa is unremarkable and the bile ducts appear patent.

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156 **GENITOURINARY SYSTEM:** The right kidney weighs 50 g, and the left kidney weighs 70 g. The  
157 capsules strip with ease, and the cortical surfaces are smooth, softened, red-brown. Sectioning  
158 reveals blurring of the parenchymal architecture from decomposition, with some preservation of the  
159 expected pattern. No focal lesions are identified. The pelves and ureters appear normal. The  
160 urinary bladder is normally developed and empty. It shows maroon discoloration from  
161 decomposition. The internal genitalia are softened and maroon-colored from decomposition but  
162 otherwise appear unremarkable. A "DivaCup" is found in the upper vaginal vault, containing a small  
163 amount of menstrual fluid. A T-shaped plastic intrauterine device is also found within the  
164 endometrial cavity.



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165 LYMPHORETICULAR SYSTEM: The spleen weighs 40 g and appears normally formed. The  
166 capsule is thin and slightly wrinkled. The parenchyma is softened, partially liquified and gray-  
167 purple. No distinction between red and white pulp can be seen due to decomposition. The thymus  
168 is partially decomposed and otherwise unremarkable. No lymphadenopathy is identified.

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170 ENDOCRINE SYSTEM: The thyroid is severely decomposed and difficult to identify. The adrenals  
171 are markedly softened from decomposition and much of the architecture is lost. The pituitary is  
172 severely softened from decomposition.

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174 SKELETAL SYSTEM: No acute skeletal injury is found on gross and radiographic examination.  
175 Dissection of the left wrist confirms the presence of orthopedic hardware attached to the ventral  
176 surface of the distal radius, consisting of a stainless steel 2-column volar plate held in place by  
177 multiple screws.

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179 HEAD: Reflection of the scalp reveals light maroon staining of the deep scalp tissues predominantly  
180 on the right side, consistent with lividity under the effects of decomposition. The skull is intact and  
181 normal in thickness. The dura is smooth and intact. There is no evidence of epidural or subdural  
182 hemorrhage. Removal of the dura reveals no skull fractures.

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184 The brain weighs 1000 g. There is severe decomposition of the brain with generalized softening and  
185 blurring of the external pattern of gyri and sulci. Sectioning reveals loss of definition of the internal  
186 parenchymal landmarks from decomposition. There is no evidence of intraparenchymal hemorrhage.

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189 MATERIALS FOR TOXICOLOGY      Liver tissue.

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191 MATERIALS FOR HISTOLOGY      Sections of the major organs are saved as stock tissue.

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193 POSTMORTEM PHOTOGRAPHS      Taken (Dr. Reiber and Detective Walker).

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195 POSTMORTEM X-RAYS              AP Lodox scan.

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197 EVIDENCE                              Head hair, pubic hair, pubic brushings, oral and rectal  
198 swabs and smears, cervical, vaginal and introital swabs  
199 and smears and DNA card.

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201 AUTOPSY ASSISTANTS              Destiny J. Moffett, Brittany Brand and Chrissy Myers

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WITNESSES

Detective Josie Strachan and Detective Caleb Walker, Nevada County Sheriff's Department; Tamiaka McCain and Michele Ramirez, FBI; Louis Montes De Oca, Truckee area CHP.

AUTOPSY FINDINGS

- I. Decedent found in submerged vehicle which was recovered from inverted position in lake.
  - A. Postmortem changes consistent with prolonged water submersion.
  - B. Moderate postmortem decomposition.
- II. No external or internal evidence of significant injury.
- III. Postmortem toxicology on liver tissue positive for ethanol (possibly all or part from decomposition), nicotine and cotinine, caffeine and delta-9 carboxy THC (see NMS Labs report).
- IV. Radiographic scan showing orthopedic hardware (2-column volar plate) from open repair at distal left radius.

CAUSE OF DEATH

DROWNING.


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