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Our File Number: 20210077
Re: Napier death

Dear Mr. Darrell Petrey,

I received the discovery documents, videos, and photographs for review via file sharing. The examination task was to perform a crime scene review using the discovery documents, videos, and photographs.

Discovery Documents Received:

1: Couch Interview (1 videos)
2: Crime Scene Photographs, Sketches, etc.
3: Photos of Napier face and hands upon death
4: Napier Family Interview (1 video)
5: Meehan Interview (1 video)
6: Elliott Interviews (2 Videos)

The examination task was to determine, if the account of events given by Elliott in his two interviews is consistent with the physical evidence present in the photos.

Conclusion:

Based on the review of the photograph, reports, and audio/video files submitted, the following conclusions can be drawn:

A. The injuries to the head of Mr. Napier do not appear to have occurred while standing.

1. This is due to the blood stain patterns down the side of the face, especially in the area around the right eye, and from the nose under the eye.

2. One of the stains shows a vertical component going down around the corner of the mouth. The remainder shows blood consistent with being on his back or side when bleeding.

3. No evidence of blood exists on the hands from touching the wound which os common when an injury occurs to a person.

4. No blood stain patterns can be seen on the ground in the photos from the porch to the area of the takedown.

B. This would eliminate the idea that the injuries occurred from a fall off the porch sometime earlier in the altercation.

C. The injuries occurring during a takedown is a very real possibility. This could be due to being handcuffed while taken down, hence injuries to the head, no blood on the hands, and the majority of the bleeding occurring while level with the ground and not standing.

Of course, not having access to the actual scene makes the examinations more difficult and additional evidence may have been present that is not apparent in the photos that I have been provided. Any additional laboratory reports would be helpful.

Based on the conflict in the story with the evidence present, a review of the autopsy findings with the possibility of the injuries occurring during a takedown should be considered.

These opinions are based on a reasonable degree of scientific certainty and recognized scientific principles.

Very Truly Yours,



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