James Michael Smith M.D.
Morehouse Parish Coroner's Office
10370 Winhaven Dr.
Bastrop, Louisiana 71220

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to request from Morehouse Parish Coroner's Office documents and records containing:

- **The death of an inmate in custody of Morehouse Parish with the last name Dunham born in 1979 that died in 2021.**

Pursuant to the Louisiana Public Records Act §44:19(E)(3)-(6), I request these records whether they are maintained in the files of an individual or administrative staff member, in the possession of members or former members of the coroner's office, as well as any outside contractors; warehoused; on microfilm, microfiche, or electronic storage; or otherwise stored or maintained.

For the purposes of this request, the terms "**records**" and "'**documents**" are intended to include, without limitation, any and all written, typed, printed, recorded, graphic computer-generated, or other matter of any kind from which information can be derived, whether produced, reproduced, or stored on paper, cards, tapes, films, electronic facsimiles, computer storage devices, or any other medium. They include, without limitation, coroner's reports, letters, memoranda (including internal memoranda}, calendars, schedules, books, indices, notes, printed forms, publications, press releases, notices, minutes, summaries or abstracts; reports, files, transcripts, computer tapes, printouts, drawings, photographs, recordings (including both videotapes and audiotapes), telegrams, and telex messages, as well as any reproductions thereof that differ in any way from any other reproduction, such as copies containing marginal notations.

Under the Public Records law, your office has **five business days** from the date of this request to provide access to the records requested. ***La.R.S. 44:35(A)***. Should you wish to raise any question as to whether the requested material is a public record subject to disclosure you must notify me in writing within three business days of the basis for holding any such record exempt. ***La.R..S. 44:32(D)***.

Please send me a complete copy of the above-requested documents at **jmalone@my.loyno.edu** if available electronically. This material is for a seminar class at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, thus I would greatly appreciate waiver or minimization of copy costs.

If I should direct this request elsewhere, please do let me know. In addition, feel free to contact me at **337-532-8163** or **jmalone@my.loyno.edu** if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you very much for your prompt assistance.

MOREHOUSE Parish Coroner's Office

Dr. Michael Smith MD, Coroner
10370 Windhaven Dr.
BASTROP, LOUISIANA 71220
318-282-7718
tekawms@suddenlink.net

Coroner Summary Report

Case #	Coroner's Office Investigators	1 Chason Carroll	2
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Name of Deceased	Age	DOB	Sex	Race
Robert Dunham	41 Years	8/2/1979	Male	White

Address of Deceased	City	State	Zip

Date of Death	Time of Death	Location of Death
12/29/2020	7:05 PM	1501 Kings Hwy

Agency Reported To	Person Reporting Death	Person Certifying Death
MPSO		

NOK Name	NOK Address	NOK Phone
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Identified By	How Identified

Deceased Employer	Funeral Home
	Golden's Funeral Home

Autopsy Requested?	Autopsy Performed?	Where Autopsy Performed	Doctor Performing Autopsy
Yes X No _	Yes _ No X		Peretti

Cause of Death	Manner of Death	Mechanism of Death
Awaiting autopsy	Homicide	

Case Summary

I was called in reference to the death of Robert Dunham. Dunham was incarcerated at Morehouse Parish Jail and suffered injury to the head while confined. Dunham was taken to LSU-Shreveport Hospital for treatment of injuries. While being treated Dunham passed away. Morehouse Parish SO has an ongoing investigation of the matter. Contact MPSO investigations for details. Dunham was transported by Golden's Funeral Home for autopsy and Golden's also asked for Cremation order on the subject.

AUTOPSY REPORT

Case No: LA-681-20 **Date of Examination:** December 30, 2020

Name: Dunham, Robert

Age: 41 years **Race:** White **Sex:** Male

Investigating Agency: Morehouse Parish Coroner's Office

FINDINGS:

I. Blunt force injury of head.
   a. Superficial abrasion and contusions surrounding left eye.
   b. Subgaleal hemorrhage of left temporal and frontal region.
   c. Subdural hemorrhage.
   d. Cerebral edema with brain herniation.
   e. Direct contusion of left frontal and temporal lobe.
   f. Linear fracture of occipital bone.

CAUSE OF DEATH: Blunt force injury of head

OPINION:

This 41-year-old male, Robert Dunham, died due to blunt force injury of the head.

According to investigative reports provided by the Morehouse Parish Coroner's Office, Mr. Dunham was an inmate. On December 26, 2020 he was admitted to a hospital where he was diagnosed with subdural hemorrhage, cerebral edema, and skull fracture. There was a report of possible use of synthetic cannabinoids and/or Xanax (alprazolam). Further details surrounding Mr. Dunham's possible injury are unknown.

Autopsy revealed a well-developed, thin, adult male with blunt force injury of the head. There was faint abrasion and contusion around the left eye. There was direct contusion injury of the left temporal and frontal lobes with abundant subdural hemorrhage, cerebral edema, and brain stem herniation. There was a fracture of the occipital bone.

Toxicology analysis detected lorazepam and hydromorphone. These findings likely represent medications used in medical treatment of Mr. Dunham, but cannot be stated with certainty, as the complete medical record is not available for examination. No synthetic cannabinoids were detected.

Jennifer Forsyth, M.D.
Forensic Pathologist

Frank J. Peretti, M.D.
Forensic Pathologist

EXTERNAL DESCRIPTION:

The body was that of a well-developed, thin, adult male. The body was received unclad and without personal belongings. The body measured 72 inches in length and weighed 117 pounds. The body appeared older than the stated age of 41 years. The body was cool. Rigor mortis was fully developed. Livor mortis was present on the posterior surfaces of the body, except in areas exposed to pressure. The scalp hair was gray and worn short. A short gray beard and mustache were present. The irides appeared brown. The conjunctivae and sclerae showed no petechial hemorrhages or other significant changes. The external ears were unremarkable. The nasal passages and mouth were clear. The neck was symmetric and without masses or unusual mobility. The chest was normally developed and generally symmetric. The abdomen was scaphoid. The external genitalia were those of a normally developed adult male with bilaterally descended testes. The upper and lower extremities were normally developed and generally symmetric. The hands were grossly unremarkable with no absence of digits. Tattoos were present on the chest and extremities. Examination of posterior body surfaces revealed a symmetric back and buttocks. The anus was without evidence of injury or abnormality.

EVIDENCE OF MEDICAL ATTENTION:

Intravascular catheters were present in the bilateral upper extremities. A taped bandage was present over the right wrist. A Foley catheter was in place with approximately 10 ml of urine in the attached collection device.

EVIDENCE OF OLD INJURY:

None.

EVIDENCE OF RECENT INJURY:

Over the left eye was a healing, superficial abrasion measuring 1 cm in length surrounded by faint, purple-yellow contusion in an area measuring 2 x 1.5 cm. There was purple-yellow contusion beneath the left eye in an area measuring 2 x 0.5 cm. Reflection of the scalp revealed scant subgaleal hemorrhage of the left frontal and temporal region. Examination within the cranial cavity revealed approximately 40 mL of subdural hemorrhage most predominant over the left convexity. The brain was markedly edematous. There was direct contusion injury of the left frontal and temporal lobes. There was evidence of uncal and tentorial herniation. The brain was softened and edematous. Cut sections of the brain revealed hemorrhage within the left lateral ventricle. There was direct contusion injury of the left frontal and temporal lobes. There was pontine hemorrhage consistent with Duret-type hemorrhages associated with herniation. Examination of the base of the skull revealed a linear, non-depressed fracture of the occipital bone measuring 7 cm in length.

On the left upper back was healing, superficial abrasion measuring 8 x 1.5 cm.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION

The subcutaneous fat layer measured less than 1 cm. No adhesions or abnormal collections of fluid were present in the thoracic cavity. All body organs were present in normal anatomic position. There was no internal evidence of blunt force or penetrating injury to the thoracoabdominal region.

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM:

The heart weighed 360 grams. The pericardial surfaces were smooth, glistening and transparent. The pericardial sac contained a normal amount of clear, straw-colored pericardial fluid. The heart was of normal size, shape, and configuration. The coronary arteries arose normally and followed the usual course and were widely patent. There was no significant atherosclerosis or evidence of thrombosis. The cardiac valves, papillary muscles and chordae tendineae were unremarkable. The endocardium was unremarkable. The cut surface of the myocardium was red-brown in color and normal in consistency. The atrial and ventricular septa were intact. The aorta was unremarkable with no significant atherosclerosis present.

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM:

The right lung weighed 780 grams. The left lung weighed 750 grams. The pleural surfaces were tan-purple, smooth, and glistening. The pulmonary arteries were normally developed, patent, and without evidence of thrombi, emboli, or other gross abnormalities. The upper and lower airways contained scant mucoid fluid. Hilar lymph nodes were non-prominent. Cut surfaces of both lungs revealed congestion of the posterior lobes with no evidence of mass lesion.

NECK:

Examination of anterior neck structures, including strap muscles, thyroid gland and large vessels, revealed no abnormalities or hemorrhage. The larynx and hyoid bone were intact. The epiglottis and vocal cords were unremarkable.

ALIMENTARY TRACT:

The tongue was without hemorrhage or other abnormalities. The esophagus was lined by intact gray-tan mucosa. The stomach contained approximately 200 ml of green-tan fluid and was lined by intact, gray-tan mucosa with normal rugal folds. Serosal surfaces of the small and large bowel were intact and unremarkable. The rectum and anus were without evidence of injury or abnormality.

LIVER AND PANCREAS:

The liver weighed 1180 grams and was covered by an intact capsule. Cut surfaces were a uniform red-brown color and of normal consistency. No focal abnormalities were present. The gallbladder contained a normal amount of bile and was lined by an intact velvety mucosa. The extrahepatic biliary tree was patent. Periportal lymph nodes were non-prominent. The pancreas was of normal size and conformation, displaying the usual lobulated gray-tan appearance. The pancreatic ducts were patent. Peripancreatic lymph nodes were non-prominent.

GENITOURINARY SYSTEM:

The left kidney weighed 120 grams. The right kidney weighed 120 grams. Each was covered by an intact capsule which stripped with ease. Cortical surfaces of the kidneys were brown-red and smooth. Cut surfaces revealed brown-red cortex of normal thickness. A distinct corticomedullary junction was present. The calyces, pelves and ureters were unremarkable. The urinary bladder contained no urine and was lined by intact, gray-tan mucosa.

IMMUNOLOGICAL SYSTEM:

The spleen weighed 210 grams and was covered by an intact capsule. Cut surfaces were red-purple in color with a normal consistency. The white pulp was non-prominent. No focal abnormalities were present. Lymphadenopathy was not identified. The thymus was not identified.

ENDOCRINE SYSTEM:

The pituitary, thyroid, and adrenal glands were free of obvious disease.

MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM:

Skeletal muscle was of uniform pale red-tan coloration, with no focal changes present. No gross bone or joint abnormalities were present. The cervical, thoracic, and lumbar spine were free of hemorrhage and other abnormalities. Injury has been described.

CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM:

Injury has been described. The brain was edematous and weighed 1510 grams. There was no evidence of mass lesion or aneurysmal dilation of the vasculature.

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Toxicology Report

Report Issued 01/14/2021 13:03

To: **147923**
Dr. Frank Peretti (LDH OSP), Little Rock .
8710 Faulkner Lake Road

North Little Rock, AR 72117

Patient Name	DUNHAM, ROBERT
Patient ID	LA681-20
Chain	30260153
Age 41 Y	**DOB** Not Given
Gender	Male
Workorder	21002972

Positive Findings:

Compound	Result	Units	Matrix Source
Lorazepam	**13**	**ng/mL**	**002 - Subdural Blood/Clot**
Hydromorphone - Free	**6.3**	**ng/mL**	**002 - Subdural Blood/Clot**

See Detailed Findings section for additional information

Testing Requested:

Analysis Code	Description
8054B	Postmortem, Expanded with NPS, Blood (Forensic)
9566B	Synthetic Cannabinoids (Add-On), Blood

Specimens Received:

ID	Tube/Container	Volume/ Mass	Collection Date/Time	Matrix Source	Labeled As
001	White Plastic Container	20 mL	12/30/2020	Subdural Blood/Clot	30260153
002	Homogenate Container	Not Given	12/30/2020	Subdural Blood/Clot	Not Applicable

All sample volumes/weights are approximations.

Specimens received on 01/05/2021.

Detailed Findings:

Analysis and Comments	Result	Units	Rpt. Limit	Specimen Source	Analysis By
Lorazepam	13	ng/mL	5.0	002 - Subdural Blood/Clot	LC-MS/MS
Hydromorphone - Free	6.3	ng/mL	1.0	002 - Subdural Blood/Clot	LC-MS/MS

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.

Sample Comments:

001 Blood specimen required homogenization: 21002972-001

002 NMS Labs generated homogenized Blood sample: 21002972-002

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 21002972 was electronically signed on 01/14/2021 12:27 by:

Matthew M. McMullin, M.S., F-ABFT, TC (NRCC)
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.

Acode 50012B - Benzodiazepines Confirmation, Blood - Subdural Blood/Clot

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

Compound	Rpt. Limit	Compound	Rpt. Limit
7-Amino Clonazepam	5.0 ng/mL	Flurazepam	2.0 ng/mL
Alpha-Hydroxyalprazolam	5.0 ng/mL	Hydroxyethylflurazepam	5.0 ng/mL
Alprazolam	5.0 ng/mL	Hydroxytriazolam	5.0 ng/mL
Chlordiazepoxide	20 ng/mL	Lorazepam	5.0 ng/mL
Clobazam	20 ng/mL	Midazolam	5.0 ng/mL
Clonazepam	2.0 ng/mL	Oxazepam	20 ng/mL
Desalkylflurazepam	5.0 ng/mL	Temazepam	20 ng/mL
Diazepam	20 ng/mL	Triazolam	2.0 ng/mL
Estazolam	5.0 ng/mL		

Acode 50016B - Opiates - Free (Unconjugated) Confirmation, Blood - Subdural Blood/Clot

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

Compound	Rpt. Limit	Compound	Rpt. Limit
6-Monoacetylmorphine - Free	1.0 ng/mL	Dihydrocodeine / Hydrocodol - Free	5.0 ng/mL
Codeine - Free	5.0 ng/mL	Hydrocodone - Free	5.0 ng/mL

Analysis Summary and Reporting Limits:

Compound	Rpt. Limit	Compound	Rpt. Limit
Hydromorphone - Free	1.0 ng/mL	Oxycodone - Free	5.0 ng/mL
Morphine - Free	5.0 ng/mL	Oxymorphone - Free	1.0 ng/mL

Acode 52058B - Ketamine and Metabolite Confirmation, Blood - Subdural Blood/Clot

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

Compound	Rpt. Limit	Compound	Rpt. Limit
Ketamine	40 ng/mL	Norketamine	40 ng/mL

Acode 8054B - Postmortem, Expanded with NPS, Blood (Forensic) - Subdural Blood/Clot

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

Compound	Rpt. Limit	Compound	Rpt. Limit
Barbiturates	0.040 mcg/mL	Gabapentin	5.0 mcg/mL
Cannabinoids	10 ng/mL	Salicylates	120 mcg/mL

-Analysis by Headspace Gas Chromatography (GC) for:

Compound	Rpt. Limit	Compound	Rpt. Limit
Acetone	5.0 mg/dL	Isopropanol	5.0 mg/dL
Ethanol	10 mg/dL	Methanol	5.0 mg/dL

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

Compound	Rpt. Limit	Compound	Rpt. Limit
4-cyano-CUMYL-BINACA	0.10 ng/mL	AMB-FUBINACA	1.0 ng/mL
4-fluoro-MDMB-BINACA	0.10 ng/mL	CUMYL-THPINACA	0.10 ng/mL
5-fluoro-EDMB-PINACA	0.10 ng/mL	MDMB-CHMCZCA	0.10 ng/mL
5-fluoro-MDMB-PICA	0.10 ng/mL	MDMB-CHMICA	0.10 ng/mL
5-fluoro-MDMB-PINACA / 5-fluoro-EMB-PINACA	0.20 ng/mL	MDMB-CHMINAC	0.10 ng/mL
5-fluoro-MMB-PINACA	0.050 ng/mL	MDMB-FUBICA	0.10 ng/mL
5-fluoro-NA-PIC	0.10 ng/mL	MDMB-FUBINACA / EMB-FUBINACA	0.10 ng/mL
5-fluoro-QU-PINAC	0.10 ng/mL	MMB-CHMICA	0.10 ng/mL
ADAMANTYL-FUBINACA	0.20 ng/mL	MMB-CHMINACA	0.20 ng/mL
ADMB-CHMINACA	0.10 ng/mL	MMB-FUBICA	1.0 ng/mL
ADMB-FUBICA	1.0 ng/mL	MMB-FUBINACA	0.10 ng/mL
ADMB-FUBINACA	1.0 ng/mL	NA-FUBIC	1.0 ng/mL
AMB-CHMINACA	1.0 ng/mL	NA-FUBIM	0.20 ng/mL

-Analysis by High Performance Liquid Chromatography/Time of Flight-Mass Spectrometry (LC/TOF-MS) for: The following is a general list of compound classes included in this screen. The detection of any specific analyte is concentration-dependent. Note, not all known analytes in each specified compound class are included. Some specific analytes outside these classes are also included. For a detailed list of all analytes and reporting limits, please contact NMS Labs.
Amphetamines, Anticonvulsants, Antidepressants, Antihistamines, Antipsychotic Agents, Benzodiazepines, CNS Stimulants, Cocaine and Metabolites, Hallucinogens, Hypnosedatives, Hypoglycemics, Muscle Relaxants, Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Agents, Opiates and Opioids.

Analysis Summary and Reporting Limits:

Acode 9566B - Synthetic Cannabinoids (Add-On), Blood - Subdural Blood/Clot

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

Compound	Rpt. Limit	Compound	Rpt. Limit
4-cyano-CUMYL-BINACA	0.10 ng/mL	AMB-FUBINACA	1.0 ng/mL
4-fluoro-MDMB-BINACA	0.10 ng/mL	CUMYL-THPINACA	0.10 ng/mL
5-fluoro-EDMB-PINACA	0.10 ng/mL	MDMB-CHMCZCA	0.10 ng/mL
5-fluoro-MDMB-PICA	0.10 ng/mL	MDMB-CHMICA	0.10 ng/mL
5-fluoro-MDMB-PINACA / 5-fluoro-EMB-PINACA	0.20 ng/mL	MDMB-CHMINAC	0.10 ng/mL
5-fluoro-MMB-PINACA	0.050 ng/mL	MDMB-FUBICA	0.10 ng/mL
5-fluoro-NA-PIC	0.10 ng/mL	MDMB-FUBINACA / EMB-FUBINACA	0.10 ng/mL
5-fluoro-QU-PINAC	0.10 ng/mL	MMB-CHMICA	0.10 ng/mL
ADAMANTYL-FUBINACA	0.20 ng/mL	MMB-CHMINACA	0.20 ng/mL
ADMB-CHMINACA	0.10 ng/mL	MMB-FUBICA	1.0 ng/mL
ADMB-FUBICA	1.0 ng/mL	MMB-FUBINACA	0.10 ng/mL
ADMB-FUBINACA	1.0 ng/mL	NA-FUBIC	1.0 ng/mL
AMB-CHMINACA	1.0 ng/mL	NA-FUBIM	0.20 ng/mL

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INVESTIGATION INFORMATION

Notification

12/29/2020 19:26	**Answering Service**	**Ochsner LSU Neuro ICU**
Date / Time	Received By	Decedent Location
Ochsner LSU Health	**Colby**	**(318)626-4575**
Notifying Agency	Agency Representative	Phone Number
Morehouse	**Hospital - Inpatient**	☑
Jurisdiction / Parish	Place of Death	Location Within City Limits

Coroner Investigators

12/29/2020	**Greg Clement**	
Date of Investigation	Primary Investigator	Investigator 2
718175		**Out of Parish**
Report Number	Investigator 3	Invoicing Code

DEMOGRAPHICS

Robert		**Dunham**			
First	Middle	Last	SSN		Marital Status
Morehouse Correctional Center		**Bastrop**	**LA**		**71220**
Address		City	State		Zip
White	**Male**	**08/02/1979**	**12/29/2020 19:05**	**41**	
Race	Sex	Date of Birth	Date/Time of Death	Age	Occupation

LE / EMS INFORMATION

LE Personnel

Reporting Officer	LE Agency	Phone
Lead Detective	LE Agency	Phone
Additional Personnel		Law Enforcement Number

EMS

☐ Yes ☐ No

EMS Agency	EMS Unit	EMS Intervention

INFORMANT INFORMATION

Found Dead By:

Name	Relationship	Address	Phone	Date

Last Seen Alive By:

Name	Relationship	Address	Phone	Date

Witness to Injury / Illness / Death

Name	Relationship	Address	Phone	Date

INJURY DETAILS

Correctional Facility ☐ Yes ☑ No

Place of Injury — Injured At Work

Location of Injury

☐ Same As Decedent Location ☑ Location Within City Limits

Morehouse Correctional Center	**Bastrop**	**Morehouse**	**LA**	**71220**
Injury Address	City	Parish	State	Zip

Date of Injury **Unknown** Time of Injury **Unknown**

Injury Description

Decedent either fell from bunk or was assaulted

MEDICAL CARE INFORMATION

Ochsner LSU	**1501 Kings Hwy 71103**	**675-5000**
Hospital / Care Facility / Hospice	Address	Phone

12/26/2020		
Admission / SOC Date	Attending Physician	Phone

Admitting Diagnosis

Subdural Hematoma
Intracranial Hemorrhage

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MEDICAL HISTORY

Dr. Kelly Bihm

Death Pronounced By | Primary Care Physician | Physician Address | Physician Phone

Past Medical History

Past Surgical History

Drugs ☐ Yes ☑ No

Alcohol ☐ Yes ☑ No

Tobacco ☐ Yes ☑ No

☐ Other

Communicable Diseases ☐ Yes ☑ No ☐ Unknown

Communicable Diseases List

Medication Collected ☐ Yes ☑ No

Current Medication List

Medication | Dosage | Quantity | Interval

SCENE DESCRIPTION

Physical Location of Body

Ambient Temp (F)

Date / Time Taken

Weather Conditions

Forced Entry ☐ Yes ☐ No

Doors State ☐ Locked ☐ Unlocked

Windows State ☐ Locked ☐ Unlocked

Who Forced Entry

Doors Condition

Windows Condition

☐ Yes ☐ No Illegal Drugs /Alcohol

☐ Weapon Found

Weapon

Surface Type Where The Body Was Found

Scene Description

BODY DIAGRAM

NO IMAGE

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Description

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NEXT OF KIN

Donna Jones	Mother	(318)732-2510
Name	Relationship	Phone

Address	City	State	Zip

Notified ☐ Yes ☐ No — Notified By — Date & Time Notified

DISPOSITION OF CASE

☐ Released To Funeral Home — Golden (Funeral Home) — Bastrop, LA (Address) — Phone

☐ Autopsy Authorized By Coroner — Pathologist — Pathologist Notified ☐ Yes ☑ No

☑ Out Of Jurisdiction — Jason Carroll-Morehouse Parish (Case Transferred To) — 12/29/2020 19:45 (Date / Time of Transfer)

☐ Body On Hold At Morgue

☐ Toxicology Without Autopsy ☐ Private Autopsy Ordered ☐ Not A Coroner's Case

☐ Cremation Authorized ☐ Pauper's Case — Transportation of Body Arranged By

CAUSE / MANNER OF DEATH

☐ Natural ☐ Accident ☐ Suicide ☐ Homicide ☐ Undetermined ☐ Pending

Primary Cause of Death

Onset to Time of Death Interval

Other Significant Conditions Contributing to Death ☐ Tobacco ☐ Other

Pregnant During Last 90 days ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Autopsy Performed ☐ Yes ☐ No

TYPE OF DEATH

☐ Hospice	☐ Under 24hr Admit	☐ Cremation Only
☐ Suspicious, Unusual or Unnatural	☑ Reported Out of Parish	☐ NACC
☐ Found Dead	☐ Custody of Law Enforcement	☐ Under 1 YOA
☐ Suspected Poisoning	☐ Communicable Disease	☐ Nursing Home
☐ Injury/Trauma	☐ SUIDI	☐ Suspected Homicide / Suicide

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CASE NARRATIVE

On Tuesday, 29 Dec 20 at 1926 hours I; Gregory C. Clement, Deputy Coroner with the Caddo Parish Coroner's Office; received a call from Colby with Ochsner LSU Neuro ICU calling to notify me of the death of a 41 year old male which occurred on this date at 1905 hours.

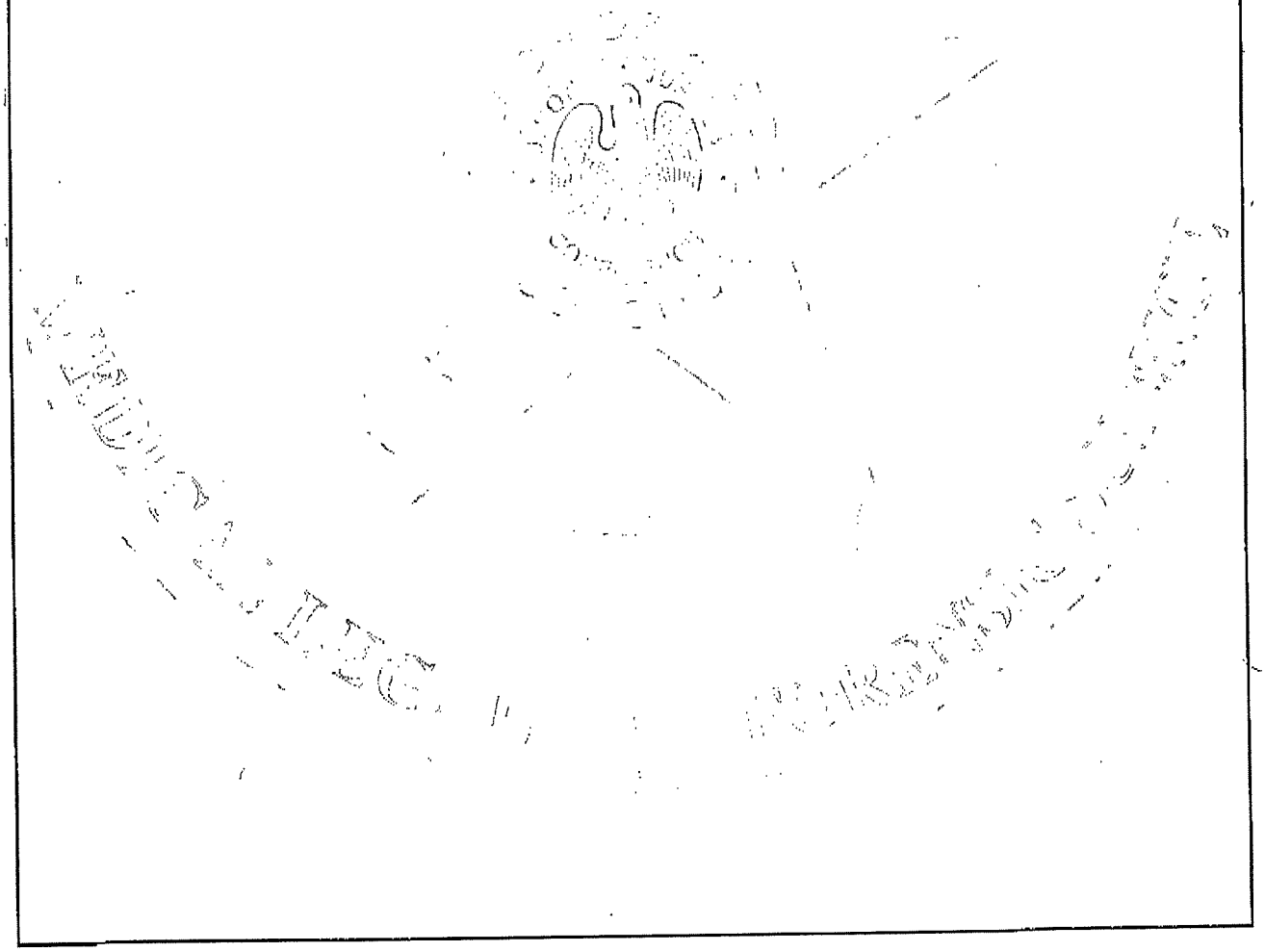
I was informed the decedent; an inmate at the Morehouse Parish Correctional Center in Bastrop, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; was admitted to the hospital on 26 Dec 20 after suffering from a possible fall from his bunk or an assault. As a result he suffered a subdural hematoma and intracranial hemorrhage.

After obtaining the information above I contacted the Morehouse Parish Coroner's Office and spoke with Jason Carroll. He was provided with the information I obtained from the hospital. I also informed him the Warden of the Correctional Facility; Carl Patrick; requested an autopsy. The case was then turned over to that agency for further investigation. Upon completion of the investigation the decedent is to be released to Golden Funeral Home in Bastrop, Louisiana.

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ADDITIONAL NOTES

Next of Kin: Carl Patrick Warden (318)282-0707



Morehouse Parish Sheriff's Office

Incident Report

Complaint #: 20-005860

Incident Seq #: 1

Victims

Victim No:	1	**Type:**	INDIVIDUAL		
Name:	ROBERT Allen DUNHAM				
Address:	9170 COLLINSTON RD 104 West Walnut Avenue				
City:	Bastrop	**State:**	LOUISIANA	**Zip:**	71220

Phones:

#1:	[redacted]	**Ext:**		**Type:**	
#2:		**Ext:**		**Type:**	

Race:	WHITE			**Sex:**	MALE
Ethnicity:	UNKNOWN			**DOB:**	[redacted]1979
Age:	41	**SSN:**	[redacted]	**Resident:**	RESIDENT
Interviewed:	N	**Statement Taken?**	N		
Employer:				**Occupation:**	
Hospital:	LSU SHREVEPORT			**Transported By:**	AIR EVAC
Doctor:				**Injury Type:**	INTERNAL INJURY
DL Number:	[redacted]			**DL State:**	LOUISIANA
Aggr Asslt/Hom 1:	ARGUMENT				
Aggr Asslt/Hom 2:					
Aggr Asslt/Hom 3:					
Add'l Just Hom/Leoka:					

Relationships:

Desmond Ford	ACQUAINTANCE

Comments:

Simple Assault turned into Manslaughter for Suspect.

Morehouse Parish Sheriff's Office

Incident Report

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Offenses

Offense No:	1	**Victim No:**	1	**No of Counts:**	1
Crime Against:	Person			**Abandoned:**	False
LRS:	14:31			**NIBRS:**	09A
LRS Desc:	Manslaughter			**Circumstance:**	COMPLETED
Location Type:	JAIL/PRISON/PENITENTIARY/CORRECTIONS FACILITY			**Location Desc:**	Morehouse Parish Jail
Nature:	Battery Of Another Inmate				
No. Premises:				**Method of Entry:**	
Location Code:	MPSO JAIL				

Criminal Activity / Gang Info

1:	NONE/UNKNOWN
2:	
3:	

Weapon Force Types

1:	PERSONAL (HAND/FEET)
2:	
3:	

Suspects

Suspect No:	1	**Arrested?**	True	**Interviewed?**	False
Bias Motivation:	UNKNOWN (OFFENDER'S MOTIVATION NOT KNOWN)			**Statement Taken?**	False

Name:	desmond TRUMANE ford				
Age:	27	**Date of Birth:**	[redacted]1993		
Race:	BLACK/AFRICAN	**Ethnicity:**	NON-HISPANIC		
Sex:	MALE	**DL State:**	LOUISIANA		
SSN:	[redacted]	**DL Number:**	[redacted]		
Build:	MEDIUM/AVERAGE	**Eye Color:**	BROWN		
Hair Color:	BLACK	**Complexion:**	MEDIUM		
Height:	600	**Weight:**	172		
Resident:	RESIDENT				
Address:	6667 halifax				
City:	collinston	**State:**	LOUISIANA	**Zip:**	71229

Phones:

#1:	[redacted]	**Ext:**		**Type:**	G'PARENT
#2:		**Ext:**		**Type:**	

Suspected of Using / Gaming Motivation

Comments:

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Arrestees

Arrestee:	Desmond Ford	**Date of Birth:**	[redacted]1993
City of Birth:	Collinston	**State of Birth:**	Louisiana
Address:	6667 Halifax , Collinston, Louisiana 71229		
Sex:	Male	**Race:**	Black/African
Height:	Height: 600		
Build:	Medium/Average		
Weight:	172		
Eyes:	Brown	**Hair:**	Black
Complexion:	Medium		
Ethnicity:	Non-Hispanic		
FBI#:		**SID#:**	002705940

Scars/Marks/Tattoos:

Driver License#:	[redacted]	**State of Issue:**	Louisiana
Social Security Number:	[redacted]	**Date/Time Arrested:**	1/4/2021 10:00:00 AM
Fingerprint Card #:		**Type of Arrest:**	Take Into Custody
Location of Arrest:	Morehouse Parish Jail		
Booking #:	20-005860-1	**Booking Station:**	Sheriff Department
Prisoner Condition:	Normal	**Arrest Transaction #:**	
Juvenile Referral:			
Informed of Charged?	Y	**Advised of Rights?**	Y
NCIC Check Made?	Y		

Officer	Relationship
Marcus Tillery	Investigator

Armed With
Un Armed

Count	Charge	Description
1	14:31	MANSLAUGHTER

Supplementals

Supplemental No:	1		
Reporting Officer:	MARCUS TILLERY	**Reporting Date:**	12/27/2020
Reviewing Officer:		**Review Date:**	

Narrative:

On the evening of December 26, 2020, I, Investigator Marcus Tillery was dispatched out to Morehouse Sheriff Department for an Inmate that was at Morehouse General Hospital. Jail reports state that it was believed that the Inmate had ingested some form of narcotic and that he was "coming down" from the effects of it. While at Morehouse General, some tests were performed and it was found that Mr. Dunham had no brain activity. He was immediately airlifted to Shreveport for more tests.

While at the hospital in Shreveport, tests there revealed that Mr. Dunham did not have any brain activity. Warden Carl Patrick was called and informed of the situation and was also informed that the hospital would be taking Mr. Dunham off of the breathing machine after a brain scan is performed on 12/27/2020. Warden Patrick then called CID to investigate the incident.

During an Investigation that started on 12/27/2020, Inv. Tillery first interviewed Inmate Desmond "Gizmo" Ford. Mr. Ford was not made aware of what happened to Mr. Dunham until after the interview process. He stated on recorded statement that he believed that Mr. Dunham had gotten hold of some MOJO and that he was high and coming down off of the product. Ford then stated that Victim Dunham had ingested some cookies that had the MOJO inside of them. Ford went on to say that Dunham had started acting strange and doing weird things around the dorm and that since, they, (The Dorm), all thought that he was high, they put him in the shower to cool him off and to try to bring him down from his high. Ford then offered him water to drink and it was refused by Dunham. Ford then stated that when he noticed that Dunham was not getting any better, he then decided to beat on the window to get s guards attention to get help for Dunham. Nothing further... Ford was then taken back to the jail by Inv. Tillery.

Inv. Tillery then began an interview with the Dorm Rep., Robert Gibson.On recorded statement, Gibson stated that he was sleep during most of the time that Mr. Dunham was acting crazy, but when he awoke, he noticed Mr. Dunham in the shower fully clothed and that he began to offer assistance by offering him water, (Mr. Ford stated that he was the person that did that) and trying to get him to calm down and get out of the shower with all his clothing on. Mr. Gibson then states that he and Ford went to the window to attempt to get a guards attention to offer Dunham assistance because he seemed to be "Out Of It". Nothing Further... Gibson was then taken back to the jail by Inv. Tillery.

Inv. Tillery then began an interview with Inmate Dathon McMilleon. McMilleon stated on recorded statement, that on the morning of 12/24/2020, he overheard part of an altercation that went on between Inmates Desmond Ford and Robert Dunham. McMilleon stated that they were arguing about something and then he saw Ford grab a combination lock and chase Dunham around the dorm with it attempting to hit him. He then stated that he noticed the (2) men go into the common area to fight each other with any weapons. He stated that he saw Dunham take a swing at Ford and then he noticed Ford grab Dunham and lift him off of his feet and body slam him on the right rear of his head and on his right shoulder areas. McMilleon stated that Dunham was on the ground and not moving for several minutes until he and a few others got out of their bunks to provide assistance to Dunham. McMilleon stated that Dunham was groggy and not really himself after the incident. He then stated that for almost (2) days, Dunham was out of it and that the inmates were instructed "NOT" to provide any

assistance to help Mr. Dunham per other inmates, (no names given at time of the interview). Nothing Further... McMilleon was then taken back to the jail by Inv. Tillery.

Inv. Tillery then began an interview with Inmate Richard Pope. Pope on recorded statement, stated that he saw the incident take place on the morning of 12/24/2020 between the hours of 0430/0500 and that Ford and Dunham were arguing and then they had a fight in which Ford body slammed Dunham onto his head and neck area. He also stated that everyone in the dorm was instructed "NOT" to assist Dunham by the other inmates, (No names were given during the time of the interview). Mr. Pope then stated that on 12/26/2020, he did notice Ford go into the shower while Dunham was standing under the shower with the water on and he watched him punch Dunham in the face with a closed fist. Pope stated that the Inmates that told everyone "NOT" to assist Dunham were,

1. Barnes
2. Desmond "Gizmo" Ford
3. Erin Farrar
4. Eric - Barber
5. Skylar Sutton

Mr. Pope stated that was all that he had witnessed. Nothing Further...

Inv. Tillery interviewed Harold Leon Johnston III, aka "Tre", on 12/28/2020. On recorded statement, Tre stated that he witnessed the altercation between Desmond "Gizmo" Ford and Robert "Bo" Dunham. Tre stated that he overheard Bo ask Gizmo why he just stole some Peanut Butter off of someone's bunk. Tre then stated that he witnessed Bo confront Gizmo and ask him why was he always stealing from people in the dorm. Tre then state that was when the (2) began a verbal altercation with each other and then he witnessed the (2) men go into the common area for a fist fight. Tre stated that he watched as Bo threw the first punch and hit Gizmo in his left shoulder area and that is when Gizmo grabbed Bo and picked him up about shoulder high and slammed him on his head. Tre then stated that Gizmo yelled something but he did not remember what he had said. After about 5-10 seconds, the Inmates began to crowd around Bo to offer assistance in waking him up because the drop on his head had rendered him unconscious. Bo was out for about 3-5 minutes and was finally awakened and placed on the picnic table to gather his bearings.

Tre stated that Bo was not himself after the fight and that he went through the day moving about slowly and that he had slept all through Christmas day. Tre then stated that on 12/26/2020 that Tre began acting weird when he got out of his bunk. He stated that he was moving around from bunk to bunk and then he had gotten into the shower with all his clothes on and a few of the Inmates began throwing cold water on him trying to help him "Shake Back". Tre stated that nothing was working and then some of the Inmates had alerted the guards that Bo needed medical attention. He stated that was the last that he had heard of what had happened until someone, "Unknown", had come and told the dorm that Bo had passed away.

Tre then stated that he and a few other inmates had attempted to get help for Bo immediately after the altercation between him and Gizmo, but Dorm Politics prevented that from happening without consequences.

12/29/2020 - Dr's from LSU Shreveport contacted Warden Cark Patrick and let him know that Robert "Bo" Dunham had passed away from his injuries at 1900 hrs at their facility.

01/04/2021 - Inv. Tillery met with Suspect Desmond "Gizmo" Ford at Morehouse Parish Jail. Ford was Read his Rights Per Miranda and advised of the charge. Ford again stated that he and the Victim never had and cross words and never had a physical altercation. Ford was then advised that there was camera footage and he again stated that he had no idea what I was talking about and that he and the Victim never had an altercation.

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Summary - All paperwork, videos and pictures pertaining to this case will be forwarded to the DA in Morehouse. Nothing Further... M.D.T.