

DURA: Hemorrhage and deposits of dark material consistent with soot.

PONS: Parenchymal laceration and hemorrhage.

SUMMARY:

This thirty-two year old white male died as a result of a gunshot wound to the head which caused injury to the brain and skull fractures. Based on the circumstances of this death, including witness interviews, and the atypical appearance and path of the wound, this death is most consistent with accidental discharge of the weapon. The wound caused lethal injury to the brain.

AMENDMENT

12-13-16

The Department of Forensic Science Firearms Section provided a Certificate of Analysis which indicated that the bullet recovered from Mr. Clavier's brain was consistent with a caliber 38 Special/357 Magnum bullet and markings on the bullet indicate that it could not have been fired from the .380 pistol recovered from the vehicle. Consultation with law enforcement and subsequent investigation did not produce a weapon which could have fired the lethal wound. The wound path is very unusual for a self-inflicted wound. Consultation with the Behavioral Analysis Unit at the Federal Bureau of Investigation indicated factors which could support suicide, but there was no independent review of the ballistics testing. The postmortem findings indicating a very close range wound and the absence of a weapon which fired the lethal bullet makes it impossible to exclude homicide as a possible manner of death. Because of these factors, the manner of death is changed to Undetermined.

CAUSE OF DEATH:

Gunshot wound of head.

MANNER OF DEATH:

Undetermined.

