



LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

1220 MARTIN STREET LAKEPORT, CA 95453 707 262 4200

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NARRATIVE

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DECEDENT NAME:

See, Craig Ellis (DOB: [REDACTED])

TYPE OF DEATH:

Gunshot Wound

PLACE OF DEATH:

13090 East State Highway 20, Clearlake Oaks, Ca 95423

ATTACHMENTS:

LCSO Property Form (Scanned)

ILLNESSES:

Unknown

DATE/TIME:

12/28/2019, at 2215 Hours

PHYSICIAN:

Steven Shifflet MD

NARRATIVE:

On 12/28/2019, at approximately 2150 hours, I responded to Dollar General located at 13090 East State Highway 20, in Clearlake Oaks for an officer involved shooting.

Upon arrival, I walked into the creek located between Dollar General and Cal Trans. I saw the decedent, who was later identified with a California Driver License as Craig See, laying on his back. I met with Clearlake Oaks Paramedic Brett Hughes. Hughes attached a heart monitor to the decedent, and there were not any signs of life. Hughes did not conduct any life saving measures. Hughes contacted Dr. Steven Shifflet by telephone, who pronounced the decedent's time of death at 2215 hours.

I exited the scene and waited for investigators from the Lake County District Attorney's Office to arrive. On 12/29/2019, between the hour of 0036 hours and 0056 hours, Lake County District Attorney Investigators Denise Hinchcliff, Scott Poma, and Bruce Smith entered the scene to conduct their investigation. Lake County Sheriff's Office Evidence Technician Tamara Mitchell also entered the scene for evidence collection.

After the completion of their investigation, I was assigned to conduct the coroner's investigation. I entered the scene at approximately 0250 hours and conducted my viewing of the decedent.

The decedent was located on a hill next to a tree surrounded by dirt, rocks, and leaves. There was blood on the ground next to the decedent's body. The decedent was laying on his back and had handcuffs on. The decedent was wearing several layers of clothing on his upper body. The decedent had a gray jacket, black sweatshirt, gray and blue flannel, and a green t shirt on. The decedent's sweatshirt

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hood was covering his head.

On the decedent's lower portion of his body, he was wearing blue jeans, brown boots, and a brown belt on. Attached to the decedent's belt were two sheaths for knives. There was a black sheath on the decedent's right side, which had a pocket knife inside of it. There was a brown sheath on the decedent's left side, which was empty. Both of the sheaths remained on the decedent and were not removed. The decedent had a small green flashlight attached to the upper portion of his black sweatshirt near his neck, which was collected by the District Attorney's Office.

The decedent had significant bleeding to his upper body. The decedent had blood on his hands and underneath is left eye. The decedent had abrasions, blood, and redness on his forehead. I partially removed the decedent's upper body clothing, and I saw three holes, which were consistent with gunshot wounds. The decedent had one hole on the lower left side of his chest, one hole to the upper left side of his ribs, and another hole on the lower left side of his stomach. There was blood coming from each of the holes. The decedent had holes in the front of his clothing, which were consistent with the gunshot wounds I located.

The decedent was turned over onto his stomach. There was a black headlamp underneath the decedent's body, which was collected by the District Attorney's Office. The decedent had blood on his back and lividity. I saw three holes on the decedent's back area, which were consistent with gunshot wounds. The decedent had a hole on the lower left side of his back and two holes on the left side of the middle portion of his back. There was blood coming from each of the holes. The decedent had holes on the back of his clothing, which were consistent with the gunshot wounds I located. There was also a raised lump on the middle of the decedent's back.

The decedent had a brown wallet in his right rear pocket, which contained a California Driver License and other miscellaneous cards belonging to the decedent. The decedent had a phone and \$10.00 in his left front pocket. The decedent had a pocket knife silver in color, a small amount of marijuana in a green container, and a lighter in his right front pocket. I took a picture of the decedent's CDL, which was later attached to this report. All of the decedent's items were collected as evidence by the District Attorney's Office. I took pictures of the decedent, which were later attached to this report.

The decedent was cold to the touch, and his eyes did not respond to light or touch. The decedent did not have a pulse, and I confirmed he was deceased at 0315 hours.

I requested Central Dispatch contact rotational mortuary, which was Chapel of Lakes. Chris Sainsbury with Chapel of the Lakes arrived on scene and placed the decedent into a black evidence bag at approximately 0355 hours. An evidence seal was placed on the bag, which indicated the date and time of seal. The decedent was transported to Chapel of the Lakes' facility located at 1625 North High Street, in Lakeport.

I spoke with DA Investigator Hinchcliff, who told me Cheryl [redacted] contacted her earlier in the evening and requested we release the decedent's property to her. [redacted] identified herself as the decedent's "friend" and said she lived at 12767 Oakgrove Avenue. [redacted] did not have any contact information for

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the decedent's next of kin. [REDACTED] said the decedent's parents were possibly in Illinois.

The decedent's white bicycle, which was located in front of Dollar General was collected by Evidence Technician Tamara Mitchell for safekeeping. As of this writing, I have not received next of kin information for the decedent.

Case closed: Cleared by other means
6 Hours 8 Minutes

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SUPPLEMENT

On Monday, 12/30/2019, in looking for a next-of-kin for this decedent, Craig See, I first called the Clearlake Police Department and they had no one listed. I then used Law Enforcement Software Lexis Nexis Accurint and found the decedent's parents:

Father and Step Mother:

[Redacted]
Moonglow Road
[Redacted]
Phones: [Redacted] and [Redacted]

Mother:

[Redacted]-----she may have another married name???
Ticklen Road
[Redacted]
Phone: [Redacted]

*** The Sheriff's Office has not spoken to Craig's mother as of yet, but she has been informed....

Oldest Brother:-----he was asked by Craig's father to be initial caller to the Sheriff's Office

[Redacted]
Chapel Ridge Drive, Apt 103
[Redacted]
Phone: [Redacted]

I have added them into the RIMS people screen and Lt. Corey Paulich has spoken to the older brother and father/step mother. These contacts were emailed to the DA's office and Chapel of the Lakes Mortuary for their contact information.

Craig's CTScan was set up for Tuesday, 12/31/2019 @ 1700 hrs at Sutter Lakeside Hospital radiology. Detective Sgt John Gregore and a DA's Office Investigator will attend. Same with the autopsy/toxicology exam which is set up for Friday, 01/03/2020 at 0700 hrs at Chapel of the Lakes Mortuary.

Case pending....

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SUPPLEMENT

On Monday, 01/06/2020, Chapel of the Lakes Mortuary heard from Mother/NOK, [REDACTED] that decedent, Craig See's birthday is incorrect ([REDACTED]) on the death certificate. Craig's birthday is also incorrect on his DMV California Identification Card # [REDACTED]. It should be [REDACTED], which was verified by Social Security today. The Coroner's Office will amend the death certificate when the autopsy/toxicology report is complete, just in case there are any other changes made after the report findings. I have corrected the birth date in the RIMS people screen and are sending a corrected RIMS face page to Pathologist Dr. Bennet Omalu.

Case Closed.

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