

# OFFICE OF THE NEW YORK MEDICAL EXAMINER

**DATE and HOUR AUTOPSY PERFORMED:**

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**Full Autopsy Performed**

12/10/2006; 9:00A.M by

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## SUMMARY REPORT OF AUTOPSY

**Name:** KAMIGAWA, Joy Keko  
**Date of Birth:** 7/1/80  
**Race:** Asian/Pacific Islander  
**Sex:** Female  
**Date of Death:** 12/8/2006 - 12/9/2006  
**Body Identified by:** Marcy, friend of the  
deceased  
**Case #** 000368-31B-2006  
**Investigative Agency:** New York Police  
Department

## EVIDENCE OF TREATMENT:

N/A

## EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

The autopsy is begun at 9:00 A.M. on December 10, 2006. The body is presented in a black body bag. When first viewed, the deceased is clothed in a pink blouse with a floral pattern and a long purple patterned skirt. She is wearing black boots. The hands are bagged to preserve possible evidence. A small necklace in the shape of a rose was included. The body is that of a normally developed white female measuring 62 inches, weighing 113 pounds and appearing generally consistent with the stated age of 27 years.

The eyes are partially open. The irises are brown. The corneas are cloudy. The sclerae are clear. The pupils measure 0.45 cm. The hair is black, straight and approximately 9 inches in length.

Abnormal pallor is present. There is a mottled bruising pattern to the surface of the skin not consistent with any easily identifiable object, although it has been remarked as being consistent with marks that might

be left by a small human hand used in an abnormal striking pattern. There is a superficial resemblance to "claw marks." There is no evidence that the skin was broken. The skin has started to sag due to fluid loss.

The chest, abdomen and back are symmetrical and intact. The external genitalia are that of an adult female and there is no evidence of injury. Limbs are equal, symmetrically developed and intact.

#### **INTERNAL EXAMINATION**

HEAD--CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM: Subsequent autopsy shows that the nervous system suffered a severe shock around the time of death. Significant nerve damage is present, and seems to have been the conduit for some form of electrical shock. The tissue near major nerve clusters has necrotized. Especially in the region of the spine. The brain weighs 1,125 grams and is below normal limits.

SKELETAL SYSTEM: The skeletal system is intact

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM--THROAT STRUCTURES: Trace amounts of vomit and blood are present in the posterior oral cavity. The oral cavity has multiple injuries to the gums and tongue which seem to have been inflicted by the sudden clamping down of the victim's teeth. The mucosa is intact and there are no injuries to the lips, teeth or gums. There is no obstruction of the airway. The mucosa of the epiglottis, glottis, piriform sinuses, trachea and major bronchi are anatomic. No injuries are seen and there are no mucosal lesions. The hyoid bone, the thyroid, and the cricoid cartilages are intact. Lungs: The lungs weigh: right, 350 grams; left 360 grams. The lungs are unremarkable.

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM: The heart weighs 249 grams, and has a normal size and configuration. The volume of blood within the body is 3400 ml, approximately 60% of the volume expected for a human female of the subject's height and weight. No lacerations or injuries have been found to account for this discrepancy.

GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM: The mucosa and wall of the esophagus are intact and gray-pink, without lesions or injuries. The gastric mucosa is intact and pink without injury. Approximately 67 ml of partially digested food is found in the stomach. The mucosa of the duodenum, jejunum, ileum, colon and rectum are intact.

URINARY SYSTEM: The kidneys weigh: Left, 117 grams; right, 115 grams. The kidneys are anatomic in size, shape and location and are without lesions.

FEMALE GENITAL SYSTEM: The structures are within normal limits. The deceased has not given birth in the past. There are no signs of recent sexual activity.

TOXICOLOGY: A sample of right pleural blood as well as bile are submitted for toxicologic analysis. Stomach contents are saved.

SEROLOGY: A sample of right pleural blood is submitted in the EDTA tube. Routine toxicologic studies were ordered.

## **LABORATORY DATA**

Cerebrospinal fluid culture and sensitivity:

Gram stain: Unremarkable  
Culture: No growth after 72 hours

Cerebrospinal fluid bacterial antigens:

Hemophilus influenza B: Negative  
Streptococcus pneumoniae: Negative  
N. Meningitidis: Negative  
Neisseria meningitidis B/E. Coli K1: Negative

Drug Screen Results:

Urine screen {Immunoassay} was NEGATIVE.  
Ethanol: 0 gm/dl, Blood (Heart)  
Ethanol: 0 gm/dl, Vitreous

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Chief Toxicologist  
Dec. 9, 2006

## **EVIDENCE COLLECTED:**

1. One (1) woman's pink blouse.
2. One (1) woman's purple skirt.
3. One (1) pair of woman's black winter boots, size 5
4. Ten (10) samples collected from under the deceased's fingernails.
5. Samples of Blood (type A+), Bile, and Tissue (heart, lung, brain, kidney, liver, spleen).
6. Eight (8) autopsy photographs.
7. One postmortem MRI.

**Manner of Death:** Homicide

**Immediate Cause of Death:** Class IV Hemorrhage do to extreme blood loss, cause not yet determined

**Time of Death:** Body temperature, rigor and livor mortis, and stomach contents approximate the time of death between 9:00 P.M. 1/30/2004 and 1:00 A.M. 1/31/2004.

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