

Jefferson County Coroner's Office

AUTOPSY REPORT

FLEMING, KELLY

JCCO #99-048

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PATHOLOGICAL DIAGNOSES

1. Penetrating shotgun wound to the trunk with:
 - a. Entrance, left lower back.
 - b. Recovery of projectiles, within projectile path, mainly within the left upper chest and left neck.
 - c. Perforating lacerations of the left kidney, left adrenal, stomach, esophagus, spleen, liver, bilateral lungs, heart and thoracic aorta.
 - d. Associated bilateral hemothoraces, hemopericardium, hemomediastinum and hemoperitoneum.
 - e. Fracture of the left hip (ilium) including associated hemoretroperitoneum.
2. Recent cutaneous abraded contusion of the right knee.
3. Early postmortem decomposition.

OPINION

This 16-year-old female sustained a shotgun wound at her high school. She was pronounced dead at the scene. Her death is attributed to multiple visceral and vascular lacerations due to a penetrating shotgun wound to the trunk. Toxicologic analyses of body fluids obtained at the time of autopsy were negative. In view of the scene and circumstances surrounding the death and autopsy findings, the manner of death is classified as homicide.



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