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# Coroner Report Santa Barbara County Sheriff

19-11447

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Santa Barbara, CA 93110-1002  
Report Type  
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Reported Date  
09/02/2019

Officer  
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Administrative Information							
Agency Santa Barbara County Sheriff		Report No 19-11447	Supplement No ORIG	Reported Date 09/02/2019	Reported Time 03:32	Status Incident	
Report Type Coroner's investigation		Location PLATTS HARBOR SANTA CRUZ ISLAND					
City Santa Barbara City	Rep Dist 101	Area 1	Beat 10	From Date 09/02/2019	From Time 03:32		
Officer 3144/BIEDINGER, C		Assignment CORONER BUREAU		Entered by 3144	Assignment CORONER BUREAU		
RMS Transfer Pending	Report Title Coroner Report	Approving Officer 3768		Approval Date 01/30/2020			
Approval Time 12:36:42							
Cause of death (COR only) SMOKE INHALATION		Due to (COR only) BOAT FIRE	Manner of death (COR only) Accident		Date/Time of death pronounced 09-02-19/0443 hours		
Determined by (COR only) Investigation		Dr. will sign N	Hospitalization N		Mortuary Lori Family Mortuary		
Removal Status Family request		Date/Time NOK notified 09-05-19/ 1249 hours	NOK notified by: Detective Sosa		NOK notified via In person		
NOK relation to decedent Sister							
Person Summary							
Invl COR	Invl No 1	Type I	Name KRASHENNAYA, YULIA	MNI 987651	Race W	Sex F	DOB [REDACTED]
Summary Narrative							
On 09-02-19, at approximately 0443 hours, 40-year-old, Yulia Krashennaya died from inhalation when the vessel she was on, for a diving expedition, caught fire.							

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Decedent - Coroner Investigation 1: KRASHENNAYA, YULIA									
Involvement Decedent - Coroner Investigation				Invl No 1	Type Individual				
Name KRASHENNAYA, YULIA			MNI 987651	Race White	Sex Female	DOB [REDACTED]	Age 40	Juvenile? No	
Height 5'03"	Weight 125#	Hair Color Brown	Eye Color Brown						
Type Home	Address [REDACTED]			City [REDACTED]	State [REDACTED]				
ZIP Code [REDACTED]	Date 09/02/2019								
Type Operator License	ID No [REDACTED]	OLS California							
Type Social Security Number	ID No [REDACTED]								
Relationship Next of kin	Name [REDACTED]	Race [REDACTED]	Sex [REDACTED]						
Address [REDACTED]		City [REDACTED]	State [REDACTED]						
ZIP Code [REDACTED]									
Relationship [REDACTED]	Name [REDACTED]	Race [REDACTED]	Sex [REDACTED]	DOB [REDACTED]	Phone Type Cell				
Phone No [REDACTED]									
Medical									
Citizenship US CITIZEN			Place of Birth Foreign country not listed			Occupation IT PRODUCT			
NOK Notified? Yes	NOK Name [REDACTED]		Mortuary Name LORI FAMILY MORTUARY			Family Request? Yes			
Injury Place BOAT	Injury Date 09/02/2019		Injured At Work? No						
Injury Premise PLATT'S HARBOR SANTA CRUZ ISLAND SANTA BARBARA, CA 95060 (34.02858 N 119.44172 W)									
How Injured DECEDENT DIED FROM SMOKE INHALATION DURING A BOAT FIRE.									
Narrative									
Continuations:									

Yulia Krashennaya is the decedent.

**Narrative:**

On 09-02-19, at approximately 0516 hours, the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office was notified by the Ventura Fire Department of a vessel on fire in the Channel Islands off the coast of Santa Barbara County. The Coast Guard responded along with Ventura Fire Department and Santa Barbara County Fire Department. Upon arrival at the scene the vessel was found to be fully engulfed in fire. The call had originally come into the Coast Guard at 0332 hours, on 09-02-19.

Reports to the Coast Guard said there were possibly be 34 subjects "trapped below" the water line, in the vessel. The vessel was identified as the Conception and it was in jurisdiction of the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office near Santa Cruz Island, not in Ventura Sheriff's Department jurisdiction. The location was later found to be 300 yards offshore of Platts Harbor on Santa Cruz Island. See Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department case number 19-11415 for full details.

Detective Morris was notified of the incident by Sergeant Valencia. Sergeant Morris requested the response of Detective Henslin, Detective Carlson and myself to the Coroner's Bureau to assist in the incident at approximately 25 hours.

Detective Baisa was also called at that time and asked to respond to Ventura Harbor to act as the liaison for the

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Sheriff's Office.

It was later found the vessel, the "Conception" contained 34 passengers and five crew members. Five of the crew members were rescued, but none of the 34 passengers had been found.

During the course of the morning four deceased passengers had been located by Coast Guard personnel. The Coast Guard transported the decedents to the Santa Barbara Harbor.

At 1150 hours, on 09-02-19, Sgt. Morris, Detective Henslin and I responded to the Santa Barbara Harbor to retrieve decedents documented as 1 through 4.

At 1220 hours, on 09-02-19, the decedents were brought to Santa Barbara Harbor. Detective Henslin and I transported two decedent's each to the Santa Barbara Coroner's Bureau, where physical examinations were later conducted on them.

At that time digital photographs were taken of the decedents along with samples collected for DNA analysis identification and for an expanded toxicology panel. All of the decedents retrieved on 09-02-19, were found to have significant thermal burns to their bodies with limbs missing due to the intensity of the fire. None of the decedents could be identified by physical characteristics.

At 2030 hours, on 09-02-19, Sgt Morris, Det. Henslin, Det. Carlson, Det. Baisa, Deputy Bruening and I, along with staff from the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office responded to the Santa Barbara Harbor for retrieval of 16 additional bodies recovered from the Conception, documented as decedents 5 through 20.

The decedents were then transported to Coroner's Bureau for examinations, drawing of fluids for toxicology and DNA analysis, and collection of personal property.

At approximately 2330 hours, on 09-02-19, all the examinations of the decedents were completed and the decedents were placed in a portable morgue provided by the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office.

On 09-03-19, at 0730 hours, Sgt Morris, Det. Henslin, Det. Carlson, Det. Baisa, Deputy Bruening, myself, and staff from the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office responded to the Santa Barbara Harbor for retrieval of 13 more remains recovered from the Conception, documented as decedents 21 through 33.

The decedents were then all transported to the Santa Barbara Coroner's Bureau, where physical examinations, digital photographs, and fluid samples for DNA analysis and toxicology were conducted on each recovered decedent.

All of the decedents recovered on 09-03-19 were placed on portable coroner racks and secured in the Santa Barbara Coroner's Bureau morgue.

**Physical evidence:**

A series of digital photographs were taken of the decedent at the Coroner's Bureau by Forensic Personnel from the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department. The photo card was later downloaded for storage at the Coroner's Bureau.

**Identification of decedent:**

The decedent was positively identified by a DNA comparison, with samples submitted by the decedent's mother, Olga Krashennaya. The DNA comparison was conducted via the Sacramento County Coroner's Office.

**Examination of decedent:**

On 09-03-19, at 2117 hours, an examination of the decedent was conducted at the Coroner's Bureau after the decedent was transported from Santa Barbara Harbor. A tag with her assigned case number was attached to the body bag.

The decedent was mostly unclothed, with only a gray in color slipper on her right foot and her right shin covered and burnt black pant leg.

The decedent was a well-developed, Caucasian appearing female with severe thermal burns all over her person, with most of her hair all burnt off and her skull visible. Her lower arms were missing from mid-bicep down and her

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left foot was also missing.

Due to the severity of her thermal burns her facial features were not readily identifiable.

The thermal burns covered her anterior and most of her posterior from her head down to her legs. The thermal burn had exposed the bone in her arms and her left lower leg.

Her right leg, from her upper thigh to her knee had skin splits and black in color thermal burns. The lower section of her right leg, was covered in blisters and singed skin, with skin splits on the back of her upper calf.

The decedent's lower back was pink in color and singed, from her mid-back to above her buttocks.

Post mortem lividity could not be detected due to her injuries and rigor mortis was present in all of his extremities. She did not have any visible tattoos.

Samples of bodily fluids were obtained from the decedent to include two tubes of cardiac blood and one tube of vitreous humor.

One tube of cardiac blood was submitted to Alere Forensics for toxicology analysis. The remaining fluid samples were refrigerated at the Coroner's Bureau pending a need for toxicology analysis.

**Post mortem examination :**

Due to the severity of the decedent's thermal injuries and obvious traumatic injuries, along with the circumstances regarding the incident, regarding the vessel he/she was on becoming ignited, a post mortem examination was deferred.

**Statements :**

On 09-05-19, at approximately 1249 hours, Detective Sosa made telephone contact with the decedent's sister, Deborah Faynshteyn, notifying her positive identification of the decedent had been made via DNA confirmation.

At 1720 hours, on 09-06-19, I was able to speak with the decedent's [REDACTED]. I confirmed the decedent could be released to a mortuary of her family's choice and she replied they had already contacted an East Coast Mortuary.

We continued to talk and [REDACTED] informed me the decedent's partner of seventeen years, [REDACTED] had also died during the incident.

**Consultation with primary care physician :**

The decedent's primary care physician was unknown and no contact was made with any physician regarding medical history for the decedent.

**Forensic toxicology :**

On 09-12-19, a toxicology report was received from Alere Forensics regarding the decedent's carbon monoxide saturation. The report indicated the following:

Carbon monoxide >75 % saturation

On 09-18-19, a toxicology report was received from Alere Forensics regarding the decedent's cyanide saturation. The report indicated the following:

Cyanide <1 mcg/ml

On 09-28-19, a toxicology report was received from Alere Forensics regarding the decedent. The report indicated the following:

eta-Phenethylamine Positive  
ethanol 0.03 grams %

Copies of these reports was reviewed with Dr. Manny Montez and found to be contributive to the decedent's death.

**Consultations with Forensic Pathologist :**

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I reviewed the circumstance surrounding this death with Dr. Manny Montez. Dr. Montez opined that the decedent died as a result of smoke inhalation due to a boat fire based on the circumstances of the decedent's death, along with toxicology results.

**In review of the circumstances of this death:**

On 09-02-19, at approximately 0443 hours, 40-year-old, Yulia Krashennaya died from inhalation when the vessel she was on, for a diving expedition, caught fire.

**Cause of Death:**

It was determined that the decedent (KRASHENNAYA ) died as a result of the following cause;

**SMOKE INHALATION (Minutes)**

Due to:

**BOAT FIRE (Minutes)**

**Manner of death:**

The manner of death will be certified by the Office of the Coroner as ACCIDENTAL.

**Final Disposition:**

The decedent and her property were released to representatives of Lori Family Mortuary in Santa Maria, Ca. No medication was collected.

**Case closed**

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**FORENSICS**

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Reported Date  
 09/24/2019

Officer  
**SANDOVAL, M**

Administrative Information													
Agency	Santa Barbara County Sheriff		Report No	19-11447	Supplement No	0001	Reported Date	09/24/2019	Reported Time	10:00	Status	Incident	
Report Type	Forensics BOC		Location 66 S SAN ANTONIO RD										
City	Santa Barbara City	ZIP Code	93110	Rep Dist	137	Area	1	Beat	40	From Date	09/02/2019	From Time	03:32
Officer	3703/SANDOVAL, M		Assignment	FORENSICS		Entered by	3703		Assignment	FORENSICS		RMS Transfer	Pending
Approving Officer	2901		Approval Date	09/24/2019		Approval Time	12:37:01						

**Summary Narrative**  
 Photo-documentation of Decedent #29.

**Narrative**

**E-FILE ATTACHMENTS:**  
 None

**NARRATIVE:**

At 0100 hours on Tuesday, 09/03/19, (prior to our departure from the Santa Barbara office) Forensic Supervisor Nancy Fabela advised CSI Technician Amezola and I return to the Santa Barbara office at 1200 hours.

At 1700 hours on Tuesday, 09/03/19, Forensic Supervisor Nancy Fabela advised CSI Technician Amezola that additional recovered bodies would be arriving at the Santa Barbara Coroner's Office between 2130 and 2200 hours.

At 2015 hours on Tuesday, 09/03/19, Forensic Supervisor Fabela advised the recovered bodies were enroute to the Coroner's Office.

Forensic Supervisor Fabela, CSI Technician Amezola, CSI Technician Avalos and I gathered our equipment and left the Santa Barbara station at 2015 hours.

**WALK THROUGH:**

CSI Technician Amezola and I arrived at the Santa Barbara Coroner's Office at 2025 hours and met with Forensic Supervisor Fabela, CSI Technician Avalos and Sergeant Mike McCoy. The 12 recovered bodies were already at the Coroner's Office. The Coroner's Bureau Detectives, Doctor Manny Montez, and the Los Angeles Coroner's Bureau were present as well.

**PHOTO-DOCUMENTATION :**

At 2117 hours, on Tuesday 09/03/19, I took overall photographs of Decedent #29. The body was in a body bag with a Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Coroner tag #29 hanging from the zipper. The decedent was badly burned, wearing partial dark colored pants on one leg and one grey colored slipper. I then photographed her unclothed.

Photo-documentation was completed at 2124 hours on 09/03/19. All of the photographs were later uploaded to the Santa Barbara Forensic Unit's digital evidence hard drive under 19-11447 for future reference.

**FINAL WALK-THROUGH:**

Forensic Supervisor Fabela, CSI Technician Amezola, CSI Technician Avalos, and I gathered our equipment and left the Coroner's Office at 2202 hours, on Tuesday 09/03/19.

We arrived at the Santa Barbara station at 2209 hours, downloaded all photos, and left at 02248 hours.

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ALERE FORENSICS AT REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY LABORATORY

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Agency # 19-11447

FORENSIC LABORATORY REPORT

AF # 2019-003241

To: Brice Bruening  
Santa Barbara County Sheriff-Coroner

Sample Collection Date: September 3, 2019

Decedent: Yulia Krashennaya

The following evidence was submitted to the Laboratory by a representative of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff-Coroner on 9/5/2019 via FedEx:

Submission 01: One tape sealed and initialed screw top metal canister containing a second screw top metal canister containing one tube of blood with paperwork marked in part "#29 Doe Jane". The name "Krashennaya, Yulia" was supplied on 9-9-19.

Item # 01-A: One gray top tube with approximately 10 mL of cardiac blood collected at 2200 hours.

Service Request:

FP760B - Carboxyhemoglobin/Carbon Monoxide - Blood

Confirmation/Screen Results

Analyte Name	Concentration	Method	Sample Type
Carbon Monoxide	> 75 %	AVOXimeter 4000	Blood



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Respectfully,

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Laureen J. Marinetti, Ph.D., F-ABFT  
Laboratory Director

Date of Report: September 12, 2019

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All samples, including the sample packaging, will be retained at the laboratory for one year after the date of report. After one year, the samples and packaging will be destroyed unless the client requests that the samples be returned or an alternate retention policy has been set up with the laboratory. The laboratory cannot ship controlled substances.

Comments

None



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Item # 01-A: One gray top tube with approximately 10 mL of cardiac blood collected at 2200 hours.

Service Request:

F1048B - Misc. Chemicals (Qualitative) - Blood

Confirmation/Screen Results

Analyte Name	Concentration	Method	Sample Type
Cyanide	< 1 mcg/mL	Color Screen	Blood



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Lauren J. Marinetti, Ph.D., F-ABFT  
Laboratory Director

Date of Report: September 15, 2019

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**Comments**

The limit of detection for the cyanide color screen is 0.5 mcg/mL.



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FORENSIC LABORATORY REPORT

AF # 2019-003241

To: Brice Bruening  
Santa Barbara County Sheriff-Coroner

Sample Collection Date: September 3, 2019

Decedent: Yulia Krashennaya

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Service Request:

FP222B - Expanded Pnl (Confirm) - Blood



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**Drug Screen Results - ELISA**

<u>Drug Screen Classification</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Limit of Detection</u>
Amphetamine	Positive	20.0 ng/mL
Barbiturates	Not Detected	1.0 mcg/mL
Benzodiazepines	Not Detected	25.0 ng/mL
Buprenorphine	Not Detected	1.0 ng/mL
Carisoprodol	Not Detected	500.0 ng/mL
Cocaine Metabolite	Not Detected	50.0 ng/mL
Fentanyl	Not Detected	1.0 ng/mL
Marijuana Metabolite	Not Detected	10.0 ng/mL
Methadone	Not Detected	25.0 ng/mL
Methamphetamine	Not Detected	20.0 ng/mL
Opiates	Not Detected	10.0 ng/mL
Oxycodone \ Oxymorphone	Not Detected	5.0 ng/mL
PCP	Not Detected	5.0 ng/mL
Tramadol	Not Detected	50.0 ng/mL
Zolpidem	Not Detected	5.0 ng/mL

**Confirmation/Screen Results**

<u>Analyte Name</u>	<u>Concentration</u>	<u>Method</u>	<u>Sample Type</u>
beta-Phenethylamine	Positive	GC-MS	Blood
Amphetamine	Not Detected	GC-MS	Blood
Methylenedioxyamphetamine (MDA)	Not Detected	GC-MS	Blood
Ethanol	0.03 grams %	GC-Headspace	Blood
Acetone, IPA and MeOH	Not Detected	GC-Headspace	Blood
Basic Drug Screen	None Detected	LC-MS-MS	Blood



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Respectfully,

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Lauren J. Marinetti, Ph.D.,F-ABFT  
Laboratory Director

Date of Report: September 28, 2019

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**Comments**

The presence of the decomposition product, beta-Phenethylamine, can result in a positive ELISA amphetamine screen.

IPA - isopropanol, MeOH - methanol