

Milwaukee County Medical Examiner
933 W. Highland Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53233
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Case Number: 15-03395
Investigator: Jason Rudelich, D-ABMDI
Date of Death: 07/16/2015
Date Today: 6/23/2020

INVESTIGATION REPORT - PRESS

Decedent: Antonio Augustine Gonzales

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SYNOPSIS

This 29 y.o. male died after being shot by Wauwatosa Police. (J.Rudelich)

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

07/16/2015 @2200 hours

The undersigned received a call from Josh Reichert, EMT-P with WAUWATOSA MED 51 who was reporting an officer involved shooting at 8533 Glencoe Cir, Wauwatosa, WI 53226. The decedent was tentatively identified as: ANTONIO GONZALES, 29 y.o. M/H, DOB: 07/09/1986, residing at an unknown location.

According to Paramedic Reichert, TOSA MED 51, ENGINE 51, TRUCK 51 and BAT 5 were dispatched @2125 hours for an officer involved shooting at the above address. Upon their arrival, fire units were staged outside the scene until it was deemed safe. Once they made contact with the victim outside, CPR was in progress by Wauwatosa Police Officers. The decedent was moved to the back of MED 51 due to inclement weather. Reichert stated the decedent was assessed in the back of MED 51 and found to have five (5) penetrating wounds: 2-chest, 2-left flank and 1 to the back of the head. A 3-lead found the decedent to be in asystole @2136 hours, so no resuscitative efforts were initiated per trauma protocol. Reichert stated that the very preliminary circumstances he had were Wauwatosa Police were sent to the above address for a domestic violence incident. When officers arrived on scene, they encountered the decedent outside with a large knife. The decedent came at officers despite their verbal commands for him to stop. A Wauwatosa Police officer shot the decedent to stop the threat. Wauwatosa Police were on scene investigating. I informed Paramedic Reichert that the decedent would need to remain on scene until the investigating jurisdiction and this office released him from the scene. (J.Rudelich)

7/16/2015 @2206 hours

The undersigned informed Milwaukee DA's Office Inv. David Budde of the officer involved shooting. (J.Rudelich)

7/16/2015 @2222 hours

The undersigned informed Assistant Medical Examiner Dr. Brian Linert of the officer involved shooting. He would not be reporting for the scene investigation. (J.Rudelich)

07/16/2015 @2337 hours

The undersigned spoke with MPD CIB Det. Marlon Davis while on scene. He provided the following preliminary information: Wauwatosa Police officers were sent to the above mentioned address for "trouble with a subject". When officers arrived they encountered the decedent in the front yard of the residence, wielding a very large samurai sword and advancing towards them. Despite the officers verbal commands for him to stop, (6) rounds were fired from a .40 caliber service weapon. The incident occurred on this date @ 2134 hours. The NOK was not known at this time. The Wisconsin State Crime Lab will be handling the scene investigation. (J.Rudelich)

07/17/2015 @0355 hours

The undersigned spoke with MPD CIB Lt. Tom Casper regarding the incident. He provided the following updated information: The decedent lived at the address previously mentioned with his ex-girlfriend. They had not been romantically involved for sometime. The two of them went to dinner & drinks at The Pfister in downtown Milwaukee on 7/16/2015. During that time, the decedent had multiple mixed drinks and became belligerent...to the point where staff asked him to leave the bar. When the two returned home, the decedent became physical, scratching the ex-girlfriend's arm with a ring he had put on for that purpose. It was at that time, the ex-girlfriend's son call 911. The decedent went out to the front lawn and paced back & forth for a short period. When officers were arriving, he went back into the home and got a samurai sword from his upstairs bedroom. He came back down to the front yard with the sword. The officers repeatedly commanded the decedent to put the sword down. He then unsheathed the sword and made a slow advance towards the officers. It was at that time that both officers fired their service weapons, one officer fired once (1) and the other officer fired eight (8) shots. Both officers will be interviewed more in depth in a day or two, but several witnesses who saw the incident corroborated the details that were provided by officers to this point.

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As it pertained to NOK, the decedent may have family in the Rhinelander area, but has been estranged from them for over 10 years now and no names were known. There was no medical history known at this time and it didn't appear as if Wauwatosa Police had any recent or frequent contact with this individual before. Milwaukee Police will update this office with information as it becomes available. (J.Rudelich)

SCENE VISIT

07/16/2015 @2337 hours

The undersigned arrived at 8533 Glencoe Cir. Wauwatosa, WI 53226. The scene was the front yard of this home located on the west side of the road. There were multiple Wauwatosa Squads and uniformed officers on scene, as well as, multiple media outlets. I was met outside the scene by MPD CIB Det. Marlon Davis, Sq 9327. The details of the death were as previously mentioned.

Investigator Jason Rudelich pronounced the death using the 10-99 time of 2136 hours by TOSA MED 51.

The decedent was observed in the rear of TOSA MED 51. I briefly observed the decedent lying supine on a cot and secured x3. The decedent had multiple penetrating wounds to the chest, right shoulder, left flank and lateral chest and posterior head. Since the Wisconsin State Crime Lab was not yet on scene and had not taken photos, the decedent was only tagged on the right great toe.

The scene was the front yard and entry way to the home mentioned above. The scene was contained by yellow tape. The front yard, specifically the common sidewalk, had six (6) .40 caliber casings. There was also a round noted on the ground next to a small tree near these casings. There was a large samurai type sword in the front grass of the yard and can be seen in photo inbox 15-3395. There was also a large wooden type post in the yard just north of this sword. The front door of this single family home had two (2) defects consistent with gunfire. There were also two (2) copper type rounds on the floor of this foyer.

The decedent will be conveyed to the MCMEO once the Wisconsin State Crime Lab arrived on scene and took their photos. (J.Rudelich)

PROPERTY

The following items were identified as being Property related to the decedent:

Jewelry	2 stone type bracelets found separate from body
Jewelry	One grey metal ring
Jewelry	Two grey metal earrings
Jewelry	Two grey metal rings with clear stone
Jewelry	One grey metal bracelet
Jewelry	One white wristwatch

FAMILY CONTACT

On Jul 17, 2015 at 1103 hours, Anne-Marie Eschle, D-ABMDI of the Medical Examiner's Office spoke to the decedent's sister, Margarita Ramirez, and obtained the following information:

I received a call from the sister, Margarita Ramirez. She confirmed she had been notified of the death after waking up this morning and going on facebook. Margarita also notified her mother of the death. Margarita was asking about alcohol level as she was told her brother was drunk. I explained the non-disclosure and told her that this office would not be able to release any information until the investigation was finished.

Margarita was heading to her mother's house. They will be working on making funeral arrangements. AME

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LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNICATION

On Jul 17, 2015 at 1000 hours, Michael Simley, D-ABMDI of the Medical Examiner's Office spoke to FI - Jeff Muhammad of the MPD CIB ID Division and obtained the following information:

MPD B of I - Forensic Investigator Jeff Muhammad presented to the MCMEO for the autopsy on ME Case #15-3395 (Tent. ID - Antonio A. Gonzales) and took two pictures and two right index fingerprints. The fingerprints taken at the autopsy on ME Case #15-3395 were compared to fingerprints on file with MPD for Antonio A. Gonzales (B of I #501667) and a positive identification was made. -MDS