

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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Approval By: Guy Kuyat

**Santa Clara County
Medical Examiner**

NAME OF DECEASED (LAST, FIRST MIDDLE) JOHNSON JR, Gregory Marcel		AKA		CASE NUMBER 08-04438
INVESTIGATOR Patra Albrecht		REPORTING AGENCY University Police		REPORTED BY Sgt. M. Santos
CALL DATE AND TIME 11/22/2008 16:50		DISPATCH DATE AND TIME 11/22/2008 17:00		RETURN DATE AND TIME 11/22/2008 18:35
DATE AND TIME OF DEATH 11/22/2008 14:59		DATE OF BIRTH 03/01/1988	AGE 20 Years	ETHNICITY Black
RESIDENCE (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) 2966 4th Street, Clearlake, CA, 95422		COUNTY Lake	TELEPHONE NO. (707) 994-5136	
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 606-36-3122		OCCUPATION San Jose State Student		
LOCATION OF DEATH Fraternity House		FOUND BY Medic Shepherd - Eng 8		
DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT 11/22/2008 14:45		INVESTIGATING AGENCY University Police	OFFICERS Sgt. M. Santos	REPORT # 08-2568
ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) 284 N. 10th Street, San Jose, CA, 95112		COUNTY Santa Clara		
PRONOUNCED BY Medic Shepherd - Eng 8		AGENCY San Jose Fire Dept		
LOCATION OF INCIDENT Fraternity House				
ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) 284 N. 10th Street, San Jose, CA, 95112				
DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT 11/22/2008 14:45				
CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH This 20-year old decedent lived in at Sigma Chi, a fraternity house associated with San Jose State University. On 11/22/2008 at around 1445 hours, a fraternity brother went down into the basement and found the decedent hanging from a cord affixed to a ceiling water pipe. He took the decedent down and called for paramedics who pronounced the death upon arrival. The decedent spoke with friends earlier in the day about problems he had with his father, but had no other known medical or psychological issues. He was not under the care of a physician and was not taking any medications. A note of intent was not found.				
MEDICAL HISTORY no known medical history				
NAME OF PERSON NOTIFIED Gregory & Denise Johnson				
ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) 2966 4th Street, Clearlake, CA, 95422				
NOTIFIED BY Clearlake PD				
LEGAL NEXT OF KIN Gregory & Denise Johnson				
ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) 2966 4th Street, Clearlake, CA, 95422				
TELEPHONE NO. (707) 994-5136				
DATE AND TIME 11/22/2008 22:00				
RELATIONSHIP Parents				
IDENTIFIED BY Denise Johnson				
TRANSPORTED TO MORGUE BY Bay Area Support Services				
FUNERAL HOME Out of Area Funeral Home				
PROPERTY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
TYPE OF EXAM None				
DECEASED WAS <input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian <input type="checkbox"/> Driver <input type="checkbox"/> Passenger <input type="checkbox"/> Bicyclist <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcyclist				
VEHICLE LICENSE NUMBER STATE				
OCCURRED ON PRIVATE PROPERTY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		DECEASED WEARING SEATBELT No		SEAT POSITION
DECEASED WEARING CRASH HELMET <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		ATTENDING PHYSICIAN None		

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NOTIFICATION

INCIDENT

DEATH

DECEASED

CALL INFO

On 11/22/2008, the decedent went to lunch with a young female that was described as being the decedent's "former girlfriend." During lunch, the decedent started to tell her about his father's addiction to drugs. The decedent told her that his father used their family's money and resources to buy drugs instead of providing for the family. The "former girlfriend" thought this was an odd and uncomfortable conversation. At no time during the conversation did the decedent say that he was suicidal or depressed. About an hour and a half after coming home, one of the fraternity brothers went down to the basement and found the decedent hanging from a cord affixed to a water pipe. The fraternity brother said the decedent's knees were bent and he was almost resting on the floor. The fraternity brother unwound the ligature cord and placed the decedent into a nearby chair. San Jose Fire paramedics responded and pronounced death upon arrival.

University Police Sergeant Michael Santos provided the background information for this report. This 20-year old male was a student at San Jose State University majoring in Kinesiology. This is the second year the decedent he has lived at Sigma Chi Fraternity, which is next to the campus. University police officers interviewed many of the fraternity brothers who said the decedent was very social and had no problems at the fraternity. The fraternity brothers said the decedent showed no signs of depression and never had any suicidal ideations. Before entering the university, the decedent had been in ROTC and had academic honors. Officers searched the decedent's room and found paperwork showing he was behind on his student loans.

EVENTS SURROUNDING DEATH:

No medications were found or taken.

MEDICATIONS:

Officers found a recent receipt (10/19/2008) from Kaiser Hospital in Santa Clara. The decedent's name was stamped on the receipt with only a brief complaint of shortness of breath and possible chest pain documented on the paperwork. I called and obtained a copy of the medical records, which now accompanies the case file. On 10/19/2008, the decedent went to the Emergency Department at Kaiser Hospital at Santa Clara complaining heart palpitations and pressure in his chest. The decedent has asthma. The report documents the decedent used caffeine and nitrous oxide four days prior to coming to the Emergency Department. The night before, he had four or five Red Bull drinks. The decedent was released home with an inhaler. There is no documentation of any depression, psychological issues or suicidal ideations in the paperwork received. This is the only outpatient admission that could be located for this decedent at any local Kaiser Hospital facility.

MEDICAL HISTORY:

University Police Sergeant Santos - on scene at about 1710 hours
 University Police Officer Van Der Noek -- on scene at about 1710 hours

The following persons were notified regarding this case:

PERSONS INTERVIEWED/DATE/TIME:

NAME	DATE/TIME	STATUS
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Patra Albrecht, INVESTIGATOR

The decedent was placed into a black body bag, which was secured with tag # 0062799. The body was transported to the Coroner's Office by Viraj Patel, a removal agent for Alacritas Mortuary Support.

The decedent's family has been notified of the death. The decedent has been tentatively identified by his California Driver License and by his fraternity brothers with whom he lived for two years. I did not take a fingerprint from the decedent because I had bagged his hands.

DISPOSITION OF BODY:



COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER-CORONER
 850 Thornton Way
 San Jose, CA 95128-4702
 (408) 793-1900

REPORT OF AUTOPSY

CASE # 08-04438

NAME: JOHNSON, GREGORY MARCEL

DATE AND TIME OF AUTOPSY: Monday, November 24, 2008 @ 0940 hours
 AGE: 20 years ETHNICITY: Black SEX: Male LEN: 73 inches WT: 185 pounds

IDENTIFICATION

The body is received in a sealed black body bag with Medical Examiner-Coroner's seal #0062799, which is opened at 0920 hours by Misty Padilla, Forensic Autopsy Technician for autopsy purposes.

An autopsy is performed on a body with two Medical Examiner tags attached to each great toe, labeled "08-04488, Johnson, Gregory, 11/22/08 Albrecht". In addition, are taken for identification purposes. The decedent is positively identified visually by his mother (Denise Johnson) on November 24, 2008.

The autopsy is performed under the legal authority of the Office of the Medical Examiner-Coroner of the County of Santa Clara, California.

CLOTHING AND ACCOMPANYING EFFECTS

The decedent is received clad in:

1. A long-sleeved, light blue, pink, and dark blue striped button-down shirt.
 2. A black sleeveless undershirt labeled "Fruit of the Loom Large".
 3. A pair of blue denim jeans labeled "Reverb".
 4. A black leather belt with a large white metal buckle with a tooled in, long-horned steer.
 5. A pair of blue and white plaid printed boxer shorts labeled "Fruit of the Loom 34-36".
 6. Two white knit cotton crew socks.
 7. Two black leather hiking boots labeled "Timberland".
- A quarter (25 cent piece) is present among the clothing items. There is no jewelry present.

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Other Marks:

- 1. A professional monochromatic tattoo "JR" is present at the left lateral deltoid region, measuring approximately 5-3/4 by 4 inches.
- 2. A 3/8 inch blue-green monochromatic tattoo depicting the letter "C" is present on the dorsal surface of the right hand, measuring approximately 3/8 inch.

Tattoos:

IDENTIFYING MARKS AND SCARS

Investigation:

The condition of the body is consistent with the date and time of death, as noted in the report of investigation.

The dorsal and palmar surfaces of the hands are intact and without evidence of injury or trace evidence. The fingernails are trimmed short and the free edges are intact. The upper and lower extremities are well developed and symmetrical, without absence of digits.

Paper bags are present on the hands. After removal of the paper bags, the hands are examined. The penis is uncircumcised. Both testes are descended into the scrotal sac.

flat. The anus and back are intact and unremarkable.

teeth are natural and in good condition. The thorax is well developed and symmetrical. The abdomen is that will be described below. The neck is symmetrical with a ligature abrasion furrow.

The nose and ears are not unusual. The decedent wears a short black beard and mustache. The conjunctivae, bulbar conjunctivae, facial skin or oral mucosa.

The irides are brown. The pupils are bilaterally equal at 0.5 cm. The corneas are translucent and are otherwise unremarkable. No petechial hemorrhages are identified on the palpebral and upper neck measuring approximately 1 to 1-1/2 inch in diameter.

at the vertex. A raised nodular skin lesion is noted at the mid line of the lower occipital scalp exposed to pressure. The scalp hair is black, tightly curled and approximately 1/4 inch in length.

The body is cold (refrigerated). Rigor mortis is present in the fingers, jaws, arms and legs. Fixed violaceous liver mortis extends over the posterior skin surfaces of the body, except in areas.

The body is that of a well-developed, lean and muscular, young adult Black male, whose appearance is compatible with the stated age of 20 years.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

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130 position. The serous surfaces are smooth and glistening.
 129 collections of fluid are in any of the body cavities. All body organs are in normal and anatomic
 128 The body is opened in the usual manner with a Y-shaped incision. No adhesions or abnormal
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126 BODY CAVITIES:

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 124 INTERNAL EXAMINATION

122 *These injuries, having been described, will not be repeated*

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 120 tissues or musculature of the neck. The hyoid bone and larynx are intact. Photographs are taken.
 119 abnormalities. A complete layered neck dissection demonstrates no hemorrhage in the soft
 118 Examination of the soft tissues of the neck, including large vessels and strap muscles, reveals no
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116 Neck Dissection:

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 114 abrasions are noted on the adjacent skin margins.
 113 described), approximately 6-1/2 inches below the top of the head along the posterior midline. No
 112 of the upper posterior neck and lower occipital scalp region (on top of the skin lesion previously
 111 furrows proceed upward and posteriorly, converging in a point of curving/pointing at the midline
 110 inches and 12 inches below the top of the head respectively. From this point, both abraded
 109 the laryngeal prominence at the anterior midline of the neck, situated approximately 11-1/2
 108 and 3/4 inch in width (inferior). The lowest point of these furrows are located above and below
 107 approximately 16-1/2 inches in length and 1/2 inch in width (superior) and 17 inches in length
 106 On the neck of the decedent are two separate circumferential abraded furrows, measuring
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104 Description of Abraded Furrow:

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 102 at one end. Photographs are taken.
 101 double loop (measuring approximately 25 inches in circumferential length) and has a granny knot
 100 approximately 25 feet in length and labeled "14 gauge". The noose of this ligature consists of a
 99 Accompanying the decedent is a black and orange, heavy duty electrical extension cord,
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97 Description of Ligature:

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 95 EVIDENCE OF INJURY

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 93 Two EKG patches are present on the anterolateral aspects of both lower legs.
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91 EVIDENCE OF MEDICAL INTERVENTION

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 89 A 1/2 by 1/4 inch vertically-oriented brown macule (birthmark) is present on the right
 88 preauricular temporal scalp region.

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RESPIRATORY SYSTEM:

The heart weighs 450 grams. The pericardial sac is free of significant fluid or adhesions. The pericardial surfaces are smooth, glistening, and unremarkable. The coronary arteries arise normally and follow the distribution of a right dominant pattern. No atherosclerosis is identified on cut sections. The chambers and valves bear the usual size/position relationship, are morphologically normal and are unremarkable. The valves are free of vegetations. The myocardium is dark red-brown, firm, and unremarkable; the atrial and ventricular septa are intact and the septum and free walls are free of muscular bulges. There is no focal or regional fibrosis, erythema, pallor or softening. The left ventricle measures 1.5 cm and the right ventricle measures 0.4 cm in thickness as measured 1 cm below the respective atrioventricular valve annulus. The interventricular septum measures 1.7 cm in thickness. The aorta and its major branches arise normally and follow the usual anatomic course. No atherosclerosis is identified throughout the intimal surface. The orifices of the major aortic vascular branches are patent. The vena cava and its major tributaries return to the heart in the usual distribution and are unremarkable.

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM:

Please see Evidence of Injury.

NECK:

The spinal cord is not directly examined.

Reflection of the scalp shows the usual scattered reflection petechiae. The calvarium is intact. The brain weighs 1480 grams. The dura mater and falx cerebri are unremarkable and the leptomeninges are thin and delicate. The cerebral hemispheres show minimal to moderate edema (wide, flat gyri and narrow sulci). The structures at the base of the brain, including cranial nerves, are free of abnormality. The vascular structures (circle of Willis) are unremarkable. Sections through the cerebral hemispheres reveal no lesions within the cortex, subcortical white matter or deep parenchyma of either hemisphere. The cerebral ventricles are of normal caliber. Sections through the brainstem, pons, medulla oblongata, and cerebellum are unremarkable.

HEAD (CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM):

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173 The right and left lungs weigh 740 and 660 grams, respectively. The upper and lower airways are patent and the mucosal surfaces are smooth, yellow-tan, and unremarkable. The pleural surfaces are smooth, glistening, and unremarkable.

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176 The pulmonary parenchyma is red-violet, and moderately edematous. The cut surfaces exude minimal to moderate amounts of blood and frothy edema fluid. No focal lesions are identified. The pulmonary arteries are normally developed and patent. There is no saddle embolus on *in situ* examination of the pulmonary trunk.

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LIVER AND BILIARY SYSTEM:

181 The liver weighs 2120 grams. The hepatic capsule is smooth, glistening, and intact covering red-brown parenchyma. No focal lesions are identified. The gallbladder contains approximately 20 ml of dark green viscid bile. There are no intraluminal calculi noted. The extrahepatic biliary tree is patent.

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ALIMENTARY TRACT:

188 The esophagus is lined by gray-white smooth mucosa. The gastric mucosa is arranged in the usual rugal folds, and the lumen contains approximately 250 ml of brown liquid. There are no pill fragments or foreign bodies identified.

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195 The small and large bowels are unremarkable. The appendix is present and unremarkable. The colon contains semi-formed and formed stool. The pancreas has a normal tan lobulated appearance. No focal lesions are identified externally or on sectioning.

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GENITOURINARY TRACT:

201 The right and left kidneys weigh 180 and 210 grams, respectively. The renal capsules are smooth, thin, semitransparent, and strip with ease from the underlying, smooth, red-brown, firm, cortical surfaces. The cortices are of normal thickness and are delineated from the medullary pyramids.

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208 The prostate is unremarkable.

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The spleen weighs 170 grams and has a smooth intact capsule covering red-purple, moderately firm parenchyma. The splenic white pulp is grossly unremarkable. The thymus is atrophic and replaced by fat. The regional lymph nodes appear normal. The bone marrow (tib) is red-purple.

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ENDOCRINE SYSTEM:

The pituitary, thyroid, and adrenal glands are unremarkable.

MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM:

The bony framework, supporting musculature, and soft tissues are not unusual.

ASSISTANT:

Misty Padilla, Forensic Autopsy Technician.

WITNESSES:

None.

EVIDENCE:

Ligature (heavy duty electrical cord) is retained as evidence.

PHOTOGRAPHS:

Multiple digital photographs are obtained.

SPECIMENS RETAINED:

Heart blood, peripheral blood, vitreous fluid, gastric contents, urine, and bile. Fixed sections of all major organs. DNA card and pulled scalp hair.

SPECIMENS SENT FOR TOXICOLOGY:

Peripheral blood,
Toxicologic analysis demonstrates the presence of ethanol with a concentration of 0.07 grams%. No drugs of abuse were detected.

TISSUES FOR HISTOLOGY:

No tissue is submitted for histological examination.

PATHOLOGIC FINDINGS:

- I Ligature hanging.
A Found hanging in basement of fraternity house by a fraternity brother.
- B Ligature furrow present on neck of decedent.
- C No note of intent identified at scene.
- II Post mortem blood alcohol content of 0.07 grams%.
- III No other injuries identified.

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MANNER OF DEATH:

Suicide

CAUSE OF DEATH:

Ligature hanging

Glenn V. Nazario
Glenn V. Nazario, MD
Medical Examiner

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PHYSICAL EVIDENCE EXAMINATION REPORT
 Supplemental Report Number 01



Agency Case Number COR 0804438	Agency Medical Examiner-Coroner	Offense	Laboratory Number S813494
Suspect(s)	Incident Date 11/22/08	Analyst Krina Patel	
Victim(s) JOHNSON, GREGORY MARCEL	Report Date 12/15/08	Requesting Officer NAZARENO	

EVIDENCE AND SOURCE

Technician M. Padilla from the Medical Examiner-Coroner submitted the following item to Crime Laboratory Property/Evidence Technician B. Pacheco on November 26, 2008:

AS813494: A grey top collection vial containing approximately 9 mL of blood.

REQUESTED ANALYSIS

Alcohol and drug analyses were requested.

RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS

Blood sample AS813494 was analyzed for alcohol, illicit drugs and acid-base-neutral drugs with the following results:

- Alcohol was detected with a concentration of 0.07 grams % (S1120208).
- No drugs were detected*. Cocaine metabolite, opiates, methamphetamine, and phencyclidine were not detected (RD120208B).

* Please see final page of this report for a list of drugs tested.


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Review:

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Accredited by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board

Acid-Base-Neutral Drugs Tested: (Cutoff ug/mL)

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Kina Patel
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DISPOSITION OF EVIDENCE

Vial AS813494 was returned to the Crime Laboratory Refrigerator on December 09, 2008. Please pick up your item at your earliest convenience.

Lab Number: S813494
 Date: December 15, 2008
 Supplemental Report # 01

Family upset by conclusions in sons death

Investigators say Gregory Johnson Jr. cause of death is still inconclusive

SPECIAL TO THE OUTLOOK - Joan Moss
CLEARLAKE - Reverend Denise Johnson of Clearlake, mother of Gregory Johnson, Jr., 20, told reporter Joan Moss on Jan. 29, 2009 that Eric Wang, investigator for the San Jose State Campus Police, said autopsy reports concerning her sons death stated the cause of his demise on Nov 27, 2008 are "inconclusive."
 Rev. Johnson also said Dana Overstreet from the Santa Clara District Attorney's Homicide Division, told her all the documents and reports concerning Johnson's death were given to her department in Dec. 2008.

Johnson's parents have questioned their son's death certificate which stated his cause of death was from "suicide ligature hanging." The Johnson's say they have called the coroner's investigator every day for the results of the autopsy report.
 "They ripped my heart out," remembers Rev. Johnson. "They told me to accept it" (the suicide)

A spokesperson for the Coroner's office told Mrs. Johnson the autopsy report is not ready, and told her to stop calling every day, but Wong of the campus police had a different story. January 29, before calling the Santa Clara District Attorney, Mrs. Johnson learned the case was given to the homicide division of the that office.

According to his mother, Gregory, Jr., was a sophomore at San Jose State earning A's in his classes, studying sports medicine and living at Sigma Chi Fraternity on campus.
 Rev. Johnson remembers he said his clothes were disappearing, (stolen) after parties and drinks took on at the that house.

When Rev. Johnson came to take care of her son's body and arrange for a funeral, all his jewelry was missing, including his class ring from Lower Lake High School, where he graduated with honors.
 Mrs. Johnson said her son made a suicide pact with her.

obvious marks on it from hanging as would be expected.
 One of Gregory Johnson's friends moved out of the Sigma Chi fraternity house where he lived because of problems, according to Mrs. Johnson. She questions the "official" verdict of suicide. She remembers her son as a positive, cheerful young man.

According to Johnson, the San Jose State University officials said the that house is not under the university jurisdiction. The city police said it is part of the university and not under their jurisdiction.
 The DA's office has said the young man's autopsy and toxicology report will be ready soon, according to Mrs. Johnson, who promises she will keep calling and asking questions until she feels justice has been done. She is waiting for the full and complete report on her son's suspicious death to be filed.

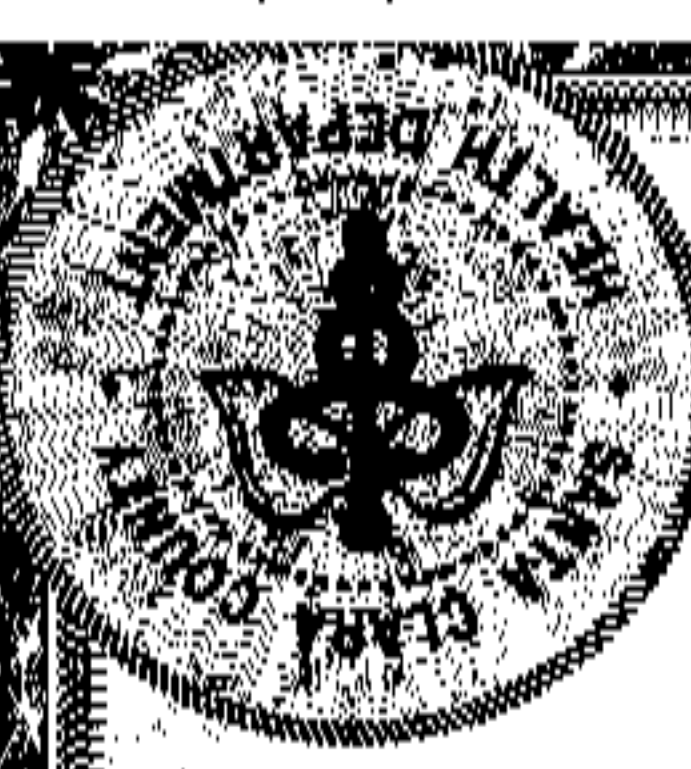
To contact Joan Moss call 1-707-279-1650 joanmoss@att.net

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
VITAL RECORDS AND REGISTRATION

645 SOUTH BASCOM AVENUE, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA 95128

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
3200843008635

STATE FILE NUMBER: GREGORY MARCELL JOHNSON JR.
1. NAME OF DECEASED - (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST)
2. MIDDLE: MARCELL
3. LAST (Family): JOHNSON JR.
4. DATE OF BIRTH: 03/01/1988
5. AGE: 20
6. SEX: M
7. DATE OF DEATH: 11/22/2008
8. HOUR (24 HOUR): 1459
9. BIRTH STATE/FORMER COUNTRY: CALIFORNIA
10. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: 606-38-3122
11. EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? YES
12. MARITAL STATUS (at time of death): NEVER MARRIED
13. DECEASED'S PLACE - (Up to 2 lines may be used (last working on back)): AFRICAN AMERICAN
14. USUAL OCCUPATION - (Up to 3 lines may be used (last working on back)): STUDENT
15. DECEASED'S RESIDENCE (Street and Number or PO Box, City, State and ZIP Code): 2966 4TH STREET, CLEARLAKE, CA 95422
16. COUNTY/PROVINCE: CLEARLAKE
17. CITY: CLEARLAKE
18. STATE/PROVINCE: CALIFORNIA
19. YEARS IN COUNTRY: 18
20. STATE/FORAM COUNTRY: CALIFORNIA
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San Jose, California	Date Today	11/26/2008
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Decedent: Gregory Marcel JOHNSON JR.

DESCRIPTION OF SCENE/BODY:

At approximately 1710 hours, I arrived on scene and met with University Police Sergeant Michael Santos who showed me into the Sigma Chi Fraternity House where the decedent resided. This fraternity was described as being a "social" fraternity as opposed to others which are "academically" oriented. It is sanctioned by San Jose State University and has a facility advisor. The decedent shared an upstairs bedroom with two other fraternity brothers. A homemade "loft" with a mattress was in the upper far corner of the room, which the decedent used for a bed. The room was messy with clothing and personal items thrown about. Numerous empty alcohol containers were around the room, but they appeared to be for decorations. The movie, "American Gangster," was playing on a television in the room. University police officers searched the room and did not find a note of intent.

The decedent was found in the basement of the residence which was used for storage. I viewed the remains of a male adult, appearing his recorded 20 years of age, as he lay slumped back in an office chair. The decedent was viewed wearing a dark-colored t-shirt with a striped long-sleeve short over it and blue jeans. His California Driver License (D8740782) states his height at 6'2" with his weight at 185 pounds. The decedent has short black hair and a goatee. His eyes are dark brown. The decedent's teeth appear natural and are in good repair. No older scars were obvious about the body. An elaborate design tattoo is on the upper right shoulder.

A fraternity brother found the decedent hanging from an electrical cord affixed around a water pipe at the top of the ceiling. The fraternity brothers unwound the cord and placed the decedent in an office chair that was nearby. A standard orange electrical cord was on the floor nearby the body. Two round loops tied with a knot are in the middle of the cord. I placed surgical tape around the knot to maintain the integrity of the loops for the pathologist's review. Officers measured approximately 70 inches from the floor to the bottom of the water pipe. Two ligature furrows surround the decedent's neck. The width is comparable with the orange electrical cord found next to the decedent. At the front of the neck, the two ligature marks go horizontally. At the left and right sides of the decedent's neck, the ligature mark elevates toward the ears. I inspected and photographed the decedent's hands, which showed no cuts or trauma. I placed each hand into a brown paper bag and secured it with surgical tape. There was no apparent trauma noted about the remains. The body was cool to the touch. Lividity was consistent with his found position and easily blanched when pressed. Rigor mortis had not yet developed in the extremities.

The body was searched in the presence of Sergeant Santos and Officer Van Der Noek. The decedent's California Driver License was found in his back pocket along with a small amount of change. A note of intent was not located on the decedent's body or in his clothing. Property that was found and taken is documented on Receipt #14868. A copy of the receipt was given to Officer Van Der Noek for his report.