

Ohio Attorney General's Office Bureau of Criminal Investigation Investigative Report



2019-3029 Officer-Involved Critical Incident - Richland County Jail

Investigative Activity: Autopsy Review

Involves: Alexander J. Rios (S)

Date of Activity: 09/30/2019

Activity Location: BCI Richfield Northeast Regional Office - 4055 Highlander

Parkway, Richfield, OH 44286, Ohio County

Author: SA Eric Lehnhart, #84

Narrative:

On Monday, December 02, 2019, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Eric Lehnhart received an email from the Richland County Coroner's Office. The correspondence consisted of the autopsy report for Alexander J. Rios (Rios).

SA Lehnhart reviewed the report and noted the following:

This autopsy report was authored by Richland County, Ohio Coroner Daniel Burwell, DO.

Dr. Burwell's

determination was based in part on a postmortem examination conducted by Dr. Amanda J.C. Paul, M.D., Forensic Pathologist and Deputy Coroner for Montgomery County, Ohio Coroner Kent E. Harshberger, M.D., J.D., M.B.A.

The information deemed to be the most relevant to this inquiry is summarized below for the convenience of the reader. However, as the author is not a doctor, it is suggested that the report be viewed in its entirety to ensure no pertinent information has been omitted or described out-of-context.

The "DIAGNOSIS" section of the report listed the following relevant information:

No diagnosis was provided by either the postmortem examination team or the Richland County, Ohio Coroner.

The "OPINION" section of the report contained the following information:

The opinion presented by Dr. Amanda J.C. Paul, M.D and supported by Dr. Lee D. Lehman, Ph.D., M.D, Chief Deputy Coroner for Montgomery County, Ohio Coroner Kent E. Harshberger,

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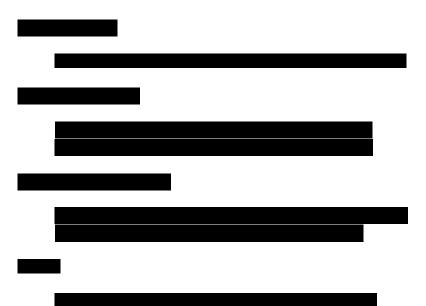
The "EXTERNAL EXAMINATION" section contained the following information:

Rios presented to the postmortem examination team as that of a well-developed, well-nourished, white male who weighed 194 pounds and was five (5) feet eight (8) inches tall. Rios appeared compatible with the recorded age of 28 years. Rios displayed multiple tattoos including those on his chest, upper back, and a full sleeve on his right arm. The remaining documented external examination was unremarkable.

The "RECENT INJURIES, EVIDENCE OF INJURY" section contained the following information:

The "TOXICOLOGY REPORT" contained the following pertinent information:

Fluids taken from the morgue refrigerator were as follows: Heart blood (grey), Peripheral blood (grey), Heart blood (purple), Urine, Vitreous, and Heart blood (red). Confirmation results showed chemicals of interest as:

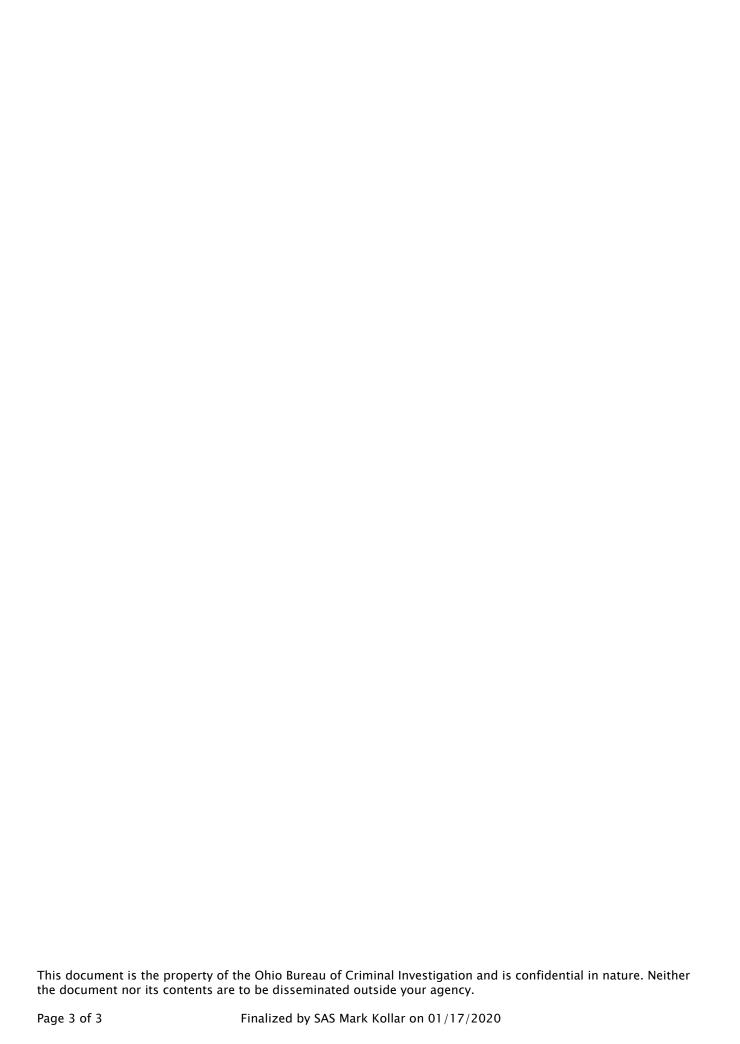


The autopsy report received is attached to this report. Please refer to the attachment for the full details.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01:2019-12-02 Richland County Coroner's Report

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Ohio Department of Health

VITAL STATISTICS

State File No. 2019092458

Primary Reg. Dist. No. 7001

Registrar's No.

7000-2019000933

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Supplementary Medical Certification

Name of Deceased ALEXANDER JOSE RIOS Date of Death SEPTEMBER 27, 2019 Place of Death **HOSPITAL - INPATIENT** 24. Date Filed 23, Local Registrar **KEVIN VANMETER** NOVEMBER 27, 2019 26a, Certifier (Check only one) Certifying Physician
To the best of my knowledge, death occurred at the time, date, and place; and due to the cause(s) and manner stated. Coroner On the basis of examination and/or investigation, in my opinion, death occurred at the time, date, and place; and due to the cause(s) and manner stated 26b. Time of Death 26d. Was Case referred to Coroner? 26c, Date Prondunced Dead (Month/Day/Year) SEPTEMBER 27, 2019 YES 17:55 26e, Certifier Name and Title 26f. License number 26g, Date Signed **NOVEMBER 27, 2019** DO 34.004844 BURWELL, DANIEL DALE 27. Name and Address of Person who Completed Cause of Death BURWELL, DANIEL DALE, 597 PARK AME EAST, MANSFIELD, OH, 44906 28. Part I. Enter the disease, injuries, or complications that caused the death. Doctor enter the mode of dying, such as cardiac or respiratory arrest, shock, or heart failure. List only one cause on each line. Type or print in permanent black ink. Approximate Interval Between Onset and Death immediate Cause (Final disease or condition "EXCITED DEERIUM **BRIEF** resulling in death) Sequentially list b. Due to (or as Cons conditions, if any, leading to the immediate c. Due to (or as Consequence of) Enter Underlying Cause Last (Disease or Injury that initiated events resulting in a death) d, Due to (or as Consequence of) Part II. Other Significant Conditions contributing to death but not resulting in the underlying cause given in Part I. URINARY DRUG SCREEN POSITIVE FOR AMPHETAMINES PER MEDICAL 29b. Were Autopsy Findings Available 29a. Was an Autopsy Performed? YES YES RECORDS AT THE HOSPITAL 30. Did Tobacco Use Contribute to 31. If Female, Pregnancy Status 32. Manner of Death Death? NO NOT APPLICABLE. **ACCIDENT** 33a, Date of Injury (Month/Day/Year) SEPTEMBER 19, 2019 33b, Time of Injury 33c. Place of Injury (e.g., Decedent's home, construction site, restaurant, wooded area) 33d, Injury at Work? 23:57 RICHLAND COUNTY JAIL NO 33e. Location of Injury (Street and Number or Rural Route Number, City or Town, State)
73 EAST SECOND STREET MANSFIELD OHIO 44902, MANSFIELD, OHIO 33g, If Transportation Injury, Specify: 33f, Describe How Injury Occurred: ALTERCATION WITH CORRECTION'S OFFICERS.

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THIS SUPPLEMENTARY CERTIFICATE IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR CORONER AND FILED WITH LOCAL REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS Required by section 3705.27 of the Ohio Revised Code



