

## CUYAHOGA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

### Summary Report

Incident: Cleveland Police Department (CPD) pursuit and officer involved shooting, November 29, 2012.

The following was conducted on January 23rd, 2013 at approximately 10:00am in conjunction with the captioned investigation. Sergeant Clifford Pinkney and Detective David A. Jacobs, Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) had the occasion to interview Doctor (DR.) John Wyman, Chief Toxicologist, Cuyahoga County Medical Examiners Office, 11001 Cedar Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, (216)721-5610. The purpose of the interview was to clarify toxicology reports generated for Timothy Russell and Malissa Williams. Dr. Wyman provided the following explanation for the aforementioned reports.

As it pertains to Mr. Russell, Dr. Wyman stated Mr. Russell tested positive for alcohol, 0.131g/dl. Dr. Wyman indicated that when you are deceased your body discontinues metabolizing alcohol. Dr. Wyman stated that blood tests revealed the amount of alcohol in his system. Dr. Wyman said Mr. Russell was impaired by alcohol and potentially impaired by cocaine. Dr. Wyman also indicated Mr. Russell was positive for cocaine, and that he can only say that Mr. Russell had used cocaine sometime approximately six hours prior to his death. According to Dr. Wyman, cocaine does convert to Benzoyllecgonine after death has occurred. Mr. Russell did test positive for Benzoyllecgonine. The fact that Andhydroecgonine Methyl Ester was present indicates that the cocaine was consumed by smoking crack cocaine. Dr. Wyman also indicated that in past cases when bodies were examined when heavy decomposition had set in they may not test positive for cocaine but do test positive for Benzoyllecgonine. This is consistent with the body converting cocaine to Benzoyllecgonine.

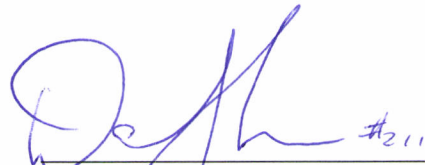
As it pertains to Ms. Williams, Dr. Wyman was quick to say that Ms. Williams and Mr. Russell had lived two different lifestyles concerning toxicology. Ms. Williams did positive for cocaine and it appeared Ms. Williams had been "binge" smoking crack. Dr. Wyman defined "binge" usage as "take a hit and hit again to regain the high." Dr. Wyman stated "binge" usage is when someone is coming down from a high and to attain that high again they use again. This was determined based on the amount of cocaine that was found in her system. The fact that Andhydroecgonine Methyl Ester was also present indicates that the cocaine was consumed by smoking crack. Ms. Williams also tested positive for Benzoyllecgonine which is present because the body will convert cocaine to Benzoyllecgonine after death has occurred. According to Dr. Wyman, Ms. Williams had recently smoked crack cocaine and had done multiple times. Ms. Williams also tested positive for marijuana.

Dr. Wyman said that all the machines used to test samples are calibrated prior to each use. Finally, Dr. Wyman was asked about the use of stimulants (cocaine) and

depressants (alcohol) and how the body would react. Dr. Wyman could not definitively say. Dr. Wyman did say that people can develop tolerances based on usage and there was no way to determine other than possibly examining hair which in some instances will just show long term usage and or abuses.



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