

**BROWARD COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER
5301 SW 31st AVENUE
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33312**

SCENE INVESTIGATION

NAME: Vickie Lynn Marshall

BME NO: 07-0223

Date: 2/18/2007

Respondants: Dr. Gertrude M. Juste and Dr. Predrag Bulic

Time arrived at scene: 1615

Location of scene: Emergency room of Memorial Regional Hospital, Hollywood, Florida

Initial Information

Vickie Lynn Marshall (a.k.a. Anna Nicole Smith), a 39-year-old woman staying at the Hard Rock Café Hotel and Casino had been transported to the emergency room of Memorial Regional Hospital in Hollywood, Florida where she arrived at around 12:23 p.m. with CPR in progress. Resuscitation efforts were unsuccessful and she was pronounced dead at 1449.

Dr. Predrag Bulic; Tim Steinkamp, Barry Warric, both of Broward Removal Service and myself met with the Director of Emergency Services of Hollywood Memorial Regional Hospital, Jennifer Riley Miller; the Chief Nursing Officer, Debbie Tedder; and Gary Reiss, Director of Security at Memorial Regional Hospital.

Observation of Decedent

The body of a white woman was found on a hospital gurney dressed in a printed light green hospital gown. The body was warm to touch without rigidity and minimal blanching purplish lividity, posteriorly. The hazel pupils were equal and dilated at 5 mm. There were several cardiac monitoring pads and defibrillator pads on the body. An endotracheal tube maintained by a plastic clamp was at the mouth. There were numerous recent needle marks on both antecubital fossae, some surrounded by ecchymosis. The body shows no evidence of trauma. A hospital identification band with medical record number 2303702 was on the left wrist. There were several tattoos over various parts of the body.

Joseph Anderson, the photographer for Broward County Medical Examiner's Office, took several photographs of the body.

After a cursory examination, the body was moved from the hospital stretcher and placed in a white plastic body bag, which was sealed in the presence of the aforementioned individuals.

The body was then escorted to the vehicle of Broward Removal Service driven by Tim Steinkamp with Dr. Predrag Bulic and Barry Warric as riders.

I followed the Broward Removal Service vehicle until its arrival to the Broward County Medical Examiner's Office at which it was logged in at 1659.

An initial examination was performed in the presence of Dr. Joshua A. Perper, Chief Medical Examiner; Dr. Stephen J. Cina, Deputy Chief Medical Examiner; Dr. Predrag Bulic, Assistant Medical Examiner; Modesta Ampie, Morgue Technician; and myself, Dr. Gertrude M. Juste, Associate Medical Examiner. The body was again photographed by Broward County Medical Examiner photographer, Joseph Anderson.

I then attempted to obtain several specimens of blood and cerebrospinal fluid from the following sites:

- 1) Venipuncture of the right inguinal region (following sterilization of the skin), yielded several cubic centimeters of blood, a portion of which was transferred to two culture bottles with the remainder put in a red top tube after completing two DNA cards.
- 2) Two punctures of the midline of the lumbar region for cerebrospinal fluid were attempted unsuccessfully.
- 3) Another puncture of the midline of the upper posterior cervical region (cisterna magna) yielded several cubic centimeters of clear cerebrospinal fluid.
- 4) An unsuccessful attempt was made to obtain a urine sample using the suprapubic approach.

The body bag was subsequently closed, sealed with evidence tape and wheeled into a locked cage into the back of the morgue refrigerator around 1830. The door of the cage was wrapped in evidence tape. The portion of the cage holding the body was draped to prevent viewing.

Gertrude M. Juste, M.D.
Associate Medical Examiner