



SUMMIT COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Chapter 313 Ohio Revised Code

Name: Lawrence Rodgers

Address: 587 Lurie Avenue, AKRON, OH 44301

Age: 21 years

Race: Black

Sex: Male

Marital Status: Single

Investigator: JASON GROM

Case No.: 2022-000847

Date of Death: 02/22/2022

Time of Death: 06:18

Pronounced By: Oliverio, Brigitte M.D.

Place of Death: Residence - Other

Location of Death: 507 Ritchie Avenue,
AKRON, OH 44320

Autopsy Type: Partial Autopsy

Lawrence Rodgers and Raymond Jones, Jr., (Case #2022-0848), were both found deceased within an Akron residence with gunshot wounds.

Akron Police Department records indicate that at approximately 0243 hours, on 02/22/2022, Akron Police responded to 507 Ritchie Avenue after receiving multiple 911 calls about a man threatening the occupants of this residence with a firearm. Police arrived and learned that the armed suspect, later identified as Lawrence Rodgers, was still inside the residence along with one other person, later identified as Raymond Jones, Jr. Police reported that Mr. Rodgers had appeared in an opened doorway brandishing a firearm while refusing police orders to lay down his weapon. Police fired their weapons at Mr. Rodgers and he retreated back into the residence. Subsequent efforts to make contact with occupants inside the residence were unsuccessful. Police entered the residence and discovered both Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Jones unresponsive inside the residence. Akron Fire Department was requested for assistance.

Akron Fire Department paramedics assessed the scene and noted that Mr. Jones was seated on the couch with multiple gunshot wounds and Mr. Rodgers was lying on the living room floor with multiple gunshot wounds. Both were pronounced dead at the scene.

The Summit County Medical Examiner was notified of the deaths at 0630 hours, on 02/22/2022, by Detective Orrand, of the Akron Police Department, and I arrived at the scene at 0737 hours. Because of the involvement of Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, my entry into the residence was delayed until 1130 hours. When I made entry, Mr. Jones was seated on the living room couch and was clad in a black bandana, two black shirts, blue shorts, black underwear, black socks, and black shoes. He demonstrated multiple gunshot wounds to his chest and face. Strong rigor mortis was present and unfixed dependent livor mortis was observed. The ambient temperature was 71.6°F and his right axillary body surface temperature measured 92.3°F. Mr. Rodgers was lying in a right lateral position on the hardwood living room floor, just a few feet away from Mr. Jones. He was clad in multi-colored pants, blue underwear, and his upper body was partially wrapped in a multi-colored towel. A 9mm pistol was situated within his right hand. Mr. Rodgers demonstrated multiple gunshot wounds to her left upper extremity and torso. Strong rigor mortis was present and unfixed right lateral livor mortis was observed. His left axillary body surface temperature measured 89.4°F.

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The bodies of the decedents were transported to the Summit County Medical Examiner's facility where examinations were performed by Lisa J. Kohler, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner. They were both released to Rhoden Memorial Home for final disposition.


Investigator

After an examination of all available evidence, I do find that the deceased came to the death by:

Cause of Death: **Gunshot wounds to the torso.**

Manner of Death: **Homicide: Shot by other.**

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct report of said examination to the best of my knowledge and belief of said body.


Chief Medical Examiner

Lisa J. Kohler, M.D.
Chief Medical Examiner

Ilene Shapiro
County Executive