

OWYHEE COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE

15 Reich Street
Marsing, Idaho 83639

AUTOPSY REPORT

Name: MEMPHIS LEE MORRIS
Approximate Age: 1 hour old
Height: ██████████

Case No: OC12-00081
Sex: Infant male
Weight: ██████████

Autopsy Authorized By: Aaron Tines, Owyhee County Coroner

I hereby certify that on the 31st day of October, 2012, beginning at 0900 hours, I, Glen R. Groben, M.D., performed an autopsy on the body of Memphis Lee Morris and upon investigation of the essential facts concerning the circumstances of the death and history of the case, I am of the opinion that the findings, cause and manner of death are as follows:

FINDINGS:

- I. Acute chorioamnionitis associated with renal agenesis:
 - A. Clinical history of newborn that was born uneventfully through vaginal birth, but expired approximately one hour after birth.
 - B. Microscopic examination of the fetal membrane reveals an acute chorioamnionitis with acute inflammatory cells throughout all layers of the membrane.
 - C. Partial bilateral kidney agenesis with microscopic exam of both kidneys revealing mostly broad fibrous tissues interspersed with glandular structures, but no glomeruli are identified.
 - D. Normal appearing bladder.
 - E. No other internal abnormalities and no dysmorphic features.
 - F. Scoliosis with left deviation of approximately 1/2 inch.
 - G. Toxicology screening from AIT Laboratories reveals only the presence of caffeine, but negative for ethanol, drugs of abuse and other tested prescription drugs.
 - H. A metabolic screen is negative for tested metabolic disorders.
 - I. Normal placenta three-vessel cord.

TOXICOLOGY:


Heart blood	Results
Caffeine	Positive

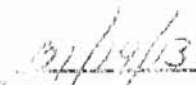
Negative for ethanol, drugs of abuse and other tested prescription drugs.

COMMENT: This newborn baby died from complications of both an acute chorioamnionitis, which is an infection of the fetal membranes, but also from complications of renal agenesis with microscopic exam of the renal tissue present showing only broad scar tissue with no real kidney parenchyma identified. The placenta appeared normal with a normal appearing three-vessel umbilical cord and all other studies are negative. The cause of death will be listed as acute chorioamnionitis associated with renal agenesis, with the manner of death to be determined by the Owyhee County Coroner.

CAUSE OF DEATH: ACUTE CHORIOAMNIONITIS ASSOCIATED WITH RENAL AGENESIS.

MANNER OF DEATH: TO BE DETERMINED BY THE OWYHEE COUNTY CORONER.


Glen R. Groben, M.D.
Forensic Pathologist


Aaron Tines

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Name of Deceased Memphis Lee Morris		Age 15 Minutes	DOB 10/30/2012
		Sex Male	Race White
Address of Deceased [REDACTED]		City Marsing	State IDAHO
		Zip 83639	
Date of Death 10/30/2012	Time of Death 9:15 AM		Location of Death [REDACTED] Marsing, ID 83639
Agency Reported To N/A	Person Reporting Death Ken Alger	Person Certifying Death A. Tines (2015)	
NOK Name Kyle Lee Morris	NOK Address [REDACTED]		NOK Phone [REDACTED]
Identified By Kyle and Katie Morris		How Identified Family	
Deceased Employer		Funeral Home Dakan Funeral Chapel	
Autopsy Requested? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Autopsy Performed? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Where Autopsy Performed Owyhee County Coroner's Office	Doctor Performing Autopsy Dr. Glen Grohen
Cause of Death Acute Chorioamnionitis Associated with Renal Agenesis		Manner of Death Natural	Mechanism of Death

Case Summary

Incident:
On 10/30/12 @ 13:20 hours I was contacted by Elder [REDACTED] of the Followers of Christ Church. He advised that a 6 week premature baby had passed away at [REDACTED] Marsing.

Investigation:
I contacted the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office and advised them of the death and that I would be en route to the residence.

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While en route to the residence I observed Elder [REDACTED] standing outside of a residence located at 6468 Morris Hill Ln., Marsing. I contacted him by phone to confirm that he had given me the correct address. He advised that the residence he was at was the correct one. I arrived on scene @ 14:09 hours. After arriving at the residence I was met by both Elder [REDACTED] and Elder [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was shown into the residence and introduced to the family.

I met with the parents, [REDACTED]. Also present were the maternal grandmother, [REDACTED] and paternal grandmother, [REDACTED]. I spoke with [REDACTED] who advised that she had gotten a phone call from her daughter-in-law at approx. 05:00 hours. [REDACTED] had advised her that she had been having pains all night. [REDACTED] arrived at the house at approx. 06:30 hours.

I asked [REDACTED] about how things went throughout the night. She said that she began having pains between 03:00-04:00 hours. She believed that is when she began going into labor.

Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] advised that the contractions were far apart at that time. I asked both [REDACTED] how the labor went. They both advised that it went well and that there were no complications. I asked what they meant by no complications. Both of them advised that the baby came out head first and that the cord was not around the neck. I asked what happen after the birth was completed. [REDACTED] advised that they began rubbing the child and that when they went to clean out the child's mouth that there was a slimy substance within the mouth. They attempted to clean their mouth out with both a rag and a suction bulb. They both said that they rubbed the child and attempted to arouse the child. They said that the child made some noise but that it was different. They also said that the child seemed like it was attempting to cry but was not able to really breathe in air. I asked what happen after that and they stated the mother [REDACTED] took the child into the kitchen and turned on the oven. After the oven began to warm up she held the child in the oven's doorway to help warm it up. [REDACTED] advised this all continued for approx. 15 minutes after the birth and then there were no more sounds from the child. I asked if there were any signs of life after the sounds stopped and she advised that there weren't.

I asked who all was present during the labor. I was advised that [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] were present during the labor. I asked how [REDACTED] was related. I was advised that she was [REDACTED].

I asked [REDACTED] if she had any other children which she advised that she and [REDACTED] had a 2 year old son. I asked if there were any complications during his birth which she advised there were none.

I advised the family that I would be doing an autopsy on the child. I stepped out of the room to contact the Ada County Coroner's Office to schedule the autopsy. I [REDACTED] with Robert Karinen and scheduled the autopsy for 09:00 hours on 10/31/12. I returned to the room and advised the family of the autopsy time. They asked if I would be taking the baby with me which I advised them I would be. I asked if they would like some time with the child and they said they would. I stepped out of the room to give them some privacy.

I examined the decedent. He was dressed in a hat, shoes, socks and underwear. He was wrapped in a blanket. There are no visible signs of trauma. Rigor mortis is beginning to develop in the small muscle groups. It is not fixed and able to be worked out. Lividity is present on the right side of the body and back. The decedent is warm to the touch.

I asked both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] if they had a preference for a funeral chapel. They advised that they would like to use Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. I advised them that I would transfer their son to the funeral home once the autopsy was completed. I also advised them that I would contact the funeral chapel when I got to my office and inform them of the death.

As I leaving the scene I received a call from Robert Karinen of the Ada County Coroners Office. He advised that Dr. Groben would like to examine the placenta if possible. I returned to the residence and spoke with [REDACTED] about the location of the placenta. He advised that it is custom for them to bury it after it is collected. We entered the residence and spoke with [REDACTED] about its location on the property. He took us to the east side of the house. He began

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digging in the yard and located the placenta. I took it into my possession for examination.

The time of death was determined to be 09:15 hours on 10/31/2012. Death was pronounced at 14:20 hours on 10/31/2012.

Photographs were taken of the decedent and placed in the file.

Autopsy:

On 10/31/12 I transported the decedent to the Ada County Coroners Office for an autopsy. The autopsy was performed by Dr. Glen Groben with the assistance of Bart Kline and Robert Karinen. The autopsy began at 09:00 hours. After completing the autopsy there was no preliminary finding issued and was advised by Dr. Groben that further testing would need to be performed. The decedent was taken into my custody for transportation to Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell.

Follow-Up:

10/31/12

I called [REDACTED] in regards to the autopsy results. I informed her that there was further testing that needed to be performed until a final cause of death would be determined. I informed her that I had transported her son to Dakan Chapel per the family's request and that they would need to contact the funeral chapel to make arrangements. I advised her that once a final cause of death was determined that I would contact her again with the final determination.

1/17/12

I contacted [REDACTED] in regards to the final autopsy findings.

Conclusion:

At this time no further action will be taken in this case. The cause of death will be Acute Chorioamnionitis Associated with Renal Agenesis. The manner of death will be Natural.

Aaron Tines, Coroner

Date