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AUTOPSY REPORT

HANLON, Brooke

CASE NO. 14-26-0573

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that I, Di Wang, M.D., Morris County Medical Examiner, have conducted a postmortem examination and autopsy on the unembalmed, refrigerated and identified remains of Brooke Hanlon, at the Morristown Medical Center at Morristown, New Jersey, on June 7, 2026, between 1030 and 1415 hours, with the assistance of forensic technician Gabriela Christensen.

Present at the autopsy procedure were Detectives Matthew Bohn from Chester Twp. Police Department, Detective Michael Cardone and Detective Corporal Phil Mangiafridda, both from Morris County Sheriff's Office and Detective Bryan Blauvelt, Detective Jeffrey Conrad and Lieutenant Michael Gomez, all from Morris County Prosecutor's Office.

IDENTIFICATION:

The body was identified by J [REDACTED] H [REDACTED], the husband of the decedent. The body is received in a body bag with lock #6258659. A Morris County Medical Examiner's Office identification tag with the decedent's name and case number 14-26-0573 is affixed to the right wrist.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:

The body is that of a well-developed, well-nourished, Caucasian woman with a body weight of approximately 188 pounds and a height measuring approximately 66". The overall appearance is consistent with the reported age of 35 years. There is no peculiar odor or color changes. The hair is brown. The irides are hazel with slightly cloudy cornea and unremarkable conjunctivae and sclerae other than tache noire. There is no [REDACTED]. The oral cavity, external nares and external auditory canals are with dry blood and residual of stomach content in the nose and mouth. The dentition is natural. The facial skeleton is palpably intact. The external and mucosal aspects of the lips are [REDACTED]. The neck is symmetrical with a range of mobility within normal limits. Multiple injuries are observed on [REDACTED] that will be described below. The [REDACTED] are symmetrical and with sharp force injuries. The abdomen is protuberant and without [REDACTED]. The hands are bagged with Tyvek bags. The bags are removed to [REDACTED]. There are [REDACTED] that will be described below.

SCARS:

There are no significant scars.

TATTOOS:

None

POSTMORTEM CHANGES:

Livor is vaguely purple, posterior and minimally blanching. Rigor is complete. The body is cool to the touch.

CLOTHING/PERSONAL EFFECTS:

The body is received with a pair of green shorts, a pair of white underwear, a cut green tank top [REDACTED] and a tan bra. Personal effects are a yellow metal ring, a yellow metal necklace and a yellow hair tie.

EVIDENCE OF THERAPY:

A pair of defibrillator pads are on the chest.

EVIDENCE OF INJURY:

(Numbered for description only, chronology unknown. Measurements are approximate).

1. Sharp force injury [REDACTED]

There are [REDACTED] wounds on the [REDACTED] to the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] with size of approximately [REDACTED]. The edge of the wounds are [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] wounds are located approximately [REDACTED] from the [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] wounds [REDACTED] including [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] area of the [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] area of the [REDACTED] causing surrounding [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] wound to the [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] with [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] wounds are approximately [REDACTED]. The direction of these [REDACTED] wounds are from [REDACTED].

2. [REDACTED] wounds of [REDACTED]

There is a [REDACTED] wound on the [REDACTED] that is located approximately [REDACTED] with [REDACTED]. These [REDACTED] wounds [REDACTED] with the [REDACTED] one [REDACTED] and with a [REDACTED]. The left [REDACTED] wound [REDACTED] through the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to partially [REDACTED] the [REDACTED]. The depth of this [REDACTED] wound is approximately [REDACTED]. The directions of these [REDACTED] wounds are from [REDACTED].

3. Sharp force injury [REDACTED]

There are [REDACTED] wounds on the [REDACTED] between [REDACTED]. The width of the stab wounds are ranging from [REDACTED]. These wounds are with orientations from [REDACTED]. The edges of these wounds are [REDACTED]. One wound on the [REDACTED] The [REDACTED] wounds [REDACTED] via [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to partially [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED]. There is approximately 100 ml of blood in the [REDACTED]. The rest of the [REDACTED] wounds on the [REDACTED]. The depths of the [REDACTED] wounds are ranging from [REDACTED]. The directions of wounding of these [REDACTED] wounds are from [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] wounds on the [REDACTED] the skin and subcutaneous soft tissue with [REDACTED] wound [REDACTED] to partially [REDACTED]. There is approximately 400 ml of blood in the [REDACTED]. The direction of these wounds are from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

4. Sharp force injuries [REDACTED]

There are [REDACTED] wounds in this area ranging from [REDACTED]. These wounds [REDACTED] with depth of approximately [REDACTED]. The direction of wounding is from [REDACTED]. There are a [REDACTED]. There are [REDACTED].

5. [REDACTED] wounds on the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] wounds that are located on the [REDACTED] approximately [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] that [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] wounds are approximately [REDACTED]. The direction is front to back. There are [REDACTED] slightly below these [REDACTED] wounds that measure approximately [REDACTED].

6. [REDACTED] wound of [REDACTED]

There is a [REDACTED] wound with orientation from [REDACTED] on the [REDACTED] that is located approximately [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The wound is with [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] wound [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] with a [REDACTED]. There is approximately 30 ml blood clot [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] wound is approximately [REDACTED] with a direction from [REDACTED].

7. Sharp force injuries

There are [REDACTED] wounds on the [REDACTED] mostly on the [REDACTED] ranging in size from [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] wounds [REDACTED]

Each of these [REDACTED] wounds is approximately [REDACTED] The other [REDACTED] wounds [REDACTED] The [REDACTED] of these [REDACTED] wounds are ranging from [REDACTED] The directions of these wounds are from [REDACTED]

8. Extremity injuries:

There are [REDACTED] ranging in size from [REDACTED] on the [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] There is an [REDACTED] on the [REDACTED] There is a [REDACTED] wound on the [REDACTED] There are [REDACTED] on the [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] There is a [REDACTED] on the [REDACTED] and a [REDACTED] on the [REDACTED]

INTERNAL EXAMINATION:BODY CAVITIES:

The body cavities are smooth with no evidence of adhesions. Blood in the cavities are described above. The organs are in their usual anatomic locations.

HEAD AND CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM:

External examination of the head is unremarkable. The subgaleal is with no evidence of hemorrhage. The skull is intact. The brain weighs 1260 grams. The dura mater is intact. The leptomeninges are thin and delicate. There is no evidence of epidural, subdural or subarachnoid hemorrhage. The vessels at the base of the brain are unremarkable. The cerebral hemispheres are symmetrical. Sections through the cerebrum, brainstem and cerebellum reveal no focal lesions.

NECK:

The soft tissues and strap muscles of the neck are [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The laryngeal cartilage are [REDACTED] by the neck [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The thyroid gland is unremarkable.

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM:

The heart weighs 271 grams. The epicardial surfaces are glistening and smooth. The coronary arteries arise in the usual fashion and follow the usual distribution with minimal atherosclerotic change. The myocardium is red-brown. The left ventricular wall measures 1.2 cm in thickness while the septum and right ventricle measure 1.3 cm and 0.4 cm respectively. The atrial and ventricular septae are intact. The valves are within normal limits and measure: aortic valve 6.0

cm; mitral valve 9.2 cm; pulmonary valve 5.8 cm and tricuspid valve 11.0 cm. The aorta exhibits minimal atherosclerosis. All major vascular ostia are probe-patent.

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM:

The right lung weighs 260 grams while the left weighs 249 grams. The upper airway is free of foreign material other than a small amount of stomach content. The pleural surfaces are with the [REDACTED] The parenchyma is pink-red in color and exudes a minimal amount of frothy fluid and blood on cross sections. The pulmonary arteries are patent and without evidence of thrombus or embolus.

LIVER, GALLBLADDER AND PANCREAS:

The liver weighs 1488 grams. The capsule is intact and covers a slightly pale parenchyma. The cut surface exhibits neither focal lesions nor evidence of cirrhosis. The gallbladder contains approximately 5 ml of bile. The mucosa is unremarkable and without evidence of stones. The pancreas is tan-purple and lobulated on cross sections.

HEMIC AND LYMPHATIC SYSTEM:

The spleen weighs 113 grams. The capsule is [REDACTED] The parenchyma is slightly firm and otherwise unremarkable. The lymph nodes are within normal limits.

GENITOURINARY SYSTEM:

The right kidney weighs 97 grams while the left weighs 111 grams. The capsules strip easily to reveal a regular cortex contours [REDACTED] The renal parenchyma is red-brown with well-demarcated corticomedullary junctions. The pelves and ureters are unremarkable and [REDACTED] The bladder contains no urine. The mucosa is tan-pink and unremarkable.

REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM:

The internal reproductive system and external genitalia are unremarkable other than [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

ENDOCRINE SYSTEM:

The pituitary, thyroid gland and bilateral adrenal glands are within normal limits.

DIGESTIVE SYSTEM:

The tongue is with [REDACTED] The esophagus [REDACTED] The stomach exhibits the usual rugal folds and contains approximately 220 ml of [REDACTED] The small and large bowels are unremarkable. [REDACTED] The appendix is present and unremarkable.

MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM:

There is no other skeletal nor joint abnormalities observed other than the above described. The skeletal muscle is red-tan and moist with a mass appropriate for the decedent's age and sex.

EVIDENCE: Clothing, DNA card, pulled hair and pubic hair, fingernail clippings, fingerprints and swabs from mouth mucosa, vaginal and rectal are submitted as evidence.

HISTOPATHOLOGY:

Specimens from heart, lungs, liver, kidneys and brain are sampled into four cassettes for histology analysis.

TOXICOLOGY:

A blood specimen is submitted for toxicology analysis; a separate report will be issued when complete.

PATHOLOGICAL DIAGNOSES:

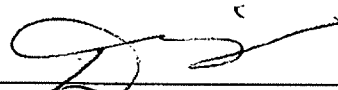
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CAUSE OF DEATH:

Sharp force injuries.

MANNER OF DEATH:

Homicide.



Di Wang, M.D.
Morris County Medical Examiner

Date: 9/20/26

MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION: MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION:

Organ	Findings
Heart:	Minimal perivascular and interstitial fibrosis. There is no evidence of acute or chronic inflammatory process. Features of myocyte hypertrophy are present.
Lung:	Mild anthracosis is present. Signs of emphysematous change is present. Residuals of foreign material consistent with stomach content are present in bronchial. There are no signs of inflammation.
Liver:	Mild macro and microsteatosis. There is no evidence of inflammation or evidence of cirrhosis.
Kidney:	There is no significant microscopic abnormality in the glomerular or tubular systems.
Brain:	There is no significant microscopic abnormality identified.