



On February 21, 2020 at approximately 1015 hours, I was dispatched to the intersection of Highway 124 and Highway 16 in the unincorporated area of Plymouth. According to the call notes, a California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) employee noticed a red Nissan Rogue (Ca# [REDACTED]) at the above mentioned location, and found a subject lying on the ground behind the vehicle, with a gunshot wound in his chest. Notes also stated that next to the subject was a folding lawn chair, with a gun resting in the seat. The following occurred in summary. Persons sharing a last name will be referred to by their first name.

I responded code 3 (lights and sirens) and arrived on scene at approximately 1022 hours. Upon arrival, I noted the above mentioned vehicle was located in a large road-side gravel turnout. The turnout was located on the west side of Highway 124, approximately 500 feet south of the Highway 16 intersection. It should be noted, Highway 124 traveled north and south, while Highway 16 traveled east and west. I noted the red Nissan Rouge was parked at the western most side of the turnout, near the edge where the brush began. I noted several Caltrans trucks parked at the south side of the turnout as well, and a California Highway Patrol vehicle parked near the Nissan.

After parking my patrol vehicle, I contacted CHP Officer Platz, who advised he arrived on scene a few moments prior. Officer Platz indicated he checked on the subject and believed he was deceased. Officer Platz advised he had not touched or moved any part of the scene prior to my arrival. I noted the Nissan was parked facing south, with the driver's side of the vehicle facing Highway 124. I walked around to the passenger's side of the Nissan where I located VD/Philip Bruce Haney (hereinafter referred to as the decedent) lying on the ground next to the passenger's side rear door. I checked on the decedent and found he did not have a pulse, he was not breathing, his pupils were fixed and dilated, and rigor mortis was present. I found death at 1025 hours.

I noted the decedent was lying on his right side with his head oriented south. I noted the decedent's chest and the ground directly under the decedent was soaked in blood. I noted the decedent was wearing a blue button-up shirt, a dark blue vest, gray pants, black socks and black shoes. I found the blood on the decedent's clothing was still wet. I noted white cotton protruding out of a small hole in the back of the decedent's vest, which appeared consistent with that of an exit hole from a bullet. I noted the decedent's left hand was resting on the ground, while his right hand was grasping the frame of the aforementioned lawn chair. I found both of the decedent's hands were covered in blood. I located a patch of blood stained dirt near the decedent's upper back, which was approximately six inches in diameter. I also located two smaller areas of blood stained dirt; one near the decedent's mid-back, and the second near his lower back

Directly in front of the decedent's head (south of) I noted the aforementioned folding lawn chair, which was green and brown. In the seat of the chair, I located a black semi-automatic Sig Sauer model SP2022 pistol, chambered in .40 caliber (serial # [REDACTED]). Sheriff's Dispatch later advised me that they could not locate the pistol in the Automated Firearms System. I noted the pistol was oriented with the muzzle facing south and the grip/handle facing west. Next to the chair (west of) on the ground, I located a pair of black framed glasses. I searched the immediate area around the decedent, but was unable to locate a bullet casing. Prior to moving anything, I took several photographs of the scene. Once initial photographs were taken, I removed the magazine from the pistol and then removed a live .40 caliber round from the chamber. I noted the magazine was loaded with nine rounds, in addition to the one

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round found in the chamber.

A few seconds later, Lieutenant Cardoza, Detective Peterson and Detective Ryan arrived on scene to assist. I advised them of my initial findings. Under the supervision of Lieutenant Cardoza, we began processing the scene.

As I rolled the decedent onto his back, Detective Ryan located a single .40 caliber bullet casing in the area of the decedent's hips. The bullet casing was partially buried in the gravel and it appeared that the decedent was laying on it. In the area where the decedent was lying, I located an approximate 16 inch diameter blood stain in the dirt. The bullet casing was collected and later logged into the Amador County Sheriff's Office Evidence Locker along with the pistol (CB13, CB14, and CB15).

I searched the decedent's person, where I located a harmonica in the left interior pocket of the decedent's vest. I found no other property on the decedent's person. While searching his person, I located a hole in the left breast pocket of his shirt, which appeared consistent with that of a bullet hole. I noted that this area of his chest was saturated in blood.

I noted lividity was present on the right side of the decedent's face, which appeared consistent with his positioning. I inspected the area around the decedent, but did not locate any disturbance in the gravel which would have indicated a struggle took place. I also did not find anything to suggest that the decedent was moved after he collapsed to the ground.

While examining the decedent, detectives found the decedent's vehicle was unlocked and the keys were inside. They located a hand written note on the dash, along with a Designation of Beneficiary document. I examined the note and found it was dated "February 21, 2020." The first line of the note read, *"I know no one who knows me will understand why I took my own life. But, there are good reasons."* The note went on to explain the love he had for his family and instructions on how to handle his affairs. The note appeared consistent with that of a suicide letter. I then reviewed the Designation of Beneficiary document, which stated M/Sara Zenobia Selmon (daughter) was to receive 75% of his (the decedent's) life insurance, and his granddaughter, M/Lydia Abigail Williams, was to receive the remaining 25%. The document was signed by the decedent and dated January 2, 2020. I later digitally scanned these documents and electronically attached them directly to this report. Refer to the "Attachments" portion of this report for additional information.

Inside the vehicle, detectives also located the decedent's US Customs and Border Protection badge and Identification Card (CB11). Also located in the wallet was the decedent's California driver's license ([REDACTED]), which was later attached to this report. The decedent's iPhone was also located inside the vehicle. The phone was placed on "Airplane Mode" before being logged into the Amador County Sheriff's Office Evidence Locker. The remaining items located in the vehicle were miscellaneous in nature.

While detectives continued their investigation, I contacted RP/Nathan James Craddock Jr who advised he worked for Caltrans located in Ione. Craddock explained at approximately 0640 hours while driving into work, he turned onto Highway 124 and observed the red Nissan parked in the turnout. Craddock

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said he did not think much of the vehicle parked in the turnout, as it was a popular spot for people to stop.

Craddock explained at approximately 0952 hours, he was driving his work truck and pulled into the turnout. Craddock said when he parked his vehicle, he noticed the Nissan was still parked in the turnout. Craddock advised that as he looked more closely at the vehicle, he noticed the decedent's feet lying on the ground. Craddock stated he called out to the decedent who did not respond. Craddock said he did not approach the decedent at that time, and did not see that he was shot. Craddock explained he called his supervisor and asked that he meet him at the turnout. Craddock told me he then left the scene to pick up a load of brush that was going to be stacked in the turnout.

Craddock advised at approximately 1005 hours, he returned to the pullout where he met several of his co-workers. Craddock said they approached the decedent, at which time he noticed the decedent was covered in blood and the gun resting on the chair. Craddock said they immediately contacted their dispatch center, who then contacted the Amador County Sheriff's Office. Craddock explained that when they walked up to the decedent and realized what had occurred, they immediately backed away from the scene. Craddock said they did not touch or move anything.

After speaking to Craddock, I spoke to his co-worker, M/Eli Daniel Montano. Montano said he dropped off a load of brush in the aforementioned turnout at approximately 0925 hours, and remembered seeing the Nissan parked at the aforementioned location at that time. Montano said he also did not think much of the vehicle given the popularity of the spot for people to pull off the road. Montano said he also remembered seeing a white work truck parked in the turnout at about the same time, which he believed was a Pacific Gas and Electric truck. He said he remembered seeing a male sitting inside the PG&E truck that was wearing an orange vest and was using his cellphone. Montano did not believe the two vehicles were related to each other. Montano said he later met Craddock back at the turnout where they found the decedent.

At approximately 1110 hours, Daneri Mortuary representative M/Christopher Gordon arrived and took possession of the decedent. At approximately 1125 hours, Jack's Service arrived and transported the Nissan to the Amador County Sheriff's Office warehouse for safekeeping.

Detectives advised me that while searching the decedent's vehicle, they learned that he lived at Far Horizons 49er Village RV Resort space [REDACTED] in Plymouth. After clearing the scene, Detectives and I responded to space [REDACTED]. Upon arrival, I noted a Jayco Greyhawk motor-home (Georgia license # [REDACTED]) parked in the space. I conducted a registration check on the motor-home and confirmed it was registered to the decedent.

We approached the motor-home and found it was unlocked. I walked inside and found it was clean and well organized. I located and later collected several pieces of paperwork arranged on the kitchen counter, which appeared to be relevant to the decedent's estate. I also located three prescription bottles located on the kitchen counter, which contained Atorvastatin, Hydrochlorothiazide, and Naproxen. I walked through the rest of the motor-home, but found no evidence to indicate that a struggle took place. In the master bedroom I located several forms of identification, including the decedent's passport and

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social security card. In a cupboard near the refrigerator, I located the ashes of Francesce Haney (NFD), who was later determined to be the decedent's late wife. In the living room, I found the decedent's laptop. I subsequently collected the above mentioned property and later logged them into an Amador County Sheriff's Office evidence locker for safekeeping.

After collecting the decedent's property, I turned off and unplugged all appliances to the best of my ability. I also turned off the electrical breaker to the motor-home. I then secured the motor-home and placed coroner seals on all of the doors. It should be noted, the keys that I had did not operate the entry door. The keys only opened the motor-home's driver and passenger side door. I had to lock the entry door from the inside and exit the motor-home through the driver's side door.

After securing the motor-home, I contacted M/Stephen James Filippo who was staying in space [REDACTED] which was located directly behind the decedent's motor-home. Filippo stated he and his wife checked into the RV resort on February 20, 2020 at approximately 1330 hours. Filippo explained that he never spoke to the decedent, but said he remembered seeing the decedent outside that afternoon watering his plants. Filippo said he was not sure of the time, but said it was at dusk. Filippo had no other information to provide.

I then spoke to M/Jeffrey Paul Gant, who was staying in space [REDACTED] which was located in front of the decedent's motor-home. Gant advised that he also checked into the resort on February 20, 2020 at approximately 1200 hours. Gant said that day he remembered seeing the decedent walk from his motor-home to a nearby dumpster. Gant said he also remembered seeing the decedent's Nissan parked next to the motor-home at approximately 1730 hours. Gant did not recall seeing the decedent drive away from the motor-home.

I next spoke to M/James Daniel Hass, who lived in space [REDACTED] which was located two spaces from the decedent's motor-home. Hass advised he had lived at the resort for the past month but did not know the decedent, as he (the decedent) kept to himself. Hass said the last time he saw the decedent was on February 20, 2020 at approximately 1000 hours, when the decedent drove out of the park in the aforementioned Nissan. Hass said he did not remember seeing the decedent return to his motor-home. Hass added that it was difficult to see the decedent's motor-home, as his 5<sup>th</sup> wheel trailer did not have windows on the side the decedent was parked.

After speaking to the decedent's neighbors, I was approached by M/Dee Roy Stiles Jr. Stiles advised he lived in space [REDACTED] and had become good friends with the decedent. I advised Stiles that the decedent had died and that I was conducting an investigation into his death. Stiles stated he last spoke to the decedent on February 20, 2020 at approximately 1500 hours. Stiles stated that the two sat and talked for approximately an hour. Stiles stated the decedent informed him that he was recently diagnosed with a heart issue, and was going to need open heart surgery. According to Stiles, the idea of having the surgery was weighing on the decedent's mind. Stiles said that the decedent advised him that he was not going to be able to care for his plants after the surgery, and asked that he take and care for them. Stiles said the decedent also told him that he could have his portable fire pit. Stiles said he thought it was strange that the decedent was trying to give away all his plants, and told the decedent that he would come by and water the plants while he was gone. Stiles said the decedent insisted that he just take and

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keep his plants.

I asked Stiles if he thought the decedent's recent diagnosis may have caused him to take his own life. Stiles was shocked by the idea of the decedent killing himself. Stiles told me that while the decedent wasn't happy about the upcoming surgery, he was looking forward to many things to come in his life. Stiles stated that the decedent was recently engaged to be married, and said that the two (the decedent and his fiancé) already had a wedding date set. Stiles explained that the decedent was also planning to sell his motor-home and move in with his sister while he recovered from the surgery. According to Stiles, after recovering from the surgery, the decedent was going to marry his fiancé and move to Bakersfield where he said she lived. Stiles said the only thing that he thought could lead to the decedent killing himself was if he and his fiancé broke up. Stiles was adamant that he did not think the decedent would kill himself.

After speaking to Stiles, I responded to Daneri Mortuary to view the decedent. Upon arrival, I found that the decedent was already disrobed. Daneri's staff had removed his pants, socks and shoes and placed them in a plastic bag. Staff stated that they had to cut off the decedent's button up shirt and white undershirt. I examined the decedent's clothing and again noted what appeared to be a bullet hole through the front and back of the decedent's button up shirt and white undershirt. I did not locate a hole in the front of his jacket vest, but did again note the exit hole on the back of the vest.

After examining the decedent's clothing, I viewed the decedent who was lying naked on the exam table. I noted the right side of the decedent's torso was covered in blood. I immediately noted the source of the blood was coming from a hole in the left side of his chest. The hole was located approximately an inch left and down from the decedent's left nipple. I located a second source of blood coming from the decedent's back, directly behind the hole in his chest. The injury appeared consistent with the decedent being shot once, with the entry wound in his chest and the exit wound in his back. I found no other injuries on the decedent.

I noted most all parts of the decedent's body was covered in blood smear. I found blood covering both palms of the decedent. I found blood smear on the left side of the decedent's cheek and chin. The only source of bleeding I found on the decedent came from the entry and exit wound on his upper torso. I noted what appeared to be dried green fluid on the right cheek of the decedent emanating from his mouth. I did not locate any tattoos on the decedent and he did not have dentures.

After viewing the decedent, I collected his clothing and returned to the Amador County Sheriff's Office where I logged the clothing into an evidence locker. I was advised by Sheriff's Dispatch that the decedent's sister, M/Diana Lee Capel, was en route to the Sheriff's Office, as she had located the coroner's seals on the decedent's motor-home. I contacted Capel in the parking lot and escorted her into the Sheriff's Office interview room, where I advised her of the decedent's death. Capel became distraught and asked to call her eldest brother and co-next of kin, M/Terry Eugene Haney. Capel placed Terry on speaker phone and asked me to explain what caused the decedent's death. I provided Terry notification of the decedent's death at 1500 hours. I advised Terry and Capel that the decedent was located with what appeared to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound to his chest. Terry and Capel did not accept my explanation and said that the decedent would never kill himself. Capel advised me that the

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decedent was a devout Christian and that suicide was against his religion.

Capel advised me that the decedent was a founding member of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and worked in high levels of government which investigated threats to the United States from terrorist organizations. Capel said after retiring from the DHS, the decedent became a "Whistleblower" against President Obama's administration. Capel stated that by becoming a Whistleblower, he developed numerous enemies within high levels of the U.S. government. Capel explained that the decedent published a book titled "*See Something Say Nothing*" wherein he wrote about numerous cover-ups within the DHS under the instruction of the White House. Capel relayed that the decedent was writing a follow-up book to "*See Something Say Nothing*" which was going to expose even more damaging information. Capel insisted that the decedent would not have killed himself, and said she believed he was murdered to stop him from completing his work.

Capel advised me that the decedent had a non-biological daughter, M/Sara Zenobia Selmon, which he raised with his late wife, Francesca Haney. Capel explained that during their marriage, the decedent and Francesca separated for a short period of time. Capel said while the decedent and Francesca were separated, Francesca became pregnant with Selmon by another man. Capel said the decedent and Francesca reconciled before Selmon was born, and they raised Francesca's daughter together. Capel did not know if the decedent ever legally adopted Selmon.

Capel also advised me that the decedent was engaged to be married to M/Denice Lyn Gary-Pandol, who lived in Bakersfield. Capel stated the decedent was excited to marry Gary-Pandol and start their new lives together.

I asked Terry and Capel about the decedent's health. They both advised that beginning approximately three weeks ago, the decedent had a marked change in his personality. Capel said the decedent complained of anxiety, insomnia, and a racing heart. Capel said the decedent checked himself into Sutter Amador Emergency Room, where he was admitted for heart related issues. Capel said the decedent was eventually released from the hospital, but still complained of anxiety and insomnia. Terry said over the next few weeks, the decedent continued to struggle.

Capel said on Sunday (February 16, 2020) the decedent called her and said that he "needed her." Capel said she drove to Plymouth and picked up the decedent, then drove him back to her home in Granite Bay where he stayed with her and her husband. Capel said over the next four days, the decedent's mood improved and by Wednesday morning he said he was feeling better and wanted to go home. Capel said she subsequently drive him home and dropped him off at approximately 1230 hours. Capel said on February 20, 2020 she spoke to the decedent, during which time he advised her that he had a defective mitral valve which would require immediate open heart surgery. Capel told me that the decedent had a preoperative appointment on February 24, 2020. Capel said the decedent wasn't happy about the news of having to have open heart surgery, but said he was not so depressed that he would kill himself. Capel said the last time she heard from the decedent was that same night at 1710 hours, when he sent her a text message advising her he was home.

Capel told me that other than the recent heart condition, the decedent was healthy. Capel was unaware

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of any other medical conditions he might have. She told me the decedent's primary care physician was Doctor Anastasia Collins with Sutter Health in Plymouth.

Terry explained that on February 20, 2020 at 1736 hours, the decedent called and told him about his heart condition. Terry said the decedent was upset about having to have surgery. Terry advised me that he also had a defective mitral valve and the two discussed the matter. Terry said he explained to the decedent that his medical condition was not that big of a deal, and that the procedure to repair his valve was common. Terry said they continued to talk for the next ten minutes before ending their conversation. Terry said that was the last time he heard from the decedent.

After speak to Terry and Capel, I contacted the decedent's fiancé, Gary-Pandol and advised her of the decedent's death. Gary-Pandol was completely shocked by the news and immediately stated that he was murdered. Gary-Pandol reiterated Capel's statement about the decedent's work as a whistleblower. She was convinced he was killed to prevent him from exposing more corruption within President Obama's administration. Gary-Pandol also advised me that the decedent was writing a new book, and said people that he was going to expose were likely the ones responsible for his death. Gary-Pandol stated her recent conversations found the decedent looking forward to their upcoming marriage scheduled for April 4, 2020. Gary-Pandol also advised that the decedent was a very religious man who knew it would have been a grave sin to kill himself. Gary-Pandol refused to believe the decedent was capable of killing himself.

Gary-Pandol said she last spoke to the decedent on February 20, 2020 at approximately 1400 hours, where he informed her of his heart condition and upcoming surgery. Gary-Pandol said over the course of the next hour, the two discussed his options as far as getting a second opinion before having surgery. She said the biggest thing that bothered him about having to have surgery was that it had a three month recovery time period, and they would likely have to re-schedule their wedding. Gary-Pandol said she told the decedent that re-scheduling wasn't really that big of a deal, and it would only have to be postponed for a short period of time.

Gary-Pandol advised that the decedent was planning to apply to work for President Trump's administration. It should be noted, I did see what appeared to be a resume directed toward President Trump sitting on his kitchen counter. The resume was not collected. It should also be noted, Gary-Pandol advised that the decedent had told friends and colleagues that if it was ever found that he committed suicide, it was a setup.

On February 22, 2020 I spoke to the decedent's daughter, Selmon, and advised her of the decedent's death. Selmon told me that she was already aware of his death. Selmon confirmed that she was not the decedent's biological child, but said the decedent was listed as her father on her birth certificate. Selmon told me she and the decedent did not keep in regular communication, and said she last spoke with him on February 14, 2020. Selmon also insisted that the decedent would not kill himself. She was convinced that he was killed for his work exposing corruption within the DHS and the Obama administration. Selmon had no other information to provide.

After speaking to Selmon, I attempted to contact Doctor Collins, but was advised her office was closed

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for the weekend.

It should be noted, Deputy Middleton responded to Denari Mortuary and swabbed the decedent's hand for gunshot residue. The swabs were later packaged and shipped to the Department of Justice for analysis.

Numerous photographs were taken of the scene, the decedent, and of the decedent's motor-home. Those photos were later digitally attached to this report.

I recorded my contacts to the extent possible and later uploaded the sound files to this report.

I recommend this report be used for informational purposes, and routed to the Amador County Sheriff's Office Coroner's Division for their review.

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I know no one who knows me will understand why I took my own life. But, there are good reasons.

I've been known as an Overcomer and a Fighter, and I was.

I've been known as a Lover of Beauty, Life & Nature, and I was.

As a Lover of Israel & The Covenants, and I was.

As a Lover of Music & Song, and I was.

There are sometimes hard choices in life, when there are no other options but one.

Terry, Diana, Tamara and Michelle, I loved you all  
Sara and Lydia, I loved you, too.

Thank you, Denise, for Loving me

Lori and Lisa, you were part of my life, too, with love.

The password on my computer is [REDACTED].  
It will open to an Excel file with all of my financial information.

Other files are in the [REDACTED]

All of my insurance information is on the kitchen counter.

My sister Diana is a backup to closing the sale of my house in Georgia; those papers are next to the stove. →

All my other important papers & etc. are in the bedroom, in the first drawer under the TV.

The books, awards and other historical items in the loft area in front should be given to Gregory Clayborn [REDACTED], especially

the box at the top left with the large binders.

The RV keys are in the basket by the kitchen sink

The POB keys are in the tray under the radio in the car

There is a storage space in Leesburg VA (5x7) with a lot of artifacts and heirlooms that Sara or Lydia will want to claim

[REDACTED]

The thumb drives in the small cloth bag <sup>behind the computer</sup> should go to JM Phelps in LA [REDACTED]

The RV will probably have to go back to the bank (M&T in the Excel file).

The car can be sold to pay off the remaining ~4,000 still owed (also see the Excel file)

Francesca's ashes are in the bottom cabinet on the right of the refrigerator.

The rightful heir to the house in Georgia is Sara Z. Selmon and Lydia A. Williams

Philip B. Hamey