

**CORONER'S REPORT**

**Case #: 15-0912**



**OFFICE OF THE CORONER  
COUNTY OF SOLANO STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
Thomas A. Ferrara, Sheriff-Coroner**

**Jacob Clark**

Name

**M** Sex **White** Race

**604** Ht. **320** Wt.

**M** Marital Status

**Security Guard** Occupation

**29** Age

Telephone

Place of Birth

Place of Death

**9/11/2015** Date of Death

**13:05** Time of Death

**Suicide** Manner of Death

Date Found

Time Found

**09/11/2015** Date of Injury

**12:00** Time of Injury

Place of Injury

**Ofc. Chad Rowlett** Person Reporting

**Fairfield Police Department** Agency

**09/11/2015** Date Reported

**13:40** Time Reported

Case Type:  Autopsy/Exam  Med. Hist.  Reportable Only  Indigent

**Rebecca Clark** Next of Kin

**Wife** Relationship

PA  
**(707) 290-4092** Telephone

Removal Personnel

**Fairfield Funeral Home / Fairfield** Funeral Home / Location

**Synopsis:** This case was reported to the Solano County Coroner's Office by Officer Chad Rowlett with the Fairfield Police Department. Ofc. Rowlett was reporting the death of 29 year old, Jacob Clark, who suffered a single gunshot wound to the head. Ofc. Rowlett was dispatched to the residence after the decedent's wife, Rebecca Clark, located a note in the garage. The note was written and signed by the decedent and apologized for his actions. Rebecca searched the area for the decedent and located him lying on the ground in the backyard with a .45 caliber semi-automatic handgun in his lap and blood pooling near his head. Rebecca called 911 for assistance. Fairfield Police Department and Fairfield Fire Department arrived on scene and Firefighter George Dejesus pronounced the decedent dead at 1305 hours. Rebecca stated the decedent was fired from his job two days ago and has a history of depression. The decedent was not taking prescription medications and refused to see a doctor. I had the decedent brought to the county morgue for an examination. On 091415, Dr. Arnold Josselson conducted an external exam on the decedent and determined he died of perforating contact gunshot wound of the head. On 091515 the decedent was released to Fairfield Funeral Home for final disposition. The manner of death was determined to be a suicide.

Property  Released to Family (Date)  Held By Coroner  None

**External Examination** **Dr. A. Josselson** Autopsy or Exam Doctor

Retained:  Blood  Urine  Tissue  Bile  Other  
 Stomach Content  Liver  Vitreous

Tox Requested:  Alcohol  Drug  Other

Reporting Officer

*@1283*

**Lauren Vance, Coroner's Investigator**

Approved By

*Raymond S. Lamb 1515*  
**Raymond Lamb, Sergeant**

## Primary Narrative

091115/ 1340 hours: I received a phone call from Officer Chad Rowlett with the Fairfield Police Department. Ofc. Rowlett was reporting the death of 29 year old, Jacob Clark. Ofc. Rowlett stated he was dispatched to [REDACTED] for a report of a suicide. Ofc. Rowlett responded and located the decedent in the backyard of the residence with a 45 caliber handgun in between his legs.

091115\ 1355 hours: I contacted J. Morris Removal Service and requested they respond to the scene, pick up the decedent and transport him to the county morgue.

091115\ 1409 hours: I arrived on scene and contacted Ofc. Rowlett. He told me the following in summary: Ofc. Rowlett stated the decedent was fired from his job two days ago and suffers from depression. Today, his wife was also fired from her job. The decedent's wife, Rebecca Clark, left the residence for about one hour. Upon returning home, Rebecca could not locate the decedent. She checked the garage area where he frequents. Rebecca located a note. The note stated he was sorry for everything he has done and even if they did not understand what he did, he loved them. Rebecca located the decedent in the back yard with a handgun in between his legs. She called 911 for assistance. Ofc. Rowlett took possession of the .45 caliber semi-automatic handgun and the letter.

While on scene, I made the following observations: I observed a white male adult, lying on his back on concrete on the north-east corner of the backyard. The decedent was wearing a blue t-shirt, blue basketball shorts and grey boxer shorts. There was a large pool of blood on the ground near his head. The decedent had one circular defect on the right side of his head, near his temple. There was a second circular defect on the left side of his head above and behind his ear. There were four EKG stickers on the decedent's body. Rigor mortis was present, and unfixed post mortem lividity was present and consistent with the decedent's position. There was a large pool of blood on the ground near the decedent's head.

It was later discovered that Fairfield Fire\Paramedic George Dejesus pronounced the decedent at 1305 hours on 091115.


I took numerous photos of the decedent and later uploaded them into the Solano County Digital Imaging System.

I met with the decedent's wife, Rebecca who was already aware of the death. I provided her with a business card. I informed her of the Coroner's Office policies and procedures and gave her some suggestions on how to proceed with the decedent's disposition. I encouraged Rebecca to contact the Coroner's Office if she had any questions or concerns in the future. I left Rebecca in the company of other family members and friends.

J. Morris removal personnel arrived on scene and prepared the decedent for transport. I had the decedent's body bag sealed with blue Coroner seal #001109 at 1435 hrs. I took two additional photos of the seal. J. Morris personnel then transported the decedent to the County morgue.

091415\ 1356 hours: Brynne Anderson, Forensic Technician, cut the seal on the decedent's

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Lauren Vance, Coroner's Investigator

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Raymond Lamb, Sergeant

body bag and readied him for examination. Dr. Arnold Josselson, Forensic Pathologist, conducted an external exam on the decedent and determined he died of a perforating contact gunshot wound of the head.

091515\ 1320 hours: The decedent was released to Fairfield Funeral Home for final disposition.

092815\ 1514 hours: I received the decedent's toxicology results from Central Valley Toxicology, Inc. The results indicated acetaminophen and opiates were present in the decedent's peripheral blood sample. No other common acidic, neutral, or basic drugs were detected. No Ethyl Alcohol was detected. See toxicology report for details.

The presence and location of the circular defect in the decedents head, along with Dr. Arnold Josselson's findings at autopsy, are consistent with a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Based on all of the information I obtained during the investigation of this case, I determined the manner of death was due to suicide.

Note: The decedent's fingerprints were electronically scanned and submitted to the California Department of Justice and the FBI and where that of Jacob Clark. The CII number assigned is A26715402.

Reporting Officer

(W) 1283

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Raymond S. Lamb 1518

Raymond Lamb, Sergeant

Additional Contacts

RE Ofc. Chad Rowlett

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1000 Webster Street, Fairfield CA 94533

Address  
Fairfield Police Department

Employer Telephone

/ Reported By  
State/DL# Role

DOB Sex Race  
(707) 372-1142 Telephone Height Height

Occupation

WI Rebecca Clark

Code Name  
3409 Astoria Circle, Fairfield Ca 94534

Address  
Employer Telephone

/ Wife  
State/DL# Role

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Occupation

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AUTOPSY

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

**NAME:** Jacob Earl Clark

**CASE NO:** 2015-0912

**POSTMORTEM DATE:** September 14, 2015

**TIME:** 1356 Hours

**PLACE OF DEATH:** Residence

**DATE:** September 11, 2015

**TIME:** 1305 Hours

**AGE:** 29      **SEX:** Male      **RACE:** White

**INSPECTION FINDINGS:**

Contact perforating gunshot wound of head

**CAUSE OF DEATH:** Contact gunshot wound of head (seconds)

*a. Josselson*      9-30

**ARNOLD R. JOSSELSO, M.D.**

Forensic Pathologist

2015 09 14 13:42

The external examination is conducted at the Solano County Coroner's Office in Fairfield, California.

### **EXTERNAL EXAMINATION**

The body is that of a normally developed, obese man, appearing the reported age of 29 years. The clothing on the body consists of a pair of blue shorts, a pair of black underpants, a blue T-shirt and a dark green T-shirt. The body measures 6'4" and weighs 320 pounds. There is a great deal of blood on the face. The scalp is shaved. There is mustache and beard stubble. The irides are brown with round and equal pupils. The sclerae and conjunctivae are clear. The external ears, nose and lips are normally developed. There is no evidence of fracture of the nose or mouth but there is blood coming from the nose and the mouth. The buccal mucosa and tongue show no lesions. The teeth are intact and in good repair. The ears reveal no evidence of trauma or hemorrhage. The neck is symmetrical and the trachea is palpable in the midline. The chest, abdomen, back, upper and lower extremities are normally developed. The abdomen is moderately protuberant with no visible abdominal scars. The external genitalia are those of a normal adult male. There are no needle tracks in the antecubital fossae. There are no transverse scars on the wrists. The hands, fingers, and fingertips are intact. The back and posterior body surfaces reveal no abnormalities.

### **EXTERNAL EVIDENCE OF MEDICAL THERAPY**

There are EKG pads on the arms and on the abdomen.

### **EXTERNAL EVIDENCE OF INJURY**

There is a great deal of blood on the face. By palpation, there are multiple skull fractures. There is a perforating gunshot wound of the head. The entry defect is located in the right temple at a point 10 cm below the top of the head, 13 cm to the right of the anterior mid line. The entry defect is triangular shaped, measuring 2 cm. There is no soot or stippling on the skin about the entry defect. There is a 5 mm circular surrounding abrasion consistent with a muzzle imprint around the entry defect. Inferior to this, is a separate 1 cm round defect. The exit defect is located above and slightly behind the left ear at a point 10 cm below the top of the head, 16 cm to the left of the anterior mid line. The exit defect is triangular shaped, measuring 1.3 cm. The path of the gunshot wound is from the victim's right to left, slightly front to back and it is of contact range.

**SPECIMENS FOR TOXICOLOGY:** Peripheral blood is submitted for drugs and alcohol. Vitreous Humor is saved.

**AUTOPSY WITNESS:** B. Anderson, Forensic Assistant.



**Case Name:**  
Clark,

**TOXICOLOGY NUMBER:** CVT-15-10716

Jacob  
7 ml peripheral blood (gray top vial) labeled "Jacob Clark; DOD 9/11/2015; 15-0912;  
LV; S; Josselson; 9/14/15"

**Specimen Description:**

**Delivered by** Tricor

**Date** 16-Sep-15

**Received by** Bill Posey

**Date** 16-Sep-15

**Request:** Complete Drug Screen

**Agency Case #** 15-0912

**Requesting Agency**

Solano Co. Sheriff-Coroner  
Attn: Coroner's Division  
520 Clay Street  
Fairfield CA 94533

**Report To**

Solano Co. Sheriff-Coroner  
Attn: Coroner's Division  
520 Clay Street  
Fairfield CA 94533

Specimen: Peripheral Blood Sample

**RESULTS**

Complete Drug Screen: Acetaminophen and Opiates detected.  
No other common acidic, neutral or basic drugs detected.  
No Ethyl Alcohol detected.

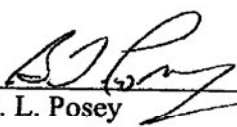
Acetaminophen = 19.1 mg/L

Hydrocodone = 0.02 mg/L  
Hydromorphone = 0.01 mg/L

**Blood Hydrocodone Ranges**  
Effective Level: (0.002-0.05 mg/L)  
Potentially Toxic: (0.1 mg/L)

**Blood Hydromorphone Ranges**  
Effective Level: (0.008-0.032 mg/L)  
Potentially Toxic: (> 0.032 mg/L)

**Blood Acetaminophen Ranges**  
Effective Level: (2.5 - 25 mg/L)  
Potentially Toxic: (75 - 150 mg/L)

  
B. L. Posey

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September 28, 2015

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