The body is identified by medical examiner toe tags and ankle band.

The body: ☒ is clothed and I ☒ did not see the clothing.
☒ inspected the clothing.

☒ Rigor and livor are altered.

Appears: ☒ Asian  ☒ Black  ☒ Caucasian  ☒ Hispanic  ☒ Indian

Sex: ☒ Male  ☒ Female.  Appears the stated age of: 62 years

The body weighs approximately 185 pounds, measures approximately 68 inches and is ☒ well-nourished and appropriately developed for age.

Embalm: ☒ No  ☒ Yes

Irides: ☒ Blue  ☒ Brown  ☒ Green

Sclera: ☒ Normal  ☒ Icteric  ☒ Congested without petechial hemorrhages

Conjunctival Petechial Hemorrhage: ☒ No  ☒ Yes

Head Hair: ☒ Gray and short in length

Facial hair: ☒ Absent  ☒ Present, stubble

Teeth: ☒ Absent  ☒ Present

Dentures: ☒ Absent  ☒ Present

Scars: ☒ None identified  ☒ Present

Tattoos: ☒ None identified  ☒ Present

EVIDENCE OF THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTION:
There is no evidence of recent therapeutic intervention.

The chest has no increased anterior-posterior diameter. The extremities are well-developed and symmetrical.

The abdomen is ☒ flat.  ☒ The genitalia are those of an adult  ☒ female.  ☒ male.
EVIDENCE OF INJURY:
A small tan-brown abrasion involves the left forehead. Scattered abrasions involve the feet.

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A nasopharyngeal swab for common viral pathogens is positive for SARS-CoV-2. Indicate other form number(s) attached: #20

PATHOLOGIC DIAGNOSES

I. Complications of COVID-19 infection
   A. Nasopharyngeal swab positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19)

II. Atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
    A. Hyperlipidemia, reported
    B. Unspecified cardiac disease, reported

III. Blunt trauma, minor
    A. Abrasion, forehead
    B. Abrasions, feet

SUMMARY AND OPINION

Douglas Brignole was a 62-year-old man with reported medical history of hyperlipidemia, hypogonadism, and unspecified cardiac disease.

According to the Medical Examiner Investigator’s report, Mr. Brignole was found unresponsive on the ground in his home. Emergency medical services were contacted, and he was pronounced deceased. He was reportedly feeling unwell recently.

External examination revealed a well-developed man without trauma to explain death. Small scrapes involved his forehead and feet.

Toxicology testing will not be performed. A nasopharyngeal swab for common respiratory viruses was positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19).

Mr. Brignole was positive for infection with the novel coronavirus, which is the cause of COVID-19. COVID-19 can result in a spectrum of immune responses that range from asymptomatic and mild, to severe respiratory symptoms and death in susceptible individuals. Inflammation and fluid-buildup in the lungs (in response to the infection) prevents the lungs from being able to adequately exchange oxygen with the environment. When severe, organ damage and organ failure from lack of oxygen can occur, which can cause death. Mr. Brignole’s underlying medical conditions, including heart disease from atherosclerosis would have made him less able to tolerate the effects of COVID-19, contributing to death.

Given the available investigative information and exam, it is my opinion that the cause and manner of death are best certified as:

CAUSE OF DEATH: COVID-19 INFECTION

CONTRIBUTING FACTOR: ATHEROSCLEROTIC CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

MANNER OF DEATH: NATURAL

Michael Harrell, M.D.
Deputy Medical Examiner

Date: 10-21-22
AUTOPSY CLASS: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☒ Examination Only D
☐ FAMILY OBJECTION TO AUTOPSY

Date: 10/14
Time: 8:50
Dr. Michael H. Hayll

FINAL ON: 10/1/2022
By: Michael Hayll

APPROXIMATE INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH: 24 HRS

DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: (Enter only one cause per line for A, B, C, and D)

IMMEDIATE CAUSE:
(A) Covid-19 Infection

DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF:
(B) 
(C) 
(D) 

OTHER CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING BUT NOT RELATED TO THE IMMEDIATE CAUSE OF DEATH:
Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease

☐ NATURAL ☐ SUICIDE ☐ HOMICIDE
☐ ACCIDENT ☐ COULD NOT BE DETERMINED

If other than natural causes, HOW DID INJURY OCCUR?

WAS OPERATION PERFORMED FOR ANY CONDITION STATED ABOVE: ☒ YES ☐ NO

TYPE OF SURGERY: 

DATE: 

☐ ORGAN PROCUREMENT ☐ TECHNICIAN: 

PREGNANCY IN LAST YEAR ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ UNK ☒ NOT APPLICABLE

WITNESS TO AUTOPSY ☐ EVIDENCE RECOVERED AT AUTOPSY

Item Description:

62 year, recent illness, ☐ illicit use

held fox pending

NP-Starb

RESIDENT ☐ DME

WHITE - File Copy ☐ CANARY - Forensic Lab ☐ PINK - Certification ☐ GOLDENROD - DME

(Rev. 9.13)
hair: Short gray, Stubb
eyes: hazel
teeth: nat only

Date 10/10/22

Deputy Medical Examiner
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CASE REPORT

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APPARENT MODE
NATURAL

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

DEPARTMENT OF CORONER

CASE NO
2022-10791

CRYPT
3/9

LAST, FIRST MIDDLE
BRIGNOLE, DOUGLAS PAUL

ADDRESS
1421 S. SHERBOURNE DRIVE

SEX
MALE

DOB
12/15/1959

AGE
62

HEIGHT
6'6" IN

WEIGHT
185 IN

EYES
BROWN

HAIR
BROWN

TEETH
ALL NATURAL

HAIR UNSHAVEN

FACE FAIR

MARK TYPE

MARK LOCATION

MARK DESCRIPTION

© METHOD
FINGERPRINTS FROM DOJ

IDENTIFIED BY NAME (PRINT)

RELATIONSHIP

PHONE

DATE

TIME

DOJ, FBI, LASD FINGERPRINTS

PLACE OF DEATH / PLACE FOUND

ADDRESS
1421 S. SHERBOURNE DRIVE

CITY
LOS ANGELES

ZIP
90035

PLACE OF INJURY

AT WORK

No

DATE

TIME

LOCATION OR ADDRESS

ZIP

FOUND OR PRONOUNCED BY
LAFD RA 38, MATCHENYEY

OTHER AGENCY INV. OFFICER
LAPD WEST LOS ANGELES - REZKALLA & GLAN (310) 440-0701

PHONE

REPORT NO.
2210130001306

NOTIFIED BY

NO

TRANSPORTED BY

TO

LOS ANGELES FSC

FINGERPRINTS?

No

CLOTHING?

Yes

PARPT

No

MED. EV

No

INVEST. PHOTO?

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SEAL TYPE

CORONER SEAL

PHYS EV

No

EVIDENCE LOG?

No

PROPERTY?

Yes

SUICIDE NOTE

No

GSA NO.

338596

RPT. NO.

PF NO.

SYNOPSIS

FORM 1 ONLY. ACCORDING TO THE REPORTED INFORMATION, ON 10/13/22 AROUND 09:25 HOURS, THE DECEDENT'S HOUSEKEEPER WENT TO THE DECEDENT'S APARTMENT FOR A SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT. SHE ENTERED THE HOME AND FOUND THE DECEDENT LYING PRONE ON THE FLOOR UNRESPONSIVE AND CALLED 911. SHE ALSO WENT TO GET THE DECEDENT'S NEIGHBOR FOR HELP. PER THE 911 OPERATOR, THE HOUSEKEEPER AND THE DECEDEI'TS NEIGHBOR TURNED THE DECEDEI'T ON HIS BACK. LAFD RA 38 THEN RESPONDED AND PARAMEDIC MATCHENYEY PRONOUNCED DEATH AT 09:25 HOURS WITH NO MEDICAL INTERVENTION. THE DECEDEI'T WAS LAST SEEN ALIVE ON 10/10/22 BY A NEIGHBOR, PER THE DECEDEI'TS DOCTOR. HE HAD A HISTORY OF HYPERLIPIDEMIA, ADD, HYPOGONADISM, AND UNSPECIFIED CARDIAC ISSUES. IT IS BELIEVED HE LAST SAW HIS DOCTOR WITHIN THE PAST 6 MONTHS. FAMILY REPORTED THE DECEDEI'T HAD NO HISTORY OF ALCOHOL ABUSE OR ILLICIT DRUG USE. PER A FRIEND, THE DECEDEI'T WAS A COMPETITIVE BODY BUILDER AND WERE KNOWN TO USE STEROIDS OCCASIONALLY. THE FRIEND ALSO MENTIONED THE DECEDEI'T HAD RECENTLY TRAVELLED TO ATLANTIC CITY FOR A COMPETITION AND BECAME SICK WITH A FLU AROUND 10/8/22. MULTIPLE PACKS OF OVER THE COUNTER COLD/FLU MEDICATIONS WERE FOUND ON SCENE. AN EXTERNAL EXAMINATION OF THE DECEDEI'T ON SCENE REVEALED NO OBVIOUS SIGNS OF TRAUMA. ANT ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED TO HIS FACE. HE WAS ALSO NOTED TO BE INCONTINENT. FOUl PLAY IS NOT SUSPECTED.

JUSTINE EPPERSON
643074

INVESTIGATOR

DATE
10/13/22

REVIEWED BY

DATE 10/13/22

TIME 18:34

D. EARL

TIME 20:42

FORM #3 NARRATIVE TO FOLLOW? ☐