

George

Jones

**MEDICAL EXAMINER PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DEATH\***

At approximately 0130 on 12/25/2019 the decedent's truck was at a stand still partially off the roadway, with the car lights off. This was on interstate I-26 between marker 23 and 24 in Woodfin NC. A second vehicle hit the back of the the decedent's truck at at least 65MPH, braking the decedent's truck axle and peeling back the driver's door of his truck. Law enforcement has yet to determine if the decedent was sitting in the driver's seat, or out of the vehicle at the time of the crash. He was found approximately 15 feet in front of the truck in the roadway. EMS responded and declared the decedent expired at 0156.

There is some question of advancing dementia. In May of 2019 he was reported missing by his stepson/roommate. He was found two days later in eastern TN by police sitting in his truck on the side of the road. He was taken to a local hospital for evaluation and thought he was still in Asheville NC.

on 12/07/2019 he went to the emergency department at Mission hospital for a complaint of a hernia that he had gone to the emergency room on two other occasions for in 2019 but couldn't seem to remember the prior visits. In medical notes from this visit there seems to be concern about him being able to sign surgical consent forms for a hernia surgery.

The decedent has the following medical history: End stage renal disease (on dialysis), anemia, diabetes and hypertension.

His stepson, who was also his roommate, died in October leaving the decedent with no family support in the area.

**PURPOSE:** To document the findings of a Medical Examiner investigation. \*This is not an autopsy report. When completed, this form constitutes a report to the Chief Medical Examiner as required by G.S. 130A-385(a); within fourteen (14) days of Medical Examiner's examination.

**PREPARATION:** The Investigating Medical Examiner completes all appropriate information, and signs the certification statement on the front of the form.

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