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REPORT ON A MEDICO-LEGAL POST-MORTEM EXAMINATION

Death Register No.: [REDACTED]

To the Magistrate of: WHITTLESEA

I, [REDACTED] do hereby certify-

(i) that at **QUEENSTOWN**

on the 10th day of JUNE 2014 commencing at 09:00

I examined the body of **black adult male**

(ii) that this body was identified to me-

(a) by [REDACTED] of Queenstown

as being that of **UNIDENTIFIED DR 355/2014**

whose age was unknown

(iii) that the death took place as informed on 3rd June 2014 at 18:00

(iv) and that the chief post-mortem findings made by me on this body were:

1. MULTIPLE STAMP AND LINEAR ABRASIONS
EXTERNALLY
2. FRACTURED LEFT 6TH AND 7TH RIBS WITH ABRASIONS ON
RIGHT VENTRICLE OF HEART
3. RUPTURED JEJENUM WITH BRUISING
4. FIBRINOUS BANDS COVERING BOWEL
5. BLOOD STAINED ASCITIC FLUID
6. SUBENDOCARDIAL HAEMORRHAGE IN LEFT VENTRICLE
7. ALL ORGANS PALE

(v) that, as a result of my observations a schedule of which follows, I concluded-
that the cause/ causes of death was/ were the following:

RUPTURED BOWEL AND PERITONITIS

Dated at **QUEENSTOWN** this 10th day of June 2014

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SCHEDULE OF OBSERVATIONS

General:

1. Height: 1,74 m Mass: 70 kg Physique: Muscular Nutrition: Good
2. Special identifying features: Healed scars on chest; healed surgical scar; healing burns of both legs
3. Secondary post-mortem changes: Refrigerated body
4. External appearance of body and condition of limbs:
 - 1) 4 circular abrasions posterior aspect of left elbow
 - 2) Linear abrasion left lower chest anteriorly – 2cm long
 - 3) Linear abrasion left flank anteriorly – 1cm long
 - 4) Abrasion on thumb and palm of left hand
 - 5) Abrasion left knee anteriorly
 - 6) 3 abrasions back of left chest and shoulder
 - 7) Linear abrasions right buttock
 - 8) Linear abrasion right buttock – 10cm long
 - 9) Abrasion left leg anteriorly over healing scar

HEAD AND NECK

5. Skull: No obvious injury
6. Intracranial contents: Normal, no obvious injury
7. Orbital, nasal and aural cavities: Pale
8. Mouth, tongue and pharynx: Pale
9. Neck structures: Normal

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CHEST

10. Thoracic cage and diaphragm: Extensive haematoma left lower chest intercostal muscles, fractured left 6th and 7th ribs; pleural effusion of 100ml
11. Mediastinum and oesophagus: Pale
12. Trachea and bronchi: Pale
13. Pleura and lungs: Bilaterally dry
Right:
Left:
14. Heart and pericardium: Abrasion in epicardium of left ventricle; subendocardial haemorrhage in left ventricle
15. Large blood vessels: Normal

ABDOMEN

16. Peritoneal cavity: Bile stained ascitic fluid of 1000ml, fibrinous layer covering peritoneum
17. Stomach and contents: Normal
18. Intestines and mesentery: Circular bruise of jejunum with perforation at the centre with omentum stuck to the perforation; bowel covered with fibrinous layer
19. Liver / gall-bladder and biliary passages: Pale cirrhotic liver
20. Pancreas: Autolysed
21. Spleen: Absent

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22. Adrenals: Pale
23. Kidneys: Bilaterally pale
Right:
Left:
24. Urinary bladder and urethra: Empty
25. Pelvic walls: Normal
26. Genital organs: Normal

SPINE

27. Spinal column: Normal
28. Spinal cord: Normal

Specimens retained:

BLOOD FOR ALCOHOL CONTENT HANDED TO [REDACTED]