

SOLANO COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE

Thomas A. Ferrara, Sheriff-Coroner
520 Clay Street
Fairfield, CA 94533
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DEATH INVESTIGATION REPORT

CORONER CASE #
20-1267

INCIDENT INFORMATION

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY WITH JURISDICTION: Vallejo Police Dept	REPRESENTATIVE TITLE AND NAME: Officer William Rhodes	AGENCY CR #: <input type="checkbox"/> N/A 20-12944	
DATE/TIME RECEIVED: 11/30/2020 11:02	NAME AND AGENCY OF PERSON REQUESTING DEPUTY CORONER: (Officer, Nurse, EMS, etc.) William Rhodes, Vallejo Police Department		
MANNER OF DEATH: Natural	DONOR CASE: No	DONOR BANK NAME: N/A	REMOVAL SERVICE: C

DECEDENT INFORMATION

DECEDENT'S NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST): Angela Kay Cook	DOB: [REDACTED]	AGE: [REDACTED]	ETHNICITY: Caucasian	GENDER: F
DECEDENT'S RESIDENCE ADDRESS: (Street, City, State, Zip) [REDACTED]				HOME PHONE#: [REDACTED]
DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER: [REDACTED]	DL STATE: [REDACTED]	SSN#: [REDACTED]		
MARITAL STATUS: Divorced	DISPOSITION OF DECEDENT'S PERSONAL PROPERTY:			
NEXT OF KIN NAME / ADDRESS: Timothy Cook / [REDACTED]	RELATIONSHIP TO DECEDENT: Son	PHONE #S: [REDACTED] /		
NEXT OF KIN NOT FIED? Yes	F NOTIF ED, BY WHOM: Deputy T. Dorji	DATE/TIME NOTIF ED: 11/30/2020 14:00	AGENCY: Solano County Sheriff	

DEATH INFORMATION

PLACE OF DEATH (Facility Name or Address Location: <input type="checkbox"/> SAME AS DECEDENT'S RESIDENCE) Roadway Inn / 4 Mariposa Street, #139, Vallejo, CA 94590	<input type="checkbox"/> RESUSCITATIVE EFFORTS WERE MADE <input type="checkbox"/> DEATH WAS OBVIOUS		
DATE OF DEATH: 11/30/2020	PRONOUNCED BY: (Title, Name, ID #, and Agency) Paramedic Kenneth Borges, 956, Vallejo Fire Department	LOCATION OF DECEDENT (MORTUARY NAME): <input type="checkbox"/> CMF Skyview Memorial Lawn	
TIME OF DEATH: 10:06	HOW WAS DECEDENT IDENTIFIED: Fingerprint Comparison	WHO MADE IDENTIFICATION (NAME/RELATIONSHIP): Tenzin Dorji / Solano Coroner	
DATE/TIME LAST KNOWN ALIVE:	BY WHOM (NAME):	ADDRESS:	PHONE#:
CLOTHING DESCRIPTION:			

MEDICAL INFORMATION

DECEDENT'S PRIMARY PHYSICIAN: <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN Michele Herman M.D.	PHYSICIAN OFFICE #:	DATE LAST SEEN: <input type="checkbox"/> UNK 3/25/2020	PHYSICIAN WILL SIGN D.C.: Yes
MEDICAL / SOCIAL HISTORY: <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease			
FOUND MEDICATIONS: <input type="checkbox"/> NONE LOCATED Albuterol, Amitriptyline, Symbicort			
DRUG/ALCOHOL HISTORY: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN			

If decedent's death was the result of an accident / injury, please complete the following:

DATE & TIME OF INJURY: N/A	LOCATION OF INJURY (ADDRESS): N/A	CITY: N/A	ZIP: N/A	COUNTY: N/A
DESCRIBE HOW INITIAL INJURY OCCURRED: <input type="checkbox"/> Motor Vehicle Accident - DECEDENT WAS: <input type="checkbox"/> Driver <input type="checkbox"/> Passenger <input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian - DECEDENT WAS WEARING: <input type="checkbox"/> Seatbelt <input type="checkbox"/> Helmet N/A				
VEHICLE MAKE/MODEL/COLOR: N/A	LICENSE PLATE NUMBER: N/A	DISPOSITION (TOW COMPANY NAME): N/A		

SYNOPSIS

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Vallejo Police Department as an unattended residential death. The 50-year-old decedent, Angela Cook, lived at the housing project, called Unity Care located at 4 Mariposa Street #139 in Vallejo. The decedent had not been seen for three days over the long Thanksgiving weekend holiday. Her case manager checked on the decedent and found her cold and unresponsive on her bed. The case manager called 911 to summon aid, and the Vallejo Police and a crew from the Vallejo Fire Department responded to the

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scene. Paramedic Kenneth Borges tended to the decedent but pronounced her dead at 1006 hrs. The decedent utilized an oxygen system and had numerous medications in her room. The decedent's case manager did not have any information readily available on the decedent's next of kin. I had the decedent brought to the Coroner's Office for safe keeping. The decedent's son, Tim Cook, was later notified of the death. The decedent's physician, Michele Herman M.D. completed her death certificate and indicated she died of Cardiopulmonary Arrest due to Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease. The decedent was released to Skyview Memorial Lawn for final disposition.

CONTACTS

OTHER **Carrie Goodspeed** **F**
Role Name Sex Race
4 Mariposa Street, Vallejo CA 94590 (510) 908-4749 DOB Telephone Height Weight
Address Telephone Case Manager Occupation
Unity Care Project Room Key (510) 908-4749 Cell Phone Occupation
Employer Work Phone Cell Phone Occupation
State/DL#

SON **Timothy Cook** **M** **White**
Role Name Sex Race
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] DOB Telephone Height Weight
Address Telephone Height Weight
Employer Work Phone Cell Phone Occupation
State/DL#

NO RELATION **William Rhodes** **M**
Role Name Sex Race
111 Amador Street, Vallejo CA 94590 Telephone DOB Sex Race
Address Telephone Height Weight
Vallejo Police Department (707) 648-4321 Cell Phone Occupation
Employer Work Phone Cell Phone Occupation
State/DL#

NO RELATION **Kenneth Borges** **M**
Role Name Sex Race
970 Nimitz Avenue, Vallejo CA 94592 Telephone DOB Sex Race
Address Telephone Height Weight
Vallejo Fire Department (707) 648-4526 Cell Phone Occupation
Employer Work Phone Cell Phone Occupation
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NO RELATION **Michele Herman M.D.** **F**
Role Name Sex Race
220 Hospital Drive, Vallejo CA 94589 Telephone DOB Sex Race
Address Telephone Height Weight
La Clinica (707) 645-7316 Cell Phone Occupation
Employer Work Phone Cell Phone Occupation
State/DL#

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NARRATIVE

113020 / 1102 hrs: I received a call from Officer William Rhodes from the Vallejo Police Department in reference to the unattended residential death of 50 year old Angela Cook, who was discovered unresponsive at the Roadway Inn at 4 Mariposa Street #139 in Vallejo. Officer Rhodes provided me with the following statement in summary: At approx. 0958 hrs, the Vallejo Police Department received a telephone call from the decedent's case manager, Carrie Goodspeed, reporting she was unresponsive in her bed. Officer Rhodes and a crew from the Vallejo Fire Department responded to the scene. Paramedic Kenneth Borges tended to the decedent but pronounced her dead at 1006 hrs. Goodspeed reported that the decedent was a resident of the program Unity Care, as part of Project Room Key. The decedent had not been seen for three days over the long Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Goodspeed checked on the decedent and found her cold and unresponsive on her bed. Officer Borges did not find any signs of injury or foul play. The decedent had a reported health history of COPD, diabetes, hypertension, chronic knee pain and morbid obesity. Goodspeed did not have any information readily available on the decedent's next of kin. I advised Officer Rhodes that I would attempt to locate the decedent's next of kin but would call him back in a few minutes.

113020 / 1115 hrs: I conducted a TLO search on the decedent in an effort to locate her family. The TLO return listed a Timothy Cook in Vallejo as a possible relative. There were no associated telephone number of Timothy. I re-contacted Officer Rhodes and advised him that I would respond to his location and have the decedent brought to the Coroner's Office for safe keeping.

113020 / 1130 hrs: I contacted Legacy Removal Service and requested they respond to the scene and have the decedent transported to the County morgue.

113020 / 1145 hrs: I arrived on scene, examined the decedent, and made the following observations: The decedent was in a sleeping position on the bed. She was covered by a sheet and a comforter. She was dressed in a black shirt and black short pants. There was an oxygen tube in her nose, and there was an oxygen tank next to the bed. The decedent was cold to the touch. Rigor mortis was present and difficult to overcome, and fixed post mortem lividity was present and consistent with her position. There were no signs of injury on the decedent. I took several photographs of the decedent and later uploaded all of the images onto Evidence.com.

I located and collected the following medications from the decedent's room: Quetiapine, Gabapentin, Furosemide, Prednisone, Amitriptyline, Amlodipine and Lisinopril. I later entered the decedent's medications into evidence for destruction. I also located information on the decedent's physician, Dr. Michele Herman.

113020 / 1150 hrs: Legacy Removal personnel arrived on scene, collected the decedent and transported her to the County morgue.

I then traveled to [REDACTED] in an effort to contact Timothy. I did not receive an answer at the door, but left a business card requesting he call me.

113020 / 1400 hrs: I received a call from Timothy. I advised Timothy of the decedent's death and of the circumstances of her discovery. I advised Timothy of the Coroner's Office policies and procedures and gave him some suggestions on how he could proceed with the decedent's disposition. I encouraged Timothy to contact the Coroner's Office if he had any additional questions or concerns in the future.

120120 / 0910 hrs: I electronically scanned and submitted the decedent's fingerprints to the California Department

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of Justice and the FBI. The decedent was identified as Angela Kay Cook. The CII number assigned is A11702183. The decedent was not identified. I confirmed the decedent's identity by comparison of her California DMV photograph.

121020 / 1000 hrs: The decedent was released to Skyview Memorial Lawn for final disposition.

121420 / Unk hrs: The decedent's physician, Michele Herman M.D., completed her death certificate and indicated she died from Cardiopulmonary Arrest due to Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease.

Based on all of the information I obtained during the investigation of this case, I determined the manner of the decedent's death was natural. The decedent was brought to the Coroner's Office for safe keeping only.

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