

Riverside County Sheriff - Coroner Division

Coroner Investigation



MODE **Homicide**

CASE # **201808865**

STATUS **Coroner Review**

DEPUTY **Denise Ferris**

CASE INFO

REPORTED BY Sgt. Crawford, #1213		AGENCY Riverside Police Department		DATE 07-20-18	TIME 2118
NEWS RELEASE ****	NAME RELEASABLE ****	ROLL-OUT? No	# OF PHOTOS	MEDIUM	SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

DECEDENT INFO

1 NAME (FIRST) Arthur		2 (MIDDLE) Cornejo		3 (LAST) Levario, Jr.	
AKA Tentative: Arthur Cornejo Levario, Jr.			DOE TYPE/NUMBER Undetermined 266-18		PHONE
20 ADDRESS ****				21 CITY Hemet	25 STATE CA
				23 ZIP 92543	
6 SEX Male	14 RACE Hispanic	4 DOB 05-31-1973	5 AGE 45 yrs	RELATED CASE NUMBERS N/A	
BODY BAG # 67487		TOE TAG 59671	10 SS# ****	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
DRIVER'S LIC. # ****		STATE CA	HOW IDENTIFIED	CAL-ID fingerprints	

LEGAL NEXT OF KIN

NAME Lucia Mansuetti		RELATIONSHIP Mother	MOTHER'S DOB/AG	DATE/TIME NOTIFIED 07-21-18 0000	NOTIFIED BY Hemet PD
ADDRESS				21 CITY Hemet	25 STATE CA
				23 ZIP 92543	
PHONE ****		ALTERNATE PHONE #			

PLACE/DEATH OCCURRED

7 DATE 07-20-18	8 TIME 2100	DAY OF DEATH Friday	PRONOUNCED BY Pronounced by Kristen Johnson, #P26843, Riverside City Fire
101 PLACE OF DEATH Roadway		102 IP-ER/OP-DOA	FAC OTHER THAN HOSPITAL Other
105 FACILITY ADDRESS OR LOCATION WHERE FOUND 5290 Arlington Avenue			106 CITY Riverside

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

ADDITIONAL NARRATIVE ATTACHED YES NO

MEDICAL HISTORY

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MEDICAL

TRANSPORTED FROM	ADMITTED TO?	DATE	TIME	M/R ORDERED	MED REC #	BLOOD ORDERED
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CAUSE OF DEATH

107 CAUSE (A) Gunshot Wound of Left Neck	TIME INTERVAL Mins	109 BIOPSY PERFORMED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
(B) DUE TO		110 AUTOPSY PERFORMED? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
(C)		AUTOPSY # A0825-18 JR EXAM #
(D)		INDIGENT #

112 OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO CAUSE GIVEN IN 107
None

113 WAS OPERATION PERFORMED FOR ANY CONDITION IN ITEM 107 OR 112? IF "YES" LIST TYPE OF OPERATION & DATE
 YES NO DESCRIBE

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN	PHONE	DATE LAST ATTENDED	CAUSE GIVEN BY Jolie R Rodriguez
115 PHYSICIAN TO SIGN D.C. Riverside County Coroner	ADDRESS	PHONE	DATE 07-23-18 TIME 1115

INJURY

119 SPECIFY MODE Homicide	123 PLACE OF INJURY Roadway	120 AT WK? No	121 DATE 07/20/2018	122 HOUR 2010
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125 LOCATION (include Zip Code)
5290 Arlington Avenue Riverside, 92504

124 DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED
Shot by law enforcement during a pursuit.

PROPERTY

PROPERTY? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	PROP RLSD? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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LAW ENFORCEMENT

AGENCY Riverside Police Department RSO Hemet Hemet PD	AGENT Det. Karla Beler, #1076	REPORT NUMBER P18135608 PC 182010056 18-8865
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AUTOPSY

ORDERED BY RE	DATE 07-20-18	TOX ORDERED 07-23-18	TOX RECEIVED 08-15-18	AGENT(S) ***** TO ATTEND
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DISPO OF REMAINS

PRESENT LOCATION ****	MORGUE STATUS	VEHICLE TOWED
TRANSPORTED BY ****	NOTIFIED BY ****	DATE ****
TIME ****	ARRIVED	
44 MORTUARY Evans Brown Mortuaries - Perris		PHONE OF MORTUARY 951-657-5178

REVIEWED BY **Escobar** **08-22-18 0911** *[Signature]* 3.4.19

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07/22/2018

Report of Death to Coroner:

On July 20, 2018, around 2118 hours, I received a telephone call from Sgt. M. Crawford, ID #1213, of the Riverside Police Department. Sgt. Crawford was calling to inform this office of a pursuit followed by an officer involved shooting (OIS) death of an adult male, later positively identified as Arthur Cornejo Levario Jr. Sgt. Crawford provided me with the address of the briefing and I told him I would be en route to the scene.

I notified Sergeant (Sgt.) J. Bengtson, ID #2439, of the case circumstances and location of the briefing. Sgt. Bengtson told me that Coroner Sgt. R. Escobar, ID #N4789, would meet me at the briefing.

Scene Description:

I responded from the Coroner's Division Perris Station around 2139 hours, arrived on-scene around 2211 hours, and met with multiple personnel from Riverside Police Department. The scene was described as the eastbound lanes of Arlington Avenue, in front of a Del Taco fast food restaurant, located at 5290 Arlington Avenue in the city of Riverside.

Levario's car, a silver Chrysler Sebring Convertible, was facing west in the eastbound lanes. Surrounding Levario's car to the right front, facing a northwest direction, was a Riverside Police Department Armored Rescue Vehicle (ARV). To the left front quarter panel, facing a northeast direction, was a dark GMC Envoy Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV). In front of the SUV, facing east, was a light colored Toyota Camry. Several feet behind Levario's car, also facing west, was a black and white marked patrol vehicle.

Details:

Detective (Det.) A. Paez, ID #10459, and Sgt. M. Mouat, ID #10159, of the Hemet Police Department (HPD) provided the circumstances that precipitated the pursuit. Officers with the HPD conducted a follow up investigation reference a violation of California Penal Code section 246, negligent discharge of a firearm. As officers arrived to Levario's residence, located at 2098 Calle Diablo, in Hemet, they saw him in the driver's seat of his car. When Levario saw the officers, he drove away from the residence. A pursuit was initiated and at 1935 hours, assistance was requested from the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. At 1939 hours, deputies with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department were dispatched and joined the pursuit. It was reported that Levario was driving approximately 100 miles per hour (mph), and ran a red light at the intersection of westbound State Highway 74 and Trumble Road. At 1943 hours, deputies reported Levario was shooting at them and entered the northbound Interstate 215 freeway, traveling between 80 and 110 mph. At 1950 hours, Levario exited the freeway at Van Buren Boulevard, and traveled westbound while shooting at the pursuing deputies. At 1955 hours, Riverside Police Department assumed the pursuit and at 2008 hours, all Riverside County Sheriff units withdrew from the pursuit.

Sgt. P. Elliott, ID #478, of the Riverside Police Department, conducted a briefing and provided the following summary of information surrounding the call. After Riverside Police officers assumed the pursuit, Levario continued driving through multiple streets at speeds between 50-60 mph. Prior to the termination of the pursuit, Levario turned west onto westbound Arlington Avenue. A Riverside Police Department officer was sitting in his black and white marked patrol vehicle at the intersection of California Avenue

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and Arlington Avenue. As Levario approached, the officer fired his duty weapon, as Levario drove by him. Levario crossed into the eastbound traffic lanes, and drove westbound on Arlington Avenue. Levario was stopped by the oncoming traffic in front of him and marked black and white patrol units behind him. When Levario came to a stop, he opened the driver's side door, but the car continued to accelerate and pushed against the SUV. Riverside police officers believed Levario might get out and flee. Levario did not exit his car, but he was noted to be slumped over to the right, over the center console. Riverside police officers used their ARV and approached the passenger side of the vehicle, fired two less than lethal rounds into Levario's car; Levario did not move. The ARV then pulled partially in front of Levario's car and a Riverside Police Department K9 was deployed to the open car door. The K9 bit Levario; however, he still he did not move. Riverside Police Department personnel escorted Firefighter Paramedic Kristen Johnson, ID #P26843, of the Riverside City Fire Department to the car. She checked Levario for vital signs, found none, and pronounced Levario dead at 2059 hours. This concluded the briefing. For additional information regarding the law enforcement investigation, please refer to Riverside Police Department report P18135608.

I was escorted by Riverside police personnel for a scene walk through and took photographs of the scene and suspect. Police personnel told me it would be several hours before they were ready to approach and have Levario's body processed. Deputy Coroner E. Devore, #N5016, responded and processed the body. Please refer to Deputy Coroner Devore's supplemental report for additional information.

Documentation:

I took a total of forty-two color digital photographs of the body and scene. For additional information regarding documentation, please refer to Deputy Coroner Devore's supplemental report.

Disposition:

On July 23, 2018, Dr. Jolie Rodriguez performed an autopsy on Levario. The results of the autopsy were left pending, awaiting the coroner review process. For additional information regarding the medical and toxicological findings, please refer to the administrative deputy coroner's supplemental report.

Report completed by:

Denise Ferris, N3582
Deputy Coroner II

July 26, 2018

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Coroner Supplemental

07/21/2018

Supplemental Information

On 7/21/2018, at 0500 hours, I was informed by Deputy Coroner Denise Ferris #N3582, that the Riverside Police Department (RPD) was investigating an officer involved shooting (OIS) death of a male, who was identified as Arthur Cornejo Levario, Jr. Deputy Coroner Ferris was on the scene of the OIS and completed a scene investigation. Levario was not ready to be processed at the time, as RPD was completing their portion of the investigation. I was informed by Deputy Coroner Ferris that RPD would call the Perris Forensic Center (PFC), when they were ready for the Coroner to return to the scene.

Details:

At 0656 hours, Detective (Det.) Karla Beler, ID #1076, from RPD called the PFC and informed me they were ready for the Coroner's Bureau to return to the scene. I was informed the scene was located 5295 Arlington Avenue, in the city of Riverside. I left the PFC at 0710 hours, and arrived to the scene at 0737 hours. When I arrived, I was met by Det. K. Beler. She informed me they were still conducting their portion of the investigation and would be ready for us to perform our body examination in approximately thirty minutes.

Scene Description:

When I arrived to the scene, Levario was seated inside a parked vehicle that was facing westbound in the eastbound lanes of Arlington Avenue. There was a semi-automatic handgun on the front passenger seat. The front driver's side door of the vehicle was open and the trunk of the vehicle was open. Several holes were located in the windshield of the vehicle and several of the side windows were broken out. There was a large green RPD tactical vehicle and several bystander owned vehicles surrounding Levario's vehicle.

For additional scene information refer to the Riverside Police Department report #P18135608.

Deputy Coroner's External Examination of Remains:

At 0830 hours, I began the body examination of Levario at the scene. The deceased male was later identified as Arthur Cornejo Levario, Jr. by his fingerprints.

- a) Body Position: Levario was seated in the front driver's seat of a vehicle. He was slumped over to his right side.
- b) Clothing Description: He was wearing a gray t-shirt, blue denim shorts with a black belt, plaid boxer briefs, white socks, and blue tennis shoes.
- c) Post Mortem Changes: He had rigor mortis that released with great pressure. Lividity was present and blanched with moderate pressure. Rigor and lividity were consistent with the position the body was found in.

Ambient temperature and method used: At the time of my scene investigation, the ambient temperature was approximately 78.8 degrees Fahrenheit, according to my personal digital thermometer.

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e) Identifying marks, scars, tattoos: He had a scar on his left shoulder and scars to the left side of his abdomen.

f) Trauma: He had a circular defect to the lower left side of the head, a circular defect to the back of his left shoulder, and a small elongated defect to the lower right side of the back of his head.

g) Other Observations: Blood was noted at the mouth and nose.

Documentation:

I took fifty-four digital photographs of the scene and Levario's body. I released personal belonging to RPD at the scene. I collected a California driver's license #Y4971000 from the wallet of Levario, inventoried it on Coroner's receipt #58452, and later released it for return to the California Department of Motor Vehicles. At 0848 hours, I collected samples from the hands of Levario for gunshot residue testing. I collected fingernail clippings from the right hand at 0852 hours. I obtained fingernail clippings from his left hand at 0855 hours. The gunshot residue sample and fingernail clippings were released to Det. K. Beler.

I took inked fingerprints from Levario at 0901 hours. I collected a blood sample from Levario's right and left femoral arteries at 0947 hours. I placed Coroner's toe tag #59671, on Levario's right great toe at 0950 hours. I sealed Levario's body bag at 0953 hours, with Coroner's seal #67487. At 0955 I broke seal #67487 and placed the collected blood sample inside the body bag. I then resealed the body bag with Coroner's seal #046326 at 0956 hours.

At 1205 hours, this office submitted the inked fingerprints to CAL-ID for confirmation of positive identification.

The post mortem examination was scheduled for 7/23/2018, at 1100 hours, and detectives were going to attend. I cleared the scene at 1005 hours, and responded back to the PFC.

This information will be forwarded to Deputy Ferris for her case file.

Report completed by: Eric DeVore
Deputy Coroner #N5016
7/22/2018

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02/28/2019

Supplemental Information

On 02/27/2019, a Coroner's Review was conducted on behalf of Riverside County Sheriff-Coroner Chad Bianco in the matter of the death of Arthur Levario.

After the facts were presented, Sheriff-Coroner Bianco certified the cause, manner, and mode of death.

The cause of death was determined to be: Gunshot Wound of Left Neck.

The manner of death has been classified as: Homicide.

The mode of death has been determined to be: Shot by law enforcement during a pursuit.

Administrative Deputy Coroner,
Kirsten Ramirez, ID #N5996

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