

Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for Morse County
REPORT OF AUTOPSY EXAMINATION

Name: Wade Stark DOB: 9/17/2010 Age: 12
Race: Caucasian Sex: Male

AUTHORIZATION

Authorized by Luke Charles, M.D. Received from the State of Utopia
Digitally signed: April 22, 2023, Henry McCoy, M.D.

ENVIRONMENT

Date of exam: 04/23/2023 Time of Exam: 12:05
Autopsy facility: Utopia BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS

CERTIFICATION

Cause of death: Spinal cord severed between the C1 and C2 vertebrae causing death within minutes.

Date of Death: 04/22/2023 Time of Death: 16:25

EXTERNAL DESCRIPTION

Length: 66 inches Weight: 93 lbs. Body Condition: Intact
Liver: State is normal Hair: Light brown
Eyes: Brown Teeth: Natural and in good condition
Skin: The soft tissues and typically positioned internal organs lack unusual odor or atypical color. The soft tissues have a normal appearance.

MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION

Cardiovascular: The heart is normal size and weight for the patient's age and appears structurally normal.
Respirator: The heart is normal size and weight for the patient's age and appears structurally normal.
Gastrointestinal: The typically formed tongue, esophagus, junction at the stomach, and gastric area are without note. The stomach, large bowels, and small bowels appear normal.
Toxicology: All toxicology tests came back negative with no trace of toxins.

SUMMARY AND INTERPRETATION

The decedent was a 12-year-old boy, who at the time of death, was an otherwise healthy child showing no evidence of other trauma. After being hit with a dodgeball ball in the left shoulder, the decedent fell on his neck, causing a severing of the spinal cord. Given the autopsy and investigative findings, it is my opinion that the cause of death in this case is a spinal cord injury of the neck due to falling.