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V-05-174  
SAUTER, Joyce

**CERTIFICATION:**

I hereby certify that I, Frederick J. DiCarlo, M.D., Assistant Medical Examiner, Middlesex County, have conducted an external examination of the identified, refrigerated, unembalmed remains of Joyce Sauter, Case No.: 12-05-1201, View No.: V-05-174, at Middlesex County Medical Examiner Office in North Brunswick, New Jersey, on 10/31/05. The examination started at 1430 hours, and is assisted by Forensic Technician Rene Velez.

**EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:**

The body is that of a slender white female weighing 83 pounds, measuring 59-1/2 inches, and appearing to be the stated age of 61 years. The body is dressed in a hospital gown. No jewelry, ring or watch is present. A gray sock is on the left foot and the right foot. A pad is on the heel of the left foot and right foot. The temperature of the body is cold to the touch. Rigor mortis is well developed in the upper extremities, lower extremities, and jaws. Fixed livor mortis is observed over the posterior parts of the body, except in areas exposed to pressure, where it is absent. The head hair is gray, and shows thinning. The eyes are blue with pale conjunctivae. No petechial hemorrhages are noted in either conjunctiva. The pupils are dilated and measure 0.7 cm. in diameter. The cornea and lenses are transparent. The skeleton of the nose is intact, and no foreign material is present in the nostrils. The external ears and external auditory canals do not show any abnormality. The teeth are in a good state of dental repair. There is no evidence of traumatic injury in the oral cavity. The frenula on the inner aspects of the lips are intact without injury or any abnormality. The neck structures are midline, and no masses are palpable in the neck. The neck is free of traumatic injury. Palpation of the neck does not reveal crepitation. The face, head, and neck are not congested and are pale. The skin throughout the body is pale. There are no petechial hemorrhages in the face, head, neck, or elsewhere. The shoulders do not show any abnormality, except that the musculature is reduced in mass. The chest does not show any abnormality, except that the musculature is reduced in mass. The abdomen is flat, and no masses are palpated through the abdominal wall.

The fingernails are slightly long, and the nail beds are pale. A small area of reddish purpura is present on the dorsal right forearm measuring 1 cm. in greatest dimension. A vertically-oriented, healed, surgical scar is on the lower back measuring 8 cm. in length. There is no decubitus ulcer or other abnormality in the back. Passive motion of the head, neck, shoulders, elbows, wrists, fingers, knees and ankles does not elicit bony crepitus or abnormal motion.

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**EVIDENCE OF RECENT MEDICAL TREATMENT:**

A Duragesic patch is present on the right arm, which is labeled "50 ug. per hour Fentanyl Transdermal System".

**EVIDENCE OF RECENT TRAUMA:**

None.

**MEDICAL HISTORY:**

Bilateral non-small cell carcinoma of the lungs with lymph node involvement and metastases.

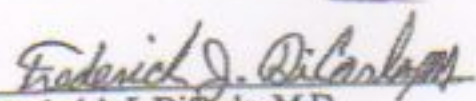
**TOXICOLOGY:**

Specimens are submitted for toxicology.

An FTA card with a blood sample is prepared, which is stored in the file.

**CAUSE OF DEATH:** Pending toxicology.

**MANNER OF DEATH:** Pending.

  
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2 November 2005

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