

Milwaukee County Medical Examiner
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Case Number: 24-04410
Investigator: Erica Gremminger
Date of Death: 06/30/2024
Date Today: 8/2/2024

INVESTIGATION REPORT - PRESS

Decedent: Dvontaye L. Mitchell

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SYNOPSIS

This 43-year-old male was restrained by four people after being combative in the hotel lobby. He reportedly went unresponsive while staff awaited police arrival. Illicit drug paraphernalia was found on his person. The decedent was conveyed to this office for an autopsy. -EAG

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

On 6/30/2024 at 1617 hours, Lieutenant Dan Voltner with the Milwaukee Fire Department (MFD) - Med Unit 18, contacted this office to report the death of an unidentified black male at the front entrance of the Hyatt Regency Hotel located at 333 West Kilbourne Avenue, Milwaukee, 53203. I obtained the following information:

Med Unit 18 was dispatched to the above-stated address on today's date at 1536 hours for an "assault". An unidentified male became combative and was struggling with security personnel inside the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The individual was reportedly taken out of the hotel and restrained prone on the ground outside of the front entrance. Lieutenant Voltner was unsure if the patient was restrained by bystanders, hotel security, or police officers with the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD). Med 18 arrived at 1541 hours and observed police officers with MPD performing cardiopulmonary compressions on the patient. Police officers reported to MFD that one round of Narcan was administered prior to paramedic's arrival.

Med Unit 18 took over resuscitative efforts on the patient. They placed defibrillator pads, which showed he was asystole. Paramedics inserted an I-Gel airway and an intraosseous (IO) line to his right tibia/fibula. A total of four rounds of epinephrine, 50 milliequivalents of sodium bicarbonate, three grams of calcium gluconate, and 1,000 milliliters of normal saline solution. Ventilations were provided through a bag valve mask and compressions were administered with the LUCAS device throughout resuscitation. The patient remained asystole, so resuscitative efforts were stopped. The time of death was pronounced at 1611 hours by Paramedic Based Physician, Dr. Morgan Wilbanks (#0048).

Lieutenant Voltner observed a small abrasion to the decedent's forehead. No other trauma was noted to his body. I asked Lieutenant Voltner to have the police contact this office when more information is obtained. -EAG

On 6/30/2024 at 1715 hours, Sergeant Craig Thimm with MPD - Homicide Division, contacted this office stating that a Forensic Investigator with MPD was on scene. He asked that this office respond to the scene as soon as possible, due to the decedent being in a public area. I confirmed that I would be responding to the scene shortly. -EAG

On 6/30/2024 at 1820 hours, Detective Martin Saavedra was consulted on scene regarding the death of the unidentified black male. I obtained the following information:

The decedent was tentatively identified by tattoos as Dvontaye L. Mitchell (black male, Age: 43, DOB: 5/11/1981). He had an MPD Bureau of Investigation number of 284166.

Dvontaye entered the lobby of the Hyatt Regency Hotel and appeared to be frantic and panting. He was noted by staff and hotel guests hiding behind various objects throughout the lobby. He tried to hide in the concession area but was told to leave by hotel staff. Dvontaye ran into the women's restroom and attempted to lock himself inside with other females using the restroom. The women inside began to scream, so two hotel security staff gained entry into the restroom and removed Dvontaye. He reportedly became combative with security and attempted to reach into their pockets. Security personnel struggled to subdue him and began to physically drag him out of the hotel through the front entrance. Two other hotel employees assisted the two security personnel once Dvontaye was outside. He was still combative, so all four employees held him down on the concrete face down until MPD arrived. It was unknown at this time where the hotel staff restrained Dvontaye and to what extent.

On 6/30/2024 at 2025 hours, Medicolegal Death Investigator Manager Michael Simley was consulted regarding the death. Due to

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the initial behaviors of Dvontaye appearing to possibly be excited delirium in nature, he advised this investigator to take a rectal temperature of the decedent. Dvontaye was removed from the cooler at 2031 hours and a rectal temperature was attempted. While inserting the rectal thermometer, a foreign object was discovered. Upon further examination, a clear tube with burnt ends and a bronze-colored wirey substance was observed inside the decedent's rectum. This tube was photographed and removed. The tube was approximately five inches in length and was inventoried as evidence. MPD was notified of the found object and later presented to this office to collect the evidence.

The decedent had a rectal temperature of 99 degrees Fahrenheit at 2042 hours. The decedent was placed in the cooler two hours before this temperature was obtained. -EAG

On 6/30/2024 at 2135 hours, on-call pathologist, Dr. Lauren Decker, was consulted about the above-stated decedent and the circumstances surrounding his death. -EAG

On 6/30/2024 at 2216 hours, Detective Cassie Lindert with MPD - Homicide Division contacted this office regarding the death of Dvontaye Mitchell. I obtained the following information:

MPD spoke with Dvontaye's mother, Brenda Giles, and informed her of the death in person. Brenda informed police that Dvontaye was homeless and had recently been admitted to a rehabilitation clinic for drug use. He reportedly struggled with unspecified mental health issues and illicit drug use. No other information was known at this time.

Detective Lindert stated that the four individuals who restrained Dvontaye were interviewed by detectives. All four individuals denied restraining him by the neck or placing him in any choke hold. They stated that they held down his extremities and chest with moderate pressure while Dvontaye was combative. They relieved the pressure while he stopped resisting and applied more pressure when he became combative again. The entire altercation lasted approximately ten minutes until MPD arrived. MPD is using 1523 hours as the time the incident occurred. -EAG

On 6/30/2024 at 2342 hours, the MFD run sheets were uploaded into OnBase. -EAG

SCENE VISIT

On 6/30/2024 at 1724 hours, I arrived at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, located at 333 West Kilbourn Avenue, and was met by multiple detectives from MPD - Homicide Division. The decedent was located in the driveway of the north entrance of the building and was concealed by police barriers.

Dvontaye was underneath a yellow EMS sheet. Upon removing the sheet, he was observed lying supine with his head towards the east and his feet towards the west. He was clad in a t-shirt and sweatshirt, which were pulled above and behind his head, a pair of shorts, underwear, and shoes. Located inside his front right pants pocket was a metal rod with a burnt end, a lighter, a wrapper for cigarette rolling papers, one quarter, one dime, and one penny. The right side pocket contained papers of unknown value, a scratch-off ticket, an electronic smoking device, and a lighter. The front left pants pocket was empty. Located inside the left side pocket was a brown paper bag that contained Chore Boy and a Wisconsin Go transportation card. Two plastic bags were on the ground near his left lower extremity. One bag contained a prescription medication bottle with an unknown liquid inside. The other bag contained beaded bracelets that stated "Mitchell" and "Morgan". All property recovered from the decedent was turned over to detectives from MPD on scene.

Multiple tattoos were observed on Dvontaye's upper extremities. An old healed irregular scar was seen on his right wrist. Resuscitative artifacts were noted to be in place. His skin was warm to the touch and rigor mortis was not observed in the extremities. Lividity was purple in color, blanching, and posteriorly located, which was consistent with his positioning. Abrasions were noted on his left knee, left hand, and left lower back. What appeared to be dried blood was noted on the forehead.

Dvontaye's shoes were removed and a toe tag was attached around his right great toe. Upon removing his left shoe, a metal pipe with burnt ends was found inside. This was collected by detectives with MPD as evidence. Dvontaye's hands were bagged at 1755 hours. He was placed inside a body bag with seal #406001 locking the bag at 1818 hours. The decedent was conveyed by All-Night

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Transport to this office for an autopsy. -EAG

FAMILY CONTACT

On Jun 30, 2024 at 2216 hours, Erica Gremminger of the Medical Examiner's Office spoke to Det. Cassie Lindert of the MPD CIB - Homicide Division and obtained the following information:

Detective Lindert contacted this office to provide the decedent's next of kin information. MPD spoke with Dvontaye's mother, Brenda Giles, and informed her of the death in person. Detective Lindert stated that Brenda became hysterical after being informed of the death. She suggested that this office contact Brenda tomorrow morning (7/1/2024). -EAG

On Jul 01, 2024 at 0645 hours, Hillary Donald, F-ABMDI of the Medical Examiner's Office and obtained the following information:

A voicemail was left for Brenda asking her to return a call to this office. HD

On Jul 01, 2024 at 1020 hours, Cori P Manyen, D-ABMDI of the Medical Examiner's Office spoke to the decedent's mother, Brenda Giles, and obtained the following information:

Brenda stated that she was notified of the death last night by Milwaukee Police Detectives. I briefly went over the circumstances of the death with her; but advised that a non-disclosure was placed by MPD and encouraged her to call them for more information.

Brenda last spoke with Dvontaye via social media on 6/22/2024. He made no recent complaints. The decedent was still legally married to a Deasia Harmon, however they had been separated for quite some time. He had one minor daughter. The mother voiced no objections to autopsy, and will be working on choosing a funeral home. CM

SOCIAL HISTORY

On Jul 01, 2024 at 1020 hours, Cori P Manyen, D-ABMDI of the Medical Examiner's Office spoke to the decedent's mother, Brenda Giles, and obtained the following information:

Brenda stated that the decedent was a smoker. He did not have any problems with alcohol and she was not aware of any history of drug use. CM