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***AUTOPSY REPORT***

**Case No.** 2005-0598

**Name:** Yoomi Moretti **Age:** 22 **Race:** O **Sex:** F

**Date & Time of Autopsy:** 06 Apr 2005 @ 08:10 a.m.

**GENERAL EXAMINATION**

The body is that of a normally developed, well-nourished, adult Asian female, 62 1/2 inches tall, weighing 105 lbs and appearing consistent with the listed age of 22 years. The decedent is dressed in a blue short sleeve scrub top with matching scrub pants, white socks, a blue sleeveless undershirt, a white sleeveless undershirt and pink panties. A red hair band is present within the hair. Blue contact lenses are present within both eyes. Accompanying the body is a spiral notebook containing multiple dental notes and a suicide-type note.

**EXTERNAL EXAMINATION**

Rigor mortis is fully developed in all joints. Fixed livor mortis is present posteriorly and along the anterior thighs. The decedent has long black scalp hair averaging 19 inches in length. The eyes are closed; the conjunctivae are pale and without petechiae; the sclerae are white; the cornea are clear; and the irides are brown. The nose, ears, and external auditory canals are unremarkable except for single punctate scars present within both earlobes, consistent with remote ear piercings. The mouth is closed. The teeth are natural and in good condition.

The thorax is symmetrical and the abdomen is soft and flat. Two 2 x 2 mm crusted lesions involve the lower abdomen. The back is straight and free of trauma.

The upper and lower extremities are symmetrical and atraumatic. Multiple crusted skin lesions involve both distal lower legs, averaging 5 x 5 mm.

The genitalia are those of a normal adult female and are atraumatic. The pubic hair is shaved.

### EVIDENCE OF INJURY

A noose surrounds the neck consisting of a sheet which has been twisted upon itself and knotted at one aspect creating a 14 ½ inch loop with two free edges extending from the knot, measuring 24 inches and 15 inches respectively.

Fine petechial hemorrhages involve the face. The tongue is protruding.

Examination of the neck reveals an irregular dry, tan ligature furrow involving the left lateral and anterior neck with an overall upward slope from anterior to posterior. Along the left lateral neck the furrow extends steeply upward from anterior to posterior and measures 2.5 cm in width anteriorly and 1.0 cm in width posteriorly, centered 2 inches directly below the left external auditory canal. A thin line of erythema extends through the center of the furrow measuring 5 x 0.5 cm. Along the anterior neck, the furrow is irregular measuring 5 cm at the right margin and 2.5 cm at the left margin. Multiple linear areas of erythema are present within the furrow. The furrow courses above and over the thyroid cartilage centered 2 ¼ inches below the tip of the chin. No furrow is evident along the right lateral and posterior neck.

Subsequent autopsy of the neck fails to reveal any hemorrhage within the soft tissues and musculature. The hyoid bone and thyroid cartilages are intact.

### INTERNAL EXAMINATION

**HEAD:** The scalp is incised and retracted. No hemorrhage is present. The cranial vault is opened to reveal no free blood within the cranial cavity. The dura is smooth, tough, and white and is removed to reveal no skull fractures to be present. The leptomeninges are transparent. The brain weighs 1,330 g. The cerebral and cerebellar hemispheres, midbrain and pons are symmetrical and grossly unremarkable. On cut sections, the parenchyma is soft without evidence of infection, tumor or trauma. The cerebral vessels are widely patent.

**BODY:** The body is opened with the Y-shaped incision. The organs occupy their usual positions and relationships. The pleural, peritoneal and pericardial cavities are free of fluid.

**NECK:** There is no evidence of infection, tumor, or trauma. The airway is patent. The thyroid gland is present and unremarkable.

**LUNGS:** The right lung weighs 370 g and the left lung weighs 360 g. The pleural surfaces are purple, smooth and glistening. On cut sections, the parenchyma is soft and congested without evidence of infection or tumor. There are no pulmonary emboli.

**CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM:** The heart weighs 190 g. The epicardial surface is smooth and glistening. The coronary arteries follow the usual right dominant distribution and are remarkable for originating from a single coronary ostia. On cut sections, the endocardium is smooth and shiny and the myocardium is beefy-red and firm. The cardiac valves are thin, delicate and normally formed. The aorta is opened and shows occasional fatty streaks.

**GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM:** The tongue is atraumatic. The esophagus, stomach, and small and large bowels are unremarkable. The appendix is present. The stomach contains a moderate amount of gray mostly digested material.

**LIVER AND BILIARY TRACT:** The liver weighs 1,260 g. The capsule is smooth and glistening. On cut sections, the parenchyma is tan-brown, firm and congested. No mass lesions are seen. The gallbladder is present and unremarkable.

**ADRENAL GLANDS:** Unremarkable.

**PANCREAS:** Unremarkable.

**SPLEEN:** The spleen weighs 100 g. The capsule is blue-gray and glistening. On cut sections, the parenchyma is dark red and soft.

**GENITOURINARY SYSTEM:** The right kidney weighs 100 g and the left kidney weighs 110 g. The capsules remove without difficulty revealing smooth and shiny cortical surfaces. The parenchyma is tan-red with distinct cortico-medullary demarcations. The collecting systems, ureters and bladder are unremarkable. The bladder is empty. The uterus, fallopian tubes and ovaries are present and unremarkable.

**FINDINGS**

- I. Asphyxia by hanging
  - A. Decedent reportedly found partially suspended from a noose fashioned from a sheet in a hotel room
  - B. Upward slanting ligature furrow upon neck
  - C. No other evidence of trauma
  - D. Suicide-type note present at scene
  - E. Clinical history of previous suicidal ideations and attempts

**CONCLUSION**


It is our opinion that Yoomi Moretti, a 22 year old Asian female, died as a result of asphyxia by hanging.

**MANNER OF DEATH:** Suicide.

  
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A/N DRUG SCREEN  
BLOOD, SUBCLAVIAN ( GC/MS )  
NONE DETECTED

ALCOHOLS  
BLOOD, SUBCLAVIAN ( GC )  
NONE DETECTED  
VITREOUS ( GC )  
NONE DETECTED

ALKALINE DRUG SCREEN  
BLOOD, SC ( GC;GC/MS )  
NONE DETECTED

COCAINE AND COCAINE METABOLITES  
BLOOD, SUBCLAVIAN ( GC/MS )  
NONE DETECTED

NARCOTICS  
BLOOD, SUBCLAVIAN ( GC/MS )  
NONE DETECTED