UNRAVELING A TRIPLE DISMEMBERMENT HOMICIDE
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OBJECTIVES

01 Define dismemberment
02 Present the complexities of multiple comingled dismemberments
03 Recognize features helpful for identification
04 Review helpful processes and consultations

DISMEMBERMENT

Mask that a death has occurred
Conceal the body after death or for disposal
Transport the body for disposal
Prevent identification
Richard Chadwell, Edward Frampton, and David Glasser disappeared in the early morning of August 28, 2011 from Glasser's apartment.

Tropical storm Irene swept through the North East.

Men were found 10 days after disappearing.

Buried in excavated area on private property in Becket, MA.

Found multiple black plastic bags containing body parts and personal items/clothing.

Adam Hall (middle) was a sergeant at arms with the local Hells Angels chapter in Lee, MA.

David Chalue (left) Caius Veiovis (right) Glasser was to testify against Adam Hall in September.
Identify each decedent
Collect evidence, toxicology samples, and anthropology samples
Autopsy each decedent
X-ray and photograph each decedent
Re-unite body parts for each decedent and assign ME case number
Open bags and document contents within each bag
X-ray and photograph each bag before opening
Assign ME case number to each bag

**Steps of the Process**

**Commingled Items and Tissues**

- Wallet with state ID
- Clothing
- Tissue
COMMINCED ITEMS

Foliage  Disposable razor  Baby diaper

CLOTHING DOCUMENTATION

Condition  Defects  Many inside out  Brand line

CLOTHING MATCHED TO EACH DECEDENT

- Clothing size
- Defects in clothing and injuries to body
  - Incised / stab wounds
  - Gunshot wounds
Three heads in one bag
Two torsos had pelvis removed
Two torsos had a vertical incision into the abdomen
Limbs commingled
Decomposing
Wet
Dirty
Injured
Margins of soft tissue
Margins of bone
Neck margin
Epiglottis
Hyoid bone
INJURIES

Stab wounds and incised wound on back

GUNSHOT WOUNDS

- Non-lethal location of many gunshot wounds
- One on back of arm

ANTE, PERI, POST MORTEM INJURIES?
**D.G. SUMMARY**
- 2 Gunshot wounds of head
- Gunshot wound of neck
- 3 Stab wounds of back
- Incised wound of back
- Blunt force trauma of left brow and face
- Discrete subcuticular hemorrhages
- Decapitation and dismemberment
- White male
- Osteochondroma of right distal fibula
- Diabetes mellitus history
- History of hypertension
- Schizoaffective disorder history
- Gallbladder not identified
- Heroin metabolite and cocaine metabolite present in tox
- Dissection and dismemberment

**E.F. SUMMARY**
- Gunshot wound of cheek
- Stab wound of neck
- Gunshot wound of shoulder
- Gunshot wounds of arms
- Stab wound and incised wound of jaw, cheek, chin
- Incised wounds of lateral torso, back, left thigh, left arm
- Vertical incised wound of abdomen
- Decapitation and dismemberment
- White male
- Diabetes mellitus history
- Prostate cancer history
- Prostate not identified
- Metal fixation of ankles
- Gallbladder not identified
- Cocaine metabolite present in tox

**R.C. SUMMARY**
- Gunshot wound of right face
- 2 Gunshot wounds of chest
- 2 Stab wounds of neck
- Incised wounds of torso and arm
- Blunt force trauma of chin and mandible
- Rib fractures, a/p/pv
- Vertical incised wound of abdomen
- Decapitation and dismemberment
- Black male
- Clubbing of fingers and toes
- Cocaine metabolite present in tox

**HOMICIDAL VIOLENCE INCLUDING GUNSHOT WOUNDS OF HEAD AND NECK**

**HOMICIDAL VIOLENCE INCLUDING GUNSHOT WOUNDS OF TORSO AND EXTREMITIES**
Table 1. Summary of perimortem trauma, M.E. #2011-12347.

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<th>Element(s)</th>
<th>Trauma</th>
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<th>Blade Characteristics</th>
<th>Sharp Force Trauma</th>
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<td>A.1-A.6</td>
<td>C-verts 2-4</td>
<td>Chopping</td>
<td>Heavy blade</td>
<td>Straight, non-serrated</td>
<td>A.1 chop mark: Inf L &amp; R artic surfs, ant inf body C2, and inf spinous process sheared, with all sheared portions missing except R artic surf.</td>
<td>B. likely same single chopping impact sheared off sup lateral body margins and L &amp; R sup artic surfs C3.</td>
<td>C. 1 chop mark into ant body surf C3.</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>1 refitting (C2 inf R artic surf) and refitting inf surf ant post</td>
<td>Inf sheared frag portion of C2 processed with Item #11; 3 frags from autopsy sawing inf C4; no other damage C4</td>
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<td>B.1-B.2</td>
<td>C-verts 6 &amp; 7, T-vert 1</td>
<td>Sawing</td>
<td>Thin blade</td>
<td>Straight; fine linear striations left behind</td>
<td>3 shallow cuts into sup arch C7, 2 inferiorly into bone on L and center, 1 from L to R into R arch</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>post ant</td>
<td>Kerf width narrow</td>
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<td>C.1-C.4</td>
<td>L prox humerus</td>
<td>Chopping, shaft fractured</td>
<td>Heavy blade</td>
<td>Straight, non-serrated</td>
<td>3 repeated chopping fractured shaft</td>
<td>12 refitting, 1 non-refitting</td>
<td>med/ant prox</td>
<td>dist lat/post</td>
<td>Superficial striations parallel to blade force; prox segment cracked longitudinally</td>
<td>Sawn through head prox and dist shaft</td>
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<td>R prox humerus</td>
<td>Chopping, shaft fractured</td>
<td>Heavy blade</td>
<td>Straight, non-serrated</td>
<td>&gt;1 chopping fractured shaft</td>
<td>3 small non-refitting plus missing bone lat-med-dist</td>
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<td>Sawn perpendicular dist</td>
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<td>L femur shaft</td>
<td>Chopping, shaft fractured</td>
<td>Heavy blade</td>
<td>Straight/irregular</td>
<td>A. smaller frag 4 chop marks.</td>
<td>B. prox segment &amp; conjoining frag 1 chop mark.</td>
<td>C. dist segment 1 chop mark.</td>
<td>D. central large frag 7 chop marks with most after large fragment detachment.</td>
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<td>Heavy blade</td>
<td>Straight/irregular</td>
<td>&gt;2 prox segment, &gt;6 dist segment chop marks.</td>
<td>&gt;6 fainter chop marks into post surface.</td>
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| G.1-G.3 | L-verts 3 & 4 | Chopping trauma into body and arches | Heavy blade | Straight/non-serrated | >2 inf body/arches L3 & sup body/arches L4 chop marks; 1 additional chop mark into sup body margin L4. | 2 superficial chop marks to L arch base L3. | | | | L3 sawn perpendicularly through center of body, leaving prox; L4 sawn perpendicularly through center of body, leaving dist.
END RESULT

WHAT I LEARNED

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<td>Organization</td>
<td>Ask for informal and formal consultation from others</td>
<td>Carefully document and describe every injury</td>
<td>Recognize limitations of interpretation</td>
<td>Always look beneath the surface</td>
<td>Always examine and collect the margins</td>
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After the verdicts were read people yelled at members of the Jury as they were led from the courtroom.

"I'll see you all in hell, remember that. I'm only going back if you'll see me all in hell."