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A partial autopsy was performed on the body of KATHERINE SARAH MORRIS at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for the State of Maryland on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2012.

#### EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

The body was that of a well-developed, well-nourished, African American female clad in a floral tank top, an animal print bra, animal print underwear with attached soiled sanitary napkin, blue jeans with a black belt and paper bags encircling the hands. Brown shoes accompanied the body. A yellow metal ring with a blue stone was on the left ring finger. The body weighed 119 pounds, was 5'4" in height and appeared compatible with the reported age of 22 years. The body was cold. Rigor was present to an equal degree in all extremities. Lividity was present and fixed on the face, chest and left side of the body, except in areas exposed to pressure. Tardieu was on the face and upper chest. The scalp hair was brown, curly and of medium length. Small areas of skin slippage with postmortem drying were on the left side of the face. The irides were brown. The corneae were slightly cloudy. Contact lenses were in place. The conjunctivae were congested without petechiae. The sclerae were congested without petechiae. The external auditory canals and oral cavity were free of foreign material and abnormal secretions. The external nares contained soot. The earlobes were pierced. The nasal skeleton was palpably intact. The lips were without evident injury. The teeth were natural and in good condition. Examination of the neck revealed no evidence of injury. The chest was unremarkable. No injury of the ribs or sternum was evident externally. The abdomen was flat with a ½" linear scar on the right side. Healed surgical scars were not noted. The extremities showed no evidence of fractures lacerations or deformities. The fingernails were partially painted with blue nail polish. Tattoos were not noted. Needle tracks were not observed. The external genitalia were those of a normal adult female. The posterior torso showed a 9" x 11" area of charring and postmortem skin slippage from the neck to the mid back mostly concentrated on the left side. No evidence of medical intervention was noted.

#### EVIDENCE OF INJURY

There was no evidence of significant recent injury.

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INTERNAL EXAMINATION:

HEAD: (CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM)

The scalp was reflected. The calvarium of the skull was removed. The dura mater and falx cerebri were intact. There was no epidural or subdural hemorrhage present. The leptomeninges were thin and delicate. The cerebral hemispheres were symmetrical. The structures at the base of the brain, including cranial nerves and blood vessels were intact. Coronal sections through the cerebral hemispheres revealed pink parenchyma with no lesions. Transverse sections through the brain stem and cerebellum revealed pink parenchyma with no lesions. The brain weighed 1290 grams.

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PATHOLOGIC DIAGNOSES

- I. Carbon Monoxide Intoxication:
- A. Carbon monoxide saturation of 65%
  - B. Soot in nose
  - C. Pink discoloration of brain
  - D. Scene investigation

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OPINION:

This 22 year old, African American female, KATHERINE SARAH MORRIS, died of Carbon Monoxide Intoxication following self-exposure to fumes from charcoal grills lit in an enclosed motor vehicle. Autopsy examination and investigation are consistent with a self-induced exposure. The manner of death is SUICIDE. The deceased had not been consuming alcoholic beverages prior to death.

  
Patricia A. Aronica-Pollak, M.D.  
Assistant Medical Examiner

David R. Fowler, M.D.  
Chief Medical Examiner

Date signed: 5-31-12

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# TOXICOLOGY

## REPORT OF FINDINGS

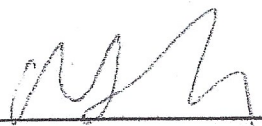
Case # **12-03499**                      Lab # **12-1393**  
Deceased Name                      **Morris, Katherine Sarah**  
If Previous Unknown  
Medical Examiner                      **Patricia Aronica-Pollak MD.**  
Autopsied by                              **Patricia Aronica-Pollak MD.**  
Jurisdiction                                **Anne Arundel**

Specimen Submitted	Test	Results		
Blood Heart	Volatiles	Ethanol	Negative	
Blood Heart	Carbon Monoxide	Saturation	65	%
Blood Heart	Drug Test (comprehensive)	Diphenhydramine	2.0	mg/L
Blood Heart	Drug Test (comprehensive)	Other Drugs Negative		
Blood Peripheral	Drug Test (Individual)	Diphenhydramine	1.7	mg/L

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Toxicologist



Medical Examiner

