

Bramblewood County Sheriff's Office

Crime Scene – Supplemental Report

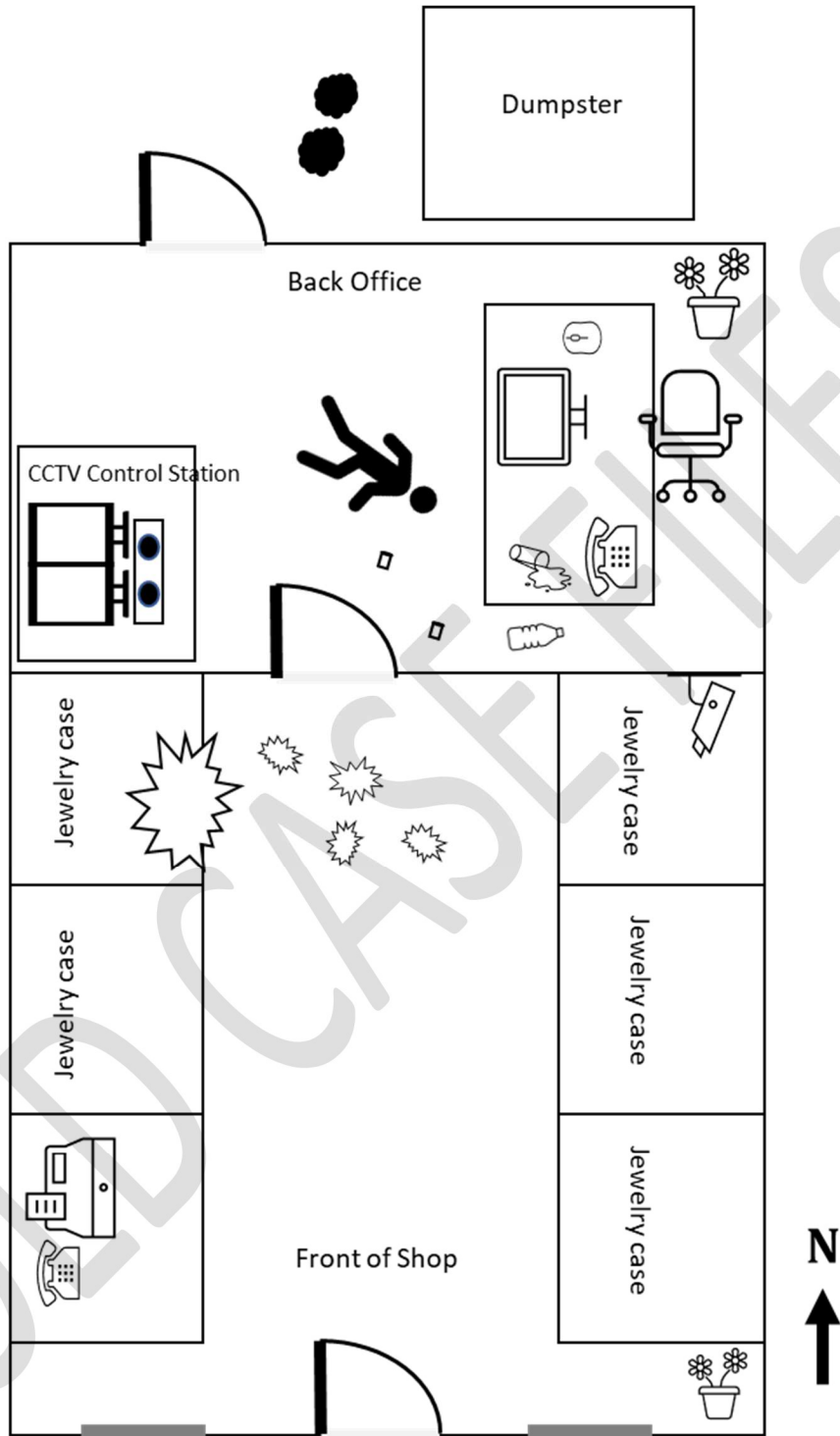
Case Number: B2002-17654	Incident Type: Armed Robbery, Homicide
Date of Incident: October 25, 2002	Incident Address: Green Pearl Vintage Gifts, 23 Rose Street
Victim: Kathy Poindexter (DOB: 08/13/1981)	Victim Address: 2360 Yucca Road
Complainant: Brad Baker (DOB: 02/07/1975)	Complainant Address: 11 Pinnacle Point
Time of Arrival: October 25, 2002, 2231 hours	Time of Departure: October 26, 2002, 0250 hours

On October 25, 2002, at approximately 2231 hours, Detective Colin Williams arrived at the scene of a suspected armed robbery and homicide located at Green Pearl Vintage Gifts (Green Pearl) on 23 Rose Street. First responders indicated that they had received a call from the address of Green Pearl from Brad Baker stating that his friend, Kathy Poindexter, was lying in a pool of blood inside the back office of her workplace, Green Pearl, and did not appear to be breathing. First responders advised that the estimated time of death of Kathy Poindexter was 2140 hours.

Initial Observations

The responding officer observed the parking lot outside of Green Pearl was vacant except for emergency personnel and vehicles belonging to Janet Jones (Green Pearl Owner), Samantha Webster (Green Pearl Coworker), and Brad Baker (Complainant). The front door and front windows of the business were observed to show no signs of forced entry. At the exterior of the back of the business, the back door was observed to be ajar with no signs of forced entry. Two trash bags were located outside of the back door midway between the back door and the dumpster. Upon entry into the office through the back door of the business, the responding officer observed the decedent to be lying prone on the floor with her head tilted laterally (left cheek on the floor), left arm slightly bent at the elbow extending inferiorly towards the feet, and right arm bent at the elbow extending superiorly towards the head. The responding officer observed the decedent's left and right legs to be slightly bent at the knees with both extending inferiorly. The responding officer observed the decedent to be wearing a knee-length, long-sleeved black in color dress patterned with white in color stars and black in color leather loafers. A pool of suspected blood around the decedent's head was observed from apparent gunshot wounds. The responding officer observed two fired bronze and silver in color cartridge cases with "9mm Luger" headstamps on the floor to the right of the decedent. One of the cartridge cases was approximately 1 foot to the right of the decedent's head towards the entry way to the showroom, and the other cartridge case was approximately 5 feet to the right of the decedent's head towards the door frame of the showroom. The responding officer observed the CCTV monitors within the office appeared to be turned off and miscellaneous items appeared disheveled including a tipped over glass of a liquid on the office desk and a juice bottle nearby the desk on the floor. The responding officer did not observe there to be signs of forced entry on the door leading from the office to the showroom of the business. In the showroom of the business, glass jewelry cases lined the walls. The responding officer observed one empty jewelry case near the doorway to the showroom smashed open with shattered glass on the floor in front of the jewelry case. The responding officer did not observe there to be any suspected tools or weapons around the jewelry case. The responding officer observed the cash register appeared to be undisturbed and there were no other signs of a struggle in the showroom of the business.

Crime Scene Sketch*



*Sketch diagram is not drawn to scale.

Initial Witness Statements

Janet Jones (Owner of Green Pearl Vintage Gifts):

Janet Jones was on scene at the time of arrival. She indicated that she received a call at home from an alarm company dispatcher at approximately 2115 hours who notified her that a silent alarm on one of the jewelry cases had been set off. She called Green Pearl's phone immediately after ending the call with the alarm company dispatcher and did not receive an answer. She then drove to Green Pearl and arrived at approximately 2145 hours. She indicated that the decedent, Kathy Poindexter, had been scheduled to work the second shift that day, from 1500 hours to store closing at 2100 hours, with closing tasks usually taking approximately 15-20 minutes to complete after the store's doors are manually locked at 2100 hours. Ms. Jones did not visit the business earlier that day as she was spending the day at a local pumpkin patch with her children and went out to eat with her family around 1800 hours at a local restaurant. Ms. Jones stated that while there are no cameras in the back office of the business, there is one camera located in the front showroom that can be turned on and off using the two control buttons in front of the CCTV monitors in the office. Ms. Jones indicated that this camera is usually always on.

Samantha Webster (Employee of Green Pearl Vintage Gifts):

Samantha Webster was on scene at the time of arrival. She indicated that she had been called at home by Janet Jones from a mobile phone after Ms. Jones' arrival at Green Pearl and arrived at approximately 2200 hours. Ms. Webster stated that she had worked the first shift (1000 hours-1600 hours) at Green Pearl and stated nothing out of the ordinary had occurred during her shift. Ms. Webster stated that Brad Baker had come into the business around 1515 hours or 1530 hours and talked to the decedent, Kathy Poindexter, as she was organizing items in a jewelry case. Ms. Webster indicated this was not an unusual occurrence as Mr. Baker was Ms. Poindexter's ex-boyfriend and he often visited her at work. Ms. Webster stated she believed that Mr. Baker wanted to begin a romantic relationship with Ms. Poindexter again. After Ms. Webster's shift, she stated she had gone shopping at the local mall with her boyfriend, after which they went home to make dinner.

Brad Baker (friend/ex-boyfriend of decedent):

Brad Baker stated that he was a friend of decedent, Kathy Poindexter, and they had dated in the past and were on friendly terms. Mr. Baker indicated that he had stopped by Green Pearl earlier that day, around 1530 hours, and that he made plans with Ms. Poindexter to meet up after she finished her shift. After Mr. Baker left Green Pearl, he went home, watched TV, and prepared a snack. Mr. Baker called Green Pearl's phone near the end of Ms. Poindexter's shift (approximately 2110 hours) to determine their plans after her shift. Mr. Baker stated there was no answer and he attempted to call again around 2115 hours. After still not getting an answer, Mr. Baker drove to Green Pearl and arrived at approximately 2125 hours. Mr. Baker stated that the front door was locked, and that he went around to the back door of the business to find this door to be slightly open. Mr. Baker stated that through the slightly opened back door, he saw Ms. Poindexter lying on the floor in blood inside the back office. Mr. Baker stated he did not check for vital signs on Ms. Poindexter and immediately used Green Pearl's office phone to call 9-1-1.

Items Collected

The following items were collected from the crime scene:

Agency Item Number	Description	Disciplines Requested
CW-1	Blood card from Kathy Poindexter (DOB: 08/13/1981)	DNA
CW-2A	Swab for possible DNA collected from left CCTV control button in back office	DNA
CW-2B	Swab for possible DNA collected from right CCTV control button in back office	DNA
CW-3	Swab for possible DNA collected from mouth region of drink glass on desk in back office	DNA
CW-4	Swab for possible DNA collected from mouth region of juice bottle on floor in back office	DNA
CW-5	Latent lift from drink glass on desk in back office	Latent Prints
CW-6	Latent lift from juice bottle on floor in back office	Latent Prints
CW-7A	Latent lift from broken glass in display case frame in showroom	Latent Prints
CW-7B	Latent lift from broken glass from display case on floor in showroom	Latent Prints
CW-8A	(1) Fired bronze and silver in color cartridge case (headstamp: 9mm Luger), collected from floor near decedent	DNA, Latent Prints, Firearms
CW-8B	(1) Fired bronze and silver in color cartridge case (headstamp: 9mm Luger), collected from floor near decedent	DNA, Latent Prints, Firearms
CW-9	CCTV tape recording from back office of Green Pearl Vintage Gifts, 23 Rose Street	Digital Evidence
CW-10	Known fingerprint standards bearing the name Brad Baker (DOB: 02/07/1975)	Latent Prints
CW-11	Known fingerprint standards bearing the name Janet Jones (DOB: 02/10/1966)	Latent Prints
CW-12	Known fingerprint standards bearing the name Samantha Webster (DOB: 04/16/1981)	Latent Prints
CW-13	Buccal swab from Brad Baker (DOB: 02/07/1975)	DNA
CW-14	Buccal swab from Janet Jones (DOB: 02/10/1966)	DNA
CW-15	Buccal swab from Samantha Webster (DOB: 04/16/1981)	DNA
CW-16	(5) Rolls of film containing photographs taken at Green Pearl Vintage Gifts, 23 Rose Street	Photo Specialist

The responding officer transported the items to the ABC Forensic Services Laboratory for forensic testing with each item's associated forensic testing request forms on October 26, 2002 at 0308 hours.

No further action taken.

Responding Officer: Detective Colin Williams (#A5)	Date of Report: October 26, 2002
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Bramblewood County Coroner's Office

Autopsy Report

Name of Decedent: Kathy Poindexter (DOB: 08/13/1981)	Autopsy Number: 02-8610
Date of Autopsy: October 26, 2002, 0807 hours	County of Death: Bramblewood
Investigating Agency: Bramblewood County Sheriff's Office	Investigating Agency Case Number: B2002-17654
Date of Incident: 10/25/2002	Incident Type: Armed Robbery, Homicide

1. Cause of Death	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Penetration brain injuries b. Gunshot wounds to head 	
2. Manner of Death	
Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Pending investigation Could not be determined	
3. Date of Death	4. Time of Death:
10/25/2002	Approx. 2140 hours
5. Physical Location of Injury	6. Describe How Injury Occurred
Head	Gunshot wounds at close range
7. Related Case Information	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (2) gunshot wounds on the left side of the decedent's parietal region. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Penetrating wounds are round in shape with an abrasion ring, and show internal beveling, consistent with entrance wounds ○ Condensed powder stippling present near the wounds ○ Multiple cranial fractures ○ (2) projectiles recovered from the cranial cavity 	
8. Items Collected from Decedent for Laboratory Analysis	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ (2) Projectiles collected from Kathy Poindexter (DOB: 08/13/1981) at autopsy ▪ Fingernail scrapings collected from Kathy Poindexter (DOB: 08/13/1981) at autopsy ▪ Postmortem major case prints collected from Kathy Poindexter (DOB: 08/13/1981) at autopsy 	
Forensic Pathologist	Date
<i>Sandra Zoro</i> Sandra Zoro, M.D.	10/26/2002

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Victim: Kathy Poindexter (DOB: 08/13/1981)	Victim Address: 2360 Yucca Road

On October 26, 2002, 0807 hours, Detective Colin Williams attended the autopsy of Kathy Poindexter. The following items were collected during the autopsy:

Agency Item Number	Description	Disciplines Requested
CW-17	(2) Projectiles collected from Kathy Poindexter (DOB: 08/13/1981) at autopsy	Firearms
CW-18	Fingernail scrapings collected from Kathy Poindexter (DOB: 08/13/1981) at autopsy	DNA
CW-19	Postmortem major case prints collected from Kathy Poindexter (DOB: 08/13/1981) at autopsy	Latent Prints
CW-20	(2) Rolls of film containing photographs taken at autopsy of Kathy Poindexter	Photo Specialist

The responding officer submitted the items collected during the autopsy to the ABC Forensic Services Laboratory for forensic testing with each item's associated forensic testing request forms.

No further action taken.

Responding Officer: Detective Colin Williams (#A5)	Date of Report: October 26, 2002
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Bramblewood County Sheriff's Office

Incident Report

Theft of Property <input type="checkbox"/> Individual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business	Date of Offense: 10/25/2002
Complainant: Janet Jones Owner, Green Pearl Vintage Gifts 23 Rose Street	
Filed on Behalf of Complainant by: Detective Colin Williams (#A5)	
Incident Information: Items were reported stolen from Green Pearl Vintage Gifts following an armed robbery/homicide incident reported on October 25, 2002. The incident is being investigated by Bramblewood County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) and is associated with BCSO case # B2002-17654.	
Missing Item Information: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Spider web pendant on chain<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 14k yellow gold, Art Deco hexagonal spider web encrusted with crystals, 18" chain, circa 1910.2) Cigarette case<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 14k yellow gold, rectangular, textured exterior, engraved "CPT" in upper left corner, spring clip inside, circa 1870.3) Pocket watch on chain<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 14k yellow gold, open face, navy blue face with gold center containing small black symbols, Roman numeral hour markers, 12" chain, circa 1900.4) Cuff links (2)<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 14k yellow gold, oval shaped with 3mm diamond in center of each, engraved with "M" on back, circa 1920.5) Round locket<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 14k yellow gold, 2.5" diameter, engraved with crescent moon with 5 crystals inlaid in moon, circa 1900.6) Belt buckle<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 14k yellow gold, rectangular, double pronged, hand carved daisies around perimeter, circa 1920.	
Total Value of Missing Items: \$1,525	Date of Report: October 27, 2002

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Cold Case Division - Laboratory Results Summary

Case Number: B2002-17654	Incident Type: Armed Robbery, Homicide (Cold Case)
Date of Incident: October 25, 2002	Incident Address: Green Pearl Vintage Gifts, 23 Rose Street
Victim: Kathy Poindexter (DOB: 08/13/1981)	Victim Address: 2360 Yucca Road

Upon transfer of this case file to the Cold Case Division on 11/03/2005, the laboratory results from the items submitted to the ABC Forensic Services Laboratory (ABC FSL) by initial investigator, Detective Colin Williams (#A5), were reviewed. A summary of the laboratory results from the initial items submitted to the ABC FSL was compiled by Detective Perry Mathers and was divided into two sections. Section I features the original items of evidence collected and Section II features the summary of the laboratory findings. For the original laboratory reports, refer to ABC FSL Case Number **A2002-10096** (not enclosed in this report).

Section I. Original Evidence List.

Agency Item Number	ABC FSL Generated Item Numbers	Description	Disciplines Requested
CW-1	---	Blood card from Kathy Poindexter (DOB: 08/13/1981)	DNA
	CW-1.1	<i>Cutting of blood card standard from Kathy Poindexter</i>	DNA
CW-2A	---	Swab for possible DNA collected from left CCTV control button in back office	DNA
CW-2B	---	Swab for possible DNA collected from right CCTV control button in back office	DNA
CW-3	---	Swab for possible DNA collected from mouth region of drink glass on desk in back office	DNA
CW-4	---	Swab for possible DNA collected from mouth region of juice bottle on floor in back office	DNA
CW-5	---	Latent lift from drink glass on desk in back office	Latent Prints
CW-6	---	Latent lift from juice bottle on floor in back office	Latent Prints
CW-7A	---	Latent lift from broken glass in display case frame in showroom	Latent Prints
CW-7B	---	Latent lift from broken glass from display case on floor in showroom	Latent Prints
CW-8A	---	(1) Fired bronze and silver in color cartridge case (headstamp: 9mm Luger), collected from floor near decedent	DNA, Latent Prints, Firearms
CW-8B	---	(1) Fired bronze and silver in color cartridge case (headstamp: 9mm Luger), collected from floor near decedent	DNA, Latent Prints, Firearms
CW-9	---	CCTV tape recording from back office of Green Pearl Vintage Gifts, 23 Rose Street	Digital Evidence
CW-10	---	Known fingerprint standards bearing the name Brad Baker (DOB: 02/07/1975)	Latent Prints
CW-11	---	Known fingerprint standards bearing the name Janet Jones (DOB: 02/10/1966)	Latent Prints
CW-12	---	Known fingerprint standards bearing the name Samantha Webster (DOB: 04/16/1981)	Latent Prints
CW-13	---	Buccal swab from Brad Baker (DOB: 02/07/1975)	DNA

	CW-13.1	<i>Cutting of buccal swab from Brad Baker</i>	DNA
CW-14	---	Buccal swab from Janet Jones (DOB: 02/10/1966)	DNA
	CW-14.1	<i>Cutting of buccal swab from Janet Jones</i>	DNA
CW-15	---	Buccal swab from Samantha Webster (DOB: 04/16/1981)	DNA
	CW-15.1	<i>Cutting of buccal swab from Samantha Webster</i>	DNA
CW-16	---	(5) Rolls of film containing photographs taken at Green Pearl Vintage Gifts, 23 Rose Street	Photo Specialist
CW-17	---	(2) projectiles collected from Kathy Poindexter (DOB: 08/13/1981) at autopsy	Firearms
CW-18	---	Fingernail scrapings collected from Kathy Poindexter (DOB: 08/13/1981) at autopsy	DNA
CW-19	---	Postmortem major case prints collected from Kathy Poindexter at autopsy (DOB: 08/13/1981)	Latent Prints
CW-20	---	(2) Rolls of film containing photographs taken at autopsy of Kathy Poindexter	Photo Specialist

Section II. ABC FSL Results by Discipline.

DNA Analysis Summary

Agency Items	ABC FSL Generated Items	Description	Results Summary
CW-1	---	Blood card from Kathy Poindexter (DOB: 08/13/1981)	---
	CW-1.1	<i>Cutting of blood card standard from Kathy Poindexter</i>	DNA profile generated and used as a known standard.
CW-2A	---	Swab for possible DNA collected from left CCTV control button in back office	<p>DNA profile generated (mixture). Compared to generated known standards.</p> <p>The major contributor profile is consistent with profile of Kathy Poindexter.</p> <p>A minor contributor profile is consistent with profile of Janet Jones.</p> <p>Exclude Brad Baker and Samantha Webster as contributors.</p>
CW-2B	---	Swab for possible DNA collected from right CCTV control button in back office	<p>DNA profile generated (mixture). Compared to generated known standards.</p> <p>The major contributor profile is consistent with profile of Kathy Poindexter.</p> <p>A minor contributor profile is consistent with profile of Samantha Webster.</p> <p>Exclude Brad Baker and Janet Jones as contributors.</p>
CW-3		Swab for possible DNA collected from mouth region of drink glass on desk in back office	<p>DNA profile generated (single source). Compared to generated known standards.</p> <p>Consistent with profile of Kathy Poindexter.</p> <p>Exclude Brad Baker, Janet Jones, and Samantha Webster.</p>

CW-4		Swab for possible DNA collected from mouth region of juice bottle on floor in back office	DNA profile generated (single source). Compared to generated known standards. Consistent with profile of Samantha Webster. Exclude Brad Baker, Janet Jones, and Kathy Poindexter.
CW-8A		(1) Fired bronze and silver in color cartridge case (headstamp: 9mm Luger), collected from floor near decedent	No DNA profiles generated.
CW-8B		(1) Fired bronze and silver in color cartridge case (headstamp: 9mm Luger), collected from floor near decedent	No DNA profiles generated.
CW-13		Buccal swab from Brad Baker (DOB: 02/07/1975)	---
	CW-13.1	<i>Cutting of buccal swab from Brad Baker</i>	DNA profile generated and used as a known standard.
CW-14		Buccal swab from Janet Jones (DOB: 02/10/1966)	---
	CW-14.1	<i>Cutting of buccal swab from Janet Jones</i>	DNA profile generated and used as a known standard.
CW-15		Buccal swab from Samantha Webster (DOB: 04/16/1981)	---
	CW-15.1	<i>Cutting of buccal swab from Samantha Webster</i>	DNA profile generated and used as a known standard.
CW-18		Fingernail scrapings collected from Kathy Poindexter (DOB: 08/13/1981) at autopsy	DNA profile generated (single source). Compared to generated known standards. Consistent with profile of Kathy Poindexter. Exclude Brad Baker, Janet Jones, and Samantha Webster.

Latent Prints Summary

Agency Items	Description	Results Summary
CW-5	Latent lift from drink glass on desk in back office	(1) fingerprint of value for comparison purposes. Compared to CW-10, CW-11, CW-12, and CW-19. <u>Identified</u> to right index finger of Kathy Poindexter.
CW-6	Latent lift from juice bottle on floor in back office	No latent prints of value for comparison were recovered.
CW-7A	Latent lift from broken glass in display case frame in showroom	(1) fingerprint of value for comparison purposes. Compared to CW-10, CW-11, CW-12, and CW-19. <u>Identified</u> to right ring finger of Kathy Poindexter.
CW-7B	Latent lift from broken glass from display case on floor in showroom	(1) fingerprint of value for comparison purposes. Compared to CW-10, CW-11, CW-12, and CW-19. <u>Identified</u> to left middle finger of Brad Baker.
CW-8A	(1) Fired bronze and silver in color cartridge case (headstamp: 9mm Luger), collected from floor near decedent	No latent prints recovered.
CW-8B	(1) Fired bronze and silver in color cartridge case (headstamp: 9mm Luger), collected from floor near decedent	No latent prints recovered.
CW-10	Known fingerprint standards bearing the name Brad Baker (DOB: 02/07/1975)	Suitable for comparison.
CW-11	Known fingerprint standards bearing the name Janet Jones (DOB: 02/10/1966)	Suitable for comparison.
CW-12	Known fingerprint standards bearing the name Samantha Webster (DOB: 04/16/1981)	Suitable for comparison.
CW-19	Postmortem major case prints collected from Kathy Poindexter at autopsy (DOB: 08/13/1981)	Suitable for comparison.

Digital Evidence Summary

Agency Items	Description	Results Summary
CW-9	CCTV tape recording from back office of Green Pearl Vintage Gifts, 23 Rose Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One individual with long hair, jeans, and a floral buttoned shirt entered the front door at 2008 hours and exited at 2032 hours (last entry/exit through front door).• Individual wearing dark in color dress with light in color stars appeared to lock front door at 2100 hours, removed garbage can from near front door at 2101 hours, and went into back room at 2102 hours.• The footage was stopped at 2105 hours.

Firearms Summary

Agency Items	Description	Results Summary
CW-8A	(1) Fired bronze and silver in color cartridge case (headstamp: 9mm Luger), collected from floor near decedent	CW-8A contained marks suitable for comparison. There was agreement in class and individual characteristics between CW-8A and CW-8B. They were determined to be fired by same firearm. CW-8A was entered into the National Integrated Ballistics Integration Network (NIBIN).
CW-8B	(1) Fired bronze and silver in color cartridge case (headstamp: 9mm Luger), collected from floor near decedent	CW-8B contained marks suitable for comparison. There was agreement in class and individual characteristics between CW-8A and CW-8B. They were determined to be fired by same firearm.
CW-17	(2) Projectiles collected from Kathy Poindexter (DOB: 08/13/1981) at autopsy	The caliber class of the projectiles was determined to be 9mm.

Photo Specialist Summary

Agency Items	Description	Results Summary
CW-16	(5) Rolls of film containing photographs taken at Green Pearl Vintage Gifts, 23 Rose Street	(120) photographs were developed.
CW-20	(2) Rolls of film containing photographs taken at autopsy of Kathy Poindexter	(48) photographs were developed.

No further action taken.

Responding Officer: Detective Perry Mathers (#CCD9)	Date of Report: November 3, 2005
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