



Officer Involved Shootings Civilian Oversight Commission 11/18/2025

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Timeline

Officer Involved Shooting
Occurs

Fire Department Pronounces
Death at Scene

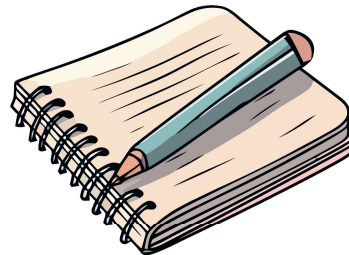
Investigating Agency Secures
the Scene and Investigates

Media reporting the death

First Call to Medical
Examiner



Medical Examiner
Investigator



Death Scene



Notification to Investigating Agencies for Autopsy

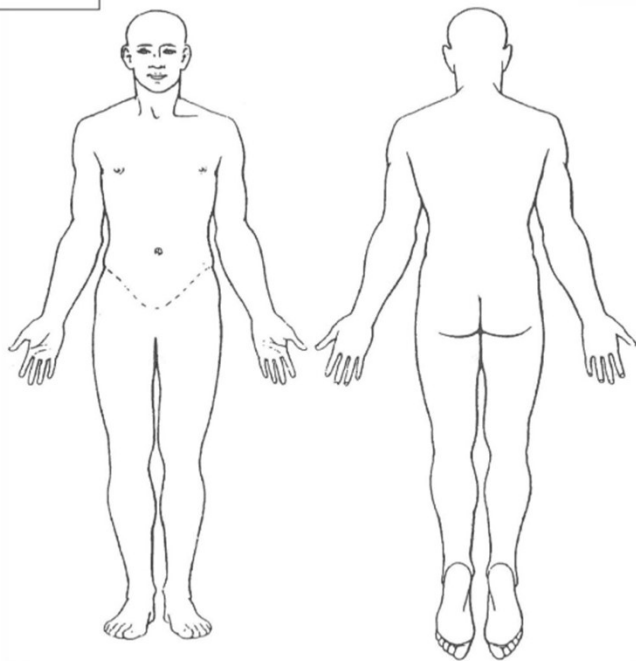
Law enforcement investigating agency

- California law (GOV § 27491) indicates the importance to attend

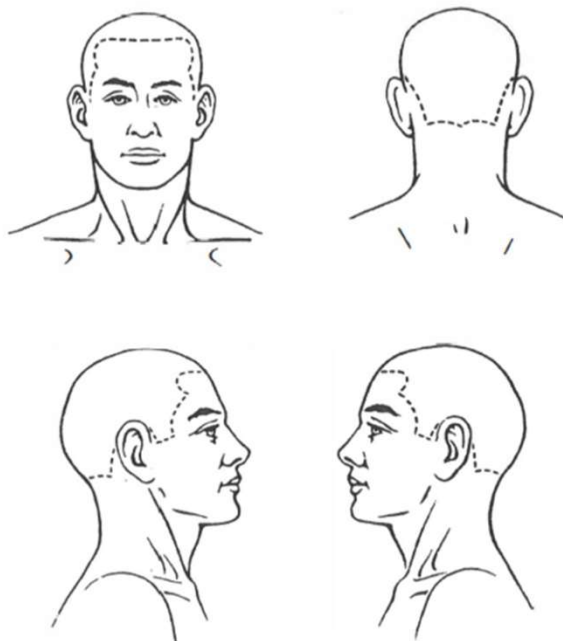
Other Examples

- District Attorney Investigator
- Office of the Inspector General

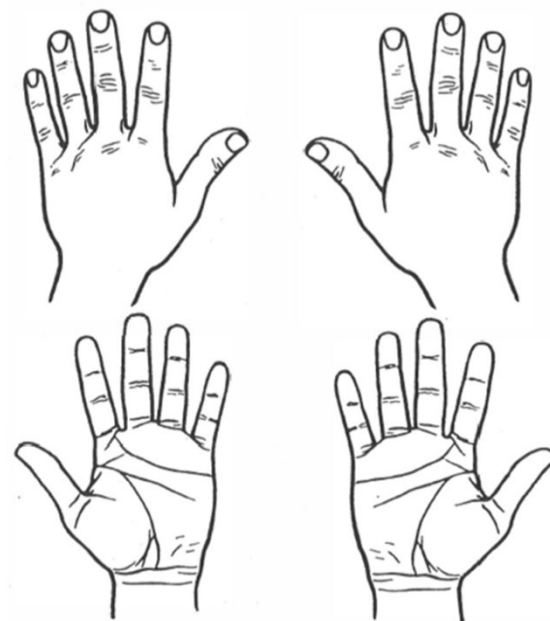
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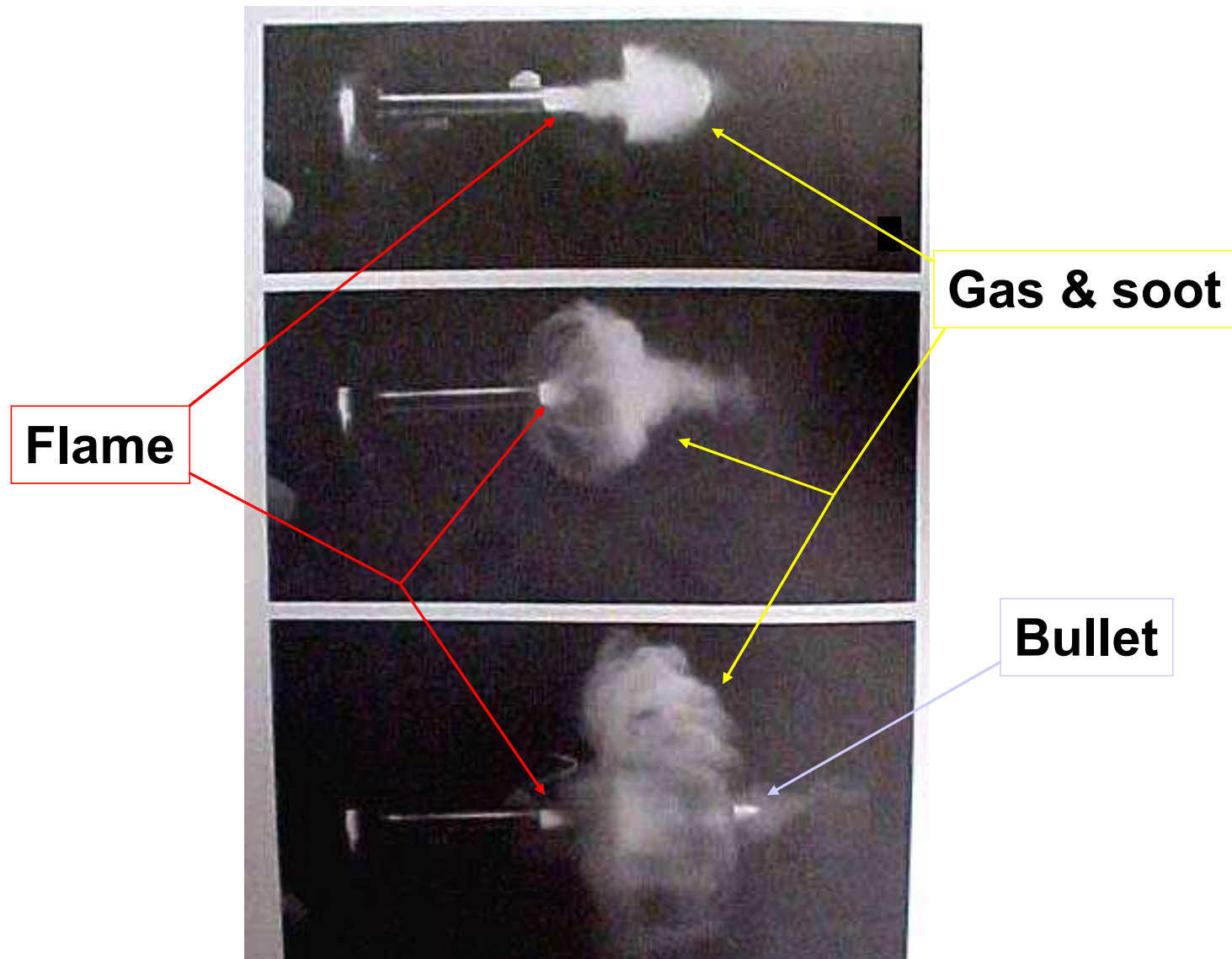


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Courtesy of Jeff Nine M.D.

Purpose of Autopsy

Independently determined the cause and manner of death

Independently document injuries

Does **NOT** established sequence of injuries

Does **NOT** establish position of the person shot

Does **NOT** establish the position of the shooter

Does **NOT** establish the caliber of the projectile

Role of Law Enforcement During Autopsy



Observe



Ask questions

Manner of Death

Not a legal determination
to assign culpability

Officer involved shootings
certified as homicides

‘Suicide by cop’ is not a
manner of death



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Medical Examiner Inquest

- 19th Century
 - Determined 'murder', 'willfull murder' and 'manslaughter'

Inquests Revival 2020

- Andres Guardado
- Dijon Kizzee
- Samuel Herrera



Discussion