



# Kern County Sheriff/Coroner

Coroners Section  
1832 Flower Street  
Bakersfield, CA 93305

## FINAL REPORT

CALL INFORMATION		
REPORT NUMBER : C00696-15	CASE TYPE : Investigation	DATE/TIME : 4/8/2015 07:59
NOTIFIED BY : Kern County Sheriffs Office		TELEPHONE : (661)861-3110
DECEDENT INFORMATION		
NAME : Michael Earl LE MON		AKA :
AGE : 57 Years	SEX : Male	RACE : Caucasian
DATE OF BIRTH : [REDACTED]	SSN : [REDACTED]	MARITAL STATUS : Never Married
RESIDENCE : 11936 State Route 178 #91, Lake Isabella, CA 93240		
NEXT OF KIN INFORMATION		
NAME : Rose Le Mon		RELATIONSHIP: Mother
ADDRESS : 315 Silver Ridge Street, Ridgecrest, CA 93555		
NOTIFIED BY: KCSO Detectives		NOTIFIED DATE: 4/8/2015 00:00
DEATH INFORMATION		
DEATH PLACE : Kern Valley Health Care		ADDRESS : 6412 Lural Ave, Lake Isabella, CA 93240
DATE : 4/8/2015	TIME : 07:44	PRONOUNCED/AFFIRMED BY : Dr. Gregory Crawford
** NOTE :	Blank field indicates procedures or service not applicable or deferred by Coroner's Office.	
ADMINISTRATIVE		
TRANSPORTED BY : Heritage Mortuary Service		AUTOPSY PATHOLOGIST : Dr. Eugene Carpenter
TOXICOLOGY LAB :		TYPE OF EXAMINATION : Autopsy
DEATH CERTIFICATE SIGNED BY : Kelly Cowan, Deputy Coroner		
FUNERAL HOME : Holland & Lyons Mortuary		PHONE : (760)371-1376
INVESTIGATING AGENCY : Kern County Sheriffs Office	INVESTIGATOR : Detective David Hubbard	REFERENCE NO. : SR15-08808
ADDRESS : 1350 Norris Road, Bakersfield, CA 93308		
INJURY INFORMATION		
DATE OF INJURY :		TIME OF INJURY :
PLACE OF INJURY :		
LOCATION OF INJURY : , ,		
HOW INJURY OCCURED :		

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On April 08, 2015 at 0759 hours, Supervising Deputy Coroner Regina Mancera received a call from Dispatcher Tammy Olinger of the Kern County Sheriff's Office reporting a death at Kern Valley Hospital in the emergency room. Ms. Olinger advised the decedent became unresponsive after his arrest in custody of the Kern County Sheriff's Office. Supervisor Mancera and I responded to Kern Valley Hospital and met with Technical Investigator (TI) Adam Rickels, Detective Robert Meyer and Detective David Hubbard at about 0925 hours. We also met with Margaret Varela R.N.

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I was directed to the treatment area of the emergency room where I viewed the supine body of the decedent that was strapped to a backboard. The decedent was clothed only in a grey sweatshirt that was cut away by ambulance personnel. All medical intervention devices were intact. The decedent had an intravenous (IV) line in the left carotid region, an IV needle in the right hand and a gauze taped to the top of his left hand. The decedent had a black and blue right eye, left forehead abrasion, right cheek scratch, left flank small bruises, left temple abrasion, a small hole defect to the left rib region, handcuff indentations to both wrists and abrasions and cuts to both lower extremities. The decedent also had multiple linear red to purple marks on the lateral surface of his right leg. The decedent was rolled to his left side and that revealed a taser probe imbedded through the sweatshirt and into the decedent's right upper back. The decedent's left back was not observed. The decedent had defecated and there was dried feces on the bottom of his right bare foot. Detective David Hubbard used his Blue Check device on the decedent which resulted in the decedent being identified as Michel Earl Le Mon, a 57 year old Caucasian male with a date of birth of April 17, 1957. The identity was also confirmed with a Kern County Sheriff's Office booking photo. Technical Investigator (TI) Rickels obtained a full set of the decedent's fingerprints to further confirm the decedent's identity. TI Rickels and I bagged the decedent's hands. The decedent was placed on a new white sheet and in a new black body bag which was sealed with blue lock tag #26092 at 1045 hours, and witnessed by Detective Meyer.

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The decedent's emergency room record and admission blood were obtained and the decedent was transported to the Coroner Facility pending full body radiographs and forensic examination.

While at the hospital, Detective Meyer provided me some preliminary information about the original call for service to the decedent's residence. The decedent's neighbor called the Kern County Sheriff's Office because the decedent was yelling in his residence all night. Upon their arrival, for an unknown reason, the decedent became combative with deputies and an altercation ensued. The forces used against the decedent were hands, baton strikes, taser deployment and pepper spray. After the decedent was handcuffed he went unresponsive.

We then responded to the decedent's residence located at 11936 State Route 178 #91, Lake Isabella Mobile Home and RV Park, and met with multiple members of the homicide investigation team. Sgt. Henry Bravo provided the incident briefing and the following information was learned. On April 08, 2015 at 0618 hours, the decedent's neighbor, Rebecca Busby, called 911 to report the decedent was yelling and screaming all night. Deputies in the area had prior encounters with the decedent on multiple occasions. On April 08, 2015 at 0629 hours, deputies Joshua Shotwell and Brandon Geherty arrived on scene. They immediately encountered the decedent on the front porch of his mobile home. The decedent had a coffee mug in his hand. The deputies advised the decedent he was being arrested for disturbing the peace. The decedent told the deputies he wanted to finish his coffee first. The deputies allowed the decedent to finish his coffee. The decedent then told the deputies he wanted to go to the bathroom. The request was declined and the decedent was advised again he was being arrested. The decedent then entered his residence and shut the door and refused to come back outside. The deputies kicked the door in and were immediately confronted in a threatening manner by the decedent with his coffee mug. The decedent was tazed twice with no reaction and he became combative. The deputies then used hand to hand combat, pepper spray and baton strikes to subdue the decedent. The decedent was finally controlled with three sets of handcuffs and taken outside and placed on the front lawn. The decedent remained combative. The decedent soon began to complain of difficulty breathing. One set of handcuffs were removed and the decedent was placed on his side. Deputies continued to control the decedent's combativeness by holding down his legs and shoulders. Fire and ambulance arrived and at that time the decedent began turning blue in color. Paramedic Dupuis took over the care of the decedent and he was transported to the hospital.

I was directed into the scene where I minimally viewed the decedent's residence that had not yet been processed. There were numerous pieces of equipment left at the scene by emergency personnel on the front lawn. There was also a pair of

grey shorts at the bottom of the front porch steps. On the porch was a Kern County Sheriff's Office baseball cap and a flashlight amongst other items that belonged to the decedent. The residence was a single wide mobile home. The residence did not have any floor coverings. Immediately inside the front door were two tazer cartridges with wires, and a shoe. The residence was sparsely furnished. To the left of the living room was a bedroom with a bed and other various items. To the right of the living room was a kitchen that was messy and had what appeared to be human feces on the floor that had been stepped in. The refrigerator was almost empty. No alcohol or evidence of illicit drugs were seen.

On April 08, 2015 at 1715 hours, Supervisor Mancera received a call from TI Jackie Moore and confirmed through fingerprint analysis the identity of decedent as Michael Earl Le Mon.

I later received a call from the decedent's sister, Barbara Le Mon and she provided the following information. The decedent was never married and did not have children. The decedent had a history of hypertension, diabetes, gout and bi-polar disorder. Barbara did not think the decedent used illicit drugs except marijuana. The decedent did not consume alcohol on a regular basis. Barbara told me the decedent had history of "acting out". Barbara said that over the last year the decedent's outbursts increased in intensity and, during those outbursts, the decedent would talk about people spying on him and breaking into his house. Barbara told me the decedent had written instructions to donate his body to science. I advised Barbara to have the family contact a funeral home for advice.

After completing an investigation in conjunction with the Kern County Sheriff's Office, it was determined that the death of Michael Earl Le Mon was due to natural causes.

FINAL DISPOSITION TYPE : Cremation/Residence	LOCATION OF DISPOSITION : Residence Of Rose Wilkie	
ADDRESS : 315 S. Silveridge Street, Ridgecrest, CA 93555		
INVESTIGATING DEPUTY CORONER : Kelly Cowan	MANNER : Natural	DATE CLOSED : 11-15-15
REPORTING DEPUTY CORONER: (SIGNATURE) <i>Kelly Cowan</i>	APPROVED BY: (SIGNATURE) <i>[Signature]</i>	COPY