

**THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT
OF MEDICAL EXAMINER-CORONER**

INQUEST: IN RE DIJON DURAND KIZZEE

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Dijon Durand Kizzee.

Inquest Proceeding Date:

December 15, 2021

INTRODUCTION

The Los Angeles County Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner appointed me to conduct an Inquest into the circumstances, manner, and cause of death of Dijon Durand Kizzee. On December 15, 2021, I convened the Inquest and received evidence and testimony from various witnesses. A transcript of the December 15 proceeding will be made part of the public record and is not summarized here. I adjourned the Inquest to review all the evidence submitted, receive additional evidence, if any, and make the required findings in this matter.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A list of the live-testimony witnesses and documentary evidence reviewed for purposes of the Inquest is attached to these findings.

In addition, a valid subpoena was issued and served for the participation and presence of Dr. John Hiserodt, a private pathologist who performed a second autopsy on Mr. Kizzee. The Los Angeles County Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner sought the records and testimony of Dr. Hiserodt as it related to

the circumstances, manner, and cause of death of Mr. Kizzee. Dr. Hiserodt failed to appear at the Inquest or provide an explanation for his absence. After I adjourned the proceeding, I requested the assistance of County Counsel to contact Dr. Hiserodt in order to obtain additional information regarding his failure to appear at the Inquest. Dr. Hiserodt has continued to ignore the Medical Examiner-Coroner's attempt to obtain records or initiate communication. I am unaware of any valid reason for Dr. Hiserodt to ignore the lawful service of process.

However, given the evidence already reviewed pertaining to this Inquest, I am able to reach my findings without the participation of Dr. Hiserodt and have elected not to delay these findings to pursue his explanation.

FINDINGS


After considering all of the evidence, I find, more likely true than not, that:

- The deceased is Dijon Durand Kizzee (Mr. Kizzee).
- Mr. Kizzee's date of death was August 31, 2020.
- Mr. Kizzee died on the sidewalk next to a private residence at 1221 West 109th Place, Los Angeles, CA 90044 at approximately 15:27 hours (3:27 p.m.).
- The medical cause of death was multiple gunshot wounds.
- The manner of death was by the hands of another person other than by accident.

A copy of these written findings, an original transcript of the December 15 proceedings, and copies of documents made part of the public record, will be provided to the Medical Examiner-Coroner. Copies of all documents, video recordings, and photographs reviewed by the Hearing Officer will be maintained by the Los Angeles County Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner. The findings will be forwarded to the Los Angeles County District Attorney and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department in accordance with California Government Code section 27504.1. The sealed, original Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department records provided to me under seal will be returned to the custodian of records at the appropriate time with a request that those records be maintained intact as evidence of the records provided to the hearing officer in this Inquest.

The Dijon Durand Kizzee Inquest is now concluded.

DATED: January 26, 2022

By 
Justice Candace Cooper [Ret.]
Hearing Officer

Appointed by the Los Angeles
County Department of Medical
Examiner-Coroner

LIST OF EVIDENCE

LIVE-TESTIMONY WITNESSES

1. Job Daniel Augustine, M.D. (Deputy Medical Examiner – Los Angeles County Medical Examiner-Coroner)
2. Mason Chao (Coroner Investigator – Los Angeles County Medical Examiner-Coroner)
3. Matthew Sagraves (Firefighter/Paramedic and Firefighter Specialist Engineer – Los Angeles County Fire Department)
4. Scott Matlock (Detective – Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department)

DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

1. Los Angeles County Medical Examiner-Coroner's Case File
2. Los Angeles County Fire Department Records
3. Los Angeles County Sheriff Department Records
(Records produced under seal and shall remain excluded from the public record pursuant to California Government Code section 27498)
4. Los Angeles County Sheriff Department Press Release Summary and Video (Critical Incident Briefing)
5. Declaration of Deputy Sheriff Michael Garcia
6. Declaration of Deputy Sheriff Cristian Morales