

Subject: Medical Examiners' Findings.

Good afternoon,

The Floyd family has enlisted the assistance of the following Independent Medical Examiners:

1. Dr. Michael Baden
2. Dr. Allecia Wilson

Dr. Baden and Dr. Wilson have been unable to complete their final reports as we are still awaiting Data Practices Act (FOIA) responses and requests for the microscopic slides, pictures, and other evidence gathered during Dr. Baker's initial autopsy of Mr. Floyd. We have requested all of these materials but have yet to receive them.

From their autopsies Dr. Baden and Dr. Wilson came to the following findings that were summarized at the June 1, 2020 press conference:

1. Dr. Baden
 - a. Cause of Death: Mr. Floyd died of traumatic asphyxia due to the compression of his neck and back during restraint by police.
 - b. Manner of Death: Homicide as seen in the scene video and confirmed at autopsy.
 - c. The pressure on the neck interfered with blood flow to his brain and air flow to and from his lungs. The pressure on his back while in the prone position prevented his diaphragm from moving so he couldn't inhale.
 - d. The cause of death is consistent with what we see on the video.
2. Dr. Wilson
 - a. Cause of Death: Asphyxia due to neck and back compression led to a lack of blood flow to the brain.
 - b. Mechanical asphyxia defined as a physical force that interferes with breathing or the delivery of oxygen to the organs. In this case, the physical force was neck and chest compression.
 - c. Based on the video and the position of the knee in the video, there was pressure on the carotid artery of the neck that led to cerebral anoxia. Cerebral anoxia is a lack of appropriate blood flow to the brain.
 - d. Weight on the back, handcuffs and positioning were contributory factors because it impaired the ability of the diaphragm to function

Thanks,
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