

FORENSIC SCIENCE SAMPLE CASE

STUDY KEY

The decedent was pronounced dead at 0151 hours. (Between 0100 and 0300 hours)
The manner of death is accidental.

OPINION Toxicology studies showed high concentrations of morphine (Heroin) and cocaine in the blood, as well as other substances in smaller concentrations. Police investigation shows no indication of foul play at this point. The toxicology findings are consistent with the history.

DEATH WAS CAUSED BY:

Acute multiple drug intoxication.

1. There is no physical evidence to suggest that any of the injuries from the altercation with Fred Mars were the cause of death.
2. There were no pills in the stomach, so there was no reason to believe that he took his own life. No suicide note. In the same position that Fred left him in.
3. Toxicology shows overdose. Cocaine and morphine powder on/in the nose. Drug paper and wrappers in the room.