



Update on the Death of Bobbi Kristina Brown

The cause of Bobbi Kristina Brown's death as determined by the Fulton County Medical Examiner is:

Lobar pneumonia

Due to: Hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy, delayed effects

Due to: Immersion of face in water complicating mixed drug intoxication

The underlying cause of death is the condition which starts the downhill course of events leading to death and in this case is the immersion associated with drug intoxication. The pneumonia and encephalopathy are more immediate causes which resulted from the immersion and drug intoxication.

The autopsy alone could not reveal the underlying cause of death because of the long interval between Ms. Brown being found unresponsive in the bathtub and her eventual death. Thus, the underlying cause of death is based substantially on review of medical records, the results of toxicology tests, investigative records, and the fact that the autopsy did not show any other likely underlying cause of death or reason for Ms. Brown becoming unresponsive.

The drugs involved included marijuana, alcohol (ethanol), benzoylecgonine (a cocaine-related substance), benzodiazepines (medications used for sedation or to treat anxiety), and morphine. It could not be determined from toxicology tests whether the morphine resulted from heroin use.

The other question which arises is manner of death. In other words, did death result from natural causes such as disease, an *intentional* act such as suicide or homicide, an *unintentional* cause (accident), or in an undetermined manner when a more specific manner of death cannot be established. Death was clearly not due to natural causes, but the medical examiner has not been able to determine whether death was due to intentional or accidental causes, and has therefore classified the manner of death as **Undetermined**.

The Roswell Police Department and the Fulton County District Attorney have been provided with the Medical Examiner's findings. No further information will be available from the Medical Examiner's Office at this time.

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