



Alaska Department of Public Safety

Incident: AK12201020

Incident Details:

Incident Type: Other Non-Criminal Incident [00NC]
Incident time: 03/13/2012 11:11 - 03/13/2012 16:30
Reported time: 03/13/2012 11:11
Incident location: TAKHIN RIDGE, HAINES, HAINES BOROUGH AK USA 99827 (SWANNY'S RUN)
 (Beat/zone: HCRB)
Incident status: Closed non-criminal

Summary:

Author: #JAB9 BENTZ, J. **Report time:** 03/19/2012 14:46
Entered by: #JAB9 BENTZ, J. **Entered time:** 03/19/2012 14:46

Narrative:

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Once at the clinic Liberman was declared deceased at 1230 hours by **DOCTOR NOBLE ANDERSON**. Liberman's next of kin was notified when his father, **ROBERT LIBERMAN SR.**, was contacted by Alaska Heliskiing at their request on 03/13/12. At 1640 hours I contacted investigator **CHARLES SEIDL**, of the State of Alaska Medical Examiner's Office who requested Liberman's body be sent to their office for an autopsy. I contacted Wings of Alaska and Alaska Memorial Park & Mortuary and made travel arrangements for Liberman's body transport to Anchorage on 03/14/12.

Dodov was in critical condition and on life support and was transported to Harborview Medical Center for treatment on 03/13/12. On 03/14/12 I was contacted by investigator **WILLIAM BARBOUR** of the King County Medical Examiner's Office who reported Dodov was declared deceased at Harborview Medical Center at 1343 hours on 03/14/12. Dodov's next of kin was notified by Bailey who contacted Dodov's parents, **ALEX** and **NATALIA DODOV**. I have made multiple attempts to contact Liberman's Next of Kin via telephone and I have not received a return call as of 04/15/12. As of 04/16/12 both autopsy reports were not completed and will be linked to this incident when they become available.

Involved Persons:

SID:
Name: STATE MEDICAL EXAMINER **Gender:**
Classification: Cooperating organization **DOB:**
DL:
Address: 5455 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AVE, **E-mail:**
 ANCHORAGE, ANCHORAGE AK USA 99507

SID: AK7816994

Name: LIBERMAN, ROBERT M **Gender:** Male
Classification: NOK **DOB:** 04/19/1943
DL:
Address: 19 ROBERTS ROAD, SANDISFIELD, BERKSHIRE COUNTY MA USA 01237 **E-mail:**
Telephone: (Landline) (631) 418-4949
Height: 5'10" **Weight:** **Build:**
Race: White **Hair Color:** Unknown or completely bald **Eye Color:** Unknown

SID:

Name: ALASKA HELISKIING **Gender:**
Classification: Operator **DOB:**
DL:
Address: **E-mail:**

SID:

Name: DODOV, ALEXANDAR NIKOLAEV **Gender:** Male
Classification: NOK; Parent **DOB:** 04/11/1983
DL:
Address: 13225 SOLVANG WAY, TRUCKEE, CA USA 96161 **E-mail:**
Telephone: (Landline) (209) 753-2828
Height: 5'11" **Weight:** 165lb **Build:**
Race: White **Hair Color:** Gray or partially gray **Eye Color:** Brown

SID:

Name: KOLEIS, ORION MIHAILO **Gender:** Male
Classification: Employee nonsworn; Witness **DOB:** 09/01/1978
DL: 7154779 AK
Address: 1328 H STREET, ANCHORAGE, ANCHORAGE BOROUGH AK USA 99501 (Beat/zone: UANC) **E-mail:**
Telephone: (Landline) (907) 767-5601
Height: 5'9" **Weight:** 185lb **Build:**
Race: **Hair Color:** Brown **Eye Color:** Brown

SID:

Name: HAINES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT **Gender:**
Classification: Medical personnel **DOB:**
DL:
Address: **E-mail:**

SID:

Name: KIRKPATRICK, RYAN BRUCE **Gender:** Male

Classification: Witness **DOB:** 10/17/1983
DL:
Address: 2197 DEERWIND AVENUE NW, SALEM, OR USA 97304 **E-mail:**
Telephone: (Cellular phone) (541) 231-1551

SID:
Name: BAILEY, DWIGHT AUSTIN **Gender:** Male
Classification: Witness **DOB:** 07/07/1976
DL:
Address: 450 DOG BIRD CIRCLE, AVERY, CA USA 95224 **E-mail:**
Telephone: (Cellular phone) (209) 665-5813

SID:
Name: CORBETT, BRANDON BLAIR **Gender:** Male
Classification: Witness **DOB:** 12/19/1977
DL:
Address: 683 ROCKY HILL ROAD, MURPHY, CA USA 75247 **E-mail:**
Telephone: (Cellular phone) (951) 764-0132

SID:
Name: OSTEEN, CASEY SHANE **Gender:** Male
Classification: Witness **DOB:** 10/18/1976
DL:
Address: **E-mail:**
Telephone: (Cellular phone) (209) 795-2219

SID:
Name: DODOV, NICKOLAY ALEXANDROV [DECEASED] **Gender:** Male
Classification: Deceased; Located; Victim **DOB:** 02/15/1986
DL:
Address: 13225 SOLVANG WAY, TRUCKEE, CA USA 96161 **E-mail:**
Telephone: (Cellular phone) (209) 840-0648

SID: AK7516702
Name: LIBERMAN, ROBERT O **Gender:** Male
Classification: Involved persons (other than above) **DOB:** 10/25/1976
DL:
Address: **E-mail:**
Telephone: (Cellular phone) (303) 548-4312
Height: 6'0" **Weight:** 150lb **Build:**
 White Unknown or completely Unknown

Race:

Hair Color: bald

Eye Color:

Involved Property:

- P12000292 / Radio, TV, sound entertainment devices: Audio disc, compact, laser (cd), dvd / Evidence / SONY

Involved Officers:

- Reporting unit / AST HAINES POST / ADPS / Assignable / 159 Main Street, Bld: DPS Haines, Haines, Haines Borough AK USA 99827 (Beat/zone: HCRB)
- Reporting officer / BENTZ, J. / #JAB9 / ADPS / Officer, State Trooper / AST HAINES POST (159 Main Street, Bld: DPS Haines, Haines, Haines Borough AK USA 99827 (Beat/zone: HCRB)) / #UTDB0 BIRT, T.

Reports:**General report:**

Author: #JAB9 BENTZ, J.

Report time: 04/18/2012 10:39

Entered by: #JAB9 BENTZ, J.

Entered time: 04/18/2012 10:39

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Dodov's friend who watched Dodov descend the mountain, DWIGHT BAILEY was able to give the most detail about the avalanche trigger. Bailey witnessed the avalanche triggered by Dodov and was the last person to see Dodov alive. His statement report is attached to this incident. The group consisted of the employed guide Liberman of Alaska, clients Dodov, Bailey, BRANDON CORBETT, CASEY OSTEEN, of California, and RYAN KIRKPATRICK of Oregon.

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On 04/15/12 I contacted ORION KOLEIS, Operations Manager for Alaska Heliskiing, for an interview via telephone. Koleis was able to give extensive detail about the day to day operations of Alaska Heliskiing, client's safety training, and details about the incident and response. Koleis' statement is linked to this incident. 04/17/12 I received the run report from the Haines Volunteer Fire Department. Those documents are linked to this incident. As of 04/18/12 both autopsy reports were not completed and will be linked to this incident when they become available.

Statement:

Subject: KOLEIS, ORION MIHAILO / Employee nonsworn; Witness / DOB: 09/01/1978 (33) Gender: Male (132)

H STREET, ANCHORAGE, ANCHORAGE BOROUGH AK USA 99501 (Beatzone: UANC) (Landline)
(907) 767-5801) DL:AK:7154779

Stmnt maker: #JAB9 BENTZ, J.

Stmnt time: 04/15/2012 11:33

Entered by: #JAB9 BENTZ, J.

Entered time: 04/15/2012 13:32

Narrative:

ORION KOLEIS is the Operations Manager for Alaska Heliskiing and has been with the company for 9 years. Alaska Heliskiing has been in business for 21 years and has never had a fatal accident until this incident. There are 10 full time "core" guides who operate daily and if necessary 5 additional guides are available for high client volume. On normal skiing days 20-40 clients are accommodated, however, that number can be slightly higher or slightly lower depending on several factors including weather and how many clients are ready to ski on any given day.

Prior to any skiing, each client must conduct a beacon drill. A beacon drill includes approximately 30 minutes of instruction followed by a practical exercise in which the client must show proficiency in their operation of the beacon and probing. A helicopter briefing is also included prior to skiing in which the safety equipment on the helicopter is discussed as well as entry/exiting procedures. Each client is equipped with a minimum of a shovel, probe, avalanche transceiver, back pack, and climbing harness.

The company prefers the client to use their own gear but will equip skiers with the minimum gear if necessary. Clients are allowed to bring any safety gear they wish. A device called an Avalung can be rented that gives a client added oxygen to breathe after being trapped in an avalanche. Air Bags are also available for rent that inflate when triggered to make the client more buoyant. Liberman was wearing neither the Avalung nor Air Bag. Dodov was wearing an Avalung and was found with it in his mouth. Dodov also was wearing an Air Bag but the trigger was zippered closed. Dodov was transported to the heli ski base at 33 mile Haines Highway by helicopter before being transported via ambulance to the Haines clinic. Dodov was given constant CPR until he was put on life support at the Haines clinic. Liberman was transported by helicopter to the Haines Airport before being transported by ambulance to the Haines clinic.

Alaska Heliskiing caters to all levels of skiing ability and will strategically place clients on runs they believe they have the ability to ski successfully. Each guide is required at a minimum to complete a Level 1 Avalanche Course, a Wilderness Advanced First Aid Course, a High Angle and Crevasse Rescue Ropes Course, and a Helicopter Rescue Course. The 4 courses are combined into a 17 day training event and conducted in Haines each year prior to the heli ski season. In addition to those courses Liberman had completed an 80 hour Wilderness First Responder Course and a Level 3 Avalanche Course

In the case of an avalanche, Alaska Heliskiing policy is to keep at least 1 helicopter near the scene in the event of a secondary avalanche. This is why 1 helicopter took Liberman to the Haines Airport and the other took Dodov to the base to remain near the site. The run triggering the avalanche called "Swanny's" was last ridden 5 or 6 days prior to this incident before the last storm system moved in.

Liberman was "by far the best skier" of all the guides and was a member of the competitive ski team at Colorado University several years ago. Liberman was buried vertically with his head being 6 feet below the snow and feet approximately 12 feet below. Alaska Heliskiing guide **KENT SCHELER** was guiding another group on a separate ridge and was helicoptered over to the avalanche site. Scheler and client **BRANDON CORBETT** dug Liberman out with plastic shovels carried by everyone.

Dodov was a very experienced skier who grew up skiing in Bear Valley California with his parents who were also mountaineer/skiers. Dodov was buried horizontally and was dug out by Koleis who responded via helicopter and client **DWIGHT BAILEY**.

Koleis estimated the ski run from the beginning to the safety zone where the skiers were instructed to stop at 5000 feet and a vertical drop of 2500 feet. He described the run as "convoluted terrain" at 32-35 degree slope; however some sections had 40 degree slope. The avalanche was 6 inches deep at the crack and was 6 feet deep at the bottom. It was sunny that day and 34 degrees with wind out of the northwest at 9

mph. The photographs were taken by **GABE GIOFFE** and **SETH KOCH**.

Statement:

Subject: BAILEY, DWIGHT AUSTIN / Witness / DOB: 07/07/1976 (36) Gender: Male (450 DOG BIRD CIRCLE, AVERY, CA USA 95224 (Cellular phone) (209) 665-5813)

Stmt taker: #JAB9 BENTZ, J. **Stmt time:** 03/13/2012 12:45

Entered by: #JAB9 BENTZ, J. **Entered time:** 03/19/2012 12:10

Narrative:

I interviewed **DWIGHT BAILEY** at the Alaska Heliskiing base camp. Bailey stated a group of six skiers including guide **ROBERT LIBERMAN** were on their first run of the morning on the Takhin Ridge and were dropped off near the ridgeline as usual. The particular run commonly called "Swanny's" had not been skied yet that day. The group descended approximately 50 feet to a starting point and completed their gear preparation. Shortly after Liberman descended on skis down the mountain to check snow conditions. He stopped on a perch on the left edge of the run where he could observe the clients ski down the mountain. The clients were instructed to ski down within a certain area one at a time and to stop at a very particular location where they would be safe from avalanche danger. Liberman radioed for the first skier, **BRANDON CORBETT**, to come down the mountain, which he did. Once Corbett was stopped, Liberman radioed for **CASEY OSTEEN** to come down and he stopped near Corbett. Liberman then radioed for **RYAN KIRKPATRICK** to ski down and he stopped near Corbett and Osteen. Liberman then radioed for **NICKOLAY DODOV** to snowboard down. As Dodov descended down he went a bit further to the right than the previous clients had gone while still well within the run borders suggested by Liberman. Bailey remained at the top of the run and watched the avalanche fracture.

The last time Bailey saw Dodov he was tumbling down the mountain. Bailey described the avalanche as a huge triangle shape. When the avalanche event ended no one knew where either Dodov or Liberman were. Corbett, Osteen, Kirkpatrick, and Bailey immediately activated their emergency locator beacons to find Liberman and Dodov. Bailey followed a beacon signal and started digging and located Dodov after approximately 15 minutes who was unresponsive. Dodov had his Avalung in his mouth and the trigger for his air bag was zippered closed. All clients must zipper their air bag triggers closed into a pocket while in a helicopter and Bailey suspected Dodov forgot to un-zip the trigger. Bailey began CPR efforts until a helicopter transported Dodov to the Alaska Heliskiing base at 33 mile Haines Hwy before being transported to the Haines clinic via ambulance. Osteen and Kirkpatrick located Liberman who was also unresponsive and they began CPR. Liberman was not wearing an Avalung or an air bag. Liberman was transported directly to the Haines airport via helicopter before being transported to the Haines clinic via ambulance.

Statement:

Subject: CORBETT, BRANDON BLAIR / Witness / DOB: 12/19/1977 (34) Gender: Male (663 ROCKY HILL ROAD, MURPHY, CA USA 75247 (Cellular phone) (951) 764-0132)

Stmt taker: #JAB9 BENTZ, J. **Stmt time:** 03/13/2012 12:50

Entered by: #JAB9 BENTZ, J. **Entered time:** 03/26/2012 11:43

Narrative:

I interviewed **BRANDON CORBETT** in the rental property across the highway from the 33 mile roadhouse. Corbett stated he has been skiing with **DODOV, OSTEEN**, and **BAILEY** for many years in California and Alaska. After the **LIBERMAN** skied down the mountain and stopped on the left he radioed up to send down "rider one". Corbett was "rider one" and began down the mountain. Corbett skied to the destination indicated by Liberman and turned uphill to watch the other riders come down the mountain.

Haines Volunteer Fire Department

Date: 3/13/12

Response #: 2012-065

Patient's Name: Nick Dodov

Phone #: 209-840-0648

Address: PO Box 1331 TRUCKEE, CA 96161

Age: 26

DOB: 2/15/87

Location of Incident: Mts west of 33 mile

Male Female

Description of Incident: Avalanche burial

Type of Injury or Illness: Cardiac arrest.

Known History Cardiac Seizure Diabetic Trauma Other

Allergies: Alcohol or Drug Use:

Medications:

S Pt was buried approximately 9ft under snow for approximately 15 minutes. Upon arrival to scene, pt unresponsive and CPR was in progress. AED initiated: no shock advised. CPR adequate.

O ~~fixed~~ fixed and dilated pupils upon arrival.

NECK: JVD @ 1/4

CHEST: no movement or lung sounds in ^{sk} left lung. Right lung sounds present ^{sk} ^{ver}

CV: Pulse varied from 0-69. No radial or pedal pulse. Carotid pulse present periodical

ABD:

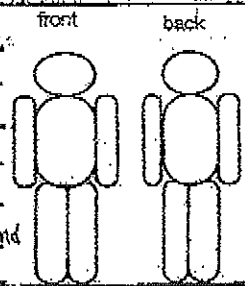
BACK: not examined

PELVIS:

EXTREM: no cap refill. Cold.

NEURO: unresponsive

A Cardiac arrest, avalanche (trauma).



P O2 @ 15L CPR, Backboard, Transport to ambulance. Intubation attempted on arrival, intubation successful @ 11:33, size 8 ET tube 29 and molars. See attached CPR flow sheet for atropine and epinephrine. Transport to clinic.

Time	B/P	Pulse	Resp	O2 Sat	ECG	Medications / IV Fluids
1129		See CPR flow sheet				glucose 97
1144						glucose 89

Other personnel responding: Fire: AK heli, Sage 1st on scene

Receiving Doctor: Standby:

Equipment sent on Medevac:

Alarm Time: 1109	Weather:	Ambulance Personnel: Driver: Danny
Arrival Time: 1104	Temp:	Jen, Sylvia, Al, Chuck + Sage ^{sk} on scene
Left Scene: 1222	Mileage - End: 2806.1	
At Clinic: 1202	Mileage - Start: 2741.2	
In Service: 1257	Total Miles:	Recorder: Sylvia

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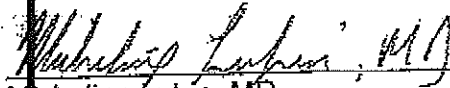
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PATHOLOGICAL DIAGNOSES:

1. Anoxic encephalopathy and multi organ failure due to mechanical asphyxia
 - a. Petechial hemorrhage along the plural surfaces of the lung
2. Evidence of attempted resuscitation
3. Evidence of organ procurement (kidneys)

OPINION:

This 26 year old male was a skier who was caught in an avalanche and was buried under 9 feet of snow for approximately 15 minutes before he was extricated. He was found to be pulseless and required a prolonged resuscitation and was flown out of state to another hospital where he later died. Cause of death is anoxic encephalopathy and multi organ failure due to mechanical asphyxia. The manner of death is accident.



Micheline Lubin, MD
Associate Medical Examiner

4/11/12

Date Signed

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DATE AND TIME OF EXAMINATION:

3/15/2012 at 0810 hours.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:

IDENTIFICATION:

Identification is accomplished by procedures outlined in the investigative report. In addition, photographs are taken under my direction for identification purposes.

CLOTHING AND PERSONAL PROPERTY:

No items of clothing are on the body.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The body is that of a normally developed obese male (Body Mass Index 30.1 kg/m²) appearing to be the stated age of 26 years old weighing 222 pounds and measuring 6 feet in length. The body is cold due to refrigeration. Rigor mortis is 4+ and generalized. Livor mortis is purple and fixed on the dependent back. Preservation of the body is good with no embalming.

Racial characteristic are Caucasian. Hair on the head is brown and measures up 5 inches in length. Hairline is receding. Facial hair consists of a beard and mustache measuring 1/4 inch in length. Natural eyes are present with brown irides, white sclerae, and clear conjunctivae with no petechiae. Pupil diameter equals 7 millimeters bilaterally. Nasal skeleton and facial bones are intact to palpation. There is no evidence of head injury. Natural teeth are present and in adequate condition. The nares contain dried blood. The ears are non-pierced. The neck shows no injuries.

The chest and abdomen have the usual anatomical features with injuries noted below. The abdomen is not obese. The external genitalia consist of a circumcised penis and scrotum containing two testes with normal male pattern pubic hair.

The upper extremities show normal anatomical features with no injuries. The hands are clean and the fingernails are trimmed approximately 1/16 inch beyond the nailbeds.

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The lower extremities show normal anatomical features with no injuries. The feet are clean and the toenails are trimmed less than 1/16 inch beyond the nailbeds. Examination of the back finds normal anatomical features with no injuries. The anus is unremarkable.

EXTERNAL BODY MARKINGS:

1. A monochromatic tattoo depicting a star is on the medial aspect of the right upper arm.
2. A 1 ¼ inch well healed vertical scar is on the anterior left lower leg.
3. A 3 inch well healed angled scar is on the right lower quadrant of the abdomen.

Condition of the body is consistent with the date and time of death as noted in the medical record.

MEDICAL THERAPY:

1. Foley catheter
2. Multiple chest tubes are present as follows: 2 chest tubes on the right lateral chest and 1 on the left lateral chest
3. Intravenous lines are present as follows: bilateral antecubital fossa; triple lumen catheter is in the left subclavian region, and a central intravenous line is in the left groin
4. Multiple needle puncture marks are present as follows: ventral right wrist and posterior right hand

EVIDENCE OF PROCUREMENT:

1. Harvesting sutures are present in the mid chest and abdomen

INJURIES, EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL

TORSO:

1. A 5 x 2.5 inch purple contusion is on the right lateral torso.

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INTERNAL EXAMINATION:

HEAD AND CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM:

The scalp is unremarkable and the skull is intact. There is no epidural, subdural, or subarachnoid hemorrhage. The brain weighs 1473 grams and has flattened gyri and narrow sulci. The leptomeninges are thin and transparent. The cerebral vessels are unremarkable. The cortical gray ribbon is intact and the ventricular system is appropriate size. The deep cerebral nuclei and hippocampi are unremarkable. The brainstem and cerebellum are unremarkable.

The skull base has the expected anatomic features. The proximal spinal cord, when viewed through the foramen magnum, is unremarkable.

NECK:

Examination of the anterior soft tissues reveals hemorrhage along the strap muscles and along the right superior aspect of the thyroid gland. There is edema of the larynx and aryepiglottic folds. The cartilaginous and bony structures of the neck reveal no abnormalities. The usual anatomical relationships are preserved and the upper airway is not obstructed.

BODY CAVITIES:

The organs are normally situated and there are no abnormal fluid collections or fibrous adhesions. The pleural and peritoneal surfaces are smooth and glistening. The mediastinum and retroperitoneum have the expected anatomic features.

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM:

The heart weighs 356 grams. The epicardium is unremarkable. The chambers demonstrate their usual shape and configuration with no gross hypertrophy. The coronary arteries have only scattered atherosclerotic streaks throughout the course of all vessels. Cut surfaces of the myocardium are normal color and there is no thickening of the ventricular walls. The valves and atria are unremarkable. The aorta follows its usual course and the origins of the major vessels are normally disposed and unremarkable. The great vessels of venous return are in their usual positions and are unremarkable.

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RESPIRATORY SYSTEM:

The larynx and trachea have no abnormalities and are continuous in the usual manner with the primary bronchi. The bronchi contain clear mucus. The right lung weighs 1017 grams and the left lung weighs 645 grams. The plural surfaces reveal multiple petechial hemorrhages along the anterior left upper and left lower lobes of the lung, and hemorrhage along the fissures separating the left upper and left lower lobes. There is also plural hemorrhage along the posterior aspect of the right lower lobe measuring 7.5 x 3 centimeters. The anterior right middle lobe plural surface reveals a 0.5 x 0.4 centimeter black somewhat raised lesion. The parenchyma is maroon-red and congested with focal hemorrhage along the left upper lobe. There is no consolidation, hemorrhage, mass or cavitary lesion. The bronchi and vasculature are normally distributed.

HEPATOBIILIARY SYSTEM:

The liver weighs 1591 grams and has a smooth and glistening capsule. Cut surfaces are uniformly red-brown and have the usual landmarks. The extrahepatic biliary system is unremarkable. The gallbladder contains approximately 20 milliliters of dark green viscous bile without stones.

LYMPHORETICULAR SYSTEM:

The spleen weighs 215 grams and has a smooth and glistening capsule and an unremarkable parenchyma with the usual anatomical features. The thymus is involuted and replaced by fat. The lymph nodes, where appreciated, are unremarkable.

URINARY SYSTEM:

The kidneys have been harvested. The bladder reveals hemorrhage along the peritoneal surfaces and is devoid of urine. However, the Foley catheter contains 300 milliliters of yellow urine.

INTERNAL GENITALIA:

The prostate and testes are unremarkable.

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GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM:

The esophagus and gastroesophageal junction are unremarkable. The stomach contains approximately 675 milliliters of red fluid. The gastric mucosa reveals diffuse petechial hemorrhage that extends into the small intestine. The large intestines are unremarkable. The vermiform appendix is absent.

ENDOCRINE SYSTEM:

The pancreas, pituitary, thyroid, and adrenal glands are unremarkable.

MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM:

The vertebrae, clavicles, sternum, ribs, and pelvis are without fracture. The musculature is normally distributed and unremarkable.

MICROSCOPIC:

HEART: No pathologic diagnosis.

CORONARY ARTERY: Patent.

LUNG: Pulmonary alveolar hemorrhage and passive congestion.

LIVER: No pathologic diagnosis.

BRAIN (Hippocampus): No pathologic diagnosis.

EVIDENCE, RADIOGRAPHS, AND ANCILLARY PROCEDURES:

1. Hospital admission samples were discarded prior to autopsy therefore toxicological samples are not sent.

Washington State Toxicology Laboratory - Washington State Patrol

Death Investigation - Request for Analysis

2203 Airport Way S., Ste. 360
 Seattle, WA 98134-2027
 Phone: (206) 262-6100
 Fax: (206) 262-6145

***** No Toxicology Sent *****

Decedent Information:

Name: Dodov Nickoly A
Last First MI
 Age: 26 Sex: Male

Laboratory Use Only
 Laboratory # _____

Date Sent: 3/20/2012 Agency Case #: 12-00417 Date of Death: 3/14/2012
 Agency: King County Medical Examiner Sent By: Lubin, Micheline Phone: (206) 7)31-30
 E-mail: micheline.lubin@kingcounty.gov

Date: _____

Preliminary Manner of Death: Accident

Cause of Death: Anoxic encephalopathy and multiorgan failure
mechanical asphyxia

Pending Tox: Y N
 Traffic: Y N
 Driver: Y N

Analyst: _____

Specimens Received:

- Blood _____ ml
- Blood Peripheral _____ ml
- Urine _____ ml
- Vitreous _____ ml
- Liquid _____ ml
- Serum _____ ml
- Other: Please list

Circumstances of Death

DIED AT HMC - SKIING IN AVALANCHE

Drugs Suspected:

Sample Information:

Specimen	Collected	Sent
Central Blood	2	0
Peripheral Blood	0	0
Urine	2	0
Gastric	1	0
Vitreous	1	0
Bile	1	0
Liver	1	0
Brain	1	0
Psoas	1	0
Serum	1	0
Spleen Squeeze	0	0
Cavity Blood	0	0
Hospital Sample	0	0
Other:	0	0

Analysis Requested:

- Blood Alcohol:
- Vitreous Alcohol:
- Carbon Monoxide:
- Drug Screen: Urine
- Drug Screen: Blood
- Other: (Specify)
- NONE

Analysis Comments:

Was the subject embalmed before samples were taken? Y N

State of decomposition: None

Evidence sealed Y N

- Box Sealed
- Bag Sealed
- Tubes Sealed

Samples leaked Y N

- 1st Class
- UPS
- Certified
- Registered
- Fed Ex
- Hand Delivered

***** No Toxicology Requested *****

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215 w/seat

Participant agreement, release, and acknowledgement of risks

In consideration of the services of Alaska Heliskiing, LLC, their agents, owners, officers, volunteers, participants, employees, and all other persons or entities acting in any capacity on their behalf, on behalf of myself, my children, my parents, my heirs, assigns, personal representative, and estate as follows:

- I acknowledge that heliskiing entails known and unanticipated risks, which could result in physical or emotional injury, paralysis, death, or damage to me, to property, or to third parties. I understand that such risks simply cannot be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity. The Risks include, among other things: Helicopter skiing is usually accompanied by beautiful mountain scenery. Those same beautiful mountains pose a risk of avalanches. Avalanches may be caused by natural forces including steepness of slopes, snow depth, instability of snow pack or changing weather conditions. Alaska Heliskiing, LLC or its staff may misjudge whether the terrain is safe for skiing, or where or when an avalanche may occur. The natural beauty of the mountainous areas used for heliskiing sometimes hides dangerous obstacles. Those obstacles may be hidden by snow and include, but are not limited to crevasses, ice and snow cornices, tree wells, tree stumps, creeks, rocks and boulders, a forest deadfall, holes and depressions below the snow surface, and varying and difficult snow conditions. These areas may not have been skied previously and are not regularly patrolled. Skiers may become lost or separated from their skiing guides or skiing companions by skiing in forested areas, wild rugged terrain or bad weather. Communication in this mountain terrain is always difficult and in the event of an accident, rescue and medical treatment may not be immediately available. Furthermore, Alaska Heliskiing, LLC guides have difficult jobs to perform. They seek safety, but are not infallible. They might be ignorant of a participant's fitness or abilities. They might misjudge weather, the elements or terrain. They may give inadequate warnings or instructions, and the equipment being used may malfunction.
- I expressly agree and promise to accept and assume all of the risks existing in this activity. My participation in this activity is purely voluntary, and I elect to participate in spite of the risks.
- I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless Alaska Heliskiing, LLC from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action, which are in any way connected with my participation in this activity or my use of Alaska Heliskiing, LLC equipment or facilities, including any such claims which allege negligent acts or omissions of Alaska Heliskiing, LLC.
- Should Alaska Heliskiing, LLC or anyone acting on their behalf, be required to include attorneys fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to indemnify and hold them harmless for all such fees and costs.
- I certify that I have adequate insurance to cover any injury or damage I may cause or suffer while participating, or else I agree to bear all the costs of such injury or damage to myself. I further certify that I have no medical or physical conditions which could interfere with my safety in this activity, or else I am willing to assume and bear the costs of all risks that may be created, directly or indirectly, by any such condition.
- In the event that I file a lawsuit against Alaska Heliskiing, LLC I agree to do so solely in the State of Alaska, and I further agree that I am bound by the substantive law of the state of Alaska, and if any portion of this agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

By signing this document, I acknowledge that if anyone is hurt or property is damaged during my participation in this activity, I may be found in a court of law to have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against Alaska Heliskiing, LLC on the basis of any claim from which I have released them herein.

I have had sufficient opportunity to read the entire document. I have read and understood it, and agree to be bound by its terms.

Signature of participant

Print Name

Address

E-Mail

[Handwritten Signature] Nick Dodar
 2225 Solvang Way, Truckee, CA 96161
 mountainsidepainting@alaska.com (209) 840-0646 Date 03/04/12

Parents or guardians additional indemnification (must be completed for participants under the age 18)

In consideration of _____ (print minors name) ("Minor") being permitted by Alaska Heliskiing, LLC to participate in activities and to use its equipment and facilities, I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless Alaska Heliskiing, LLC from any and all claims which are brought by, or on behalf of Minor, and which are in any way connected with such use or participation by Minor.

Parent or Guardian

Print Name

Date

Nickolai

**COASTAL HELICOPTER SKI AND SNOWBOARDING
RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM
2012**

I Understand Coastal Helicopters Inc. Is providing a point to point charter only and will not be conducting any guiding for helicopter skiing and/or snowboarding operations.

Once you are dropped off, Coastal Helicopters, Inc. will not be responsible for any injuries incurred once leaving the helicopter and prior to re-boarding the helicopter.

You are encouraged to carry a shovel, emergency locating beacon, and any other rescue equipment you deem necessary when conducting any operations in the mountains.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the statement above and have been adequately briefed on the safety features and how to conduct operations in and around the helicopter.

DATE 03/04/12 2/15/86 CA D4889309

PRINT NAME Nick Doolov

ADDRESS 13225 Solvang Way, Truckee CA 96161

SIGNATURE OF PASSENGER [Signature]

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN _____

EMERGENCY PHONE CONTACT Kalei (209) 9856543

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GUEST PRE-FLIGHT BRIEFING

215 w/gear

Blood Type _____ Medic Alert _____ Weight 175

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name Nick Dodov Age 26 Occupation handy man
Company/Sponsor _____
Email Address mountaincountrypainting@yahoo.com
Web Site _____
Address P.O. box 1331
City/State/Zip Truckee CA 96161
Day Phone 209 840 0648 Evening Phone _____
Date of Check in _____ Date of Check out _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

How will you be paying? Credit Card (VS/MC) _____ Check _____ Cash
Name on Card 4217 6586 5372 7509
Account Number Nickolay A Dodov Expiration Date 05/15

QUESTIONNAIRE

Have you ever been heli skiing before? N If so, where? _____
Is all of your skiing equipment in good, safe, working condition? YES
How many seasons have you skied? 22 How many days per season? 100
What level skier would you rate yourself (intermediate, Advanced, Expert)?
Are you a member of any professional ski group, club, company, or ski area? NO If so what is its name? _____

PHYSICAL CONDITION

What physical condition do you consider yourself to be in? Good
Do you have any major ailments like: heart trouble, high blood pressure, knee or back injuries, chronic dislocations or other? _____ If so what, when, and present condition? _____

Who do we notify in case of an emergency?

Name Katei Day Phone 209 985 6923 Night Phone _____
Address 13225 Solvang way Truckee CA 96161
City/State/Zip _____

How did you hear about Alaska Heli Skiing? _____

Use reverse side for additional comments or artwork

WARNING, LIABILITY RELEASE, INDEMNITY AGREEMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT

ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I understand how this equipment works and have received proper instruction and satisfactory answers to any questions. If at any time this equipment does not seem to be working properly, I will stop using it immediately and return it for inspection and possible repair or adjustment. I understand and agree that skiing and related activities are **HAZARDOUS** and that injuries are common and ordinary occurrence during these activities. **I AGREE TO ASSUME ALL RISKS OF INJURY OR DEATH** which may result from these activities.

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WARNING

If ~~Alpine ski equipment~~ is being furnished, I understand that the ski-boot-binding system will release the boot from the ski when certain forces on the system reach preset values, but that it will **NOT RELEASE OR RETAIN** at all times where release or retention may prevent injury, and that it **CANNOT** prevent all injuries or guarantee the user's safety. I understand and agree that unwanted release or retention of bindings is an inherent risk of using any ski-boot-binding system. I further agree and understand that any ski-boot-binding system does **NOT ELIMINATE THE RISK** of injuries to the user's knees or to any other part of the user's body.

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LIABILITY RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent allowed by law, I hereby **RELEASE** Alaska Heliskiing LLC, and all manufacturers and distributors of this equipment, from **ANY AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY OR LEGAL LIABILITY** for any injuries, damages or death to any user of any equipment listed on this form. **I WILL INDEMNIFY THEM AND HOLD THEM HARMLESS** if any claim or action is pursued for any injuries, damages or death relating to skiing or any related activities involving the use of this equipment.

I accept this equipment "**AS IS**" and with **NO WARRANTIES**, express or implied, beyond those stated herein and in the manufacturer's written limited warranty. This document constitutes the **FINAL AND ENTIRE AGREEMENT** regarding this transaction and this equipment, and it supersedes any and all other documents or oral statements. If any part is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder shall be given full force and effect.

If equipment is damaged or not returned prior to the renter's departure, the credit card on file will be charged for the cost of new gear needed to replace it.

THIS IS A CONTRACT, which provides a **COMPREHENSIVE RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION**. This agreement shall be binding upon my heirs, successors in interest, assigns, and personal representatives.

Any litigation by me or on my behalf or for my minor child against Alaska Heliskiing LLC shall be brought in Haines, Alaska and the laws of the State of Alaska shall apply.

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READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING



Signature of User

03/04/12

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian of Minor

Date