

**SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT
OF AUGUST 2015 GRAND JURY
OF CLARKE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

On January 6, 2015, the Grand Jury of the August 2015 Term of the Circuit Court of Clarke County, Mississippi, taken from the body of good and lawful men and women of said Count and State reconvened to hear testimony and review evidence regarding the investigation of the death of Jonathan Sanders, which occurred in Clarke County, Mississippi on July 8, 2015. After hearing testimony from witnesses, the Grand Jury returned a no true bill of indictment. The Grand Jury also made the following findings:

We, the Grand Jury, found that Jonathan Sanders died as a result of Mechanical Asphyxia associated with Acute Cocaine Toxicity. This is evidenced by skin abrasions at the base of the neck, conjunctival petechiae, pleural petechiae and hemorrhage in the soft tissue of the neck associated with recent ingestion of Cocaine. This resulted in decreased respiration, decreased cerebral blood flow, cardiac stimulation and death. There was no other identifiable evidence of traumatic injury that would have caused or contributed to his death. Toxicology results are consistent with recent ingestion of Cocaine, a known cardio-toxic substance, and was most likely a contributory factor in his death. Based on the findings and testimony of the Medical Examiner, we, the Grand Jury, find that the cause of Jonathan Sanders' death was Mechanical Asphyxia associated with Acute Cocaine Toxicity.

We, the Grand Jury, found that the stop of Jonathan Sanders was lawful because Officer Kevin Herrington had reasonable suspicion to believe that Jonathan Sanders was involved in drug activity.

We, the Grand Jury, found that the force used by Officer Kevin Herrington in restraining Jonathan Sanders was not excessive under the circumstances.

We, the Grand Jury, found that Officer Kevin Herrington acted in a manner consistent with what he had been taught at the police training academy and by his superior officers at Stonewall Police Department.

We, the Grand Jury, did not find that there was any evidence that Officer Kevin Herrington made any racial slurs.

We, the Grand Jury, found that no policy or procedure was violated by Officer Kevin Herrington's spouse riding with him; however, it is the recommendation of this Grand Jury that the Board of Aldermen review the policy and procedures regarding officers riding with their spouses.

We, the Grand Jury, appreciate the testimony of Mrs. Francis Sanders, Jonathan Sanders' Mother, regarding Jonathan's character as a son, father, and friend of many. We, the Grand Jury, believe that Jonathan did not act in conformity with his normal character due to the influence of Cocaine which was found in his system at the time of his death.

I do hereby affirm that the forgoing Supplemental Grand Jury Report accurately reflects the actions and findings of the August 2015 Grand Jury which was reconvened on January 6, 2015.



Bilbo Mitchell, District Attorney