## SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA - HAYWARD HALL OF JUSTICE
CASE NO. RG14735588

AMBROSE AGU, Individually and as Successor-in-Interest to the ESTATE OF TED AGU; and EMILIA AGU, Individually,

Plaintiffs,

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THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, et al.,

Defendants.

VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF THOMAS RICHARD BEAVER, M.D. Pages 1 through 144

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THE VIDEOGRAPHER: My name is Marty Stonely, representing Hahn & Bowersock. The date today is June 15, 2015. The time is approximately 2:23 p.m. This deposition is being held at the Office of the Medical Examiner located in Marathon, Florida. It's being taken by counsel for the plaintiff. The caption in this case is Ambrose Agu, Individually and as Successor-in-Interest in the Estate of Ted Agu; and Emilia Agu, Individually, v. The Regents of the University of California. This case is filed in the Superior Court of the State of California. It's for the County of Alameda - Hayward Hall of Justice, Case Number RG-14735588. The name of the witness today is Dr. Thomas Beaver.

At this time the attorneys present in the room and attending remotely will please identify themselves and the parties they represent, after which our court reporter, Susan McTaggart, representing Hahn & Bowersock, will swear in the witness, and then we may proceed.

Gentlemen?

1	MR. YERRID: Gladly, sir. Steve Yerrid and Jeff
2	Murphy, representing the plaintiffs.
3	MR. HOSKING: And Jeff Hosking on behalf of the
4	defendants.
5	THE REPORTER: Do you swear the testimony you're
6	about to give in this matter will be the truth, the
7	whole truth, and nothing but the truth?
8	THE WITNESS: I do.
9	THEREUPON,
10	THOMAS RICHARD BEAVER, M.D.,
11	having been first duly sworn, was examined and
12	testified as follows:
13	DIRECT EXAMINATION
14	BY MR. YERRID:
15	Q Good afternoon, sir. Would you kindly state your
16	name?
17	A Yes. My name is Thomas Richard Beaver,
18	B-E-A-V-E-R.
19	Q And your profession?
20	A I'm a forensic pathologist.
21	Q All right. And, Dr. Beaver, as I told you before
22	we went on camera, this deposition will be used as if you're
23	appearing live in a courtroom in California, so you should
	direct your answers to the jury, which will be represented by
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1	A Yes, sir.
2	Q And if my questions are in any way misleading or
3	unclear please stop me and I'll gladly back up, rephrase the
4	questions, if you need additional information we'll gladly
5	supply it. Otherwise I will consider your answers to be
6	responsive. And I would also ask that you state all of your
7	opinions, if appropriate, within a reasonable degree of
8	medical probability. All right, sir?
9	A Yes, sir. I understand.
10	Q All right. Thank you.
11	Where do you currently work, Dr. Beaver?
12	A I'm the District Medical Examiner for District 16in
13	the state of Florida. That is in Monroe County, and the city
14	is Marathon, Florida.
15	Q All right. And if you can give us an idea of not
16	only your profession, how you came to be a medical examiner,
17	but also the specialty of being a medical examiner and what
18	you do on a day-to-day basis?
19	A Yes, sir.
20	Q Just a narrative for the jury.
21	A Certainly.
22	So my path to forensic pathology and to this
23	position has been circuitous at best. I have an
24	undergraduate degree from the University of California. I
25	have a medical degree from St. George's University School of

1 Medicine. Q Where was the degree, what type of degree was it 3 from California? It was a degree in biological sciences, and my 5 emphasis at that time was on molecular biology. And 6 molecular biology was really in its infancy when I was in 7 college, and it's grown a lot since then. 8 What drew you to that? I'm just curious to --I was, I always liked chemistry and biology, as 9 10 well, so, and for most of my, my formative years in high 11 school I wanted to be an oceanographer. That was, I was, I 12 had a lot of influence from Jacques Cousteau, he was on TV 13 when I was a boy, and, and that was what I wanted to do. I 14 grew up in southern California and, near the ocean, so I was, 15 I was wanting to be an oceanographer and I wanted to be like 16 Jacques Cousteau. Jacques Cousteau of the Calypso? 17 Yes. Exactly. And as a high school student I even 18 19 wrote to him once and asked if I could do an internship on 20 the Calypso. And I had my scuba certificate when I was 14 21 years old so, so I, I, I asked him at that time if I could be 22 on the Calypso. Of course I never got an answer. But, but 23 now I, I dive as much as I want. 24 Q All right. Well, Dr. Beaver, after that college

25 education you said you began to pursue a curriculum dedicated

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1 toward the practice of medicine. Tell us a little bit about
  that.
            Yes, sir. I went to St. George's University School
 3
  of Medicine.
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            All right, sir.
            And you may remember that from Grenada, West
 6
  Indies. That's where the school was located. And actually
  the, the main part of the school is in the state of New York.
 9 And the first two years are done in Grenada, and that's all
  classroom work mostly, the last two years of clinical
11 sciences are done back in the United States, at hospitals in
12 the United States, teaching hospitals.
            In New York?
         Q
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         A In New York and New Jersey, and I had rotations in
14
15 Colorado and California, as well.
         Q All right, sir. And what drew you to this
16
17 particular, what, did you take up anything as a specialty in
18 medical school or did anything strike your interest?
         A I always liked pathology because it was, there was
19
20 a lot of cerebration involved, and I did an elective in
21 pathology, but I really didn't have any direction. And I
22 went to, I met a woman in medical school, my third year of
23 medical school, and we ultimately got married. And so we, in
24 fact, we both graduated in, in June and got married in
25 August. And so she wanted to be an obstetrician and she
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1 wanted to do her residency at the University of Colorado. And
  that was kind of set in stone because she was, she had
 3 mentors at the University of Colorado, and so that was set in
 4 stone. So I was kind of like, well, I don't know, I'll just
 5 do something, whatever.
            And so I did an internship and then, and then we
 6
 7 had our first child and I did, and the dean of the medical
 8 school said, well, your wife is an obstetrician, an
 9 obstetrics resident, she's working a hundred and fifty hours
10 a week, this is before the 80-hour workweek, and so you need
11 to be in pathology or radiology. That way you can pick up
12 the kid from school and you can take care of this baby you've
13 got.
14
            Right.
            And so --
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            Before, before we proceed, what, tell the ladies
16
17 and gentlemen of the jury, it might be a good opportunity for
18 you to explain, pathology, what is that the, the, the study
19 of? What does it entail, pathology?
            Pathology is the study of disease. And so
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21 pathologists do, they study human disease in all of its
22 complexity and, and it's primarily focused on diagnosis.
             So the premise in pathology is that if you make the
23
24 right diagnosis, everything else will follow in its own
25 course.
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In other words, with a correct diagnosis the 1 treatment will follow, the treatment is given and the 3 clinical course will be given, and everything will proceed down a known pathway. If you don't get the correct diagnosis, then, then you're going to be floundering with different treatments and different outcomes and you're really not going to understand what, what's happening. So pathology is all about diagnosis. And pathologists use the microscope as a tool. 9 So you take biopsies. When you get a biopsy of a 10 tumor, it's the pathologist that will tell you whether that's cancer or not cancer. 12 13 All right, sir. A Even, maybe the process is even inflammatory. 14 And so if there's any type of surgery done, the 15 16 specimen obtained at surgery for the surgeon to know whether 17 he's dealing with cancer or not, that's going to be looked at 18 by a pathologist who will look at the cells and see if it's 19 cancer. 20 Pathologists are also usually in charge of the 21 clinical lab in the hospital, so all of the laboratory tests, anytime you have a blood test done that tells you your blood counts or, or anytime you have any kind of testing done, that's going to be in the realm of the pathologist. So pathologists study disease. 25

O As you began to go down this, this path of 1 2 pathology, did it strike accord with you? I mean, was it 3 something that became very interesting and something you 4 decided to pursue in a lifelong career? Yes. Pathology was good. It was, it was, I 5 enjoyed it, and there were a lot of aspects of it that I I'm a scientist And I enjoyed the science of it. enjoyed. both by temperament and training, and that appealed to me. Well, lead us along, then. As you started toward 9 10 the goal of being a pathologist and now you're a medical examiner, pick us up where you left off. You --11 12 A So ---- began to go into pathology and? 13 So pathology residency when I did it was five 14 15 years. It was one of the longest residencies you could do. 16 The, for instance, say, a family practice resident is three 17 years. Obstetrics and gynecology is four years. General 18 surgery would be five years, and pathology was five years. 19 And so I did a five-year residency in anatomic and clinical 20 pathology at the University of Colorado, and when we were 21 getting near the end of residency my wife found a job in 22 California that she wanted, she was from California 23 originally, too, and so I said, well, I'll do whatever I can 24 find there. And I went out to join a pathology group called 25

1 Yosemite Pathology Medical Group and, which is in Modesto, 2 California, and the, one of the partners in the group while 3 he was driving me around, it's a large group, eleven 4 pathologists, six hospitals, and he was driving me around and 5 he said what do you know about forensic pathology? And I 6 knew nothing about forensic pathology. So I told him, I'll 7 know whatever you want me to know if it gets me this job. 8 And, and so he said, well, we want to bid on the coroner's 9 contract, but we don't have a board certified forensic 10 pathologist. The coroner's contract being the, the coroner as a 11 12 lay person might understand it that determines cause of 13 death, things such as that? Correct. So California, as progressive as it is in 14 15 many ways, is the most antiquated state when it comes to the 16 death investigation system. So they have in California a 17 coroner system where most times the sheriff is the coroner, 18 and so the coroner, obviously the sheriff doesn't do any 19 autopsies, he doesn't know any forensic pathology, he doesn't 20 know any medicine, so he will contract with a pathologist or 21 a pathology group to do those autopsies and to make the cause 22 of death for him. So in this case the coroner was the sheriff in 23 24 Stanislaus County and wanted to, and this group, the 25 pathology group, wanted to bid on the coroner's contract, and

1	they needed a board certified pathologist to do that.
2	So I went back to Denver, to the University of
3	Colorado, and, with this job offer in hand, and I talked to
4	the department chairman, and he said, well, you can, you can
5	do the forensic pathology fellowship, the additional
6	training, for a year and then take the boards and get board
7	certified.
8	Q Now, let me stop you, please, if you don't mind,
9	Dr. Beaver. This would be after the five years you've
10	already told the jury about, the longest type of residency,
11	an additional year of a fellowship?
12	A Yes. Additional year of training. Yes.
13	Q And this would be an additional year based upon a
14	focus toward that specialty of being a pathologist, a
15	forensic pathologist?
16	A Yes, sir. Correct. Forensic pathology requires a
17	fellowship, and it requires the completion of anatomic
18	pathology as a prerequisite for taking the fellowship and
19	becoming board certified.
20	Q Okay. Can you, would this be a proper time for you
21	to explain what a forensic pathologist means?
22	Forensic, anyway? What does forensic mean?
23	A Certainly. Forensic pathology is the specialty of
24	medicine that is concerned with determining the cause,
25	manner, and mechanism of death in cases of sudden and

1 unexpected death, and it's really a whole different way to 2 think about medicine and it requires a real mind type 3 training to be able to start to think about medicine as a 4 cause of death rather than what you're going to do to combat 5 the disease. And so that's, the purpose of the fellowship in forensic pathology is to sort of retrain your mind to not only think about disease from a standpoint of treatment and cure, but also from a standpoint of how this happens and the 9 mechanism by which this, the disease is affecting the person's health. So the focus rather than treating the patient, I 11 12 assume now the patients are deceased, the focus is why did 13 they become deceased, why did he or she die, and --A Right. 14 O -- that whole world is the world you entered as a 15 16 forensic pathologist? A Correct. And the mechanism, how death is 17 18 occurring, the things, the, the way it might occur and the 19 whole milieu of how, how death would occur under a particular 20 set of circumstances. That's what the forensic pathologist 21 is looking at. Q And to jump ahead very quickly to orient the jury, 22 23 as I understand it you were the medical examiner on a young 24 man 21 years old named Ted Agu --A Yes, sir. 25

1	Q in California?
2	A Yes, sir. I was the Chief Forensic Pathologist
3	working for Alameda County.
4	Q And I'm going to get to that. But I just wanted to
5	clarify, we're here in the Keys in the state of Florida, but
6	I wanted to tie that in now so we can proceed with that
7	understanding that you actually were the hands-on person that
8	examined young Agu and determined certain things based upon
9	information you were given or you had available?
0	A Yes, sir. That's correct.
1	Q Okay. On that point I want to ask you, in this
2	world of forensic pathology and in particular medical
3	examiners like you, how important is information?
4	A Oh, it's critical. To know the circumstances of
5	death is very important. Oftentimes the autopsy report will
6	even include a section on circumstances of death where the
7	last few minutes of the person's life are recounted in
8	detail. So it is, it is important to put everything in the
9	context of what's happening and to correlate it with the
0	pathological findings. In other words, one of the things
1	that we're taught in pathology consistently, and even in
2	medicine, is this thing called the clinical pathologic
3	correlation. So let's say
4	Q That was a mouthful. Go ahead, yeah. You're going
5	to explain it?

Correct. So let's say a person has a fever. That's 1 2 the clinical size of it. They have a fever. So the 3 pathology is they have an infection. So how does that fever 4 correlate with the infection? Do you have the signs of 5 infection? So let's say a person has a fever but no signs of 6 infection. Well, then you have to look at some of the other 7 things that cause fever. Sometimes cancer can cause fever. So to correlate the clinical presentation of fever with what 9 you actually find is the process of pathology. Okay. Let's pick back up where you were in your 10 path progression, and I'm talking being professionally. This board certification, was it obtained and did 12 13 you successfully complete the criteria needed? 14 A Yes, sir. Please continue in that regard. 15 So the pathology, forensic pathology fellowship is 16 17 twelve months. I had the, I was in the final year of my 18 residency and I had the job offer in November, so I actually 19 rearranged my schedule for the rest of my residency to spend 20 in the coroner's office in essentially the capacity of a 21 fellow from January through to June. And that's the, for the 22 academic year for doctors the year is July 1st, July 1st 23 begins the year. So I did from January to June as the last 24 half of the last year of my residency, and then I commenced a 25 fellowship in July of 1991.

Q All right, sir. And with regard to where life took 1 2 you from that point, did you ultimately get the job as the 3 medical examiner? A Yes, sir, I did. I finished the fellowship, I took 4 5 the board examinations. And I have taken all of the board I took the board examinations in anatomic examinations. 7 pathology, clinical pathology, and forensic pathology, and I 8 passed all of those examinations on the first attempt. Q And I wanted to ask you about that, because you may 10 be one of our first doctors. These are referred to in lay 11 terms as board certifications. We ask sometimes doctors, are 12 you board certified, and they say yes. Can you explain and 13 walk the jury through just the general -- I understand you're 14 triple board certified? A Correct. That's correct. 15 Q Okay. Can you explain what a board certification 16 17 process means and how important that is in terms of the 18 medical field and what it recognizes? A Yes, sir. So the American Board of Medical 19 20 Specialties has a bunch of specialty boards, and so you can 21 board certified in cardiology, in family practice, in 22 internal medicine. 23 Q Yes, sir. A And, of course, pathology, and various aspects of, 24 25 of these things. So you might get certified in

1 interventional cardiology. The board decides what they want 2 to do as far as a breakdown of a specialty --3 Q Yes, sir. 4 -- within a specialty. They also set the training. So they'll, they'll 5 6 say before you can even take the board examination you have 7 to complete a certain number of years of training in an 8 accredited residency program. So for pathology, not forensic 9 pathology but just pathology, before I could even take the 10 pathology boards I had to complete the five-year residency 11 training program. Once I had that certificate of completion 12 in my hand, then I could apply to take the board exams. And 13 so I took the board exams. For pathology the board exam is a three-day affair, 14 15 eight hours a day, and it includes looking at slides through 16 a microscope, answering test questions, and then also looking 17 at gross specimens, specimens of, of different tissues and 18 different things that might be, might come across a 19 pathologist's lab in practice and then answering questions 20 about those things. And those questions would be put to you by board 21 22 certified physicians that are proctors in the process of 23 examining you to see if you're proficient enough to get that 24 recognition of board certification? 25 A Correct.

1	Q Okay.
2,	A And so the board examination, I guess what I want
3	to say, is not a trivial process, and over 60 percent of the
4	people will fail it and, on the first attempt, and you only
5	get three attempts. After the third attempt you have to go
6	back and retrain.
7	Q Well, with you we don't need to worry about three
8	attempts. You passed the pathology board on the first time
9	you tried?
10	A Yes. I passed all of the board examinations on the
11	first attempt, which is actually, probably it puts me in a
12	very rarefied atmosphere. Very few people can do that.
13	Q Well, tell me, Dr. Beaver, with regard, and, and
14	those credentials enabled you to get positions with, with the
15	governor or medical examiner's office and things such as
16	that.
17	A Correct.
18	Q But before we jump ahead, when did you first become
19	board certified? What year? Can you approximate?
20	A It would be 1992.
21	Q Okay. 1992. And that would be the pathology
22	certification?
23	A Pathology certification was in 1991, so I had to
24	pass, I had to complete and pass
25	Q Okay.

1	A the pathology boards as a prerequisite for
2	forensic pathology.
3	Q Okay. That's, that's my confusion. So in 1991 you
4	got the pathology board certification?
5	A Correct.
6	Q Then in 1992 you further specialized and got
7	recognition within the medical community by getting the
8	forensic pathology board certification?
9	A Correct. That's exactly correct.
10	Q And that would be 1992?
11	A Yes, sir.
12	Q Okay. You mentioned a third board certification.
13	What was that?
14	A Oh. It's anatomic pathology and clinical
15	pathology. Those are the first two. And clinical pathology
16	is not required for forensic pathology. It's not one of the
17	prerequisites.
18	Q I see.
19	A But I did that training and took that board
20	examination really before I knew I was going to be in
21	forensic pathology.
22	Q Okay.
23	A And it makes me, clinical pathology is the hospital
24	laboratory, so to, to work in a hospital lab and to, to
25	supervise the lab, to run a hospital laboratory and to do the

1 testing in a hospital laboratory clinical pathology is a 2 certification you need. So that, that makes me certified in 3 every single way to work in a hospital. Q Okay. These certifications, and I don't want to 5 delve too much more deeply, but these certifications, given 6 their importance, were they done by the American Board or 7 through the American Board of Pathology? Yes, sir. The American Board of Pathology is the 9 only recognized board for pathology certification. There are 10 a number of sort of on the fringe boards that will certify 11 people and, so that they can say they're board certified, but 12 they're not, it's not part of the American Board of Medical 13 Specialties. So for instance let's say, I think around 14 plastic surgeons there's a lot of this kind of board 15 certification so there'll be, somebody will start up a board 16 and say I'm offering certification to a plastic surgeon in 17 cosmetic reconstruction, so the plastic surgeon will get that 18 board, just pay the money, submit his credentials, there's no 19 exam, there's no real test involved. So, and that, and that, 20 there was a lot of that around forensic sciences. Like for 21 instance they'll have a forensic examiner certification by 22 some board that sounds official. But really the American 23 Board of Pathology is the official certifying agency. Q For lack of a better phrase, that's the mainstream 24 25 board certification?

1	A Yes. That's the mainstream.
2	Q Got you.
3	Have you ever served or been certified as an expert
4	reviewer? Do you know what I'm talking about?
5	A Yes, sir. Yeah. The State of California
6	Q Can you explain to the jury about that?
7	A Sure. The State of California from time to time
8	gets complaints about physicians and they, they want
9	physicians to review those complaints because they know that
10	the complaints can be technical and detailed and can require
11	a real understanding of medicine to be able to evaluate
12	whether there's any merit to them or not. So they don't
13	leave it to, they don't leave it to a, an investigator or
14	inspector. They, they actually bring in a physician and
15	submit documents. So they, I was asked to be an expert
16	reviewer for the State of California.
17	Q All right, sir.
18	A And then I completed the training, they invited me
19	to come and do the training, I did the training, completed
20	that, and got certified as an expert reviewer for the State
21	of California.
22	Q Did you actually participate as an expert reviewer?
23	A I think I've done a couple of cases. It was a long
24	time ago. And it wasn't, I was really busy back in those
25	days and I, and when these cases came across my desk I would

1 do what I could, but it wasn't something that I sought out. 2 I did not seek to, to grow that side of my practice at all. Q But it's something you had the capability and 3 4 recognized expertise in doing? Yes. I could do it. And largely I, I did it 5 6 because I was invited to do it, and I thought that it would 7 be impolite not to accept, so. And, and I want to, I want to just move ahead a 8 9 bit. With regard to continuing education, have you kept up 10 with the continuing, we know that in, in today's world it's 11 important to stay on the cutting edge of, of things. Have 12 you kept up with the various educational opportunities 13 offered in your field? Yes, sir. I have. And that's required for 14 15 licensure. My license in California and in Florida, both of 16 those are current. Well, you, you anticipated my next question. 17 What states are you licensed in? 18 A I'm licensed in, in California and Florida 19 20 currently. I have been licensed in Colorado, but I let that 21 license go because I didn't --When you moved? 22 A Yeah. I moved and I wasn't anticipating paying. 23 24 And I was at, when I was at Texas Tech University I was 25 licensed in the state of Texas.

	2000
1	Q I see.
2	A But that was an academic license, so once I was no
3	longer faculty, that license went, as well.
4	Q All right. Let's talk about, and we can do the
5	progression, but I would rather start today and move
б	backwards. What do you do right now? What's your present
7	occupation?
8	A Right now I've, I've been appointed by the governor
9	of the state of Florida to be the District Medical Examiner
0.	for District 16 in the state of Florida.
11	Q And that's where we are today, in your offices in
2	District 16 for the State of Florida Medical Examiner?
.3	A Yes, sir. The State of Florida, it's a statewide
.4	medical examiner system. The state is divided into 24
15	districts, so there are 24 guys just like me, men and women,
6	both, and, and they're, we're all appointed by the governor
17	and appointed to three-year terms.
8	Q Okay. And first of all, how long have you been
9	doing this type of work, medical examiner work?
20	A Well, since 1992.
21	Q Okay. And when did you arrive in Florida for the
22	job you presently hold? Position? Job sounds disrespectful.
23	I apologize.
24	A No.
25	Q Your position?
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1	A	It's fine. It was June 18th of 2014.
2	Q	And you mentioned you have a CV available, which
3	5/0-0	to get and may have some questions for you, but let
4	me move a	shead on the job history. Prior to this job where
	did you v	200 300 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000
6	\$5 55 MRN \$7 5 55 C. P.	I was the Chief Forensic Pathologist in Alameda
7	9 1 17896	California.
8	E AMERICANS BUILDING	All right. And that's where Oakland is located?
9		\$40,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,
10	1	And that's where Berkeley
11	200	Yes, sir.
12	5000	is located?
13		And that's how you came to be involved in the death
14	1 45 50	aftermath of an individual by the name of Ted Agu?
15	85	523 20
	125	Yes, sir.
16	2 - 12 P. S. D. P. S. D. L.	All right, sir. What, you said your position was
17	90	
18	1	Yes. I was the Chief Forensic Pathologist.
19	159	And what did that mean? You were in charge of all
20	the	
21	A	Yes.
22	Q	pathology in terms of that medical examiner's
23	office?	
24	A	Yes. It was a large, it's a large office because
25	it's a la	arge population area, so there were 22 deputies,

1	investigators, five doctors, eight forensic technicians, two
2	transcriptionists, a financial officer and her assistant, and
3	I'm probably leaving out a couple of secretaries here and
4	there.
5	Q What were your job duties in, in essence?
6	A My job duties were to administer the office.
7	Q You were in charge?
8	A I was in charge. I would assign the cases daily, I
9	would supervise the deputies. I would supervise pretty much
10	everybody's activities. Most of them were really
11	professional people and didn't require any direct
12	supervision. They all knew their jobs and they all did them
13	well. So, it really
14	Q But you were available if needed?
15	A But I was available and, and they would ask me
16	questions, and we would have, we would have daily staff
17	meetings in the morning to set out the, the tasks for the
18	day, and I would run those meetings and I would input to
19	them.
20	Q Excuse the, the obvious nature of my question, but
21	I have to ask, were you the boss, or did you report to
22	someone?
23	A I reported to someone. I reported to the sheriff.
24	Q Okay. But as far as the medical input and
25	expertise, did you have anyone above you, or were you it?

1	A No. I was it.
2	Q Okay. All right. And in that regard you mentioned
3	that you were the Chief Medical Examiner. Did you perform
4	autopsies on your own?
5	A Yes, sir. I did.
6	Q And how long were you in Alameda County?
7	A I was there about three years.
8	Q Okay. And before that were you also a medical
9	examiner elsewhere?
0	A Yes. Yes. I was in Kern County, and there I had a
1	contract position as a forensic pathologist with Kern County.
2	Q Okay. And before that?
13	A Before that I was at Texas Tech University. I was
14	a professor and I was director of the Division of Forensic
15	Pathology within the university. That's a department,
16	equivalent to a department chairman. And there I was
17	responsible for the activities of the Institute of Forensic
18	Sciences. So I had undergraduate teaching responsibilities.
19	We had a Master's in forensic science program. I started the
20	forensic pathology fellowship program at Texas Tech
21	University. They, they wanted me to do that. I, I, I took
22	the program from its, its, just basically it was a, when it
23	was an idea in the university president's head all the way to
24	being accredited and recruiting the first fellow.
25	Q Okay.

1	A And then I taught, also in the medical school I
2	taught medical students and I taught residents pathology.
3	Q At Alameda County where you were the Chief Medical
4	Examiner, you said you were there for three years, did there
5	come a time when you made a decision you were going to leave?
6	A Yes, sir.
7	Q Okay. When did you leave, and why?
8	A I left in June of, or maybe it was May of 2014.
9	Q Okay.
10	A And the circumstances were complex, but mostly my
11	life situation had changed to the point where I really wanted
12	a complete change of everything. So it was a situation where
13	my wife who got brain cancer was gone, my kids had moved out,
14	they were all grown, and so I found myself in an empty nest
15	situation. And I love the water, I love the diving, and so I
16	moved to Florida to, this job came available and I moved to
17	Florida.
18	Q Okay. And I wanted to go back and revisit the
19	timeframe again. You left in, say, May, June, 2014?
20	A Correct.
21	Q Okay. Young Agu died in February of 2014?
22	A Correct.
23	Q Okay. So I'm just orienting everyone as to the
24	time. He died February 7, 2014, your report was completed
25	April 21, 2014. And I want to make sure that when we go back

1 we talk about what an autopsy is before we embark upon Ted Agu's autopsy. So cam you just explain to the jury, what is an autopsy and what is the purpose of an autopsy? 3 Certainly. 5 Especially, in particular, in a young person that 6 probably has a premature death by anybody's standards? 7 Certainly. So an autopsy is a complete external and internal examination of the human body. It involves examining the body from head to toe externally. And when I do that I start at the head and I move to the foot and I dictate as I go, so I have a dictation machine. In Alameda County the dictation microphone hangs overhead and we have 13 foot control pedals. 14 So I start at the head and I move to the foot. 15 And the first time through I'm looking for, to make 16 a description of the person. So I'll talk about their eye 17 color and their, their teeth and their height and their 18 weight and postmortem things like rigor mortis and livor 19 mortis, and I'll just basically do a, an overall of the 20 person. Then I'll go back to the head and I'll move to the 21 22 foot the second time, and now I'm looking for evidence of, of therapy so I will describe any, anything that was done to the 24 body to resuscitate the person. Then I move to the head again and I move to the 25

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1 foot and I look, for the third time, for scars and
2 identifying marks. And here I'm looking for scars or tattoos
  that might be used to identify the body should the identity
  come into question. This is kind of an antiquated part of
  the autopsy because now we have DNA and we have good
   fingerprint technology, so generally we don't rely on scars
  or tattoos to identify someone.
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             Then the final and fourth time through I start at
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  the head and I move to the foot again. This time I'm looking
10 for evidence of injury. So I'm looking for anything on the
11 surface of the body that might indicate trauma or might
12 indicate some type of internal injury, so bruises, which we
13 would call contusions, lacerations, abrasions, fractures of
  bones, deformities in any way, anything that might, might
  indicate an injury.
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            Then the internal examination begins. So I make a
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17 Y-shaped incision on the chest and I carry it down to the
  abdomen and --
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            Sorry, but can you, since we have a visual here,
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  can you use your own body to illustrate what a Y-shaped
21 incision would look like on your torso?
             Certainly. So I start the Y-shaped incision on the
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23 shoulder and, the left shoulder, and so I come to the center
  of the body at a 45-degree angle and then I, I take that
25 incision down, down the midline of the body, past the, past
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1 the bellybutton and to the pubic symphysis. Then I take the scalpel and I start at the right shoulder and I move it, the scalpel, at a 45-degree angle to intersect the other incision 3 that's already been made. In the proximity of the sternum? 5 In the proximity of the sternum. In the middle of 6 7 the chest. And that gives me the Y shape. 8 Okay. Q And then I will cut down through the muscle and 9 10 skin to, to reflect back those flaps of tissue. So that 11 opens up the entire chest area and abdomen. So I now have, I 12 have access to look at all the ribs and all the abdominal 13 organs. 14 Q At this point is the ribcage intact? You've not 15 made any --A Ribcage is intact. No incisions have been made 16 17 through the ribs. 18 Okay. Then I will reflect, move the small bowel out of 19 20 the way, and I locate a structure called the ligament of 21 tritz, T-R-I-T-Z, and when I find that ligament, it connects 22 the duodenum to the omentum, and I cut through the duodenum 23 at the ligament of tritz --24 Okay. I think what I've done is got us in a 25 quagmire of medical terminology and I want to extricate --

1	A Okay. So
2	Q But anyway, you do this and it comes so
3	matter-of-factly from the way you're talking. How many
4	autopsies up to the point where you began the autopsy on Ted
5	Agu had you done?
6	A I, you know, I don't keep a count.
7	Q Would it be in the thousands?
8	A It would be in excess of five thousand. Probably
9	closer to ten.
0	Q All right. And you did whatever you're about to,
1	or whatever
2	A Same thing. I'm a one-trick pony. I do the same
3	thing the same way every time.
4	Q And would you agree that you can't always just look
5	at the body and determine why a person died?
6	A Correct.
7	Q Okay. You also need to know the person's medical
8	history and the facts surrounding how they died?
9	A Yes, sir.
0	Q And that was what we talked about earlier on in
1	
2	ultimate puzzle solution because you're looking at every
3	component?
4	A Yes, sir. That's correct.
	Q Okay. Do you rely in this autopsy, before you even

1	begin your physical activities do you rely on the information
2	provided to you by police and witnesses to assist you in
3	finding a cause of death?
4	A Yes. I rely on that information. And I don't rely
5	on it solely before I do the autopsy, but as I'm doing it.
6	Usually there is a great rush to perform the autopsy as soon
7	after death as possible. There is pressure from the family.
8	They want to have a funeral, they want to have, they want to
9	get the body and they want to move forward with closure.
10	There's, there are all kinds of logistical questions that
11	come into play. So usually there is a fair amount of
12	pressure on me to perform the autopsy the next day or very,
13	very soon, oftentimes before we have interviewed all of the
14	witnesses, before all of the information is collected. So I
15	get as much information as I possibly can before I do the
16	autopsy, but I don't, I, I, I realize that much of the
17	information may be forthcoming after the autopsy. So I, so I
18	collect as much as I can, but I, I know that I don't have it
19	all most of the time.
20	MR. YERRID: All right. I want to, before we
21	proceed, mark two things as Exhibit 1 and 2.
22	(Plaintiff's Exhibits 1 and 2 were marked.)
23	Q I'll give them both to you and see if you can
24	identify them in no particular order.
25	A I can identify both of them.

1	Q Okay. If you can identify the first one, marked as
2	Exhibit 1?
3	A So Exhibit 1 is the autopsy report that I prepared
4	for Ted Agu.
5	MR. YERRID: Madam Court Reporter, mark that as
6	Exhibit 1.
7	Q Exhibit 2 would be?
8	A Exhibit 2 is the Coroner Investigator's Report, and
9	this is the report that's prepared, it's actually part of an
10	electronic database, and the information is entered into the
11	database and then printed out to make this, this report. So,
12	so this is the investigator's report.
13	Q How many pages is that?
14	A I'm looking at one, two, three pages.
15	Q All right, sir.
16	A Oh, wait. Four. Four pages.
17	Q Four pages. All right. That's Exhibit 2. All
18	right.
19	I want to go back and, again, there will be, I will
20	tie this in, but I want to again reiterate my inquiry. How
	important is it for you to have accurate information
22	regarding the circumstances that led up to the individual's
23	death, in this case Ted Agu?
24	A It's, it's important. And it
	Q Why is that?

1	A It depends a lot on the case. You know, some cases
2	are very straightforward. The cause of death is
3	straightforward. A gunshot wound to the head,
4	self-inflicted. My role in that kind of a case is very
5	limited and, and knowing the history, the person's medical
6	history or whatever, it's not going to influence the cause of
7	death much. But in other cases where the cause of death is
8	very subtle or is illusive, then the circumstances of death
9	and the clinical history are very important. They, they form
10	the basis of any subsequent opinion.
11	Q Did you receive from the University of California's
12	Police Department facsimile transmissions, and I'm going to
13	show you the first one dated February 20, 2014. And I say
14	you. I meant the medical examiner's office which you were
15	the chief medical examiner in operating. Is that something
16	you would have gotten in the normal course of affairs?
17	A Yes. This is something we would, we would get in
18	the normal course of affairs, and I, and I know that we
19	received this document, but I just don't know when. I can't
20	tell you exactly
21	Q I understand.
22	A when I saw this.
23	Q I understand. There is a
24	MR. YERRID: Madam Court Reporter, I want that
25	marked as Exhibit 3.

1	(Plaintiff's Exhibit 3 was marked.)
2	Q There is a second what has been called or referred
3	to as a supplemental report, again from the university police
4	department from the University of California. And I'm not
5	talking about police department. I'm talking about University
6	of California Police Department. I'm going to show you this
7	document and mark that as Exhibit 4.
8	(Plaintiff's Exhibit 4 was marked.)
9	Q That appears to be dated May 7, 2014. And it's
10	been termed a supplemental report. It's 21 pages, Doctor.
11	I can save you the count.
12	As far as you know that would have been received
13	and become a part of the medical examiner's records?
14	A Yes.
15	Q Okay. We've subpoenaed the medical examiner's
16	records. That's why we have this information.
17	In that, in that report, either the third, Exhibit
18	3, the third exhibit, or the fourth exhibit there are certain
19	player statements, players that were there and would have
20	given some type of account, factual account as to how this
21	gentleman became distressed and how ultimately they observed
22	whatever happened just prior to his collapse or collapses.
23	Do you understand that?
24	A Yes, sir.
25	Q All right. We've looked at it repeatedly and

1 compared it with information from the University of 2 California Berkeley's files. 3 A Yes. Q And the information that was sent to you and your 5 office does not contain two player statements that University 6 of California had at the time those were sent. Player Lasco, 7 L-A-S-C-O, is not in there, nor is player Mahalik. Can you 8 think of any reason whatsoever as to why University of 9 California would not supply you with certain players that 10 gave statements surrounding the events that occurred with Ted 11 Agu in the last minutes of his life? MR. HOSKING: Lacks foundation and calls for 12 speculation and it's argumentative. 13 I don't know. I don't know why they would. 14 15 Is that something you would come to expect when 16 you, when you are investigating as a medical examiner a death 17 of a young athlete if other athletes observed or had statements that were submitted to authorities, is that the type of information you would like to see as to how he was 20 acting before he died? 21 A Yes. Q Okay. Why is that important? 22 Because in this case the cause of death is very, 23 24 it's not an easy thing to determine, and it requires a, 25 really, a judgment call, an opinion call, and, and so I need

1	as much information as possible so that I can make the most
2	accurate cause of death.
3	Q Okay. For example, if the information provided to
4	you regarding how someone died is inaccurate, would this
5	affect the accuracy of your cause of death determination, or
6	could it?
7	A Yes. Yes.
8	Q Again, to use this example, when you're trying to
9	find out how a young athlete, a young football player, 21
.0	years of age, died, could it make a difference to you to know
1	whether the young man died suddenly, you know,
2	instantaneously, or struggled over a period of time? In
.3	other words do you understand my question?
4	MR. HOSKING: Calls for speculation and lacks
5	foundation.
6	A I understand the question.
.7	MR. YERRID: Let me, let me take, let me take the
8	speculation out of it.
9	Q Would it make a difference to you if lay people
0	said, oh, this athlete experienced immediate difficulty and
1	then keeled over or collapsed, as opposed to lay people's
2	description of this athlete struggled for ten, fifteen,
23	twenty, twenty-five, thirty minutes, and then
4	A Yes, sir. It would make a big difference.
2.5	MR. HOSKING: And let me make my objection,

1	please. It's an incomplete hypothetical, calls for
2,	speculation, and lacks foundation.
3	Q Well, it does call for speculation because, in
4	fact, you were never told this athlete struggled over a
5	period of five, ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five minutes,
6	were you?
7	MR. HOSKING: Also lacks foundation.
8	A No. I was not told that.
9	Q In fact, you were told the opposite, weren't you?
10	A I was, my understanding at the time when I
11	performed the autopsy was that he had collapsed suddenly
12	while at practice, and I had really no details regarding the,
13	the actual drill, no details regarding the time and how
14	sudden this event was except that it was that he collapsed
15	suddenly while at practice. That's, that's the extent of the
16	details that I had.
17	Q And I'm going to go into that right now. But when
18	we're trying to, you're trying to find out how a young
19	athlete died, how big a difference could it make to you in
20	knowing whether the young man died over a very short period
21	of time versus a longer period of time?
22	MR. HOSKING: Same objections.
23	MR. YERRID: Basis?
24	MR. HOSKING: Pardon me?
25	MR. YERRID: The basis? Speculation?

MR. HOSKING: Oh. The same ones I made before. 1 It calls for speculation and it's an incomplete 2 3 hypothetical. It lacks foundation. MR. YERRID: Okay. I'll, I'll complete the hypothetical. What, what do I need to add to the 5 6 hypothetical? MR. HOSKING: Well, it was your question, Steve. 7 MR. YERRID: No, but I want to cure it, because 8 we're in Florida and if I can cure it by adding 9 something that's deficient in the hypothetical, I 10 will. 11 12 MR. HOSKING: Well, for one, he doesn't know what the, you haven't stated what the statement was, 13 there's information that's not available, you know, 14 you're asking him to go back and retrospectively look 15 at what he would have thought if he had been given 16 certain information --17 MR. YERRID: Right. 18 MR. HOSKING: -- and in what context. I mean, 19 20 there's a whole lot of variables. 21 Well, first let's identify the information you were 22 given. We've already identified information you weren't 23 given. You weren't given two players' statements that we 24 know of, Mr. Mahalik and Mr. Lasco. We know you never got 25 those. All right. That's two pieces of information that you

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1 can't speculate on because you don't know what they said.
 2 But you have had the opportunity now to see a number of
 3 player statements taken under oath in deposition, right?
            Yes, sir. I have.
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            That's because we supplied them to you, right?
        Q
        A
            Yes, sir.
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 7
            Okay. And we gave you how many statements? Six,
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  seven, eight?
            Yes. Over a thousand pages.
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         A
            Okay. And we told you simply to read those, that
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  those were the players' accounts of what this young man went
   through in the last minutes of his life?
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            Yes, sir. I read them.
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             Okay. And do they differ significantly from what
  you were told --
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           Yes, sir.
         A
           -- from the sources at University of California?
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            Yes, sir.
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             Okay. In fact, when you were trying to do this
20 examination on behalf not only of the family and the school,
21 but on behalf of the State of California, because you were
   working for the State of California to determine the cause of
23 death, correct?
24
            Yes, sir.
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         Q
             Okay.
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1	A That's correct.
2	Q You received a phone call, did you not, from a Dr.
3	Batten at University of California?
4	A That is my recollection. Yes.
5	Q Okay. And you specifically have a recollection of
6	that gentleman calling you, don't you?
7	A Yes, sir. I do.
8	Q Okay. And at what point did he call you in this
9	process, now we're talking about after Ted Agu died and while
10	you're trying to determine the cause of death, what, at what
11	point in time did he call you?
12	A My recollection is that he called the afternoon
13	that I performed the autopsy. So the autopsy was performed
14	in the morning and he called in the afternoon.
15	Q Okay. And we never, we never did supply you with a
16	copy of Dr. Batten's deposition, did we, sir, to your
17	knowledge?
18	A No, sir.
19	Q Okay. Well, I'm going to refer to Dr. Batten's
20	deposition occasionally during the course of this dialogue.
21	But I want you to first tell the jury what Dr. Batten told
22	you in terms of Ted Agu's method of dying.
23	A The first thing, as I recall the phone call
24	Q That was a horrible question. I'm sorry. Let me
25	rephrase that. In terms of the experiences or the way he

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2	A He, he had some, I think, preconceived idea about	
3	the cause of death.	
4	Q Dr. Batten, you're talking about?	
5	A Yes.	
6	Q Okay.	
7	A And I think he was already thinking about	
8	hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, and	
9	Q To the lay people what does that mean? A heart	
0	problem?	
1	A Yeah. A heart problem.	
2	And so if you look back in the constellation of	
3	young athletes dying suddenly, they basically fall into one	
4	of two categories, excluding, excluding trauma. Excluding	
5	trauma they fall into one of two categories. Either it's	
6	drugs such as cocaine or it's hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.	
7	And I've had a number of those cases in my own career where,	
8	and not even an athlete, just an ordinary male teenager, wil	
9	drop dead in gym class and it will turn out to be	
0	hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.	
1	Q First of all let's rule out drugs. There were no	
2	drugs with regard to Mr. Agu, correct?	
3	A Correct.	
4	Q Of any kind?	

1	that. So that was not high on the differential.
2,	Q All right. But let's go back to this, this, is
3	there an abbreviation instead of saying that medical term
4	that I can use, hypo
5	A It's, it's called HCM.
6	Q Let's do that, because it's easier for me.
7	So this HCM, I'm going to go back to this
8	conversation with Dr. Batten. Did he give you his impression
9	as to why this young man died?
0	A Yes. I'm not, I don't normally use the
1	abbreviation HCM. So what sticks in my mind about the
2	telephone conversation is he came at me with like, well, this
.3	seems like a case of HCM and, and it took me a minute to
4	figure out that abbreviation because I don't normally use
.5	that, it's not in the literature very much that I read, so it
6	took me probably thirty seconds to figure out what he was
.7	talking about. And then I said, and then, and I think he
8.	sensed my, that I wasn't following him, and he then spoke
9	hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, and then I could see what he was
0	talking about.
1	Q Dr. Beaver, you realize you're under oath, right?
2	A Yes.
3	Q Okay. You know the importance of the oath, right?
4	A Yes.
5	Q Okay. Now, I'm going to ask you a very simplistic,

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1 direct question. Did Dr. Batten verbally provide you with a
  history, in other words, what happened to the young man
  according to Dr. Batten?
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       A I don't, you know --
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        Q
            That it was immediate?
        A
           Yes.
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            MR. HOSKING: Let's get an answer to the
 7
         question.
 8
            I'm sorry. Go ahead.
 9
             My, my recollection, I don't recall the exact words
10
11 he said, but I was under the impression that it was a sudden
12
  collapse.
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         Q
            Okay.
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            And I don't remember, I can't quote for you his
  exact words, but I do remember that I was, my feeling going
15
  away from the phone call was that it was a sudden collapse
17 and his clinical impression was this HCM, and I didn't really
18 have any reason to doubt that.
            Okay. First of all, did, I want it also clear, did
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  you, did you refuse to talk to this gentleman in any way?
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             Which one?
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         A
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            Dr. Batten. Was there any refusal to talk to him,
  or did you take his phone call and have a conversation?
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           I took, why would I, why would I refuse to talk to
24
25 him? I'm happy to talk to him. Anyone, actually,
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1 particularly physicians, and especially ones that have some,
  some knowledge about the case.
            Okay. Well, if, if Dr. Batten, your recollection
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   is you, you, you were very cooperative and you were pleased
   to talk to him about this, right?
            Correct. Now --
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        Α
             Okay. If, if, if it was brought to your attention
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  Dr. Batten testified that you, in fact, indicated you
  wouldn't talk to him, you didn't want to discuss it, would
   that be accurate according to your recollection?
           Not at all.
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         A
           Okay. And --
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         Q
            I would like to qualify, though.
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            Sure.
            And say that I'm a very busy guy, and if he had
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16 called wanting to talk to me at, when I'm doing an autopsy or
17 I'm out at the scene of a crime he might get a response from
18 my staff that I'm unavailable, and so he might take that to
19 mean that I don't want talk to him. Do you see what I'm
20 saying?
             Well, rather than how he may take it, did there
21
   come a time when, in fact, he did get you on the phone and
23 you were --
24
            Yes.
25
             -- cooperative and you did talk to him?
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1	A Yes. Yeah.
2	Q Okay. When that phone conversation was going on
3	did you have a clear understanding that this was an immediate
4	problem that Mr. Agu had experienced within seconds before
5	his fatal collapse?
6	A My, my impression was that this was a sudden
7	collapse. Yes.
8	Q Okay. And it was not, did you have an impression
9	it was not preceded by any other difficulty in the minutes
0	before, the five or ten or twenty or thirty minutes before?
1	A My impression was that everyone was shocked and
2	that it was unexpected, completely unexpected.
3	Q Okay. Okay. And that no one had observed him
4	having any difficulty? That was the impression you got?
5	A He didn't really speak to if anybody observed him,
6	but he just, I was left with the impression that this was a
7	sudden collapse and that it was completely unexpected and
8	that nobody anticipated it in any way.
9	Q Now, this conversation would have occurred before
0	your report was ever issued?
1	A Correct.
2	Q Okay. The day of the autopsy, best you can recall?
3	A My recollection is the day of the autopsy. It
4	might have been the following day, but it was certainly
5	within the first day or two after the autopsy.

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Okay. And again, I have the benefit of reading Dr.
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  Batten's testimony, sworn testimony, but do you recall him
   describing that Mr. Agu had no difficulty at all during this
   exercise activity until he, quote, took a knee at the end of
   the workout? Is that something that you recall?
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 6
            Yes. I think that's pretty much what he said to
 7
   me.
 8
             That he had no previous problems during the
 9 workout?
10
           Correct.
            Okay. And that's what he told you on the phone
11
12 that day before you even prepared your report, that, well,
13 this must be a heart problem because this was sudden and
14 immediate, and that's consistent with a heart problem, isn't
15 lit?
         A Yes, sir. There's, in the, in the realm of natural
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17 disease that can drop you in your tracks there are actually
18 very few things. Ruptured aneurysm, cardiac arrest,
19 certainly. So, so there aren't a lot of diseases. Like, for
20 instance, meningitis wouldn't do it. Encephalitis wouldn't
21 do it. You know, pneumonia won't do it. So you could go
22 down a list of diseases, and none of them is of the type that
23 will drop you in your tracks immediately. And, and, and, so
24 there is, actually the list is very short, and heart disease
25 is, is among them, and particularly in a young athlete,
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1 certainly a sudden collapse, the first thing on the list 2 would be hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. All right, sir. And again, you're operating upon 3 the information that was given to you, and whatever limitations on that information were not your doing but 5 simply things that were not made available to you? MR. HOSKING: That's argumentative. 7 MR. YERRID: Sorry. 8 The information you were operating on, you were 9 dependent almost entirely on the channels of communication you were getting, which would include the University of 11 12 California Berkeley? A Yes. Much of the information I get is second and 13 third-hand, distilled by law enforcement officers in between 15 me and the actual reporting party. Really, the only direct 16 communication I had was with the physician from Berkeley. Q And I'm actually looking for your, your autopsy 17 report, wherein you state a qualifier that your information at that time was limited, and I want to go into why you felt that may be a problem even then. Let me find, do you have 21 your autopsy report? A I do, sir. You gave it to me. 22 23 Do you have, do you have, can you, can you locate the portion, I think it says, at the bottom it says, "Therefore, based on the information available to me at this 25

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12.50	time it is my opinion the cause of death is best certified as
2	hypertrophic cardiomyopathy." Do you see that, sir?
3	A Yes, sir.
4	Q Okay.
5	A Yes. That's exactly what I wrote.
6	Q Okay. And, thank you. And turning your attention
7	to that and let me get my, my questions back up. Hold on just
8	a second, please. I apologize. We can kill two birds with
9	one stone. I have my questions, but I do want to go to the
10	restroom in just a second. Let me get to a convenient
11	breaking point.
12	MR. HOSKING: How is that two birds with one
13	stone?
14	MR. YERRID: Well, because I found my questions,
15	and I really need to take a break.
16	MR. HOSKING: Okay. Why don't we take a break,
17	then? I was just perplexed.
18	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Let me go off the record. The
19	time is approximately 3:23 p.m., and we're going off
20	the video record.
21	(A brief recess.)
22	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is approximately 3:27
23	p.m., and we're back on the video record.
24	Q Dr. Beaver, to get us a reference point I want to
25	make certain I go back and check our premise. If the

1	information provided to you regarding how someone died is		
2	inaccurate, in your opinion would this have an affect on the		
3	accuracy of the cause of death determination?		
4	MR. HOSKING: Calls for speculation. Lack of		
5	foundation.		
6	A Yes, it would.		
7	Q I mean, do you have to speculate to answer that		
8	question, or do you have several decades of medical		
9	examiner's		
0	A I		
.1	MR. HOSKING: Same objection.		
2	A I don't feel that I have said anything that's		
.3	The Control of the Co		
4	Q Okay. Okay. All right. For example, when you're		
5	trying to find out how a young athlete died it can make a big		
16	difference to you to know whether the young man suddenly		
7			
8	time?		
19	A Yes.		
20	Q Okay. And the answer to that question could		
1	completely change your determination as it relates to cause		
22	of death, correct?		
23			
24	Q Okay. Is it kind of like putting together a puzzle		
- 77	and you need to put all of the pieces together in order to		

1 properly solve it? Is that what doing your forensic pathology is? That's, that would be one analogy that would work. 3 And the other thing I can think of with that is in 5 this, if you have more than one condition that can cause death you have to determine which one did. And that's, I think that's the hardest thing. Sometimes we'll have a patient that will have an enlarged heart from hypertension, they will also have atherosclerotic disease, the narrowing of 10 the coronary arteries, hardening of the arteries. So which 11 killed them, the hypertension or the hardening of the 12 arteries? And so you have to kind of determine which one, 13 have you to make a call. And my mentor, Tom Henry, used to 14 say you're the umpire, you're standing behind the plate. The ball comes across the plate. You can't say I 15 16 don't know. You can't. It's either a ball or a strike. So 17 you're the doctor, you make your call and you make it upon 18 your training, your experience. 19 So if I have more than one disease, pathological condition that could cause death, I have to make the call as 21 to which one actually did cause the death. Based upon the information you had at that time? 22 23 Based upon the information I have and my 24 pathological findings. That's what, that's what pathology 25 boils down to and this job boils down to every day.

1	Q Okay. And, now, with regard to the potential
2	causes of death here, we're going to get into that because
3	you also saw something on the slides that you noted and were
1	concerned about?
5	A Correct. That's correct.
5	Q That would be the sickling in the young man's body?
,	A Yes.
3	Q Okay. I want to go back and revisit Dr. Batten's
,	phone call to you either that day of the autopsy or the day
0	after. At that point in time we talked about examination of
1 Ted Agu's body, but had you had an opportunity to look at t	
2	slides yet?
3	A No, I had, did not.
4	Q Okay. And did Dr. Batten ever tell you that Ted
5	Agu had sickle cell trait?
6	A No, he did not.
7	Q Okay. So sickle cell trait was not even in your
3	mind at the time you talked to Dr. Batten the day of your
9	autopsy and your cutting young Agu?
)	A That's correct.
1	Q Okay.
2	A I, it didn't even cross my mind.
3	Q Okay. And having been told that Ted Agu collapsed
1	suddenly, did you then begin to initially believe or lead you

1	A Yes.
2	Q Okay. If you'd been told that Ted Agu struggled
3	over a period of many minutes, gradually got worse, did not
4	collapse suddenly, may have collapsed several times until the
5	ultimate collapse, would sickle cell trait have been a
6	consideration at that time?
7	MR. HOSKING: Well, let me object that that is an
8	incomplete hypothetical. It's a hypothetical
9	question. This is a percipient witness, not an expert
10	witness, so I'll object that it's improper expert
11	testimony.
12	MR. YERRID: Okay.
13	MR. HOSKING: And lacks foundation.
14	MR. YERRID: Okay. First of all, I couldn't
15	disagree with you more. I think he's about as good an
16	expert in this area as we're going to find in the case.
17	As far as I know he's the only medical examiner that
18	did the medical examination of this decedent. So I'll
19	stand by his expertise.
20	THE WITNESS: We got to clarify one thing. Am I,
21	am I being deposed as an expert witness?
22	MR. YERRID: No. You're being
23	THE WITNESS: Because that's my understanding of
24	this.
25	MR. YERRID: No. You're being

1	THE WITNESS: And that makes a big difference
2	because it makes a difference as to what I can charge.
3	MR. YERRID: You're being deposed as a, as a
4	THE WITNESS: If I'm being deposed as a fact
5	witness, then I get the per diem by the State of
6	California or whatever.
7	MR. YERRID: No, no, sir. That's not what, that's
8	not my intention. My intention is you're an expert.
9	THE WITNESS: So I'm going to render expert
10	opinions. That's my intention.
11	MR. YERRID: Yeah. But he's objecting to that,
12	and I can't stop him from objecting to that. How he
13	couches you as being a nonexpert is beyond me, but
14	that's what he said. That's not what I said.
15	THE WITNESS: Okay. All right.
16	MR. YERRID: Okay. So with all respect,
17	Dr. Beaver
18	THE WITNESS: Because I'm going to be offering
19	expert opinions. At least that's what I'm going to
20	do.
21	MR. YERRID: Dr. Beaver, I totally understand that.
22	I'm the one that set your deposition. We'll let the
23	judge
24	THE WITNESS: Okay.
25	MR. YERRID: determine you're not an expert in

1	son	me way, shape, or fashion. And I don't think that's
2	goi	ng to happen. All right? So let's proceed.
3		THE WITNESS: Okay.
4		MR. YERRID: He's entitled to make his objections.
5		THE WITNESS: Okay. Got it.
6		MR. YERRID: It's on the record.
7	Q	The questions I'm asking you, are they all within
8 yo	ur fiel	d of expertise?
9	A	Yes, sir.
.0	Q	Okay. And you've, in fact, been charged now by the
1 St	ate of	Florida with determining cause of death here in this
2 pa	rticula	ar region of the state, right?
3	A	Correct. And I've given hundreds of depositions
4 ju	st like	this one.
5	Q	I know. And you've also, at the time you were also
6 ch	arged v	with the responsibility to determine cause of death
7 fo	r the S	State of California
8	A	Correct.
9	Q	with regard to Ted Agu, right?
0	A	Yes, sir.
1	Q	That was your job?
2	A	That was my job.
3	Q	Okay. That was your responsibility?
4	A	Yes, sir.
	Q	Okay. That's what I'm asking about.

1	Oh, by the way, I did look at your, your CV, and I
2	did want to point out a couple of things, just a couple of
3	things now that this has come up. You're the Chief Medical
4	Examiner here in District 16 in Monroe County for the State
5	of Florida, right?
6	A Yes, sir.
7	Q You were the Chief Forensic Pathologist at the
8	Alameda County Coroner's Bureau in Oakland, California from
9	July 2011 to June 2014, correct?
0	A Correct.
1	Q You were a forensic pathologist at the Kern County
2	Sheriff/Coroner's Office in Bakersfield, California March
3	2009 to July 2011, correct?
4	A Correct.
5	Q You also were the Director of the Division of
6	Forensic Pathology and an assistant professor at the
7	Department of Pathology at Texas Tech University Health
8	Sciences Center, correct?
9	A Correct. That's correct.
0	Q At that point in time you were also the Chief
1	Medical Examiner for Lubbock County, Texas?
2	A Correct. Yes.
3	Q Okay. And that would be the Chief Medical Examiner
4	in Texas, Lubbock County in particular, from July 2006 to
5	March 2009, correct?

1	A Correct.
2	Q From March 1999 to July 2006 in the 7th Judicial
3	District here in Florida you were also the Chief Medical
4	Examiner, correct?
5	A Correct. I was Chief Medical Examiner for both
6	District 7 and District 24, I think.
7	Q Yeah. I was going to get to that. The next, the
8	next area where you were the Chief Medical Examiner would be
9	Judicial District 24 here again in Florida?
0	A Yes, sir.
1	Q Okay. You were also the Assistant Medical Examine
2	in the 14th Judicial Circuit in Panama City, Florida, August
3	1997 to March 1999, correct?
4	A Correct.
5	Q And we've mentioned that you were a forensic
6	pathologist at Delta Pathology Associates
7	A Yes.
8	Q and Yosemite Pathology Medical Group back in
9	California in the nineties. We've talked about that already
0	right, sir?
1	A Correct. Yes.
2	Q So is there any part of you that has hesitancy or,
3	or any type of doubt as to whether you can render expert
4	opinions in terms of cause of death?
5	A I thought that's what I was going to do, but

1 apparently not. 2 Q Apparently you are. So I'm telling you, disregard 3 the objection in terms of my, my questions. 4 Now, I want to go back again. With regard to the 5 Dr. Batten conversation, you've been kind enough to tell me 6 about the things that you were told and the things that you 7 were not told? 8 A Correct. 9 Q I want to go back and, to your autopsy report. 10 Did you make a certain determination with regard to 11 your autopsy report regarding hypertrophic cardiomyopathy? A Yes. 12 13 Q Okay. 14 A So, so at autopsy I found that his heart was 15 enlarged. I don't think --16 Q Slight, moderate, severe? 17 A I think slightly enlarged. It wasn't, the heart 18 can be, varies in size. The average heart weight is 350 19 grams, or what we consider normal. But bigger people are 20 allowed a bigger heart and still considered normal. So it 21 would be, for instance, let's say a person that's six-seven 22 and weighs 205 pounds would not be considered obese, but a 23 person that's five-two and 207 pounds would be considered So the same thing goes with the heart. A bigger 25 individual, a larger individual can have a larger size heart

1	and still be considered normal.
2	Q Okay.
3	A So his heart, you know, adjusting for the fact that
4	he was a larger individual, his heart was not that enlarged.
5	Q Okay. And with regard to HCM, and that's what I
6	wanted to point out, can you pull your autopsy report?
7	A Yes.
8	Q Okay. Do you see right there just before cause of
9	death, what's your first, what's the last sentence just
0	before you go to cause of death?
1	A "It is my opinion that the cause of death is best
2	certified as hypertrophic cardiomyopathy."
3	Q Okay. Again, that's that, that phraseology,
4	"information available to me at this time." Do you see that,
5	sir?
6	A Yes.
7	Q But you also note just above that that there's
8	morphology consistent with sickle cell disease?
9	A Yes.
0	Q That was discounted because of the history that you
1	were given? Is that, is that an accurate statement?
2	MR. HOSKING: It's argumentative.
3	MR. YERRID: Sorry.
4	Q What impact did that have, the history that you
5	were given by Dr. Batten, this was an immediate, sudden

1 collapse, if any, on your, on your conclusion here? A Yes. So I wouldn't expect someone having a sickle 2 3 cell crisis to collapse suddenly and die and not be 4 resuscitated, not have any, with resuscitative efforts having 5 no effect. So I think a sudden collapse is more consistent 6 with a cardiac dysrhythmia from hypertrophic cardiomyopathy 7 than it would be from sickle cell. So I've got two, I've got 8 two pathological conditions and I'm trying to assign them 9 weight and, and decide which one is going to be the cause of 10 death, and the only thing I have that I can separate the two 11 with is the clinical history, and the clinical history was a 12 sudden collapse. So that makes the hypertrophic 13 cardiomyopathy more of a weight. Even though the finding of cardiomyopathy was 14 15 softer, the microscopic was not as, as convincing as I've 16 seen in other cases, the enlargement of the heart was not as 17 severe as I would have expected for it to be the cause of 18 death, but he is dead. So I have, I mean, something killed 19 him. So what is it? And so now my choices are, are 20 hypertrophic, the only pathological conditions I found, this 21 is a young, healthy quy, so the only pathology in his body is 22 in the heart and in the red blood cells. So it's one of

23 those two things. At least that's, as far as evidence, you

24 know, we have no evidence that the aliens shot him with a

25 death ray.

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ı	Q	Okay.
2	A	So of the things that we know, those are the only
3	two choic	es.
4	Q	Now I want to get into it in terms of getting the
5 0	other par	ts of the puzzle, what he was going through prior to
6	this what	you had been told was a sudden, immediate collapse.
7	You did o	get the depositions that we supplied to you?
8	A	Yes.
9	Q	Did they have an effect on your opinion and how you
0	view this	case?
1	A	Yes. Now
2	Q	Please explain to the jury exactly what effect.
3	A	So my interpretation of the deposition testimony is
4	that Ted	Agu was ill for a period of time, which is probably
5	minutes t	to hour or so prior to
6	Q	When you say minutes to an hour or so, in other
7	words, it	would be, let's say, let's do a range. Five, ten,
8	fifteen,	twenty, thirty minutes, but in no case more than an
9	nour? So	it's
0	A	Right.
1	Q	somewhere between several minutes and less than
2	an hour?	So we know, because I don't want to get you, I
3	don't war	t to get you exposed by giving some precise time
4	estimate.	
5	A	Right.

	Q	Many of the players gave different time estimates?
2	A	Correct.
3	Q	Fifteen, twenty minutes, twenty-five minutes, lap
4 se	ven, la	p six,
5	A	Right, right, right.
6	Q	eight, nine?
7	A	Yeah.
В		MR. HOSKING: This is leading. Objection.
9	A	So what I read
0	Q	I'm not even asking you, I'm trying to give you a
1 00	ntext.	You can answer within a range, Doctor, is what I'm
2 58	ying.	
3	Α	Yes. Well, you could, ask me a question and I'll
4 gc	from t	here.
5	Q	Okay. Did you come to some conclusion that this
6 yo	oung ath	alete struggled for a number of minutes before his
7 00	ollapse	
8	A	Yes. And
9	Q	His final collapse?
0	A	Yes. So what I could see from reading the
1 de	epositio	ons of different players that were in the drill with
2 hi	lm is	and they varied, as you said. There was, there was
3 va	arious l	aps and various times and, and so it, it wasn't
4 cc	onsister	t, but, but the one thing that was consistent is
5 th	nat ther	e was this period of time. It wasn't a sudden

1	collapse. It wasn't as if he took a knee and died. That,
2	and that was what I was looking at initially. So there's
3	this period of being, being ill, being sick, being tired,
4	being, you know, decompensating, so he had this period of
5	decompensation prior to his cardiac arrest. So in that, in
6	that context that's, that is more consistent with a, a death
7	from, from a sickle crisis than it is a death from a sudden
8	cardiac dysrhythmia from hypertrophic myocardiopathy in my
9	opinion.
10	Q Okay. Again, within your opinion, Dr. Beaver,
11	looking at all the factual components you've now been
12	supplied with, a number of versions that there was a, a
13	significant period of time of struggling, for lack of a
14	better term, before this final collapse, do you have an
15	opinion within a reasonable degree of medical probability as
16	to why this young man died?
17	MR. HOSKING: I'll object that it elicits expert
18	opinion. He's a percipient witness. Calls for
19	MR. YERRID: He's a medical examiner.
20	Q You can answer the question.
21	MR. HOSKING: Do you understand, do you understand
22	what the basis for the objection is, Steve?
23	MR. YERRID: No.
24	MR. HOSKING: Okay. I'll explain it to you later.
25	MR. YERRID: Okay.

A All right. So my opinion is that I think it's at 1 2 this point more likely than not that sickle cell crisis is 3 what was going on. And I don't have any reason to doubt 4 that. 5 Q Okay. Then you can explain to me, Dr. Beaver, 6 since we supplied you with this information, since you now 7 have the sworn testimony of these various players, two of 8 which had given statements to the University of California, 9 the defendant in this case, that you never got, how do we go 10 about correcting and making your medical examiner report 11 accurate that's on file with the State of California? Do you 12 know? Yes. You would have to amend the cause of death, 13 14 and to amend the cause of death you would have to ask the 15 sheriff's office if they would do that. And so I'm no longer 16 there, so I'm not the guy you would have to convince, but 17 there is undoubtedly someone who followed after me, and I 18 don't know who that is, they may still be looking. Forensic 19 pathologists are pretty rare. So they may, they could still 20 be looking. And, but you would have to talk to one of the 21 forensic pathologists, to the chief there, who's the chief 22 now, and ask them to review the case and supply an amendment 23 for the cause of death. Q Okay. And with regard to this sickle cell trait, 24 25 in other words, once the sickling process begins, was that

1	corrol	ora	ted in any way in your opinion that this was the
2	cause	of	death by the microscopic slide review you did?
3		A	Well, that's how it first
4		Q	Please explain it.
5		A	So we've kind of come at this from a backwards
6	direct	ion	No.
7		Q	Okay.
8		A	But, but I'll tell you what I was thinking and how
9	98		
0		Q	Let's go forwards. That's what I'd really like.
1		A	Okay. So let's, let's, let's, let me run down what
2	I, wh	at 1	did in this case and what I thought
3		Q	Please.
4		A	and, and just lay it out for you.
5		Q	Thank you.
6		A	So I do the autopsy and, and this player has a, has
7	a pri	stir	e body except for one thing. His heart is slightly
8	enlar	ged.	Now, I know, I know from other cases I've done,
9	from	othe	er cases I've read about in the literature, I know
0	that 1	wher	you get a young athlete that's dead you're looking,
1	you ca	an c	reate a list of things that could kill them, and on
2	that :	list	and high on that list are, are hypertrophic
3	cardi	omyc	pathy and drugs. There are other things, but
4	they'	re a	ill discoverable at autopsy.
5	OH.		So, so I do the autopsy and I don't find any of the

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1 other things. I don't find a ruptured cerebral aneurysm, I
  don't find any of the other things. All I find is a slightly
 3
  enlarged heart. So now I'm going down the path of okay, this
   could be hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. But that diagnosis has
 5 to be confirmed microscopically.
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             So I have to take a biopsy of the heart and I have
 7 to look at it under the microscope, and that process takes
 8 weeks because I have to take the tissue, I have to send it
 9 off to a laboratory to be made into a glass slide, the glass
10 slide comes back to me, I have to have, I have to find time
11 to review that slide. So it's a, it's a week process.
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             Also toxicology. We're going to want to rule out
13 the drug situation, so we're going to take blood and we're
14 going to send it off to, to the toxicology lab and have, have
15 it analyzed, and that's going to take weeks.
             So, so immediately after the autopsy the only
16
17 finding that I have and the only way I can think about this
18 case is he's had a sudden cardiac death from this enlarged
19 heart. That's all I have because I haven't gotten any
20 additional information. And so that means hypertrophic
21 cardiomyopathy.
             The weeks go by and I get the slides back and I sit
22
23 down and I look at them because now I'm thinking I'm going to
24 confirm microscopically that this is hypertrophic
25 cardiomyopathy. And two things become apparent to me in
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1 looking at the slides, looking at the tissue under the 2 microscope. The first thing is that the disarray that would 3 have to be present for hypertrophic cardiomyopathy is very 4 mild and very slight and, and really a very soft call. One 5 of, the thing that you're trying to confirm microscopically 6 is fiber, myocardial fiber disarray because in hypertrophic 7 cardiomyopathy the fibers are not all lined up and they 8 don't, they, because there's been this abnormal growth of the 9 heart. So you look for that to confirm. That's the 10 confirmatory finding for hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. And 11 that was very slight in this case. 12 Q Yes, sir. 13 A And I thought maybe I was even having to 14 over-interpret it. 15 Second of all, within the muscle of the heart, 16 within, between those muscle fibers are small blood vessels. 17 Capillaries, arterioles, venules, small blood vessels. 18 Microscopic. Smaller than a pinpoint. Inside those blood 19 vessels are red blood cells. So I was able to look at those 20 blood vessels, and I saw red blood cells that were sickled. 21 The normal shape of a red blood cell is round. It's actually 22 a biconcave disc, but when you look at it, it looks like a 23 round circle. Q Yes, sir. 24 A When you're looking at it through the microscope. 25

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So what I saw were sickled cells, and those are
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  cells that are, look like a sliver of moon.
                                                They're, they're
   curved and they look like a sliver of moon.
                                                They don't look
   like a full moon. They look like a sliver of the moon.
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         Q
             Okay.
 6
            So --
         A
             That would be the sickled cells?
 7
         0
             That would be the sickled cells.
 8
 9
            Okay.
         Q
            They're a sliver of the moon.
10
            All right.
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12
            So when I saw those sickled cells I thought now
13 he's got this sickle, he's having a sickle cell crisis.
14 That's the first time, that is the first time that the idea
15 of sickle cell really entered my mind. And then we went, so
16 then I went about trying to get the history to see if he had
17 a previous crisis or if he had any history or if there was
18 any family history of sickle cell disease, because sickle
19 cell, sickle cell is a genetic disease. It's a
20 hemoglobinopathy. It's, it's a disease that affects the
21 hemoglobin molecule in the red blood cell.
22
            Okay.
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             So, so there is, there, it's a genetically linked
24 disease, so there should be some family history. And I
25 think, so I was, and I eventually got the history, or it was
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1 kind of vague. I never got, I never got any kind of
2 hemoglobin electrophoresis, which would be the test, I never
 3 got any, any medical, you know, hematology documentation of
 4 this disease, but I did get a vague history from the family
  that there was some, that there was, sickle cell was in the
  family.
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            Direct question, Dr. Beaver. Did University of
 7
  California Berkeley ever give you the information that he'd
9 tested positive for sickle cell?
            That's not where I got the history. I got it from
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  the, I believe the family was the source of the history.
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            Did Dr. Batten ever tell you that he had sickle
13 cell trait?
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        A
            No.
            Okay. To your recollection do you recall anyone
15
16 from the University of California contacting you and letting
17 you know this gentleman had sickle cell trait?
        A
            No.
18
            Okay. The amount of sickling that you saw, did you
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20 see it in other organs as well as the heart?
            Right. So when I looked at the other organs I saw
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22 sickle cells in the blood vessels pretty much everywhere.
23 So, so it really, now it came down to okay, I have, I have
24 hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.
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         Q
            Yes, sir.
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1	A Soft, but I could go with it, and I have sickle
2	cell, I have a sickle cell crisis possibility. So those are
3	my two pathological findings, and one of them is going to be
4	the cause of death.
5	Q Let me ask you a question if I may interrupt.
6	
7	heart muscles but in the other organs, was, was that
8	consistent or inconsistent with an HCM death?
9	A Well, HCM has nothing to do with sickle cell. It's,
10	it's a disease of heart muscle. And so
11	Q So you're seeing all the sickling in other areas?
12	A So I was seeing sickling and I had seen a little,
13	what I would say is a very soft call of HCM. But the
14	history, the clinical history was not good for sickling.
15	The history I had at that point was a sudden
16	collapse, and that's not good for sickling. So I was like,
17	well, I have the sickle cell finding but my, my clinical
18	history doesn't match up, so I have to, so now I've got to
19	say, and this is my thinking, this is my thinking at the
20	time. I'm telling you my thinking. My thinking at the time
21	is I don't have the clinical history that matches sickle cell
22	crisis. I have a clinical history that matches HCM. So
23	that's what I'm going to go with. And that's what I went.
24	And so if the clinical history changes, then
25	obviously that changes the way I would think about this case.

1	Q Is an HCM death sudden?
2	A Yes.
3	Q Okay. And there's not a significant period of
4	hypoxia, so you wouldn't expect to see so much sickling in
5	the vasculature, would you?
6	A So
7	Q Did you understand my question?
8	A I understand. And I, the thing I don't fully know,
9	and I don't think the, the medical literature has explored
0	this, and if it has I'm certainly unaware of it, is can the
1	cells sickle in the immediate postmortem interval? In other
2	words, if we try to look at the, the, the, the person's death
3	as, in fractions of seconds after they stop breathing
4	Q Yes, sir.
5	A and after the heart stops, tissues are still
6	viable, they're still alive, there's still metabolism going
7	on, and as, as oxygen supply runs out and energy runs out the
8	individual cells die. So the question that I would have, I
9	still have, is is it possible for cells to sickle in the
0	immediate postmortem interval, could they sickle in those, in
1	those tenths of a second after death when he stops breathing
2	and the heart stops? And I don't know the answer to that and
3	I would, I don't think anyone has a good answer for that.
4	Q Okay. Let's go back, and I'm trying to find the
	Alameda County Coroner's file.

MR. YERRID: Do you have that? Is that, which 1 2 exhibit is that? 3 MR. MURPHY: It's not vet. It's not yet? Okay. We're going to 4 MR. YERRID: 5 mark that as our next exhibit. Would that be 5, ma'am? Q Were any medical records sent to you from the, to 6 7 your office from the university? Do you recall? 8 A I, I think there were, I saw some records from the 9 University of California. I don't know whether they were 10 medical, I don't know if you would call them medical records 11 or what, and, and I don't know that I would see every single 12 thing that came from the University of California. Some of 13 it might have been kept by the investigator where I wouldn't 14 see it. Q Okay. Well, let me ask you, specifically do you 15 16 recall seeing any blood test results sent to you from the 17 university? If you don't, you don't. A I, I don't recall. 18 Okay. The two statements, you had not received any 19 20 reports of exactly what happened that day at the time you 21 wrote your autopsy report, right? You'd gotten a 22 conversation from Dr. Batten and a couple of players, but you 23 did not get Mahalik or Lasco which clearly detailed the 24 extent of Ted Agu's struggles on the hill? You didn't have 25 that --

1		MR. HOSKING: That's already been entered.
2	A	I didn't have those statements, no.
3	Q	You now have them, right?
4	A	Yes.
5	Q	Okay. I want to be clear on the sickling. Whenever
6	it occurr	ed, you saw that it was extensive?
7	A	Yes.
8	Q	Okay. Unusual amount?
9	A	It's what I would expect if the person's in crisis.
10	Q	In other words, it's what you'd expect if you saw a
11	sickling	death?
12	A	Correct.
13	Q	Okay. Was it a red flag to you when you saw that
14	microscop	oic evidence but could not explain it because of the
15	history y	ou'd been given?
16	А	Correct.
17	Q	The immediate death? Sorry.
18		Was the extensive sickling significant to you,
19	Dr. Beave	or?
20	A	Yes.
21	Q	Okay. Why was that significant?
22	A	Because it was one of the things that I was
23	weighing	as a cause of death.
24	Q	At that time did you have information that would
	98 THE STATE OF TH	extensive sickling into a period of struggling as

1	opposed to an immediate onset of
2	A I don't understand the question.
3	Q Yeah. At that time that you saw the extensive
4	sickling you had no factual information to tie into that to
5	explain it?
6	A Correct. The clinical history I had when I looked
7	at the sickled cells was that this was a sudden collapse, and
8	so that, that's more consistent with a cardiac death rather
9	than from sickle, sickle cell crisis.
10	Q Okay. You did not see any fibrosis, did you?
11	A No.
12	Q Okay. Would you normally see fibrosis if he had
13	HCM?
14	A You might. You might. It's not present in
15	every
16	Q More likely than not?
17	A case, but, but I would say more likely than not
18	you would.
19	Q Okay. Again, and I don't want to go back over
20	something again and again, but was the sickling you saw
21	profound and widespread? In other words, it was extensive?
22	A I don't know if profound is the right word,
23	but
24	Q That, that was my word, and that was a bad word.
	Was it, was it widespread and extensive?

1	A Yes.
2	Q Okay. Much more than you would have expected to
3	see in anybody's death other than a sickling death?
4	A Yes. I, I think it was significant. The sickling
5	was significant.
6	Q Was the amount of sickling you saw strike that.
7	Let me see if I can ask a straight question.
8	The coroner investigator's report states that Ted
9	Agu collapsed while running during football practice. All
10	right. That was what it stated. Would you like to review
11	that, or do you take my representation?
12	A I will take your word for it. And that's my
13	understanding.
14	Q Okay. And the California, University of California
15	Police Department report stated that Ted Agu was running and,
16	quote, leading his group the entire time until the very last
17	lap when he stopped running and took a knee. Was that your
18	understanding?
19	A Yes.
20	Q Okay. So the information provided to you by the
21	sheriff's office, University of California Berkeley, et
22	cetera, was that Ted Agu was not having any trouble, he was
23	running, doing just fine, when he suddenly stopped, went to a
24	knee, and was done?
25	A Yes. That's the history I had.

1	Q	Okay. And that's the same, in essence the same
2	informati	on Dr. Batten gave you the day of the autopsy?
3	A	I don't remember exactly the information he gave
4	me.	
5	Q	Generally?
6	A	But, but that's my impression from our
7	conversat	ion.
8	Q	Okay. Okay.
9	A	There was nothing inconsistent between what I
0	already k	new and what he was telling me.
1	Q	And now you've been supplied with a number of
2	players t	hat gave sworn testimony under oath when both the
3	defendant	lawyers, the defense lawyers were there and also
4	the plain	tiffs' lawyers representing the Agu family?
5	a A	Yes.
6	Q	Okay. Do you now have the clinical history
7	necessary	to determine the cause of death?
8	A	Yes.
9	Q	Okay. And in your opinion stated within a
0	reasonabl	e degree of medical probability, Dr. Beaver, what
1	was Ted A	gu's cause of death?
2		MR. HOSKING: Object. It calls for expert opinion
3	in	violation of the California Code of Civil Procedure
4		MR. YERRID: Wait a minute. In violation of what?
		MR. HOSKING: The California Code of Civil

1	Procedure.
2	MR. YERRID: No, I don't know that. Tell me what
3	that is.
4	MR. HOSKING: I'll give it, I'll give it to you.
5	I'm not going to do it on the record, though.
6	MR. YERRID: No, but I mean, if you can tell me
7	what it is I'll try to cure the question. What is it?
8	MR. HOSKING: It's California Code of Civil
9	Procedure Section
10	MR. YERRID: Not the section. What does it say?
11	What are you telling me? He can't give an opinion on
12	what?
13	MR. HOSKING: No. I'm just making an objection.
14	I can't instruct him not to answer it. Let him, he
15	can
16	MR. YERRID: No, but I mean what, but I'll cure
17	the question since we're in Florida.
18	MR. HOSKING: He's not an expert witness. He's a
19	percipient witness. You're asking him expert
20	testimony.
21	MR. YERRID: He was the medical examiner in
22	MR. HOSKING: I understand.
23	MR. YERRID: this case.
24	MR. HOSKING: I understand all of those things.
25	MR. YERRID: Okay. Well

1 THE WITNESS: Can we go off the record one 2 second? Because I can clear this up for you. 3 MR. HOSKING: No need, Doctor, because I under -- I 4 know, I know what you are going to tell me and I know 5 what Mr. Yerrid believes, and I'm just making an 6 objection. 7 MR. YERRID: Oh, okay. But it's kind of confusing for the record if you make an objection that's not 8 9 well-founded. Are you saying the medical examiner in 10 this case can't give an opinion as to cause of death? 11 MR. HOSKING: What I'm saying, Steve, is that 12 your question --MR. YERRID: Right. 13 MR. HOSKING: -- that I objected to asks, elicits 14 an expert opinion from a percipient witness, and I 15 don't know exactly how it happens in Florida, but it's 16 a little, it's, I know how it happens in California. 17 18 MR. YERRID: Okay. Well, I'm licensed in a lot 19 of states, not just Florida, so I, I don't know that particular nuance in any of the states I'm licensed 20 in, but we're going to try it again. 21 Dr. Beaver, at the time you were the medical 22 23 examiner going back in time to the February, March, April 24 timeframe when you were in the Office of the Medical Examiner 25 for Alameda County. All right, sir?

1	A Right.
2	Q With the information that you now have regarding
3	the symptomatology, what Mr. Agu was experiencing in the
4	number of minutes leading up to his death, whether it was
5	ten, twenty, thirty, whatever that number was, can you render
6	an opinion as to the cause of death based upon everything you
7	did as the medical examiner in this case coupled with the
8	history and the sworn testimony of what occurred that day?
9	MR. HOSKING: Let me just, I'm sorry. I don't
10	want to step on your question.
11	A Yes.
12	Q You can answer.
13	MR. HOSKING: I didn't mean to step on your
14	question, Steve.
15	MR. YERRID: That's okay.
16	MR. HOSKING: My objection is that it calls for
17	expert opinion, it's, lacks foundation, and it's an
18	incomplete hypothetical.
19	MR. YERRID: Okay. Okay.
20	Q Now you can answer.
21	A So in my opinion based upon all of the information
22	that I have today as we sit here is that the cause of death
23	is best certified as sickle cell crisis or complications of
24	sickle cell crisis and, and I think that is, outweighs the
25	hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.

Q Okay. Had you been given that information at the
time you did your autopsy report would the autopsy report
have reflected a different conclusion than the one that's now
on file?
MR. HOSKING: Lacks foundation.
A Yes. I think so.
Q And that's based upon a, a more informational view
that you now have as to what happened as opposed to the
sudden immediate collapse that you were told?
A Yes. The clinical, I'm trying to match the
clinical history with the pathological condition that's
causing his death, and that, given the history that I know
now, sickle cell crisis is a better match than hypertrophic
cardiomyopathy.
Q Okay. Now that we've taken that to its logical
conclusion, and I don't mean to indulge the time too much but
we are taking your deposition and we are going to
A Yes.
Q compensate you for your time
A I understand.
Q as an expert because that's what we consider you
to be and I've asked you to take time out of your schedule to
do it, so I want to ask you questions about HCM, which you
don't use, but you can use the long version, but you know
when I say HCM what I'm talking about, let's walk through the

1 HCM so that the jury has a full understanding of how that 2 presents. Is it usually found to be mild and not dangerous 3 and, and a condition that is sustainable to life? Does that 4 make sense? In other words, you can have a slightly or a 5 mild enlarged heart as an athlete and that would be a normal 6 7 A Yes. Most people that have HCM or hypertrophic 8 cardiomyopathy will go through life never knowing they have 9 it. And, and it is basically, the pathologic condition of 10 HCM and the sudden cardiac death that results from HCM is a 11 disease of adolescent males, young males, and it may be 12 related to the, the, you know, hormonal changes that they go 13 through at puberty and the growth of muscle cells in response 14 to testosterone. All of that is, is in the literature. So, 15 so as, so that's where you see these deaths. 16 Okay. And just --17 So you'll see them in high school students, you'll see them in college students. 19 Q Yeah. You'll see them on TV if somebody's --20 Yeah. A 21 Q -- playing basketball. A player collapses and --22 A Correct. -- they never make it off the court. But, but, but 23 24 talk about that. What type of death results when HCM is the, 25 the right etiology or the right cause? What does it look

1	like to a person?
2	A It looks like a sudden collapse. The person is, is
3	fine one second and then they may, they may stop like they
4	were frozen and then they'll collapse to the ground and die.
5	Q Is it a slow, gradual process?
6	A No. It's sudden. It's a sudden cardiac death.
7	Q Okay. Does it present very differently than the
8	sickle cell trait scenario you were talking about? The
9	sickling scenario?
10	A Yes.
11	Q I didn't mean trait.
12	A So sickle cell crisis develops as more and more of
13	the blood cells actually sickle and no longer carry oxygen
14	and, and they carry oxygen and transfer oxygen inefficiently
15	so the person becomes more and more winded, hypoxic, they
16	will become more and more fatigued over time, and as it, if
17	it progresses and as it progresses then eventually you can
18	reach a critical point where, where you have insufficient
19	oxygen to support life and, and the functions of, of that,
20	and death occurs.
21	MR. YERRID: Okay. If I can just look over my
22	notes for a few minutes. I'm going to wind down.
23	Q Let's go back and make sure we have the autopsy
24	report nailed down in terms of when you started the report.
25	When did you start the report? Because I want to find out in
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1 transitioning to your new position here in the Keys what the
  timetable was. I know you were trying to wind down all the
  affairs in California. So when did the autopsy report start?
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           Yeah. When, so the date on the autopsy report is
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  February 10, 2014. That would be the date that I performed
  the dissection of the body.
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 7
             That's that Y-shaped cut?
             The Y-shaped incision, the internal examination.
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  That would be the date.
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            That would be the beginning, in essence, of --
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           Correct.
         A
           -- the autopsy? Okay.
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             And then at some point later the slides would be
13
  examined --
           And the toxicology report would have --
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             And the toxicology report would come in and I would
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17 review that. And so that's all, that's all done later, but I
18 don't know exactly the, you could find out the dates by, by
19 looking at when the slides were sent out and when they were
20 received back in the office.
            Well, do you have when it was completed versus when
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  you left the coroner's office, when the sign-off on it? Do
23 you have that?
            Okay. I will look. Let me look.
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         0
             Okay.
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1	A I may have it. I may not. I don't know.
2	Okay. It doesn't say, sometimes I date it when I
3	sign it, but I didn't
4	Q Right. We didn't find a date.
5	A So I don't know.
6	1 PO STANDARD STANDARD POLICE SECURITION OF THE SECURITION
7	no confirmation that Ted Agu even had sickle cell trait?
8	A Correct. I, I didn't have, that's correct. Yes.
9	Q You still had none of Ted Agu's medical records
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11	A Yes. Correct.
12	Q And the only information you had at that time in
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14	that he'd done fine, he'd been doing fine until he suddenly
15	
	collapsed and died? That was the information you were
16	
17	A Correct.
18	MR. YERRID: Okay. We're going to take one last
19	break and I'm going to go
20	Q Oh. I did want to ask, when you say your diagnosis
21	about this, this heart issue was soft and that the heart was
22	only somewhat enlarged, are you saying it was a very mild
23	case of enlargement in terms of what you would expect to see
24	in an athlete?
25	A That's my recollection. We can look at the autopsy

1	report and we can look at the weight and say for sure.
2	MR. YERRID: Okay. Let's, let's take a break and
3	then hopefully we'll come back and I'll, I'll finish
4	up. Thank you, Dr. Beaver, for your time. This will
5	be our last break.
6	(A brief recess.)
7	Q Dr. Beaver, before we close our examination of you
8	I would appreciate revisiting just the HCM point one last
9	time. Is that in lay terms enlargement of the heart?
10	A Yes.
11	Q Okay. And you realize that Ted Agu was
12	six-foot-four and weighed 260 pounds?
13	A Yes.
14	Q And I think you actually weighed his heart? 530
15	grams?
16	A Yes.
17	Q Okay. You mentioned a soft finding or a, a mild
18	enlarged heart. Is there a correlation between an athlete's
19	heart and that of a normal person and that weight? In other
20	words, can you give the jury an idea as to was this
21	something, well, this was an enlarged heart or this was a
22	heart that, of a large athlete?
23	A Well, athletes can have an enlarged heart and it
24	can be actually abnormal. So, so the stress of, of
	cardiovascular training can cause the heart to enlarge and,

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1 and it can be, and it's abnormal. And, and you will find
2 that exquisitely trained athletes, runners that run, distance
 3 runners will sometimes die from hypertrophic cardiomyopathy,
 4 again, because they've trained themselves to the point where
 5 their heart has become abnormal.
            And I -- I'm sorry.
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            So, so I guess to try and answer your question,
 8 given, so I go more on the size of the individual. In other
 9 words, height and weight and overall size of the individual
10 is what sets the normal for their heart, and a smaller person
11 is going to have a smaller heart. Proportionally, everything
12 will be, if the person is larger they will have a
13 proportionally larger organs, all their organs, heart
14 included, and if they're smaller they will have
15 proportionally smaller organs. We sort of, we take the
16 average, the sort of arbitrarily average is 350 grams. That's
17 what's considered average. But that takes into, the, that's
18 an average of very small people up to very large people.
             Now, if you look at the individual, a person that's
19
20 six-four and, and 260 pounds, the normal for them is going to
21 be closer to 550-or-so grams. So, so Ted Agu's heart was,
22 you know, very close to normal if you adjust for his overall
23 size.
            Okay. All right. And upon reflection in terms of,
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25 and you've mentioned I think at least two or three different
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1 times it was a soft diagnosis with limited amount of
 2 information, how comfortable are you with the fact that this
 3 was not any heart problem that killed Mr. Agu but a sickling
   episode? How comfortable are you with that? Now, given all
   the information you've learned and the composition of that
   information?
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         A I'm pretty comfortable with that.
         Q Okay. Now, that brings us to the last point, and
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 9 I'm going to mark your CV as a, Exhibit No. 5. We've thought
10 about it and we don't need the other, we can put the other,
11 all the medical records in at trial, but I'm going to mark
12 your CV as Exhibit 5 and I want to close with this thought.
             (Plaintiff's Exhibit 5 was marked.)
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         Q Dr. Beaver, you heard the objections. Well, he's
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15 not an expert, well, he's not, he's not qualified to give,
16 whatever, whatever other opinions have been, objections have
17 been made to your opinions. I need to enlist your best
18 advice, Dr. Beaver, as to how we can, everyone wants the
19 truth, and the truth based upon what you've said today is
20 that this was a sickling death, and we need to get that truth
21 in the form of the medical examiner's findings, with the
22 rationale that you didn't have the information you should
23 have had at the time you made the report. How can we do that
24 best? I mean, you said I'm not the person in power to do
25 that. Can we get some type of, of input from you that would
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1 cause the medical examiner -- you'd have the experience. I
 2 don't. We just simply want to get the record to be a correct
 3 and truthful record. How do we do that?
           Yes. The, the mechanism would be to petition the
 5 coroner's office in Alameda County, send them a letter and
 6 ask the Chief Forensic Pathologist to review the case and to
7 discuss the case with me.
8
        Q Okay. May we have, may we have your consent to
  give them a copy of your deposition?
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        A
             Yes.
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             Okav.
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             And then, and then allow that person to
13 independently arrive at whatever conclusion they want to
14 arrive at, and so, that's what I would do. They would
15 simply, if I was, and I've been asked, I've been this, the
16 other side of the situation, if I'm asked to review a case I
17 would review it in an independent way, decide on my own
18 opinion, and, and, and make that ruling. So, so I think the
19 best is to, to ask that the case be reviewed.
20
             Do you, do you recall, and thank you for that
21 input. Do you recall, it's been several months now, when I
22 telephoned you, I was able to locate you in Florida and I
23 telephoned you and I asked you if, if you had all the
24 information regarding Mr. Agu's, because you said due to the
25 information, limited information you had, you said that in
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1	the autopsy report.
2	MR. HOSKING: It misstates the record.
3	MR. YERRID: Excuse me?
4	MR. HOSKING: It doesn't say due to the limited
5	information, Steve.
6	MR. YERRID: Well, whatever it says.
7	MR. HOSKING: Yeah.
8	Q Based upon the information you had, something about
9	information or knowledge.
10	MR. YERRID: Let me see that autopsy report,
11	please. Just a minute. I'll find it.
12	Q The information available to me at this time.
13	That's what I'm referring to. Do you see that part?
.4	A Yes.
15	· Q And I asked what information you had available to
16	you, and you were kind enough
17	A Yes.
18	Q to tell me that it was a sudden, immediate death
9	collapse?
20	A Yes, sir.
21	Q Okay. And I said would you be willing to review
22	other fact witnesses' accounts of how this gentleman died and
23	you said if they came to you, you would review them?
24	Do you remember doing that?
25	A Yes.

1	Q Okay. And then I asked if you would give testimony
	in this case and you agreed to do that?
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3	A Yes.
4	Q Okay. Did I ever ask you to do anything other than
5	tell the truth?
6	A No. And, and I think I even warned you that no
7	matter what you provided to me I still might not change my
8	mind. So, I mean, my, I had made a ruling and I wasn't, you
9	know, predisposed to change that ruling.
0	Q And let me ask you something, Dr. Beaver. Were you
1	shocked that you did not have this information about how this
2	young man died?
3	A That, and I was shocked that you would be calling
4	me. I mean, I didn't ever expect anyone to call me.
5	Q Okay. Given what you read in the depositions and
6	what was told to you by the University of California doctor,
7	in particular Dr. Batten, did, did that cause you concern?
8	MR. HOSKING: It's vague.
9	A I
0	MR. YERRID: You don't have to answer it. I'll
1	withdraw it. You don't have to answer.
2	I tender the witness.
3	CROSS-EXAMINATION
4	BY MR. HOSKING:
	Q All right, Doctor. I appreciate you making time

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1 available for us today and I won't take up any more of your
 2 time than necessary. My name is Jeff Hosking, and I
 3 represent the defendants in this case. And what I'll do is
 4 I'm going to follow up on a few of the things that were asked
 5 you today, so we may jump around a little bit. If that gets
 6 to be confusing just let me know and we'll --
         A That's fine.
 7
 8
         Q -- figure out where we are.
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            Let's, let's start with this process for changing
10 the autopsy report. You, I think what you told us was that
11 the Chief of Pathology in Alameda County could upon petition
12 do an independent investigation to reach his own or her own
13 conclusion about cause of death. Is that how that works?
         A Yes.
14
         Q So what materials are available for the Chief of
15
16 Pathology in Alameda County to make that determination? Do
17 you know what materials or specimens still exist regarding
18 Ted Agu?
           I, I can answer, yes. I can answer that question.
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             And what would those be? What I'm looking for,
21 please, is just a list of all the materials or samples that
22 were taken during your investigation of this young man's
23 death.
             Okay. So there will be blood, and I believe urine
24
25 was also available. There will be body fluids available.
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1 And much of that was already tested. We even sent testing to 2 the lab at UCLA, the international lab for steroids, for 3 performance-enhancing drugs, the one that does all the 4 testing for the Olympics. And they were, and it was 5 negative. This was blood that was sent to them? 6 7 Hmm-hmm. A 8 Q Okay. So there should be blood and body fluids available. 9 A 10 Additionally there will be formal and fixed tissue, and 11 that's tissue biopsies of every organ in his body, sometimes 12 multiple biopsies. For instance, the brain will have 13 multiple biopsies. And that's fixed and formal and can be 14 made into, processed into glass microscopic slides. Then 15 there will be the glass slides that I reviewed and that I 16 viewed to make my opinion. And then there will be the 17 blocks, the tissue blocks from which those slides were made 18 and, and additional slides could be cut that should be the 19 same tissue and show the same things. So that's, that's what 20 I think should be available. When this was happening I think people were aware 21 22 enough of the importance of the case -- most of our retention 23 times are one year. So we retain, on a, on a normal case, an 24 average case where there's no, there's no interest in the 25 case beyond a cause of death, then we would retain the body

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1 fluids for a year and we would retain the tissue for probably
 2 a year to a year and a half, and then of course the glass
 3 slides and the tissue blocks would be retained ad infinitum.
  They're, they're something that's going to be in the record
 5 forever. But when we have a case where we think there's,
   there's some interest beyond just the cause of death, the
   retention times for the body fluids and for the formal and
 8 fixed tissue would extend.
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             And I think there was enough interest in this case
10 that that would be, that people would do that in the
11 coroner's office, that it would be retained. I believe I
12 asked them to retain those tissues and, and extend the
13 retention times on them, but I can't for sure tell you that
14 they still exist.
           All right. Thank you. For example, was the heart
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16 retained?
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           Okay. I, I do not retain whole organs, ever.
             It's not ethical in my opinion, unless you have the
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19 family's permission, and I didn't feel that retaining the
20 entire heart was necessary if we had biopsies of the heart. I
21 believe there may be photographs as well.
            Did you, did you seek the family's permission to
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23 maintain the whole organ given the fact that people at the
24 coroner's office knew that there, this would be perhaps a
25 contended issue?
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Well, I don't think we knew it was going to be a
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  contended issue, not, not when we were doing the autopsy, not
  when we would have retained the specimen, and I did not ask
 4 the family. And I wouldn't, I didn't need to. In my opinion
   I didn't need to.
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           Is there anything in your report that would give us
 6
  an inventory of the locations from which you took biopsy
  samples of the heart? In other words, would you identify the
  locations where you take --
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            No.
         A
            -- those pieces of tissue?
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         O.
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             No.
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             Do you have a standard practice of places where you
14
  biopsy?
            Yes, I do.
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        A
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             All right. So what is your standard practice,
17 Doctor?
             So I biopsy the anterior wall. I also biopsy the
18
19 intraventricular septum. And I biopsy the right ventricle
20 lateral wall.
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            Is that it?
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            That's it.
         A
             Do you ever biopsy the nodes?
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         Q
             What nodes?
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         A
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             The apical nodes?
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1	A	Apical nodes?
2	Q	Yeah, in the, in the
3	A	Are you referring to the arteriovenous node?
4	Q	Right.
5	A	Okay. Sometimes those are in the biopsy of the
6 3	ntravent	ricular septum. Those nodes are not grossly
7 5	dentifial	ole. Those are microscopic structures. And so you
8 k	asically	take a, a section in the area where you think the
9 1	ode, the	AV node should be present, and, and that's what you
0 1	ope, you	hope you get it. So that's what I do. When I take
1 t	he septu	m biopsy I'm trying to get the node.
2	Q	In this case did you consider biopsying in any
3 0	ther loca	ations than the anterior wall, the septum, and the
4	eft vent	ricle?
5	A	No.
6	Q	So when we were talking about heart weight or the
7 5	ize of th	ne heart, the weight is just one issue; is that
8 2	ight? Th	nere are other things that speak to the presence of
9 0	ardiomyo	pathy; is that right?
0	A	Correct.
1	Q	So his heart weighed 530 grams. What is the normal
2 t	hickness	of the left ventricular myocardium in your
3 €	xperience	97
4	A	It's about 1.2 centimeters.
5	Q	That's the high end of normal; is that right?

1	A In a normally weighted heart. If a heart was 350
2	grams I would expect the left ventricle to be about 1.2
3	centimeters.
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5	A I would have to look at the report, if I put it in
6	there.
7	Q Sure. I'll represent to you, and it's on page 5 if
8	you'd like to just double-check me, but it's at the very end
9	of the page starting at line 86, you indicate the left
0	ventricular myocardium measures 2.0 centimeters in thickness.
1	Do you see that, Doctor?
2	A You said line 186?
3	Q Line 86 on page 5.
4	A Yes, I see it.
5	Q Is that explained by athlete's heart?
6	A Yes. That could be part of hypertrophic
7	cardiomyopathy, or it could be part of just being a larger
8	individual.
9	Q What are the other differential diagnoses that
0	would come to mind for you when you see a thickness, a left
1	ventricular wall that's that thick?
2	A Hypertension.
3	Q Anything else?
4	A Amyloidosis.
5	Q How about a dilated cardiomyopathy?

1	A No.
2	Q Any other differential that would come to your mind
3	when you see a thick, a wall thickness that thick?
4	A Sometimes sarcoidosis can do that.
5	Q How often have you seen a 2-centimeter-thick
6	ventricular wall in a young man in his early twenties?
7	MR. YERRID: Objection to the form.
8	A It depend, it depends on the size of the heart. If,
9	I mean, I, I don't, I guess I don't understand. It's too
0	vague for me to answer.
1	Q You've encountered, have you ever seen in your
2	practice as a pathologist any heart that had a left
.3	ventricular wall that was measured 2 centimeters in
4	thickness?
.5	A Yes.
6	Q And can you give me an idea of how often that
17	occurs?
8	A 'Maybe hundreds of times.
9	Q And what was the explanation for it, if there is
0	one that stands out among all the explanations in those
21	hundreds of times you've seen it?
2	MR. YERRID: Objection to the form.
23	A Hypertension.
4	Q Doctor, did you review any documents in preparation
25	for your testimony here today?

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1	A	Yes, I did.
2	Q	Can you tell me what you reviewed, please?
3	A	I reviewed deposition testimony of players from
4	the, from	the team on which Ted Agu played.
5	Q	Can you tell me the names of the depositions, of
6	the playe	rs who were, whose depositions you reviewed?
7	A	I don't recall offhand.
8	Q	Do you know how many depositions you reviewed?
9	A	There must have been six, maybe.
10	Q	Do you know whether that represents all the players
11	who were	deposed?
12	A	No.
13	Q	Were you provided any other depositions besides,
14	let's mak	e an assumption that it was six. Were you provided
15	any other	depositions besides those six players?
16	A	Not that I recall.
17	Q	Were you provided the depositions of any of the
18	training,	the athletic training staff that was present and
19	observed	this exercise the morning of Mr. Agu's demise?
20	A	No.
21	Q	Were you provided the depositions of any of the
22	health ar	nd strength coaches who, health and conditioning,
23	strength	and conditioning coaches who were present the
24		of his death and were observing the practice?
25		MR. YERRID: Objection to the form.

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1	A	No. I don't, I don't recall. I don't think so.
2	Q	Do you know what their, has anyone provided you
3 %	vith a sur	mmary of what those individuals testified about
4 t	heir obs	ervations about Mr. Agu prior to him taking a knee?
5	A	No.
6	Q	So do you know as you sit here today what they
7 8	said?	
8	A	No.
9	Q	Would it be important to you as a coroner who is
0	charged w	ith making the call regarding cause of death to have
1	as much i	nformation as possible?
2	A	I think I've been asked that several times today,
3 8	and the a	nswer is yes.
4	Q	I think you've said that. So you would like to
5	nave all	the deposition testimony that would give you as
6	complete	a picture as can be given to you about the
7	circumsta	nces of this man's death; is that right?
8		MR. YERRID: Objection to the form.
9	A	That's correct. I would like to have all the
0	informati	on, yes.
1	Q	Were you given a copy of Dr. Batten's deposition?
2	A	No.
3	Q	Did you review any other materials other than the,
4	like we a	re assuming, six deposition transcripts of players
5	whose nam	es you can't recall at the moment?

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1	A	No.
2	The second secon	Did you review any literature?
3	A	No.
4	Q	Did you go back and look at your report?
5	A	Yes.
6	ESERVE	And was that provided to you by Mr. Yerrid's
	office?	TOTAL ANTEN STATES FOR THE SECTION SECTION OF THE S
8	A	Yes.
9	300000	So now we've got the autopsy report and
	33411	ately six depositions. Did you review any other
	materials	
12		No.
13		Did you have any conversations with Mr. Yerrid or
	1 8	rom his office prior to your deposition today?
15		Yes.
16	0.75	Can you recall when the first conversation
	occurred'	
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19	been, I'r	m going to think either September, I think around
20	September	r, plus or minus a month.
21	Q	Of 2014?
22	А	2014. Yes.
23	Q	Can you estimate how many times you've communicated
24	with Mr.	Yerrid or someone from his office?
25	А	Probably six times, five or six times.

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1	Q And did you make notes of any of those
2 00	ersations?
3	A No.
4	Q They're not recorded when they're, when you call in
5 to	he county coroner in Florida, are they?
6	A No.
7	Q Can you give me a summary well, strike that.
8	Did Mr. Yerrid identify himself as the attorney who
9 wa	representing the family of Mr. Agu?
0	A Yes.
1	Q Have you had conversations with any other attorney
2 re	esenting Mr. Agu's family?
3	A No.
4	Q And can you summarize for me, please, the
5 00	ersations that you've had with Mr. Yerrid? I don't need
6 to	ear about logistical things about setting up today's
7 de	sition. I'm interested more in the substantive
8 00	ersations that you had.
9	MR. YERRID: Well, that may have been three or
0	four of those conversations about dates for his
1	deposition.
2	A Well, let me, let me answer. I think they're
3 pr	ty much all logistical. I don't remember him saying
4 an	hing more than I'm going to send you some depositions. We
2001	r discussed the case much at all. So I don't remember,

240	if we had any substantive conversation about the case I don't
2	remember it.
3	Q Was there ever a conversation regarding the reasons
4	why you concluded when you prepared your report, your final
5	report, that the, that Mr. Agu died from hypertrophic
	cardiomyopathy?
7	A Could you state the question again?
8	Q Sure. And I'm glad you brought that up. If I ever
9	ask a question that makes no sense to you please let me know
10	and I'll be happy to rephrase it, as you've been doing and I
11	appreciate that.
12	Did you ever have a conversation with Mr. Yerrid on
13	the phone about the basis for your conclusion that Mr. Agu
14	died from hypertrophic cardiomyopathy?
15	A Yes.
16	Q And what was that conversation?
17	A We've pretty much gone over it today because I told
18	him this is how I approach the reasoning and I went through
19	the logic, the logic that I just laid out for you with the
20	findings at autopsy, the clinical history, and the
21	correlation between those two things. And, and that's it.
22	And there was no, I was doing the talking and unlike most
23	times I did all the talking and he did the listening.
24	Q I'm sorry, did you complete your answer?
25	A Yes.

Did the subject of sickle cell trait come up during 1 any of these conversations? It probably did, yes. I would, I would say so. 3 I don't have a specific recollection but, but I 5 would guess that it did. And what do you recall about that subject? 6 I don't recall anything more than going through my 7 decision-making with him and telling him this is how I made 9 the decision. And the same thing that I just went through 10 with the jury, telling you the two things that I found, how I 11 found them, and how I weighted them to make a cause of death. 12 And I think it was, I think it was pretty clear. So I keep 13 telling that to anybody who asks and so, as I say, and again, 14 I'm a one-trick pony. I do one thing over and over again 15 very well. And that's what, so I'm just going to tell you 16 what I did. I appreciate that. That's why I asked, was to find 17 18 out what you did, and I appreciate your candor. 19 When you had a conversation with Mr. Yerrid prior 20 to your deposition today did you talk about the bases for a 21 possible diagnosis of sickle cell trait in this man? I'm 22 sorry. Let me withdraw the question. When you had a conversation with Mr. Yerrid prior 23 24 to this deposition did you talk with him or discuss with him 25 about what evidence there was that supported a conclusion

1	that this man succumbed to a sickle cell trait crisis?
2	MR. YERRID: Objection to the form.
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	A I think
4	THE WITNESS: Oh, is there an objection?
5	MR. YERRID: Yeah. But you can go ahead and
6	answer whatever.
7	A I say no. I, I don't recall.
8	Q All right. Fine. Can you recall anything else
9	from those conversations?
10	A No. My, my, my recollection overall of the
11	conversations is they were very brief, he was usually in a
12	very big hurry, and, and he was anxious just to tell me
13	something was going to happen on a certain timeframe, and
14	that was it.
15	Q Did you keep track of the amount of time that you
16	spent consulting with Mr. Yerrid on the phone?
17	A No.
18	Q Have you charged or do you intend to charge for any
19	of that time?
20	A I would like to charge. That's my, my hope. I
21	hope I will see some money. You know, I get about, when I do
22	these things, it's a good thing that this is not the primary
23	way I make my living because I usually only get about 50
24	percent of what I would like to get.
25	Q What is your rate for consulting work?

1	A Generally for deposition testimony I charge 300, I
2	charge \$500 an hour for anything where I'm under oath and
3	\$350 an hour just to review materials and do, do prep work.
4	And I charge travel time when I have to go someplace.
5	Q Have you kept track of the amount of time that
6	you've spent working on this case for Mr. Yerrid's firm in
7	addition to the deposition here?
8	MR. YERRID: Excuse me. Counsel, he is not working
9	for Mr. Yerrid's firm and he hasn't gotten any money
10	from us. So I don't know what that inference is, but
11	he's a former medical examiner of your hometown.
12	Q Just asking to know how much time you've spent
13	working on this case.
14	MR. YERRID: No. What you said was working for
15	my firm. He doesn't work for my firm. He's a medical
16	examiner.
17	Q Have you kept track of your time, Doctor?
18	A Yeah. I understand that. So what I want you to
19	say for me to clarify so I can answer this is I need to know
20	what you mean by kept track.
21	Q Sure. You've jotted down a note, you've got it in
22	your computer, you've done something to memorialize the
23	amount of time that you've devoted to this subject, the death
24	of Mr. Agu, that brings us here for your deposition today,
25	including conversations, reviewing materials, you read six

1	depositions. Did you keep track of all that time?
2	A So, so keeping track in your definition is to
3	memorialize it in some way? Because if you're asking me, did
4	I write something down or in some way record, no. I have it
5	up here (indicating).
6	Q Okay.
7	A I have a, I have a pretty got idea in my head and
8	I've got a clicker and I can keep track of, okay, I spent
9	this evening from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. when I went to
10	bed reading depositions, which put me to sleep nicely. So,
11	so that's the kind of, that's the kind of memorialization I
12	have. If I have a stroke I'll probably go unpaid.
13	Q Fair enough. And it doesn't matter to me what the
14	form is. I'm impressed that you're able to keep it in your
15	head. What I want to know is how much time have you devoted
16	to this case?
17	A I, I think we're probably close to ten hours now.
18	Q Including today's deposition?
19	A Not including today's deposition.
20	Q Okay. So ten hours to review depositions, have
21	conversations with Mr. Yerrid, maybe look at the occasional
22	piece of correspondence if there was any?
23	A Correct.
24	Q And that's what, how you spent your time?
25	A Yup.

Did you do any, any medical research to, as part of 1 that work? 3 Back when I was still in California and still at the coroner's office I spoke with a doctor whose name I can't 5 remember now who was a hematologist and an expert in sickle 6 cell stuff. I just can't remember the name right now. I'm an old guy. So my memory's not that great. And what I remember, though, is that we discussed the possibility of 9 sickle cell being involved in this case. And it was shortly before I was leaving to come 10 11 here and, and, and I'm still pondering the idea, and I think 12 I even spoke about it in the deposition, I was pondering the 13 idea of how much of this could happen in the postmortem 14 interval. And so, and that's the question I put to him too, 15 and, and he didn't seem to have an answer either. So the two 16 of us didn't have an answer. And so I, that's, that's about 17 all that I've done outside. 18 Q Okay. Thank you. 19 Back on the subject of athlete's heart, you 20 testified that it can be larger due to training. I'd like 21 just to follow up on that subject a little bit more. Are 22 there, are there types of athletic endeavors that are more 23 associated with athlete's heart than others? In your 24 experience? 25 A In my experience I would say I don't know.

1	Q Fair enough. On the subject of hypertrophic
2	cardiomyopathy the subject came up and correct me if I'm
3	wrong but I thought that your testimony was that people can
4	often go through life not aware that they have that
5	condition? Was that what you testified to earlier?
6	A Yes.
7	Q Do you know whether or not the NCAA permits
8	athletes with known hypertrophic cardiomyopathy to
9	participate in Division 1 athletics?
10	MR. YERRID: I don't know about all those expert
11	opinion questions you objected to, but I'm going to
12	object just, just, just out of spite. I'm going to
13	object. Calls for an expert opinion.
14	A I, and my, and my answer is I don't know. I don't
15	what the, I haven't read any documents from the NCAA or any
16	of their position papers or anything like that, so I wouldn't
17	know what they allow or don't allow.
18	Q That's, that's all I needed to know was whether you
19	know or not, Doctor.
20	You also discussed the mode of death with
21	hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. You testified that it was a
22	sudden collapse. Is it in your experience well, let me,
23	let me back up. I think you testified that you've done maybe
24	five to ten thousand autopsies in your career. Would you be
25	involved in the investigation of causes of death where you

1 didn't do an autopsy or do you, or are you not? I am. And in fact the first thing we do is 2 3 investigate to see if there's even jurisdiction involved. So for instance if we got a call here today we 5 would look at that call and is this a medical examiner's 6 case, do we have jurisdiction in this case? Same thing in 7 California at the coroner's office. Is this a coroner's 8 case, is it, do we have jurisdiction? That would require a 9 bit of investigation to begin with. Then once we do that, we're going to investigate, 10 11 now do we need to do an autopsy? Because it's an expensive 12 thing to do for the county. So if we can make a reasonable, 13 and the, the statute is pretty clear, we just have to make a 14 reasonable cause of death. We have to cause, cause whatever 15 investigations or studies are necessary to make a reasonable 16 cause of death. The statute reads pretty much like that. So 17 if we can, if we can investigate and we can make a cause of 18 death from, say, medical records or from eyewitness testimony 19 or something like that, then we may not have to do an 20 autopsy. Or if we investigate, we may be able to limit the 21 scope of the autopsy, so perhaps we just need to examine the 22 head or perhaps we just need to examine the heart, so we can, 23 again, truncate the autopsy to save the county some money, 24 and, and make, and make, make it better for everyone. So, so 25 yes, there is an investigation that takes place whether or

1 not we do an autopsy. Appreciate the explanation. It makes complete 3 sense. What I'm leading up to, Doctor, is if you can give an 4 estimate of the number of cases that you've either 5 investigated and/or done an autopsy that involved death from 6 hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, if you can express it as a 7 number or a percentage of the cases you've been involved in, 8 whatever is convenient for you. Okay. So if we're talking about, yeah, I would say 9 10 it's probably, it's probably got to be at least maybe 11 twenty-five or thirty. Are you familiar with any cases where the, the 12 13 death that was attributed to cardiomyopathy, hypertrophic 14 cardiomyopathy occurred, evolved over a process of minutes as 15 opposed to being a sudden death event? 16 A No. They have all been sudden events in your 17 18 experience? Yes. Where we knew. Sometimes the person is found 19 20 deceased and we don't know, they're found by somebody some 21 minutes later and nobody knows what happened at the very end. You testified that in addition to hypertrophic 22 23 cardiomyopathy you were weighing sickle cell trait as a cause 24 of death at the time of the autopsy. You don't, I don't, do 25 you, where do you discuss in your autopsy report that's dated

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1 February 10, 2014, that sickle cell, that you were weighing
 2 sickle cell trait as a cause of death?
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             MR. YERRID: Objection to the form. Misstates
        his testimony.
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             Did I --
        Q
             Yeah.
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         Q -- misstate your testimony, Doctor?
         A Yeah. You did. Definitely misstated.
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             I'm sorry. Please help me.
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        A Yeah. So I think I laid this out, but let me lay
11 it out again. So at the time of the autopsy when I finish
12 the dissection I have to send off the tissue biopsies for
13 microscopic examination, and then I have to send off also the
14 blood for toxicology, okay. So at the time when I, when I,
15 when I step away from the body, put the scalpel down and wash
16 my hands, the only thing that I know about Ted Agu is that,
17 that his body is pristine except for one thing, and that's
18 his heart is slightly enlarged. And, just by my inspection.
19 Okay? So that's all I know. And I put my tissue biopsies
20 out to be processed and made into glass slides and I send out
21 my blood and urine and whatever else I can get for
22 toxicological analysis, and then it's some time later, maybe
23 it's weeks usually, before I get those materials back and I
24 can actually get time to review them. So that's when I
25 first, when I was looking at the microscopic section, that's
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1 when I first decided that there may be sickle cell trait 2 involved. So at the actual time of autopsy I know nothing 3 about sickle cell. I'm not even considering that. I'm not 4 even thinking about that. I didn't mean to say at the time of autopsy. 5 Yeah. 6 I hope I didn't say that. What I meant to say was at the 7 time you prepared your final report. 8 A Yes. 9 Okay. So when you prepared your final report you 10 were considering different causes of death? One was 11 hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. Were you also considering 12 sickle cell trait as a potential cause of death when you 13 authored the report? 14 A Yes. All right. So you have it in front of you. Can 15 16 you show me, please, where you discuss sickle cell trait as a 17 possible cause of death in this man's case? A Yeah. I'll show you. During the microscopic 18 19 examination of tissue obtained at autopsy abnormal 20 erythrocyte morphology was apparent. Some of the red bloods 21 cells within some of the blood vessels have morphology 22 consistent with sickle cell disease. However, and this is, 23 this is the comment about the cause of death, okay. However, 24 this could be the result of low oxygen tension either 25 antemortem or postmortem. So at this point I hadn't resolved

1	that antemortem/postmortem and I had that clinical history
2	that didn't fit sickle cell. So I said, "Therefore based
3	upon the information available to me at this time it is my
4	opinion that the cause of death is best classified best
5	certified as hypertrophic cardiomyopathy."
6	So what I'm doing in this comment is I'm speaking
7	to the two things that I'm weighing for the cause of death,
8	the hypertrophic cardiomyopathy first, and then the sickle
9	cell disease, sickle cell. The two findings I have. I'm
10	pointing out the two findings I have and I'm weighing them,
11	I've, I've weighed them, and then I've come down, I've formed
12	my opinion.
13	Q All right. Thank you. And I saw that when I read
14	your report. Did you discuss sickle cell trait in any other
15	part of the report?
16	A Perhaps in the microscopic examination. I don't, I
17	don't remember.
18	Q Do you know what page that's on?
19	A It might be towards the end.
20	Oh. I don't see a microscopic examination here.
21	So
22	Q Would it be your practice to include that as part
23	of your report?
24	A Yes, it would, and I, I think it's probably
25	somewhere in the, and I don't know why it's not in here.

1	Q Did you, were you able to resolve the question of
2	whether the morphology consistent with sickle cell disease
3	was a result of low oxygen tension that existed ante or
4	postmortem? Were you ever able to revolve that issue?
5	A No.
6	Q Would you defer to a hematologist on that subject?
7	A No. You would have to tell me which hematologist,
8	because there are experts you could pay to say anything you
9	want. The moon is made of green cheese, aliens shot him with
10	a death ray. I'm sure you can find somebody to say that.
11	Q Yeah.
12	A And it would probably be from Harvard.
13	Q Every lawyer is acquainted with that. But as a
14	specialty is there a specialty that's better suited to
15	comment on that subject than a hematologist in your opinion?
16	A I, as a specialty, I think, I don't, I think that a
17	pathologist could comment on that as equally with
18	hematologists, and I don't see, I would have to hear what the
19	person says and their reasoning and the basis of their
20	opinion before I could say whether I would defer.
21	Q All right. There was also, this came from the
22	questioning, and you testified that the sickling was
23	extensive. I don't see you use that term at all in your
24	report. What's the basis for your opinion that the sickling
25	was extensive?

A Well, its presence in blood vessels in multiple 1 2 tissues. So not every blood vessel, certainly. Had I said 3 every blood vessel I'm sure you would have an expert find one 4 that doesn't have it. But --You don't need to worry about that, Doctor. You 5 6 don't need to worry about who's going to come and comment. 7 You just, I want to hear what you believe. 8 But I, I believed, I believed it was extensive enough to be the cause of death. And, and the reason that I 10 didn't make it the cause of death was because I didn't think 11 the clinical history fit. I understand. I couldn't tell from your report 12 13 where you were sampling red blood cells, is what I'm asking 14 you. Oh, yeah. I, I spoke about it at the deposition, 15 16 but I'll speak about it again. So when any tissue biopsy, 17 all tissues of the biop -- of the body are permeated with 18 small blood vessels. This is how the tissue gets nutrition 19 and oxygen to sustain itself. Right. 20 So when you look at a section of tissue under the 21 22 microscope you will see an architecture, and the architecture 23 is, is unique to that organ, so liver looks like liver, 24 spleen looks like spleen, heart looks like heart, the 25 architecture is that, and in, as part of that architecture

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1 there are lots of small blood vessels. And so, and it would
 2 be like looking at a building. If you look at a building,
 3 it's got plenty of windows in it. Some buildings have more
  windows than others. Blood vessels could be your windows.
  So I look in those windows. Is there any glass in the
  windows? Is the glass broken?
            That's what I'm looking at. So I try to reason by
 7
  analogy here. And so inside the tissue there are blood
  vessels and the blood vessels contain blood cells and I look
  at those cells.
            I understand that. Thanks.
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            Is it your testimony that all the tissues you
13 looked at you found evidence of morphology consistent with
14 sickle cell disease?
             MR. YERRID: Objection to the form.
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            That is my recollection, yes.
16
            Okay. All the, I'm sorry. All the slides that you
17
18 looked at?
            Yes. All the, all the tissues would be correct.
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            Okay. Doctor, in terms of records that were
21 provided to you as you were doing your investigation, what's
22 your practice in terms -- well, strike that. Do you have a
23 practice in terms of requesting records from certain
24 locations when you're investigating a death like this one?
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         A Yes. We request medical records if we, from
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S	whatever doctors or hospitals are involved. So that's the
2	routine practice.
3	Q All right. Do you ask, do you request usually the
1	paramedic or pre-hospital care report records?
5	A Yes.
5	Q Okay. And is it your practice to review those or
7	read those when you are doing your investigation?
3	A Sometimes.
9	Q Do you know whether or not you obtained the
0	pre-hospital care report in this man's case?
1	A I don't have, I don't have a recollection of that.
2	Q Do you know whether or not you obtained as part of
3	your investigation the records from the Tang Medical Center
1	on the University of California campus?
5	A I don't, I don't recall.
5	Q Okay. Have you ever seen the pre-hospital care
7	report in this man's case?
3	A I may have. I just don't recall.
)	Q All right. Well, I have only a soft copy with me.
)	Do you recall on the first page under the heading "Narrative"
L	that that report states that the report prepared by the
2	paramedics on the day of the incident states that Mr. Agu had
3	a history of sickle cell?
1	A I don't, I don't recall that.
5	Q Do you know as you sit here today whether or not

1 you were aware of that information when you prepared your 2 final report? 3 A I was aware of that. I remember seeing a reference 4 to history of sickle cell, and it may have been that report. 5 We don't get those reports necessarily on the day of the 6 autopsy. They sometimes take days or weeks to get to us. 7 So, but I remember seeing something like that at the time 8 that I was preparing the final report, but not at the time of 9 autopsy. Q So at the time that you prepared the final report 10 11 obviously you were aware that Mr. Agu had a history of sickle 12 cell trait? 13 The history that, the information I had was vague 14 and unconfirmed. So I can, I can say that there was, I can 15 say that I was aware that a history was being reported but we 16 were unable to confirm it. Q Right. So in the, on the first page of your report 17 18 on the Roman numeral number IV you state "History of sickle 19 cell hemoglobinopathy." 20 A Right. That's by history, by what people are 21 telling us, but we're unable to confirm that. So I can't, I 22 can't weigh that, I can't give it, I can't give it as much 23 weight as I would like to because I can't confirm it. Q All right. What did you do to try to confirm it? 24 25 A We asked for medical records from the family, and

l as far as I know we didn't get, if, if you have sickle cell, 2 if you have a history, some medicine, if you, if you have a 3 family history of sickle cell trait or disease you will get a 4 hemoglobin electrophoresis to look to see if you have the 5 abnormal hemoglobin, if you have the trait. So that test 6 would be done. It would be done in his childhood if that was 7 his history. And so that's the test I'm looking for to 8 confirm that he actually has sickle cell disease. Then I 9 would put, under this I would put sickle cell 10 hemoglobinopathy diagnosed, remote. And so I was unable to 11 confirm that, that history. So it's now just a, somebody 12 telling me something, and I don't have any way, I don't have 13 any confirmation. 14 Q What did you do besides ask for records from the 15 family to investigate that issue? I don't know the extent of that investigation 16 17 because I assigned that to a deputy. So I told him I want to know more about the sickle cell history, you know, find out 19 what you can. And so they go about the investigation. 20 Q And who was the deputy? 21 I don't, I don't recall. 22 Had you seen the pre-hospital care report that 23 documents Mr. Agu's history of sickle cell disorder, is how 24 the paramedic described it, would that have been sufficient 25 to confirm for you that he had sickle cell trait?

1	A	No.
2	Q	Would anything short of the electrophoresis report
3	have been	sufficient in your mind?
4		MR. YERRID: Objection to the form.
5	A	No.
6	Q	Did you ever conduct any molecular or genetic
7	testing to	o corroborate your diagnosis of hypertrophic
8	cardiomyo	pathy?
9	A	No.
10	Q	Is that your practice to do that?
11	A	No.
12	Q	Is there any more definitive test for the presence
13	or absence	e of that condition than molecular or genetic
14	testing?	
15	A	I don't, I don't think that molecular and genetic
16	testing i	s definitively diagnostic. I think that the
17	diagnosis	is made by gross morphology and microscopic
18	examinati	on.
19	Q	Okay. In your career as a pathologist how many
20	cases of	death from sickle cell crisis have you encountered,
21	if you can	n give us an estimate?
22		MR. YERRID: I don't think I have an objection.
23		Just repeat that question. I didn't hear it.
24	0	How many cases of death from, believed to have been
25	the resul	t of sickle cell crisis have you encountered in your
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time a	ıs a	pathologist?
	A	This would be like the second one.
	Q	Okay. And tell, when was the other one?
	Α	The other one was when I was in training at the
Univer	sity	y of Colorado.
	Q	What were the circumstances of that?
	A	A young boy in crisis and sick, came in the
hospit	al,	died in the hospital after several days.
	Q	How long was that young man's course?
	A	Days.
0	Q	Have you reviewed the literature
	Α	No.
	Q	Have you reviewed let me get the whole question
out.	You	may know what I'm going to ask you.
		Have you reviewed the literature regarding the
evolut	ion	of death from sickle cell trait?
	Α	No.
	Q	Do you know the pathogenesis or presumed
patho	gene:	sis of death from sickle cell trait?
	A	Yes.
	Q	What is it?
	Α	It is lack of oxygen to the, to the body's tissues
and ma	aybe	, yeah, lack of, lack of oxygen.
	Q	That's your understanding of the pathogenesis of
that -		
	Univer	A Q A University Q A hospital, Q A Q out. You evolution A Q pathogenes A Q A

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1	A	Yes.
2	Q	condition?
3	A	Yes.
4	Q	Anything more than that?
5	А	No.
6	Q	Okay. How many days did that young man in
7	Colorado,	how many days was he in the hospital before he
8	passed aw	ay if you can recall?
9	A	I don't recall.
10	Q	Do you remember how old he was?
11	A	He was ten.
12	Q	Do you remember where the activity level was or
13	what acti	vity he was engaged in when the crisis began?
14	A	No.
15	Q	Do you know what the temperature was at the time
16	that Mr.	Agu was exercising with his teammates?
17	A	No.
18	Q	Do you know what the altitude was?
19	A	No.
20	Q	Are you familiar with a phenomenon, I'm going to
21	look it u	p so I make sure I get it correct, are you familiar
22	with a ph	enomenon known as rhabdomyolysis?
23	A	Yes,
24	Q	Did I pronounce that correctly?
25	А	Yes. Correct.
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1	Q Thank you. What is it, Doctor?
2	A That's necrosis of the muscle tissue. Skeletal
3	muscle tissue.
4	Q Is rhabdomyolysis associated with sickle cell
5	crisis in your, to your knowledge?
6	A It can be. Yes.
7	Q Was there any evidence of rhabdomyolysis in
8	Mr. Agu's case?
9	A I didn't look for rhabdomyolysis, and it wouldn't
10	matter to me anyway.
11	Q Why is that?
12	A Because it's not something that is going to be your
13	cause of death.
14	Q Would the presence or absence of rhabdomyolysis
15	speak to whether or not sickle cell, there was a sickle cell
16	crisis that caused this man's death?
17	MR. YERRID: Objection to the form.
18	A No.
19	Q It's, it's not a relevant finding?
20	A It would be, it's ambiguous because he could have
21	rhabdomyolysis simply from his conditioning, from his
22	workout. He could have rhabdomyolysis from a cardiac event,
23	causing hypoxia. He could have rhabdomyolysis from any
24	number of things. It wouldn't tell, it wouldn't tell me

1	information. And also rhabdomyolysis is very difficult to
2	diagnose. You could take, you could take a hundred muscle
3	biopsies and not see it.
4	Q All right. There are well, strike that.
5	Was there any evidence when you examined the body
6	of dark red or cola-colored urine?
7	A No. So that could rule rhabdomyolysis out the door
8	right there. Because you would expect the urine to be dark.
9	I saw no dark urine.
10	Q And the urine was clear?
11	A Yes.
12	Q And that excludes rhabdomyolysis in your opinion?
13	A Doesn't, doesn't exclude it, but it makes it,
14	there, let's put it this way. There is no evidence, okay, so
15	I operate on the basic tenet that the absence of evidence is
16	not evidence of absence, and so there is no evidence to
17	support rhabdomyolysis anywhere.
18	Q Thank you.
19	Other than the fact that you found morphology
20	consistent with sickle cell disease in tissue that you
21	reviewed or examined, is there any other basis for your
22	opinion that Mr. Agu died from sickle cell trait?
23	MR. YERRID: Objection to the form. Are you
24	excluding the players' statements?
25	Q Let's start with the physical findings, and then

1	we'll get to that.
2	A Can you, can you restate the question?
3	Q Sure. Please correct me if I've, if I'm wrong, but
4	what I understand you to, what I understood you to say was
5	that your opinion that Mr. Agu died from sickle cell trait or
6	sickle cell crisis is based in terms of the physical findings
7	on the presence of morphology consistent with sickle cell
8	disease in the tissues that you examined. Is that true?
9	A True.
0	Q Okay. Are there any other physical findings on
1	post, fluids, tissues, blood, or anything that also supports
2	that conclusion?
3	A No.
4	Q And the other basis that you described was the
5	testimony of the witness depositions that you were provided,
6	correct?
7	A I'm having trouble with the word "basis".
8	Q All right, Let me rephrase. What I'm trying to
9	find out is why your opinion today is that Mr. Agu died from
0	sickle cell trait when at the time you prepared your report
1	your opinion was that he died from hypertrophic
22	cardiomyopathy.
23	A Correct. And we've stated, we've talked about this
4	ad nauseam, but I'll say it once again.
25	Q Well, let me

1	MR. YERRID: No, no. Let him finish his answer.
2	Let him finish his answer, Counsel.
3	Q Let me get the question out. Let me get the
4	question out.
5	MR. YERRID: Let him finish his answer.
6	Q Because you weren't answering the question that I
7	was going to ask. And I don't want to replow the same
8	ground. But what I want to know is, in terms of physical
9	findings you identified one thing, and that's the presence of
10	morphology consistent with sickle cell disease in the tissues
11	that you examined. That's an accurate statement?
12	Is that true?
13	A Correct.
14	Q All right. Is there, let me make it simpler. Is
15	there any other reason why as you sit here today that you
16	believe that Mr. Agu died from sickle cell crisis?
17	A No.
18	Q Did the deposition testimony that you were provided
19	by Mr. Yerrid's office from some of the players factor into
20	your conclusion at all?
21	A Yes.
22	Q In what way?
23	A It made the time from sudden collapse to now some
24	minutes to maybe an hour, so the time interval is the key.
25	The clinical history has changed. So, and that was part of

1 the decision in the beginning was that, why sickle cell was 2 discounted was because the clinical history didn't fit with 3 sickle cell. So now I've got, I've got eyewitnesses that are 4 telling me that this is not a sudden collapse, running, doing 5 fine, take a knee and die. This is something that was going, ongoing for some minutes to maybe, who knows, it was a long, 7 it was longer than I would have expected if it was HCM. Q All right. So it's not, it's not that the 8 9 depositions proved to you that it was sickle cell trait? It's 10 that the depositions made HCM less likely in your opinion? A Yeah. It changed the clinical history. So what 11 12 I'm trying to do is I'm trying, I've got two findings and I'm 13 trying to match or balance a finding with a clinical history. 14 So which of these two findings should carry greater weight 15 towards the cause of death? Should it be HCM, should it be 16 sickle cell? Okay. Let's go the clinical history and see. 17 The clinical history of a sudden collapse supports HCM, not 18 sickle cell. The history of a prolonged nausea, weakness, 19 weakness getting worse over time supports sickle cell, not 20 HCM. What other differential, what else would be in your 21 22 differential with that history, progressive weakness --Well, the history, that, just that history is huge. 23 24 The differential would be huge. But I'm not, I don't, the 25 autopsy findings I have, this guy is 22 years old, 21 years

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1 old. His body is pristine. There is nothing, there are no
2 pathological findings except those two that we've talked
3 about. Those are the only two things. His cause of death
4 has to be one of those two things. It will be. Because
5 there's not evidence for anything else. The aliens didn't
6 shoot him with a death ray. At least if they did, I don't
  see it.
            The number one cause of death among athletes that's
8
  not traumatic in nature is hypertrophic cardiomyopathy? Is
  that true?
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        A Didn't I already say that? I said something to the
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12 effect of that should be first on the list of the
13 differential, and it was on my list as well.
           Yeah. I understand that. And I apologize. I'm
14
15 recovering some of the same ground. I'm trying not to do
16 that, but I'm entitled to get my, to do my examination.
             Sure. Absolutely.
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         Q All right. Thank you.
           And I'm answering the best I can.
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            And I think you are, and I appreciate it.
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            Okay. Let's look at your report. The first, you
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22 talk about the histological pattern of the tissue is
23 consistent with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. Do you remember
24 writing that?
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        A
            Yes.
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1	Q And at the time you said that you believed that to
2	be true?
3	MR. YERRID: Objection to the form.
4	A Yeah.
5	Q Is that right?
6	A Yes.
7	Q And you didn't, you didn't qualify that as mildly
8	suggestive or possibly suggestive or it could be suggestive?
9	You said histological pattern consistent with hypertrophic
0	cardiomyopathy? Is that right?
1	A Yes. There is a, that is a compromised phrase,
2	though. Because if I had found, if I had found exactly what
3	I wanted to see for hypertrophic cardiomyopathy I would have
4	said microscopic diagnosis confirms hypertrophic
5	cardiomyopathy or is diagnostic for hypertrophic
6	cardiomyopathy, but I put consistent with because I wasn't
7	quite sure.
8	Q Okay. Got it. Thanks.
9	Your, there was some discussion or some questioning
0	about your conversation with Dr. Batten. I appreciate that
1	perhaps you don't recall the details regarding that. But,
2	and this may appear to be an obvious issue to you, but you
3	didn't conclude that Mr. Agu died from hypertrophic
4	cardiomyopathy because Dr. Batten told you to make that
5	conclusion, correct?

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1	MR. YERRID: Objection to the form.
2	A That's correct.
3	Q There were other findings including the histology?
4	A Correct.
5	Q And the enlarged heart?
6	A Correct.
7	Q It wouldn't be surprising to you that a physician
8	who was familiar with sports or sports medicine, that the
9	number one thing on their mind in this situation would be
10	hypertrophic cardiomyopathy?
11	MR. YERRID: Objection to the form.
12	Q It wouldn't be surprising to you, would it?
13	MR. YERRID: Objection to the form. He's not a,
14	he doesn't read other people's mind, Counsel.
15	A I wasn't surprised that it would be on his mind.
16	I guess what I was, I was a little bit taken aback
17	that, that he would suggest, that he would just jump out
18	there and suggest it without making inquiry into all of the
19	details. That, that, that's my recollection of the phone
20	call and the day, was that I was kind of taken aback by how
21	quickly he jumped out with that and, you know, and, and his
22	suggestion of that because most people would have called and
23	just asked me, what did you find, you know, and then they
24	would say, that's how I expected the conversation to go and
25	it didn't go that way.

There was some questioning about whether the Lasco 1 and Mahalik statements were included in the materials you received. When's the last time you reviewed the Alameda County Coroner's file on Mr. Agu? It's a long time, and I don't recall. And the 5 6 other thing that you have to understand about this is that, 7 you know, I'm a really super-busy guy and so my deputies will get reports and then they will verbally fill me in in the 9 hallway as I'm walking to the next thing I have to do, so, 10 and I get constantly people coming up to me and, and giving 11 me information about cases, and so that's how much of this 12 case went down as well. Much of the information I'm given 13 about the history of this case is not that I'm sitting down 14 in a library reading, you know, this report. It's that I'm 15 rushing down the hallway to the next catastrophe being told 16 something and having two people on each side of me telling me 17 something about different cases at the same time. So that's 18 the way life was in Alameda County for me. Now we understand why you're here in the peace --19 20 the tranquil Florida Keys. I'm trying to get my life back. 21 22 What I'm asking you is as you sit here today having 23 not looked at the file for all this time and understanding 24 that some materials were given to you personally and some 25 were given to you in other ways, can you say definitively

1 whether or not the Lasco and Mahalik statements were, were or 2 were not part of that Alameda County Coroner's Office's file? I don't recall. 3 Have you encountered a condition known as dilated 4 5 cardiomyopathy in your travels as a pathologist? Yes. I think, did you already ask that? I think 6 7 it's been asked. But I have. And it's quite common. I'm sorry, it did come up, but I didn't ask you 8 9 what I'm about to ask you, which are what are the features of 10 dilated cardiomyopathy in your experience? So the features of dilated cardiomyopathy are first 11 12 the heart's dilated, and in the process of becoming dilated 13 it becomes enlarged by weight, enlarged by weight, but the 14 left ventricle becomes actually thinner so, because generally 15 what makes the muscle thick as it was in this case and in 16 other cases is work against resistance, okay. So if the muscle is working against an increasing 17 18 resistance like in hypertension, the muscle tends to become 19 thick. At some point the muscle either gives up, it doesn't, 20 it can't sustain itself, or in the case of dilated 21 cardiomyopathy it just dilates for whatever reason and then 22 the wall thins because now the heart really isn't pumping 23 against a resistance, it's just not pumping. Thank you. All right. You did a nice job of 24 25 explaining for us your process, the head-to-toe process and

1 you do the head-to-toe process, repeat it several times for 2 different purposes. One of those was the exterior, the 3 external physical examination and you're looking, I think you testified you're looking for evidence of trauma, those kinds 5 of things, correct? A Correct. 6 Q And when you're conducting that examination is it 7 8 your practice to note things like abrasions, contusions, you 9 know, skinned knees or skinned hands, would you document that 10 if it was present? Depends on how significant I think it is. And so 11 12 first of all you should know that there is probably two or 13 three dozen photographs taken at the time of the autopsy. So we photograph everything, and if there is an 14 15 injury it's going to be photographed. And so his body was 16 photographed head to toe, up one side, down the other side, 17 and over the back. So photographs exist of these things. 18 Now, that being said, I won't, when I'm dictating evidence of 19 injury I may not pick up every little abrasion or confusion 20 because I don't think it's significant. Or it's occurring in 21 the postmortem interval or the antemortem. In other words, 22 if the paramedics pump on the guy's chest and create an 23 abrasion I don't care. If they try to stick his arm for a 24 I.V. and create a contusion or grab his arm and create 25 contusions, I really don't care about those things. So they

1	will be photographed so we can certainly look at the
2	photographs and talk about them and I can give you my
3	opinions on them but they may not be in the report.
4	Q Thank you. If there's evidence on the external
5	examination of someone who's falling down, is that something
6	that you would ordinarily comment on in your practice?
7	A If I, yeah. If I thought it was significant I
8	would.
9	Q You haven't looked at the photographs in
10	preparation for today's testimony, correct?
11	A No. I haven't seen the photographs. I, I don't
12	even have the photographs, so I would have to get them from
13	Alameda County.
14	Q Do you take those, or is that an assistant that
15	does that?
16	A A combination of both. So my assistant takes
17	routine photographs, then I may add others, and I will also
18	direct them to take others. So, and I don't remember exactly
19	on his case, but I think a number of photographs were taken.
20	Q Right. Digital film?
21	A Digital.
22	Q We're in the modern age and now it's all digital?
23	A All digital, yeah.
24	MR. YERRID: I don't care how long you take and
25	I'm not trying to rush you at all, but do you have any

idea how much longer? 1 MR. HOSKING: Not much. How about you, Steve? 2 3 Do you have a follow-up? MR. YERRID: If I had it would be a minute. 4 Q Well, Doctor, I'll ask you this question since 5 6 we've kind of crossed over to expert land, are there any 7 other opinions that you expect to offer that you haven't 8 talked about today regarding Mr. Agu or his cause of death? A Give me a, give me a minute to think about this. 9 10 No, I don't think so. Not unless I'm asked a specific 11 question. But I can't think of any, any that I would offer 12 spontaneously. Q I, I don't expect that you'll make, take the 13 14 trouble to travel back to Alameda County, but in case you do, 15 do you plan to do any additional work to investigate or 16 evaluate or consider the case of Ted Agu? A If, if I'm going to testify again I will, there's 17 18 some things I would do before I would testify. I would hope 19 to review all of those depositions that you suggested and I 20 would also want to review the autopsy report again, I would 21 like to look at the photographs and even the glass slides 22 again. So I would do all of that. I would basically start 23 over on the case and do a complete review of it before I 24 went, before I got in front of a jury or anything like that. MR. HOSKING: Thank you for your time, Doctor. 25

1	I appreciate it.
2	THE WITNESS: Thank you.
3	REDIRECT EXAMINATION
4	BY MR. YERRID:
5	Q Dr. Beaver, you were asked specifically whether or
6	not two statements were included in the packet of information
7	that was supplied to the medical examiner's office. We went
8	and subpoensed and got all of the materials that were
9	supplied to the medical examiner's office by University of
0	California Berkeley, and I would represent to you, those
1	exhibits that are already marked are a part of the record
2	which I'm now going to mark as, and identify as Exhibit No.
3	6. No. 6. And I'll represent to you that the two players
4	that I mentioned earlier are not included. But you can take
5	your time and look at that if you'd like. Exhibit 3 and 4
6	are the police. University of California Police, I should
.7	say.
8	A I, I don't, I don't see anything in there, so.
9	Q If necessary at trial we'll have the jury examine
0	the same file, but I'm representing to you those two
	statements are not in there. If they were not in there,
22	Messrs. Mahalik and Lasco, their deposition testimony which
23	we provided to you as the plaintiffs' lawyers certainly was
4	helpful to you in assimilating what informational base
	occurred before this young man met his death?

1	A Hmm-hmm. Yes.
2	Q Okay. And just so we're, we're clear, you weren't
3	simply supplied with, with facts, general facts?
4	You were supplied with critically important data in
5	terms of coming to your conclusion about how this gentleman
6	died? When you're talking about the predicate acts and the
7	minutes that passed and him struggling, that was important to
8	you?
9	A Well, I was, I was provided a clinical history, or
10	at least a glimpse at the clinical history, and that was
11	inconsistent with what I was understanding at the time I made
12	the cause of death, so I had to rethink my opinion and, and
13	that's, and rethink about cause of death, and that's what I
14	did.
15	Q Do you recall ever in your medical examining career
16	having people in authority such as University of California
17	Police Department, University of California Berkeley failing
18	to supply you with information such as eyewitness statements
19	about what happened preceding someone's death?
20	MR. HOSKING: Object
21	Q Does anything come to mind?
22	MR. HOSKING: I'll object that it's argumentative,
23	lacks foundation, misstates the record.
24	A I'm going to say it happens frequently, and I don't
25	know whether it's intentional or just, or just people are

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1 busy and, but it happens. It's not an infrequent occurrence
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  and --
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            So --
            -- it's why I have to be careful how I word things.
5 When I, when I sense that I have an incomplete data set I
 6 usually will word things, I will make a comment first of all,
 7 and in that comment I will say, hey, I really don't think I
 8 have, I'll, the words won't be these words, but if you read
  between the lines what I will say, what I'm saying is I don't
  think I have a complete set of data.
             This opinion is just an opinion, and if I had the
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  data maybe I would have a different opinion.
           And that --
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         A And that's what I'm saying.
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            And, Dr. Beaver, that's exactly what you did in
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  this case, isn't it?
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             Pretty much, yeah. It's a pretty long comment and
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18 it talks, it speaks to the two findings, it speaks to how I'm
19 trying to weight them, I think, at least, and then it lets
  people know that this is, that I don't think I have a
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  complete data set.
           And the last piece of information to close out your
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23 deposition is one I need from you. Now, having reviewed the
24 numerous players and the accounts that they gave of how this
25 young man struggled, do you believe based upon your
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1 microscopic review of the slides, your actual hands-on
2 examination of this young man, not only his body, his
3 muscles, his organs, everything about him, and your own
  visualization, your actual viewing of this young man, do you
5 believe you have a complete enough base upon which to give an
  opinion within a reasonable degree of medical probability as
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  to why he died?
            MR. HOSKING: Calls for speculation.
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           Unless the clinical history changes once again I
10 would say that, and again, I would, I would offer my logic to
11 anyone. You don't have to be a medical examiner, you don't
12 have to be a forensic pathologist. You have two things. You
13 have sickle cell and you have HCM. I've explained the
14 difference about the clinical history. One would be sudden,
15 one not so sudden. And so now I offer to you, you make the
16 call, you know. Now we're looking at the little box on the
17 TV as the ball goes over the plate. You make the call. And
18 so my call at this point is that sickle cell is more likely
19 than HCM, given, given that clinical history.
             And so I think that, and I don't think the logic is
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21 complicated and I don't think it's difficult for anyone to
22 see. Now, if the clinical history changes, if suddenly
23 everyone says that those players were lying and they've got
24 videotape of him suddenly being fine and saying I'm just fine
25 and then, boom, he's dead, if that changes, then okay. Then
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1	we're back to the HCM again. But it's all contingent upon
2	trying to balance the clinical history, what actually
3	happened the last few moments of his life, against the two
4	pathological findings at autopsy. That's what you're, what
5	I'm trying to do. That's what anyone would try to do with
6	this, with this case.
7	Q And unlike Dr. Batten, who was not under oath, or
8	unlike the other couple of not hands-on statements that you
9	got, the testimony, the sworn testimony you got corroborates
10	your opinion that he died of a sickling event?
11	MR. HOSKING: Same objection. Incomplete
12	hypothetical, calls for speculation.
13	A I don't, I think it's the
14	Q With the combination of everything?
15	A Corroboration is not, I don't think, the right
16	word. I'm able to form the opinion that he's dying from
17	sickle cell crisis rather than HCM because of the clinical
18	history supplied in the testimony, in the deposition
19	testimony.
20	MR. YERRID: Much better said than I, than I said
21	it.
22	Thank you very much for your time, Dr. Beaver.
23	And I am asking you as a matter of professional
24	courtesy, please keep track of your time. I do not
25	expect you to have to go uncompensated.

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1	THE WITNESS: I got it.
2	MR. YERRID: I do not consider a per diem thing,
3	but I got the ten hours but you might want to jot that
4	down somewhere in case you do have a mental lapse.
5	THE WITNESS: Yeah.
6	MR. YERRID: If we ask you for any more additional
7	time to be expended we'll certainly expect a bill.
8	THE WITNESS: That will be fine. I'm going to
9	waive. That's what you're going to ask me, right?
10	MR. YERRID: You don't want to waive?
11	THE WITNESS: I will waive.
12	MR. YERRID: You do waive. Okay. That's what I
13	was going to ask you.
14	(Plaintiff's Exhibit 6 was marked.)
15	(The deposition was concluded at 5:42 p.m.)
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,	I, Susan L. McTaggart, Florida Professional
1	Reporter, Notary Public, State of Florida, certify that
3	THOMAS RICHARD BEAVER, M.D. personally appeared before
9	me on the 16th day of June, 2015, and was duly sworn.
0	Signed this 24th day of June, 2015.
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3	Susan L. McTaggart, FPR
4	Notary Public, State of Florida Commission #FF 134437
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## 1 CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER 2 STATE OF FLORIDA 3 COUNTY OF MONROE 5 I, Susan L. McTaggart, Florida Professional 6 Reporter, do hereby certify that I was authorized to 7 and did stenographically report the deposition of THOMAS RICHARD BEAVER, M.D., pages 1 through 143; that 8 9 a review of the transcript was not requested; and that the transcript is a true record of my stenographic 10 11 notes. 12 I further certify that I am not a relative, 13 employee, attorney, or counsel of any of the parties, nor am I a relative or employee of any of the parties' 14 15 attorneys or counsel connected with the action, nor am I financially interested in the action. 16 17 Dated this 24th day of June, 2015. 18 19 Susan L. McTaggart, FPR 20 21 22 23 24 25

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