# IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA Case No. 72737

LAURA DEMARANVILLE

SURVIVING SPOUSE OF DANIEL DEMARANVILLE Appellant/Cross-Respondent,

v.

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EMPLOYERS INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEVADA and CANNON COCHRAN MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.
Respondents,

and

CITY OF RENO Respondent/Cross-Appellant

Appeal from a District Court Order
Granting in Part and Denying in Part
Petition for Judicial Review
First Judicial District Court
Department II
Case No. 15 OC 00092 1B

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45822-KD

of

Daniel Demaranville, Deceased,

Claimant.

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# STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION HEARINGS DIVISION

In the matter of the Contested Industrial Insurance Claim of:

Hearing Number: Claim Number: 45822-KD 1990204572

DANIEL DEMARANVILLE, DECEASED C/O LAURA DEMARANVILLE PO BOX 261 VERDI, NV 89439

CITY OF RENO ATTN CARA BOWLING PO BOX 1900

RENO, NV 89505

# BEFORE THE HEARING OFFICER

The Claimant's request for Hearing was filed on October 2, 2013 and a Hearing was scheduled for October 22, 2013. The Hearing was held on October 22, 2013, in accordance with Chapters 616 and 617 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

The Claimant's widow, Laura and her representative, Leslie Bell, were present. The Employer and Insurer were represented by Mark Sertic, Esquire.

#### **ISSUE**

The Claimant appealed from the Insurer's determination dated September 19, 2013. The issue before the Hearing Officer is claim denial.

# **DECISION AND ORDER**

The determination of the Insurer is hereby REVERSED.

The Claimant worked for 5 plus years in continuous employment with the City of Reno Police Department and retired in 1990. On August 5, 2012, the Claimant went into the hospital for gall bladder surgery, but while in the recovery room, he developed complications and died. The death certificate notes cardiac arrest secondary to atherosclerotic heart disease. The Claimant's widow filed a claim for death benefits under the Heart/Lung Bill which the Insurer denied, the instant appeal. However, as the Claimant is afforded the benefits of the presumption under NRS 617.457, the Hearing Officer finds the determination of the Insurer is not proper. The submitted medical reporting supports the Claimant died from heart disease. There is also a question whether the claim was timely filed as provided by NRS 617.344. The Claimant attempted to timely file a claim, but was directed to the wrong Insurer and a second C-4 form was completed. Therefore, the excuse provisions of NRS 617.346 are applicable as the Claimant relied on a mistake of fact when she originally filed the claim.

NRS 617.457(1) explains, notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter, diseases of the heart of a person who, for 5 years or more, has been employed in a full-time continuous, uninterrupted and salaried occupation as a fireman or police officer in this state before the date of disablement are conclusively presumed to have arisen out of and in the course of the employment.

NRS 617.344(2). In the event of the death of the employee resulting from the occupational disease, a dependent of the employee, or a person acting on his or her behalf, shall file a claim for compensation with the insurer within 1 year after the death of the employee.

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NRS 617.346(2) provides an insurer may excuse the failure to file a notice of an occupational disease or claim for compensation pursuant to the provisions of this section if: (a) The employee's disease or another cause beyond his or her control prevented him or her from providing the notice or the claim; (b) The failure was caused by the employee's or dependent's mistake or ignorance of fact or of law; (c) The failure was caused by the physical or mental inability of the employee or the dependent; or (d) The failure was caused by fraud, misrepresentation or deceit.

# **APPEAL RIGHTS**

Pursuant to NRS 616C.345(1), should any party desire to appeal this final Decision and Order of the Hearing Officer, a request for appeal must be filed with the Appeals Officer within thirty (30) days of the date of the decision by the Hearing Officer.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 28th day of October, 2013.

**JA 0225** 

# CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

The undersigned, an employee of the State of Nevada, Department of Administration, Hearings Division, does hereby certify that on the date shown below, a true and correct copy of the foregoing <u>DECISION AND ORDER</u> was deposited into the State of Nevada Interdepartmental mail system, OR with the State of Nevada mail system for mailing via United States Postal Service, OR placed in the appropriate addressee runner file at the Department of Administration, Hearings Division, 1050 E. Williams Street, Suite 400, Carson City, Nevada, to the following:

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EMPLOYERS INSURANCE PO BOX 539004 HENDERSON, NV 89053

MARK SERTIC, ESQ 5975 HOME GARDENS DRIVE RENO NV 89502

Dated this 28th day of October, 2013.

Susan Smock

Employee of the State of Nevada

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PO Box 539004, Henderson, NV 89053-9004

September 19, 2013

Laura DeMaranville PO BOX 261 Verdi, NV 89439-0261

RE:

Employee:

DANIEL E DEMARANVILLE

Employer:

**RENO CITY OF** 

Date of Injury:

01/31/1990

Claim No.

1990204572

Insurer:

Employers Insurance Company of Nevada

#### Dear Ms. DeMaranville:

It is the determination of the Employers Insurance Company of Nevada to deny liability of the above claim, as the doctor who completed the C4 form indicated that he could not directly connect this injury or occupational disease as job incurred.

NRS 616C.150 Compensation prohibited unless preponderance of evidence establishes that injury arose out of and in course of employment; rebuttable presumption if notice of injury is filed after termination of employment.

1. An injured employee or the dependents of the injured employee are not entitled to receive compensation pursuant to the provisions of chapters 616A to 616D, inclusive, of NRS unless the employee or the dependents establish by a preponderance of the evidence that the employee's injury arose out of and in the course of his or her employment.

2. For the purposes of chapters 616A to 616D, inclusive, of NRS, if the employee files a notice of an injury pursuant to NRS 616C.015 after his or her employment has been terminated for any reason, there is a rebuttable presumption that the injury did not arise out of and in the course of his or her employment.

NRS 617.358 Compensation prohibited unless preponderance of evidence establishes that disease arose out of and in course of employment; rebuttable presumption if notice of disease is filed after termination of employment; exceptions.

1. An employee or the dependents of the employee are not entitled to receive compensation pursuant to the provisions of this chapter unless the employee or the dependents of the employee establish by a preponderance of the evidence that the employee's occupational disease arose out of and in the course of his or her employment.

2. If the employee files a notice of an occupational disease pursuant to NRS 617.342 after his or her employment has been terminated for any reason, there is a rebuttable presumption that the occupational disease did not arise out of and in the course of his or her employment.

3. The provisions of this section do not apply to any claim filed for an occupational disease described in NRS 617.453, 617.455, 617.457, 617.485 or 617.487.

Additionally, there is no objective medical reporting to support the diagnoses listed on the C4 form of atheroscierotic heart disease and myocardial Infarction. The medical reporting submitted was referred to our managed care organization and a review was completed by Yasmine S. Ali, M.D., M.S.C.I., F.A.C.C., F.A.C.P., who is board certified in Internal Medicine and Cardiovascular Disease. Dr. Ali's review report Indicates there was no documentation in the records that would support a diagnosis of atherosclerotic heart disease, and there is no evidence of myocardial infarction, particularly since cardiac enzymes were not drawn, a 12-lead ECG showing evidence of myocardial infarction is absent, and an autopsy was not performed. Thus, it appears most likely that the cardiac arrest was a post-operative complication. Dr. Ali's report also noted there was no evidence in the records of coronary artery disease, coronary heart disease or ischemic heart disease.

We have also been unable to obtain the physicals performed during the course of your employment as a police officer for the City of Reno. This is pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 617C.457, which states:

NRS 617.457 Heart diseases as occupational diseases of firefighters, arson investigators and police officers.

- 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, diseases of the heart of a person who, for 5 years or more, has been employed in a full-time continuous, uninterrupted and salaried occupation as a firefighter, arson investigator or police officer in this State before the date of disablement are conclusively presumed to have arisen out of and in the course of the employment.
- 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, diseases of the heart, resulting in either temporary or permanent disability or death, are occupational diseases and compensable as such under the provisions of this chapter if caused by extreme overexertion in times of stress or danger and a causal relationship can be shown by competent evidence that the disability or death arose out of and was caused by the performance of duties as a volunteer firefighter by a person entitled to the benefits of chapters 616A to 616D, inclusive, of NRS pursuant to the provisions of NRS 616A.145 and who, for 5 years or more, has served continuously as a volunteer firefighter in this State by continuously maintaining an active status on the roster of a volunteer fire department.
- 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, each employee who is to be covered for diseases of the heart pursuant to the provisions of this section shall submit to a physical examination, including an examination of the heart, upon employment, upon commencement of coverage and thereafter on an annual basis during his or her employment.
- 10. Failure to correct predisposing conditions which lead to heart disease when so ordered in writing by the examining physician subsequent to a physical examination required pursuant to subsection 3 or 4 excludes the employee from the benefits of this section if the correction is within the ability of the employee.

If you or your employer disagrees with this decision, you have the right to file an appeal and rnail it directly to the Hearing Officer, Department of Administration, 1050 E. Williams St., Ste 400, Carson City, Nevada 89701. If your request does not reach

the Hearings Division within seventy (70) days from the date of this letter, you may lose your right to appeal the decision.

If you have any questions, please contact our customer service center at 1-888-682-6671.

Sincerely,

Amy Caldera Sr Claims Adjuster

Enclosure: C4

Request for Hearing

cc: RENO CITY OF

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09/16/2013

#### Informal Review

Debbie Benter Employers

Patient Name:
Jurisdiction:
Date of Injury:

Claim/Policy #: Treating Provider:

PRIUM File #:

PreAuth #: PC Number: DEMARANVILLE, DANIEL

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01/31/1990 1990204572

NO PROVIDER CONTACT - INFORMAL

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#### File Contents:

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- 6. Letter with Progress Note dated 03/30/11 by Richard Ganchan, MD of Reno Heart Physicians.
- 7. Stress Echocardiogram dated 03/26/11.
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- 17. Ultrasound dated 08/14/07.
- 18. Right hand x-ray dated 01/15/07.

#### Discussion:

No contact was requested for this review.

The patient was involved in an industrial-related injury on 01/31/90. management indicates the patient underwent gallbladder surgery and suffered cardiac arrest in the recovery room and expired on 08/05/12. The documentation indicates that the patient was seen for urological consultation on 11/12/08, at which time it was noted the patient was a retired police officer. He was referred for microscopic hematuria with mention he had been evaluated with a cystoscopy in the past and that he had microscopic blood in his urine. The patient denied pain, dysuria, or incontinence. There was mention that over the years there had reportedly been some decreased force of the stream with urgency and frequency, which had responded to Flomax. There was mention of mild crectile dysfunction with indication that Viagra had been prescribed and had worked very well. Also per the 11/12/08 urological consultation, past medical history was noted for an ECG showing right bundle branch block., prior appendectomy, herniorrhaphy with loss of the left testicle, back surgery, and cataract surgery. Medications had included Zantac, Lexapro, and Flomax. It was noted the patient had been a smoker for many years of one pack per day. There was also mention of a urinalysis which was positive for blood with 5 to 7 red blood cells per high-power field. A nuclear matrix protein-22 test for abnormal cells was also positive, which was noted to suggest potential risk for transitional cell carcinoma of the bladder, with mention an ultrasound had been performed which was essentially normal with the exception of some simple renal cysts. It was recommended that given the presence of hematuria and his smoking a complete work-up including urine cytology was to be completed along with a cystourethroscopy to be scheduled the following week, with potential CT scan based on the findings. According to a flexible cystoscopy report dated 11/19/08, it was noted that after this evaluation, the provider was pleased with the cystoscopy and a CT scan was not going to be obtained. It was mentioned that if his cytology was atypical, or positive by FISH analysis, then he would need a CT scan. It was noted that he was to be seen in six months for repeat urinalysis and in the interim, if he should develop gross hematuria, he would need to be seen sooner. Also according to the documentation, in a colonoscopy report dated 01/31/08, there was mention of excellent quality screening examination for colon cancer, and no neoplastic tissue was identified.

The consultation by Dr. Karen Clark of Reno Heart Physicians dated 01/14/11 indicated the patient was seen at the request of Concentra in consultation for an abnormal EKG. The 01/14/11 note indicated that upon routine physical, the patient

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had an ECG that showed a RBBB and RAD. It was noted the patient was told he had this previously in 2004, with mention that he had a stress test and echocardiogram at that time and was told it was all normal except for mild LVH on the echocardiogram. The patient denied any symptoms or limitations. There was mention the patient reportedly quit smoking a few years prior. Also per the 01/14/11 report, there was mention of an absence of the following cardiac risk factors: no diabetes mellitus; no peripheral vascular disease; no family history of coronary artery disease; no hypertension; no sedentary lifestyle; and no sleep apnea. The assessment per the 01/14/11 note was abnormal electrocardiogram. The Letter with Progress Note dated 03/30/11 indicates the patient was cleared for security work without restriction, with impression of right bundle branch block, no evidence of organic heart disease. Also according to the documentation, in a note dated 12/20/11, the patient had hip pain and needed a shot. However, there were no objective physical examination findings. A note dated 02/14/12 indicated the patient was seen for a physical. There were no objective physical examination findings. There was mention the patient had ceased tobacco use in 2009. A note dated 04/19/12 indicated the patient was seen for Kenalog injection for diffuse body aches from his polymyalgia rheumatica. There was mention of physical examination noting the heart had a regular rate and rhythm without murmurs or gallops; lungs were clear to auscultation bilaterally; no rhonchi, wheezing, or crackles; abdomen soft, nontender, and non-distended; positive bowel sounds; no hepatosplenomegaly; no rebound or guarding; no tenderness; no costovertebral angle tenderness; diffuse swollen, mildly tender joints of the shoulders bilaterally, clows bilaterally, hands bilaterally, low back, hips, and knees; good range of motion of all of his extremities; significant tremor; no skin rashes or lesions. Also per the 04/19/12 note, the diagnoses were: essentially and other specified forms of tremors polymyalgia rheumatica, osteoarthrosis unspecified whether generalized or localized, and benign essential hypertension. A note dated 05/29/12 indicated the patient reported abdominal pain, mid and epigastric, that radiated around the back and up in between the shoulder blades, and that this had occurred over the past 4 to 5 weeks. There was mention of a previous peptic ulcer; that the patient reportedly drank one martini per day and up to 4 to 5 martinis on the weekends; with mention he acknowledged an alcohol problem in the past. On physical examination per the 05/29/12 report, there was mention was mention of a normal cardiac exam: no gallop; no murmur; normal heart sounds; normal pulses; regular rate and rhythm; respiratory rate and breath sounds normal; no respiratory distress; abdomen obese, soft, with mild epigastric tenderness to palpation; no positive Murphy sign; and no masses. Also per the 05/29/12 report, the diagnoses included alcohol abuse unspecified, vomiting alone, abdominal tenderness, epigastric, osteoarthrosis unspecified whether generalized or localized, and essential hypertension benign. The treatment plan included referral to gastroenterology.

#### SUMMARY OF TREATMENT PLAN:

1. Was there any evidence of heart disease prior to 08/05/12? Is so, when?

There was evidence of cardiovascular disease in the following forms prior to 08/05/12: Hypertension (noted on document of 05/29/12), right bundle branch block on EC (noted in 2004), and mild left ventricular hypertrophy on echocardiogram (noted in the 01/14/11 report). However, there is no evidence in the records provided of coronary artery disease, coronary heart disease, or

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ischemic heart disease. There is documentation of atherosclerotic heart disease prior to 08/05/12.

2. Was there any basis for the diagnosis of atherosclerotic heart disease as noted on the death certificate?

This reviewer was unable to find any documentation in the records provided that would support a diagnosis of atherosclerotic heart disease as noted on the death certificate.

3. Was the myocardial infarction due to atherosclerotic heart disease or was this most likely a post-op complication?

From the records provided, there is no evidence of a myocardial infarction, particularly since cardiac enzymes were not drawn, a 12-lead ECG showing evidence of myocardial infarction is absent, and an autopsy was not performed. Thus, it appears most likely that the cardiac arrest was a post-operative complication.

This evaluation has been conducted on the basis of the medical documentation, as provided, and information provided by the treating provider(s) or authorized representative(s) with the assumption that that information is true and correct. PRIUM believes that it has made a reasonable attempt to obtain all medical records pertinent to this review and has afforded the treating provider(s) an opportunity to provide additional information in a timely manner. The opinions and conclusions are those of the reviewing physician and are derived from a synthesis and analysis of the available information and based on reasonable medical probability and generally accepted references.

If we can assist further, please let us know.

Yasmine & ali, MD

Sincerely,

Yasmine S.Ali, M.D., M.S.C.I, F.A.C.C., F.A.C.P.

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#### Informal Review

Debbie Benter Employers

Patient Name:
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Date of Injury:
Claim/Policy #:
Treating Provider:

PRIUM File #: PreAuth #: PC Number: DEMARANVILLE, DANIEL NV 01/31/1990 1990204572 NO PROVIDER CONTACT - INFORMAL REVIEW. --

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#### Discussion:

No provider contact was requested for this informal review.

The patient is a 78-year-old male with a date of industrial injury 01/31/90. Case management indicates the patient underwent gallbladder surgery and suffered cardiac arrest in the recovery room and expired on 08/05/12.

According to a urological consultation note on 11/12/08, there was mention of the patient being a retired police officer at that point and was being referred for microscopic hematuria and that he had been evaluated with a cystoscopy many years ago and that he has had microscopic blood in his urine but denied any pain, dysuria, or incontinence and that he had noted over the years some decreased force of the stream with urgency and frequency, which had responded nicely to Flomax and that there was mild erectile dysfunction and Viagra that was prescribed had worked very well. Also per 11/12/08 note, there was mention of the patient's past medical history that was noteworthy for an irregular EKG, prior appendectomy, herniorrhaphy with loss of the left testicle, and back surgery, as well as cataract surgery and on medications that included Zantac, Lexapro, and Flomax and that he had been a onepack-a-day smoker and had been for many years. Also per 11/12/08 note, there was mention of a urinalysis that was positive for blood with 5 to 7 red blood cells per per high-power field. A nuclear matrix protein-22 test looking for abnormal cells was also positive, and this suggested a potential risk for transitional cell carcinoma of the bladder and that he had undergone an ultrasound, which was essentially normal with the exception of some simple renal cysts, and it was recommended at that point that given the presence of hematuria and his smoking that a complete work-up including urine cytology was to be submitted, along with doing a cystourethroscopy to be scheduled next week and potentially a CT scan based on the findings.

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According to a colonoscopy report on 01/31/08, there was mention of excellent quality screening examination for colon cancer and no neoplastic tissue was identified and a repeat screening examination should be considered in 10 years per report.

The consult dated 01/14/11 by Dr. Karen Clark of Reno Heart Physicians indicates the patient was seen at the request of Concentra in consultation for abnormal EKG. The 01/14/11 note indicates on the patient's routine physical he had an ECG that showed a RBBB and RAD. It was noted the patient was told he had this previously in 2004 and he had a stress test and echocardiogram at that time and was told it was all normal except for mild LVH on the echocardiogram. The patient denied any symptoms or limitations. It was noted the patient quit smoking a few years ago. There was mention of cardiac risk factors: no diabetes mellitus, no peripheral vascular disease, no family history of coronary artery disease, no hypertension, no sedentary lifestyle and no sleep apnea. There was also mention the patient presented with complaints of abnormal cardiovascular test, starting 6 years ago. The assessment per the 01/14/11 note was abnormal electrocardiogram. The Letter with Progress Note dated 03/30/11 indicates the patient was cleared for security work without restriction with impression of right bundle branch block, no evidence of organic heart disease.

According to a clinic note on 12/20/11, there was mention of the patient having hip pain and needed a shot and no clearly detailed objective physical examination findings were listed. According to a clinic note on 02/14/12, there was mention of the patient being seen for a physical, but again no detailed objective physical examination findings were listed with mention that the patient did quit tobacco use in 2009. According to a clinic note on 04/19/12, there was mention of the patient being seen for a Kenalog injection for diffuse body aches from his polymyalgia rheumatica and physical examination included a heart that had a regular rate and rhythm without murmurs, gallops, or rubs. Lungs were clear to auscultation bilaterally. No rhonchi, wheezing, or crackles. Abdomen was soft, nontender, and nondistended and positive bowel sounds. No hepatosplenomegaly. No rebound or guarding. No tenderness. No costovertebral angle tenderness. There was diffuse swollen mildly tender joints of the shoulders bilaterally, elbows bilaterally, hands bilaterally, low back, hips, and knees, along with good range of motion of all of his extremities but that there was significant tremor and no skin rashes or lesions were noted. His diagnoses were listed as essentially and other specified forms of tremors polymyalgia rheumatica, osteoarthrosis unspecified, whether generalized or localized, and benign essential hypertension. According to a clinic note on 05/29/12, there was mention of the patient having abdominal pain, mid and epigastric that radiated around the back and up in between the shoulder blades and that this had occurred over the past 4 to 5 weeks and years ago he had peptic ulcer, along with mention that the patient had been drinking one martini per day and up to 4 to 5 martinis on the weekends and that he did acknowledge that he had an alcohol problem in the past and that he no longer smoked and quit 3 years ago. On physical examination, there was mention of the patient having cardiovascular disease, no fraction rub. No gallop. No murmur. Normal heart sounds. Pulses normal. Regular rate and rhythm. Respiratory rate, breath sounds were normal. No respiratory distress. Abdomen was obese, soft, with mild epigastric tenderness to palpation. There was no positive Murphy sign. There were no masses, and the listed diagnosis included alcohol abuse unspecified, vomiting alone, abdominal tenderness, epigastric, osteoarthrosis, unspecified whether

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generalized or localized, and essential hypertension benign. The treatment plan included referring the patient to gastroenterology, along with obtaining some radiologic films.

#### Recommendations:

1. I have been asked to determine whether there was any evidence of heart disease prior to 08/05/12 and if so, when.

There was no indication from the available documentation/information of any specific heart disease problem occurring prior to 08/05/12 based on the available documentation/information. There was mention that as far back as 11/12/08 that the patient had a reported irregular EKG but no mention as to how this would have equated into a specific heart problem or cardiac disease issue that was occurring.

2. Was there any basis for the diagnosis of atherosclerotic heart disease as noted on the death certificate?

It appears that the patient had some risk factors prior to the 08/05/12 surgery that could have led to the atherosclerotic heart disease as he had a long history of smoking as well as a history of alcohol abuse. While there was no mention of any specific heart problems that occurred prior to 08/05/12, these risk factors could have predisposed the patient to an atherosclerotic condition and put him at higher risk for any particular type of surgical intervention.

3. Was the myocardial infarction due to atherosclerotic heart disease or was this most likely a post-op complication?

As mentioned in question #2, it appears that the patient had some risk factors that would have led to the atherosclerotic heart disease and would most likely not have been due to a postoperative complication of a gallbladder surgery resulting in the cardiac arrest.

This evaluation has been conducted on the basis of the medical documentation, as provided, and information provided by the treating provider(s) or authorized representative(s) with the assumption that that information is true and correct PRIUM believes that it has made a reasonable attempt to obtain all medical records pertinent to this review and has afforded the treating provider(s) an opportunity to provide additional information in a timely manner. The opinions and conclusions are those of the reviewing physician and are derived from a synthesis and analysis of the available information and based on reasonable medical probability and generally accepted references.

If we can assist further, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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Sankar Pemmaraju, D.O.

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Certified Mail: 7010 3090 0000 6289 4593

July 8, 2013

Claims Department Employers Insurance Group P.O. Box 539004 Henderson, Nevada 89053

Re:

Daniel DeMaranville

DOI: 8/5/12

To Whom It May Concern:

Attached you will find a C-4 completed 9/5/12, accompanied by a Certificate of Death with the stated cause of(a) Cardiac arrest (b) Atherosclerotic heart disease.

My husband worked for the City of Reno Police Department retiring in January of 1990. The claim was originally filed with the City of Reno's current TPA CCMSI. I have recently been advised that based on the date of retirement the proper insurer may be the State Industrial Insurance System, and the claim should be filed with your agency.

Please also consider this a request for Death Benefits. At the time of death my husband was employed as a Court Security Officer for the Federal Court thru the contract employer AKAL. AKAL maintained a Nevada workers' compensation policy with coverage verification attached.

Do not hesitate to contact me if additional information is required.

Sincerely,

Laura DeMaranville

P.O. Box 261

Verdi, Nevada 89439

(775) 345-6530

Cc:

City of Reno C/O Tim Rowe, Esq.



#### Progress Note-Brief

Patient: Daniel E. Demaranville

Age 76, Gender M DOB 10/04/1934 MRN: 795450 Date: Max 30 2011 Provider: Richard P. Ganchan MD,FACC,FSCAI

#### Subjective

This 76-year-old man with right bundle branch block returns for clearance for working in security for the Federal Government.

He remains asymptomatic.

Review of stress echo reveals it to be normal.

Impression: Right bundle branch block. No evidence of organic heart disease. Disposition: Clear for security work without restriction.

# **Active Problems**

#### Problems

Abnormal Electrocardiogram 794.31

#### **Current Meds**

#### Medications

- Aspirin Low Dose 81 MG Oral Tablet; TAKE 1 TABLET DAILY; Status; ACTIVE
- Citalopram Hydrobromide 20 MG Oral Tablet; TAKE 1 TABLET DAILY; Status: ACTIVE
- Doxazosin Mesylate 4 MG Oral Tablet; TAKE 1 TABLET DAILY; Status: ACTIVE
- Ranitidine HCl 300 MG Oral Tablet; TAKE 1 TABLET DAILY AS DIRECTED; Status: ACTIVE
- Tamsulosin HCl 0.4 MG Oral Capsule; TAKE 1 CAPSULE Daily; Status: ACTIVE

#### Allergies Medication

· Penicillins : Swelling;

#### Vitals

Vital Signs [Data includes: Current Encounter]

30Mar2011 08:19AM Systolic 122, RUE, Sitting Diastolic 68, RUE, Sitting



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# Progress Note-Brief

Patient : Daniel E. Demaranville

MD,FACC,FSCAI Age 76, Gender M DOB 10/04/1934 MRN: 795450 Date: Mar 30 2011

Provider: Richard P. Ganchan

Heart Rate	94		
O2 Saturation	91, RA		
Smoking Status	Non-Smoker		
Height	5 ft 1 ln		
Weight	219 lb		
ВМІ	41.38 kg/m2		
BSA	1.96 m2		

#### Signatures

Electronically signed by : Richard Ganchan, MDJFACCJFSCAI; Mar 30 2011 4:20PM CC:

Donald Van Dyken, M.D. Reno Heart Physicians Signature Form: Richard Ganchan, MD, FACC, FSCAI

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#### Consult

Patient: Daniel E. Demaranville Age 76, Gender M DOB 10/04/1934 MRN: 795450 Date: Jan 14 2011

Provider: Karen Clark MD

Chief Complaint

Abnormal Cardiovascular Test
 I am seeing Daniel Demaranville at the request of Concentra in consultation for: Abnormal EKG.

#### History of Present Illness

Patient has no previous cardiac history. Patient has not been having any symptoms.

[ Mr. Demaranville is a 76 year old man w/ PMH of BPH who was sent for evaluation of an abnormal ECG. He works for a company that is contracted with the US Marshall's office. At his routine PE he had an ECG that showed a RBBB and RAD. He was told he had this previously in 2004. He had a stress test and echocardiogram at that time. He was told it was all normal except for mild LVH on the echocardiogram. He denies any symptoms or limitations. He previously smoked but quit a few years ago. He states he cuts his own wood and walks without problems.

Cardiac Risk Factors: no diabetes mellitus, no peripheral vascular disease, no family history of coronary artery disease, no hypertension, no hyperlipidemia, no sedentary lifestyle and no sleep apnea. Diet:. He consumes a diverse and healthy diet. Weight Issues:. He does not have any weight concerns. Exercise:. He exercises regularly.

Smoking:. He does not use tobacco.

Alcohol:. He consumes alcohol.

Daniel Demaranville presents with complaints of abnormal cardiovascular test, starting 6 years ago, Previous Evaluation: stress test and echocardiogram. Risk Factors: alcohol use and no smoking. Family History: no COPD, no coronary disease, no diabetes, no hypertension, no peripheral vascular disease and no hypertipidemia. (ECG)

#### Review of Systems

Constitutional: no fever, no chills, not feeling poorly (malaise), not feeling tired (fatigue), no recent weight gain and no recent weight loss.

Eyes: no eyesight problems, no glaucoma and no cataracts.

ENT: no sinus problems.

Respiratory; no shortness of breath, no cough, no shortness of breath during exertion, no

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#### Consult

Patient: Daniel E. Demaranville

Age 76, Gender M DOB 10/04/1934 MRN: 795450 Date: Jan 14 2011

Provider: Kuren Clark MD

orthopnes and no PND.

The patient presents with complaints of wheezing. (in past which resolved with tobaCCO CESSATION).

Cardiovascular; see History of Present Illness

Gastroinlestinal: heartburn, but no abdominal pain, no constipation, no diarrhea and no nausea.

Genitourinary: urinary hesitancy, but no dysuria. Musculoskeletal: no arthralgias and no joint pain.

integumentary; no skin lesions.

Neurological: no dizziness and no fainting.

Extremities: no edema.

Psychiatric: no sleep disturbances, no anxiety and no depression.

Hematologic: no lendency for easy bleeding.

Endocrine; no diabetes.

Other Systems; all other systems are negative.

#### **Active Problems**

Abnormal Electrocardiogram 794,31

#### Past Medical History

- History of Benign Prostatic Hypertrophy 600,00
- History of Esophageal Reflux 530.81

#### Surgical History

- History of Back Surgery
- History of Hernia Repair

#### Family History

No Relevance / Noncontributory

Family history of No Relevance / Noncontributory

# Social History

**Problems** 

- Alcohol Use
- Former Smoker V15.82

#### **Current Meds**

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### Allergies

Penicillins : Swelling;

Vitals

Vital Signs (Data Includes: Current Encounter)

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#### Consult

Patient: Daniel E. Demaranville

Age 76, Gender M DOB 10/04/1934 MRN: 795450 Date: Jan 14 2011

Provider: Karen Clark MD

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Systolic	170	IU. IOAM
Diastolic	90	<del> </del>
Heart Rate	94	<u> </u>
Smoking Status	Non-Smoker	Non-Smoker
Height	5 ft 11 in	5 ft 11 in
Veight	214 lb	214 lb
3MI	29.85 kg/m2	29.85 kg/m2
BSA	2.17 m2	2.17 m2

#### Physical Exam

General Appearance: The patient was alert, fully oriented, in no acute distress, well developed and well nourished, Race/Ethnicity: Caucasian.

HEENT: Eyes:. Pupils were equal in size, round, reactive to light, with normal accommodation. The extraocular movements were intact. The sciera and conjunctiva were normal. Head:. The head was normal in appearance. Volce: normal voice quality. Oral Pharynx: no abnormalities.

Neck: Examination of the neck was normal, the neck was not tender and no thyroid enlargement. Jugular Veins: JVP normal, Carotid Upstroke Normal.

Chest: The chest was normal in appearance and there was no tenderness on palpation. Pulmonary: Normal respiratory rhythm and effort, clear bilateral breath sounds and clear to

Cardiovascular: The PMI was palpated at the 5th LICS in the middlavicular line The apical impulse was normal. Rate: normal rate. Rhythm: regular, Heart sounds: normal S1, normal S2, no S3 heard, no S4

heard. No pericardial rub heard. Murmurs: no murmurs heard. Abdomen: Normal bowel sounds, soft and not tender. No masses. No hepatosplenomegaly. Shape:

Vascular: Arterial pulses were normal on the right. Arterial pulses were normal on the left. Carolid: right 2+, left 2+, no bruit heard over the right carolid, no bruit heard over the left carolid.

Radial: right 2+, left 2+,

Abdominal Aoria The abdominal aoria was nonpalpable. Bruit not heard over the abdominal aoria.

Edema Detail: No pitting edema present.

Musculoskeletal: Normal movements of all extremities. Normal gait. Fingers: No clubbing of the

Neuro: Oriented to person, place, and time. The motor exam was normal.

Psych: Affect is normal and mood is normal.

#### Tests

I have ordered and interpreted this 12 lead EKG, and it reveals the following: Rate: ventricular rate is 85 beats per minute.



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#### Consult

Patient : Daniel E. Demoranville

Age 76, Gender M DOB 10/04/1934 MRN: 795450 Date: Jun 14 2011 Provider: Karen Clark MD

Rhythm: sinus rhythm. Bundle Branch Blocks: right bundle branch block. QT Interval: normal. Axis: right. Blocks: none.

#### Assessment

1. Abnormal Electrocardiogram 794.31

#### Discussion/Summary

The patient presents with an abnormal EKG. In terms of my plan: We will continue with current treatment. To further evaluate hisabnormal EKG, I have recommended the following: a stress echocardiogram. Risks, benefits and alternatives to this treatment plan were discussed with with the patient.

The above assessed problems are stable. The following chronic conditions are stable: Patient is to continue with the same medication regimen. Patient is to undergo the following testing: Stress echocardiogram. Patient is to follow-up sooner if clinical condition changes.

Thank you very much for allowing me to participate in the care of this patient. Thank you for requesting our opinion. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

\_Signatures

Electronically signed by : Karen Clark, MD; Jan 14 2011 11:06AM (Author) Reno Physician Signature Form; Karen Clark, MD

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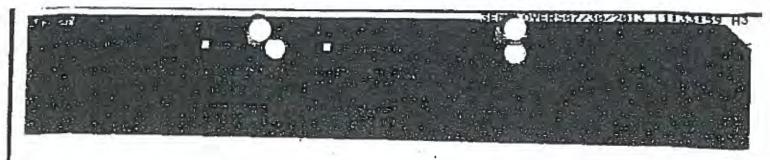
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November 12, 2008



Donald D. VanDyken, M.D. 900 Ryland Street B9 Reno, NV 89502

RE: DEMARANVILLE, DANIEL E.

Dear Dr. VanDyken:

I had the pleasure today of meeting Mr. Daniel Demaranville, the pleasant, 74-year-old, retired police officer, whom you referred due to microscopic hematuria.

As you are aware, he had previously been a patient of Dr. Brady's and he had been evaluated with cystoscopy many years ago. He has had microscopic blood in his urine but denies any pain, dysuria or incontinence. He has noted over the years some decreased force of the stream with urgency and frequency, which has responded nicely to Flomax. He also has mild erectile dysfunction and the Viagra you have prescribed has worked very well.

His past medical history is noteworthy for an irregular EKG, prior appendectomy, hemiorrhaphy with loss of the left testicle, and back surgery. He has also had cataract surgery and currently takes Zantac, Lexapro and Flomax. He has a penicillin allerny. He is a one-pack-a-day smoker and has been for many years.

In the office today we did a urinalysis. The urinalysis was dipstick positive for blood with 5-7 red cells per high-power field. A Nuclear Matrix Protein-22 test looking for abnormal cells was also positive. This is suggestive of a potential risk for transitional cell carcinoma of the bladder.

He has also undergone an ultrasound which is essentially normal with the exception of some simple, renal cysts.

At this point in time I have explained to the patient that given the presence of hematuria and his smoking, he needs a complete workup including a urine cytology which we will submit, cystourethroscopy which we will schedule next week, and potentially a CAT scan based on the findings. I explained to the patient my preference for CAT scan in this setting, particularly now with the positive NMP-22. However, I will wait to order it to see what the cytology shows, as the cytology, if abnormal, sometimes will be more predictive of potential upper tract lesion.

At the end of the consultation he is well apprised as to the importance of followup and we will have him return in one week for the above-mentioned tests.



RE: DEMARANVILLE, DANIEL E. November 12, 2008

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As always I appreciate your kind referral. I will continue to keep you apprised of the patient's course and progress throughout his workup.

personal regards,

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#### Jay E. Betz, MD, CIME, CHCQM, FABQAURP

Occupational Medicine & Injury Care Consulting
Diplomat American Board of Independent Medical Examiners
Certified Healthcare Quality Manager
Fellow of the American Board of Quality Assurance & Utilization Review Physicians

May 13, 2013

Timothy Rowe McDonald, Carano, Wilson P.O. Box 2670 Reno, NV 89505

Re:

Daniel DeMaranville

DOI:

08/5/12

#### **CHART REVIEW**

Dear Mr. Rowe,

At your request I reviewed the partial medical record of Daniel DeMaranville to help clarify his cause of death.

The opinions expressed in this report are stated to a reasonable degree of medical probability based on the medical records provided and may be altered by additional information.

#### HISTORY:

As you know, Mr. DeMaranville was a 77 year old retired Reno Police Officer. On August 5, 2012, he was admitted to Renown Regional Medical Center for a laparoscopic cholecystectomy which was performed by Dr. Gomez without apparent intraoperative complications.

In the recovery room Mr. DeMaranville became hypotensive, hypoxemic an experienced progressive bradycardia followed by pulseless electrical activity. CPR was initiated but resuscitation was not successful.

A note from Dr. Frank Carrea, cardiologist, indicates he was called to respond to the patient's progressive decompensation. When he arrived the patient was being intubated and was receiving CPR. He noted the patient had no known history of cardiac disease other than a baseline right bundle branch block. ECG at the time of his arrival showed a rate of 60 with a wide complex escape rhythm. The patient was given epinephrine, atropine and sodium bloarbonate. Several attempts were made to defibrillate. Echocardiogram showed no left ventricular wall motion. Resuscitation was stopped and the patient was declared deceased.

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An autopsy was declined by the patient's wife.

The death certificate signed by Dr. Gomez states that the patient died of a cardiac arrest due to atherosclerotic heart disease.

An occupational claim was then filed at the request of the patient's wife seeking compensation under the heart/lung statue (NRS 617.457).

No preoperative medical records are presented for review. It is not known if the patient had a preop cardiac clearance.

#### DISCUSSION:

I will now answer the 6 questions you present in your cover letter.

1. Based on the limited medical records enclosed with this letter, are you able to determine the actual cause of Mr. DeMaranville's death?

Answer: No.

2. What is the probability Mr. DeMaranville's death was caused by heart disease?

Answer: Heart disease is the most common cause of death in the elderly. Without another easily identifiable cause, the probability is high that Mr. DeMaranville died of heart disease.

3. What is the probability his death was caused by something other than heart disease?

Answer: In the immediate postoperative period, the differential diagnosis also includes pulmonary embolism and anesthesia related complications. These, however, are much less likely than heart disease.

4. Because Mr. DeMaranville had no history of atherosclerotic heart disease and no autopsy was performed, is there any medical evidence that supports the conclusion that his death was caused by atherosclerotic heart disease? If so, please state what medical evidence supports this conclusion?

Answer: Nearly everyone develops atherosclerotic heart disease to one degree or another as we age. Often the first sign of significant atherosclerotic heart disease is a myocardial infarction. Sometimes this infarction is massive and fatal. In the case of Mr. DeMaranville, considering his age and the sudden onset of cardiac insufficiency it is most likely he suffered a significant myocardial infarction making a large portion of his myocardium nonfunctional.

5. Would an opinion from a cardiologist be helpful in this case? If so who would you recommend as an expert?

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Answer: Perhaps. I would start with Dr. Frank Carrea who was present at the time of Mr. DeMaranville's attempted resuscitation. If an independent review is sought, I would recommend a cardiologist from the medical school.

6. With the limited information available here, are you able to determine if the cardiac arrest was caused by some form of heart disease?

Answer: Not with certainty. Absent an autopsy, a definitive conclusion regarding Mr. DeMaranville's cause of death may not be possible. However review of the entire medical record revolving around the patient's preoperative evaluation and course during the surgical procedure may be helpful in clarifying his cause of death.

I hope this review has been of assistance. If you have further questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sy E. Bez, MD, CIME, CHCOM

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of the law firm of Sertic Law Ltd., Attorneys at Law, over the age of eighteen years, not a party to the within matter, and that on the 7 day of November, 2013, I deposited for mailing at Reno, Nevada, with postage fully prepaid, a true copy of the foregoing or attached document, addressed to:

Leslie Bell RPPA P.O. Box 359 Reno, NV 89504

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Laura Demaranville P.O. Box 261 Verdi, NV 89439

City of Reno Attn. Cara Bowling P.O. Box 1900 Reno, NV 89505

#### AFFIRMATION (Pursuant to NRS 239B.030)

The undersigned does hereby affirm to the best of knowledge that the attached document does not contain the social security number of any person.

Dated on this  $\mathcal{N}^{1/2}$  day of November, 2013.

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Appeal No.:

MOTION FOR STAY ORDER PENDING APPEAL

The Insurer, Employer's Insurance Company of Nevada, ("EICON"), by and through its attorney of record, respectfully moves the Appeals Officer for a stay of the Hearing Officer's Decision entered on October 28, 2013. This Motion is made and based upon the Points and Authorities attached hereto and the pleadings and papers on file herein.

Dated this 2/5, day of November, 2013.

In the matter of the Industrial

Daniel Demaranville, Deceased,

Claimant.

Insurance Claim

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#### POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

The Insurer appeals from the Decision of the Hearing Officer which reversed the Insurer's determination denying the claim.

Insurer's Evidence Packet (hereafter Evidence) pp. A-C. The claim was made under the police officer's heart disease statute, NRS 617.457. The Claimant died from a cardiac arrest after gall bladder surgery. The Hearing Officer erred as a result of confusing a cardiac arrest as synonymous with heart disease. The credible medical evidence does not support a finding that the Claimant suffered from heart disease.

The Claimant worked as a police officer for the City of Reno, retiring in 1990. On August 5, 2012 the Claimant died while in the recovery room after gall bladder surgery. The Claimant's wife sent an uncompleted C4 to EICON on July 8, 2013. Evidence, pp. 1, 18. The C4 was not completed by the physician until August 20, 2013. Evidence, p. 2.

The death certificate states the cause of death as cardiac arrest as a consequence of atherosclerotic heart disease. Evidence, p. 4. The C4 form lists the diagnosis as a myocardial infarction. However no autopsy was performed to verify this diagnosis and the medical reporting does not support these findings. EICON had the file reviewed by Yasmine S. Ali, M.D., M.S.C.I., F.A.C.C., F.A.C.P., who is board certified in Internal Medicine and Cardiovascular Disease. Dr. Ali's review report indicates there was no documentation in the records that would support a diagnosis of atherosclerotic heart disease as noted on the death certificate. Evidence, pp. 9-12

Dr. Ali also found that there is no evidence of myocardial infarction, particularly since cardiac enzymes were not drawn, a 12-lead ECG showing evidence of myocardial infarction is absent, and an autopsy was not performed. Dr. Ali's report also noted there was no evidence in the records of coronary artery disease, coronary heart disease or ischemic heart disease. Dr. Ali notes that the Claimant was referred to a cardiologist in 2011 after an abnormal EKG. However, after a stress test the Claimant was cleared for security work without restriction "with impression of right bundle branch block, no evidence of organic heart disease." Evidence, pp. 9-12, 19 (emphasis added).

Dr. Ali states that "it appears most likely that the cardiac arrest was a post-operative complication." Evidence, p. 12.

Even the medical report from Dr. Betz which the Claimant relies upon, (this was first supplied to the Insurer at the hearing before the Hearing Officer), does not support the Claimant's position. Dr. Betz states that he cannot determine the actual cause of death. See answer to question 1. Evidence, p. 28. In answer to question 6 he states that he is not able to determine whether the cardiac arrest was caused by some form of heart disease. Evidence, p. 29. He recommends having the file reviewed by an expert which is exactly what the Insurer did when it had the file reviewed by Dr. Ali. Given these specific answers it is rather difficult to give any weight to his answer to question 2 that the probability is high that the Claimant died of heart disease. This statement is directly

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The credible medical evidence does not support the Hearing Officer's conclusion that the Claimant died from heart disease. Cardiac arrest is not synonymous with heart disease. One's heart can stop, (i.e. a cardiac arrest), for a variety of reasons unrelated to heart disease such as trauma, effects of drugs or complications from surgery.

While NRS 617.457 does create a conclusive presumption that "diseases of the heart" are compensable for police officers, this does actually require that the claimant suffer from heart disease and not simply a stoppage of the heart. Otherwise, every death of a police officer or firefighter would be compensable.

Additionally, the Insurer has been unable to obtain the mandatory physical examination reports from the City of Reno as required by NRS 617.457(3). Evidence, p. 8. Thus, there is no proof that the Claimant complied with this requirement or that he complied with any requests to correct any predisposing conditions pursuant to NRS 617.457(10). The records indicate that the Claimant did smoke, only quitting in 2009. Evidence, pp. 11, 25.

It also appears that the claim was filed untimely pursuant to NRS 617.344(2) and NRS 617.346. While the Claimant's wife sent an incomplete C4 to the Insurer within one year of the Claimant's death, a C4 was not completed by a physician until August 20, 2013, which is beyond the one year deadline. Evidence, p. 2.

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NRS 616C.345(4) provides that the Appeals Officer may stay the Hearing Officer's decision upon application "when appropriate". In DIR v. Circus Circus, 101 Nev. 405, 411-412, 705 P.2d 645, 649 (1985), the Nevada Supreme Court stated that the insurer's proper procedure when aggrieved by a decision is to seek a stay (p.7, footnote no. 3). See also, Ransier v. SIIS, 104 Nev. 742, 747, 766 P.2d 274 (1988). While there is no precise standard for issuing a preliminary injunction, case law reveals four factors utilized by the courts: (1) The petitioner's likelihood of success on the merits; (2) The threat of irreparable harm without a stay; (3) The relative interests of the parties; and (4) The interest of the public. Nevada Civil Practice Manual, § 28.08[1] (5th Edition). The first and second factors are those most often cited by courts. Id. See also, Sobol v Capital Management Consultants, Inc., 102 Nev. 444, 726 P.2d 335 (1986); Clark County Sch. Dist v Buchanan, 112 Nev. 1146, 924 P.2d 716 (1996).

The Insurer meets the requirements for entry of a stay in this case. It enjoys a reasonable likelihood of success on the merits and will suffer irreparable harm without a stay as it will have to pay for unwarranted benefits. The relative interests of the parties weigh in favor of the Insurer as without a stay it will be forced to make payments to the Claimant to which he is not entitled and which the Insurer will be unable to recover. The interest of the public weighs strongly in favor of the Insurer as a stay will effect the purpose behind the Nevada workers' compensation

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For the foregoing reasons, the Insurer respectfully requests that the Appeals Officer issue a stay order suspending the effect of the Hearing Officer's Decision until such time as the matter can be heard before the Appeals Officer.

Dated this  $\frac{2}{3}$ , day of November, 2013.

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#### AFFIRMATION (Pursuant to NRS 239B.030)

The undersigned does hereby affirm to the best of his knowledge that the attached document does not contain the social security number of any person.

Dated on this 2/ 1 day of November, 2013.

Mark S. Sertic

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#### 4 In the Matter of the Contested Industrial Insurance Claim 5 6 of 7 DANIEL DEMARANVILLE (deceased) c/o Laura DeMaranville 8 Claimant.

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Hearing No: 44686-SA

Appeal No: 44957-LLW

#### EMPLOYER'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION** 

BEFORE THE APPEALS OFFICER

The Employer, CITY OF RENO, submits the following Prehearing Statement:

#### **DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE**

The Employer may rely on the documentary evidence submitted by Insurer and any evidence submitted by any of the parties.

#### STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

The insurer's May 3, 2013 determination to deny widow benefits based on a lack of evidence of heart disease.

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#### **WITNESSES**

The Employer may call one or more of the following witnesses:

- 1. Lisa Jones – Ms. Jones and/or another representative of the administrator may testify concerning the administration of the claim;
- 2. A representative of the Employer may testify concerning the Claimant's industrial claim and/or employment; ////

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- 3. Frank Carrea, M.D. Dr. Carrea may testify concerning the Claimant's medical condition;
- 4. Myron Gomez, M.D. Dr. Gomez may testify concerning the Claimant's medical condition;
- 5. Jay Betz, M.D. Dr. Betz may testify concerning his review and findings involving the Claimant's medical condition; and
  - 6. Rebuttal or impeachment witnesses as may be necessary.

#### IV

#### **ESTIMATED HEARING TIME**

Approximately one (1) hour.

DATED this 25th day of November 2013.

McDONALD CARANO WILSON LLP

Ву

TIMOTHY E. ROWE, ESQ.

P.O. Box 2670

Reno, Nevada 89505-2670

Attorneys for the Employer

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Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I hereby certify that I am an employee of McDONALD CARANO WILSON LLP, and that on the day of November 2013, I served the within *EMPLOYER'S PREHEARING STATEMENT* by placing a true and correct copy thereof in an enclosed and sealed envelope and causing same to be hand delivered to the following parties via Reno Carson Messenger Service to the addresses referenced below:

Appeals Officer
Department of Administration
1050 E. William Street, Suite 450
Carson City, NV 89701

Nevada Attorney for Injured Workers 1000 E. William Street, Suite 208 Carson City, NV 89701

I also caused a copy of the aforementioned document to be served via United States Mail at Reno, Nevada, on the following parties at the addresses referenced below:

> Lisa Jones CCMSI P. O. Box 20068 Reno, NV 89515-0068

City of Reno Human Resources P.O. Box 1900 Reno, NV 89505

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November 26, 2013

DANIEL DEMARANVILLE, DECEASED C/O LAURA DEMARANVILLE PO BOX 261 VERDI, NV 89439

Re: Appeal Number: 46479-LLW

Dear DANIEL DEMARANVILLE, DECEASED:

You are entitled to the services of the Nevada Attorney for Injured Workers. They are available to represent you in this workers' compensation appeal at no cost to you.

If you desire the services of the Nevada Attorney for Injured Workers, please fill out the form below and return it within 10 days in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

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#### NOTICE OF APPEAL AND REQUEST FOR HEARING BEFORE THE APPEALS OFFICER

ANY AGGRIEVED PARTY MAY APPEAL THIS DECISION BY FILING THIS NOTICE OF APPEAL WITH THE APPEALS OFFICE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS DECISION. IF YOU WISH TO APPEAL, PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM COMPLETELY AND MAIL TO:

APPEALS OFFICER	
1050 East William Street, Suite 4	50
Carson City, Nevada 89701	

Claim No: 1990204572

Claimant: Daniel Demaranville, Deceased

Address: C/O Laura Demaranville

P.O. Box 261 Verdi, NV 89439

Name & Address of Employer AT TIME OF INJURY: City of Reno

Attn. Cara Bowling P.O. Box 1900 Reno, NV 89505

Henring No: 45822-KD Decision Dated: October 28, 2013

WHO IS APPEALING? (Claimant \_\_\_\_

(Employer\_\_)
(Insurer XX)

REASON FOR APPEALING: Disagree with Hearing Officer Decision.

#### ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR HEARING OFFICER'S DECISION TO THIS REQUEST

#### Claimant Note:

You are entitled to have the Nevada Attorney for Injured Workers (NAIW) appointed to represent you at no cost to you. The NAIW is not associated with the Employer's Insurance Company of America. You may represent yourself or may retain a private attorney at your own expense.

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# STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION HEARINGS DIVISION

In the matter of the Contested Industrial Insurance Claim of:

Hearing Number: Claim Number: 45822-KD 1990204572

DANIEL DEMARANVILLE, DECEASED C/O LAURA DEMARANVILLE PO BOX 261 VERDI, NV 89439

CITY OF RENO ATTN CARA BOWLING PO BOX 1900 RENO, NV 89505

#### BEFORE THE HEARING OFFICER

The Claimant's request for Hearing was filed on October 2, 2013 and a Hearing was scheduled for October 22, 2013. The Hearing was held on October 22, 2013, in accordance with Chapters 616 and 617 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

The Claimant's widow, Laura and her representative, Leslie Bell, were present. The Employer and Insurer were represented by Mark Sertic, Esquire.

#### **ISSUE**

The Claimant appealed from the Insurer's determination dated September 19, 2013. The issue before the Hearing Officer is claim denial.

#### **DECISION AND ORDER**

The determination of the Insurer is hereby REVERSED.

The Claimant worked for 5 plus years in continuous employment with the City of Reno Police Department and retired in 1990. On August 5, 2012, the Claimant went into the hospital for gall bladder surgery, but while in the recovery room, he developed complications and died. The death certificate notes cardiac arrest secondary to atherosclerotic heart disease. The Claimant's widow filed a claim for death benefits under the Heart/Lung Bill which the Insurer denied, the instant appeal. However, as the Claimant is afforded the benefits of the presumption under NRS 617.457, the Hearing Officer finds the determination of the Insurer is not proper. The submitted medical reporting supports the Claimant died from heart disease. There is also a question whether the claim was timely filed as provided by NRS 617.344. The Claimant attempted to timely file a claim, but was directed to the wrong Insurer and a second C-4 form was completed. Therefore, the excuse provisions of NRS 617.346 are applicable as the Claimant relied on a mistake of fact when she originally filed the claim.

NRS 617.457(1) explains, notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter, diseases of the heart of a person who, for 5 years or more, has been employed in a full-time continuous, uninterrupted and salaried occupation as a fireman or police officer in this state before the date of disablement are conclusively presumed to have arisen out of and in the course of the employment.

NRS 617.344(2). In the event of the death of the employee resulting from the occupational disease, a dependent of the employee, or a person acting on his or her behalf, shall file a claim for compensation with the insurer within 1 year after the death of the employee.

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NRS 617.346(2) provides an insurer may excuse the failure to file a notice of an occupational disease or claim for compensation pursuant to the provisions of this section if: (a) The employee's disease or another cause beyond his or her control prevented him or her from providing the notice or the claim; (b) The failure was caused by the employee's or dependent's mistake or ignorance of fact or of law; (c) The failure was caused by the physical or mental inability of the employee or the dependent; or (d) The failure was caused by fraud, misrepresentation or deceit.

#### **APPEAL RIGHTS**

Pursuant to NRS 616C.345(1), should any party desire to appeal this final Decision and Order of the Hearing Officer, a request for appeal must be filed with the Appeals Officer within thirty (30) days of the date of the decision by the Hearing Officer.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 28th day of October, 2013.

Katherine Diamond, Hearing Officer

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

The undersigned, an employee of the State of Nevada, Department of Administration, Hearings Division, does hereby certify that on the date shown below, a true and correct copy of the foregoing <u>DECISION AND ORDER</u> was deposited into the State of Nevada Interdepartmental mail system, OR with the State of Nevada mail system for mailing via United States Postal Service, OR placed in the appropriate addressee runner file at the Department of Administration, Hearings Division, 1050 E. Williams Street, Suite 400, Carson City, Nevada, to the following:

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Dated this 28th day of October, 2013.

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Employee of the State of Nevada

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Dated this all day of November, 2013.

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Hearing No: 45822-KD

Appeal No: 46479-LLW

DANIEL DEMARANVILLE, DECEASED,

Claimant.

#### ORDER

The Insurer's filed its Motion for Stay Pending Appeal on November 22, 2013. After careful consideration, the Motion for Stay Pending Appeal is GRANTED pending opposition.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Lorna L Ward

APPEALS OFFICER

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#### ORDER FOR APPOINTMENT OF NEVADA ATTORNEY FOR INJURED WORKERS

The Appeals Officer, having received and considered the Claimant's written request for the appointment of the Nevada Attorney for Injured Workers; finds the Claimant would be better served by legal representation and accordingly;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED the Nevada Attorney for Injured Workers is hereby appointed, pursuant to NRS 616A.450 to represent the Claimant in this matter.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

LORNA L WARD

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November 26, 2013

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Re: Appeal Number: 46479-LLW

Dear DANIEL DEMARANVILLE, DECEASED:

You are entitled to the services of the Nevada Attorney for Injured Workers. They are available to represent you in this workers' compensation appeal at no cost to you.

If you desire the services of the Nevada Attorney for Injured Workers, please fill out the form below and return it within 10 days in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

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Appeal No: 46812-LLW

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

Long of War LORNA L WARD APPEALS OFFICER

## STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION **HEARINGS DIVISION**

In the matter of the Contested Industrial Insurance Claim of:

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ATTN CARA BOWLING PO BOX 1900 RENO, NV 89505

## ORDER TRANSFERRING HEARING TO APPEALS OFFICE

The Employer's Request for Hearing was filed on November 17, 2013.

The requesting party appealed the Insurer's determination dated September 19, 2013.

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## **NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION**

### HEARINGS DIVISION

In the Matter of the Contested Industrial Insurance Claim of:

Claim No:

12853C301834

DANIEL DEMARANVILLE (Deceased),

Hearing No:

46538-SA

Claimant.

## STIPULATION TO BYPASS HEARING OFFICER

Pursuant to NRS 616C.315(6), the undersigned parties stipulate and agree as follows:

- 1. This is the Employer's appeal of the September 19, 2013 determination issued by Employer's Insurance Company of Nevada (EICN) that denied the occupational heart disease claim under NRS 617.457. (See attached Hearing Notice.)
  - 2. The Claimant is represented by legal counsel.
- 3. The parties agree to forego a hearing before a Hearing Officer and hereby submit this contested issue directly to an Appeals Officer for final determination.

NEVADA ATTORNEY FOR INJURED WORKERS

By: Evan Beavers, Esq.	/2/16/ Date, 2013
1000 E. William Street, Suite 208	Date
Carson City, Nevada 89701 Attorneys for Claimant	

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DeMaranville - Stipulation to Bypass





September 19, 2013

Laura DeMaranville PO BOX 261 Verdi, NV 89439-0261

RE:

Employee:

DANIEL E DEMARANVILLE

Employer: Date of Injury: **RENO CITY OF** 

Claim No.

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Insurer:

Employers Insurance Company of Nevada

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Sincerely,

Amy Caldera Sr Claims Adjuster

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## Request for Hearing

cc: RENO CITY OF DIR

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Dated this 18th day of December, 2013.

Karen Dyer

Employee of the State of Nevada

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## **ORDER**

For good cause, these matters are hereby consolidated.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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I, Sandra Pelham, certify that I am an employee of McDONALD CARANO WILSON LLP. I am, and was when the herein described service took place, a citizen of the United States, over 21 years of age, and not a party to, nor interested in, the within action. On January 31, 2014, I served a copy of the INSURER'S DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE (in Claim No. 12853C301824) in a sealed envelope via courier to the party at the address indicated below:

Mark Sertic, Eso. Sertic Law, Ltd. 5975 Home Gardens Dr. Reno, NV 89502

I do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the assertions of this Affidavit are true, except as to those matters stated upon information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

Executed this Exchange day of January 2014.

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 3 5 day of January 2014.

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## DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

The Employer may rely on the documentary evidence submitted by Insurer and any evidence submitted by any of the parties.

## STATEMENT OF THE ISSUES

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Appeal No. 46812-LLW [Bypassed] - The Employer's appeal of EICN's 3. September 19, 2013 determination to deny the Claimant's occupational heart disease claim.

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## WITNESSES

The Employer may call one or more of the following witnesses:

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## **ESTIMATED HEARING TIME**

Approximately one (1) hour.

DATED this 3 day of February 2014.

McDONALD CARANO WILSON LLP

Ву

TIMOTHY E. ROWE, ESQ.

P.O. Box 2670

Reno, Nevada 89505-2670

Attorneys for the Employer

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Lisa Jones CCMSI P. O. Box 20068 Reno, NV 89515-0068

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## NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION BEFORE THE APPEALS OFFICER

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September 19, 2013

Laura DeMaranville PO BOX 261 Verdi, NV 89439-0261

RE:

Employee:

DANIEL E DEMARANVILLE

Employer:

RENO CITY OF 01/31/1990

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Hearing Number: 46538-SA Claim Number: 12853C301824

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ATTN CARA BOWLING PO BOX 1900 **RENO. NV 89505** 

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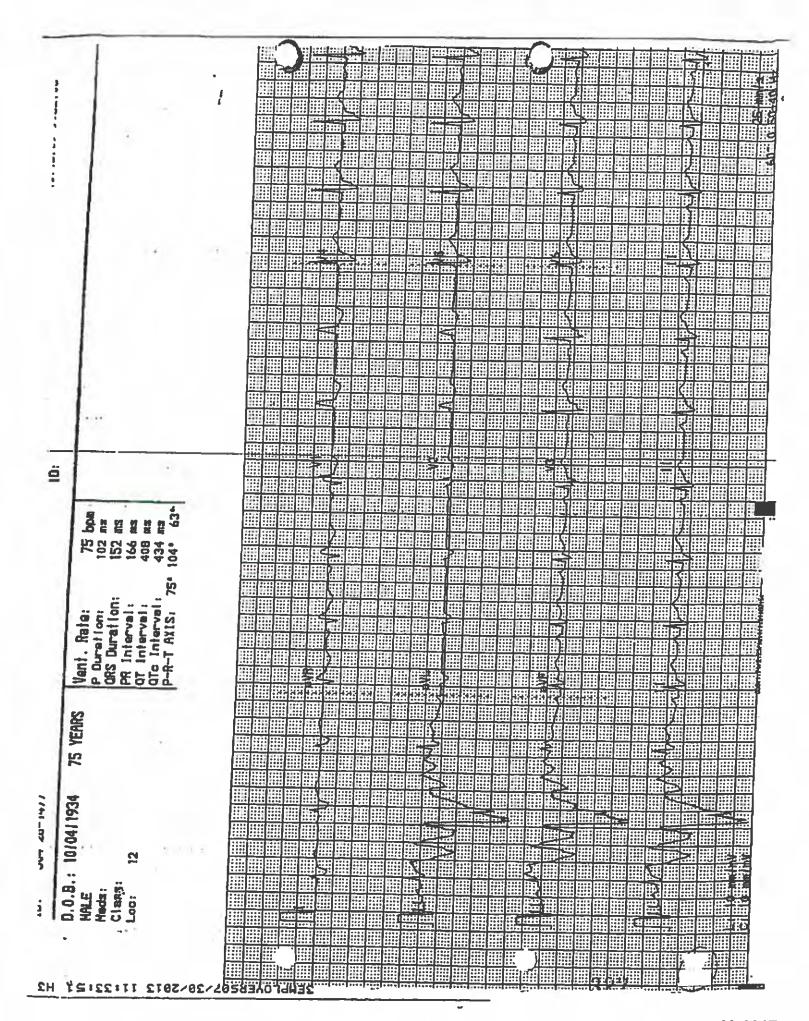
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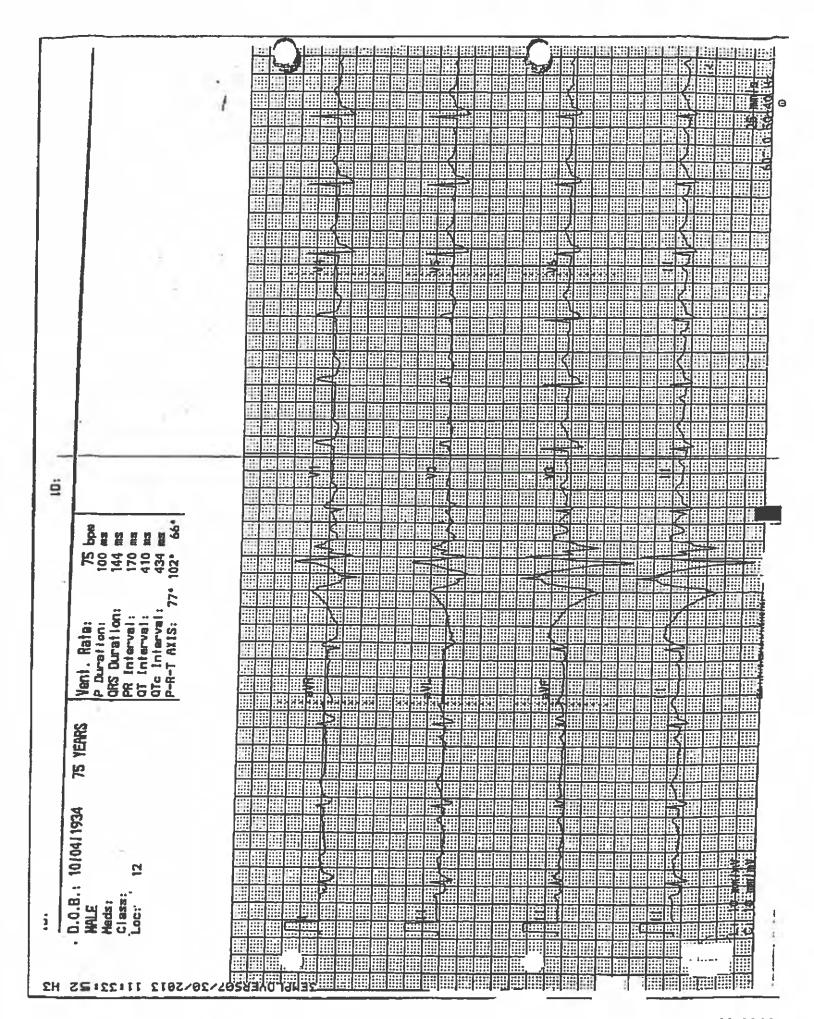
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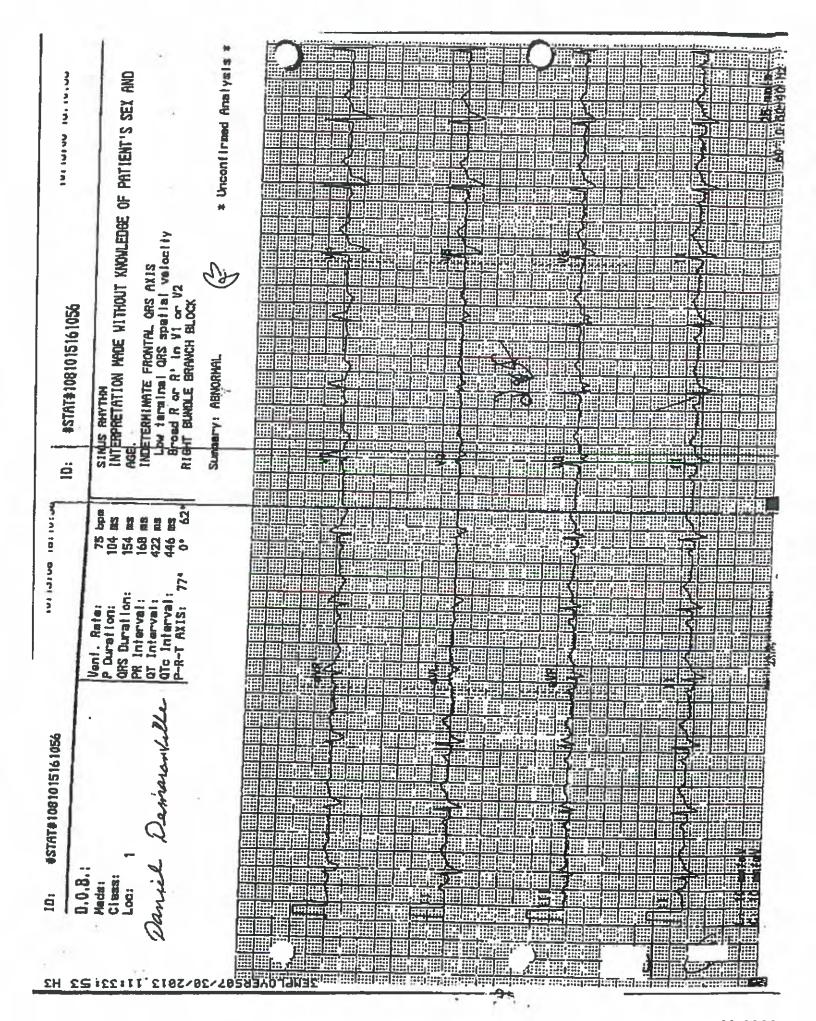
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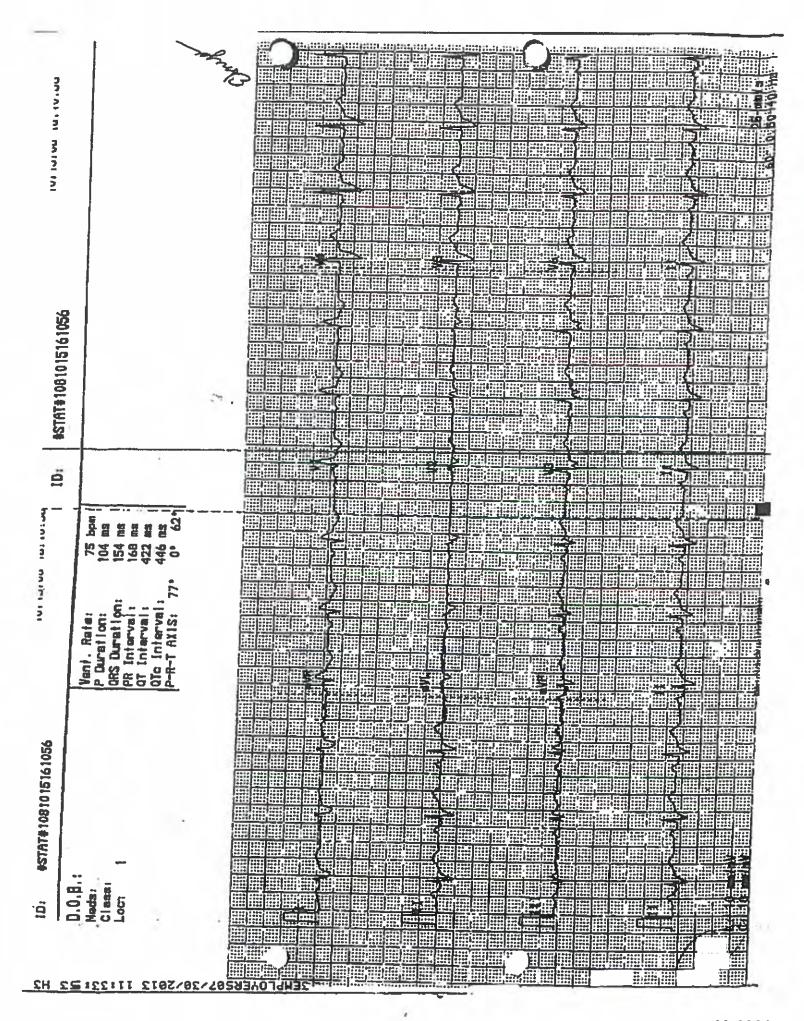
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Exam Date: 03/28/2011	HR: 83	Rhythm: R988					
DOB: 10/4/1934	Age: 76 Yrs		Left BP: 140/84 mmHg				
Height 71 inches	Weight: 214 lb		BSA: 2.1 m <sup>3</sup>				
Reading Physician: Jerry Zebrac	k, MD		Sonographer, B. Reagan				
Referring Physician: Richard P. (		CC: Doneld Van D	ken MD				
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Heart Rate and Blood Pressure	
Resting blood pressure: 140/84	
Baseline heart rate: 85	
Percent of Age-Predicted MHR: 99%	
Blood pressure at peak exercise: 160/80	
Maximum heart rate achieved: 143	***

- Sensitivity is decreased because of RBBB.
- 2. No angina or anginal equivalent.
- 3. Exercise capacity was moderately decreased.
- 4. Normal heart rate response to exercise.
- 5. Normal blood pressure response to exercise.
- No arrhythmias were observed.

# ECHOCARDIOGRAM FENDINGS

- Rest Echo Study: Ejection fraction at rest = 57%. Cardiac chamber sizes and LV systolic function are normal at rest. No resting wall motion abnormalities noted.
- Immediate Post-Exercise Echo Study: Appropriate augmentation of left ventricular function after maximal exercise with decrease in and-systolic dimensions. No immediate post exercise abnormalities noted but technically suboptimal study.

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## Borderline EF

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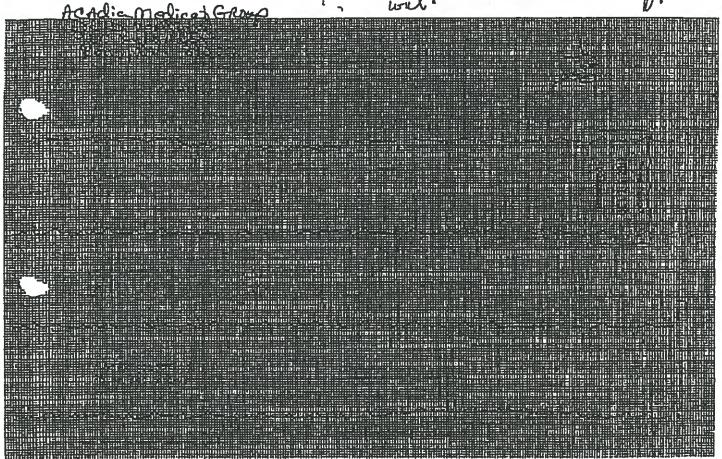
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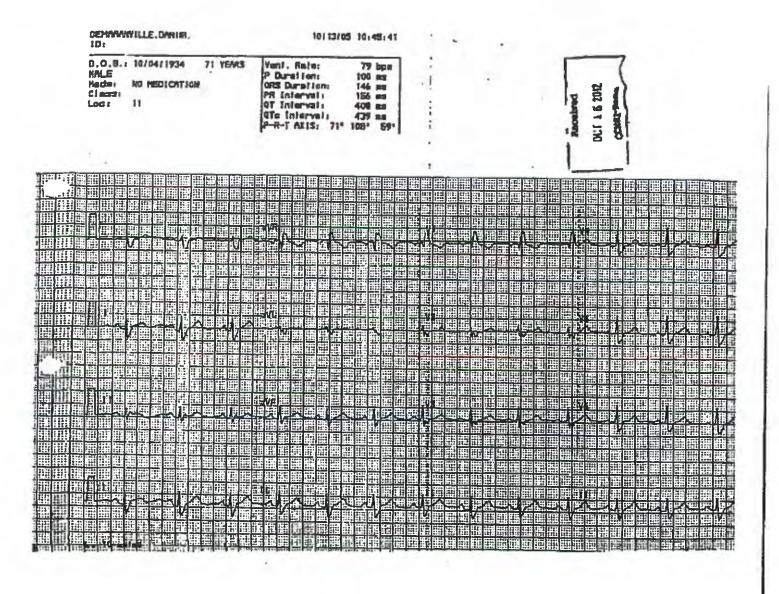


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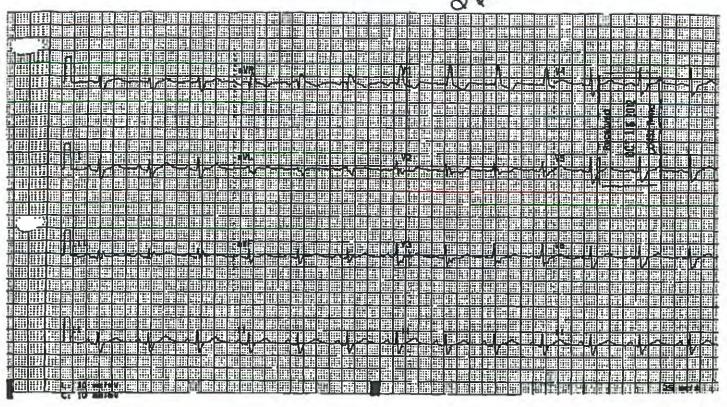
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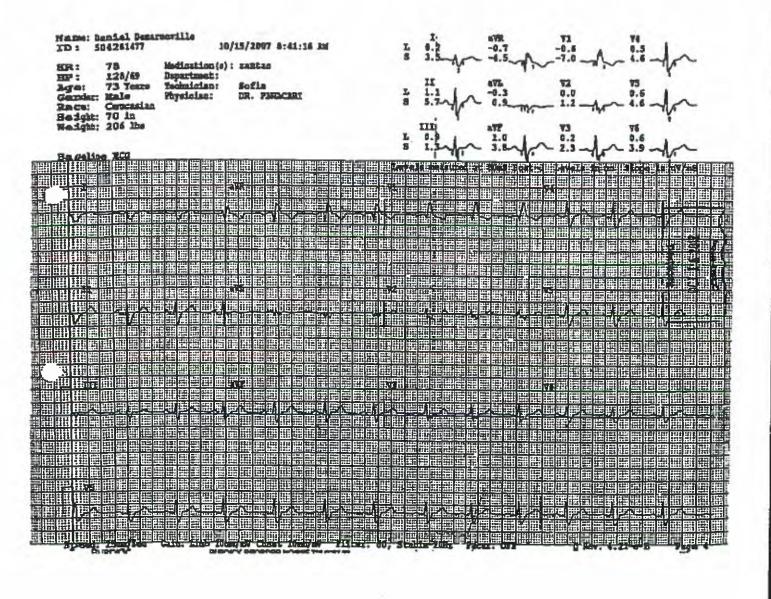
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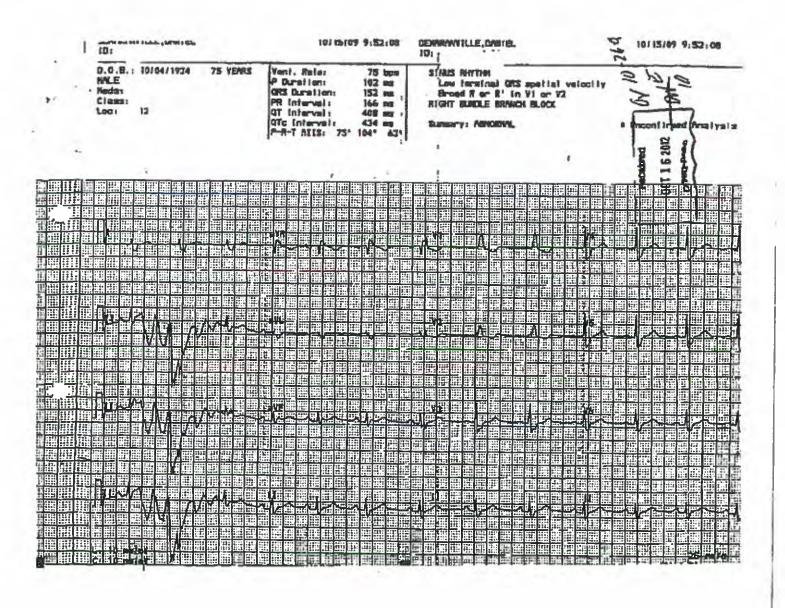




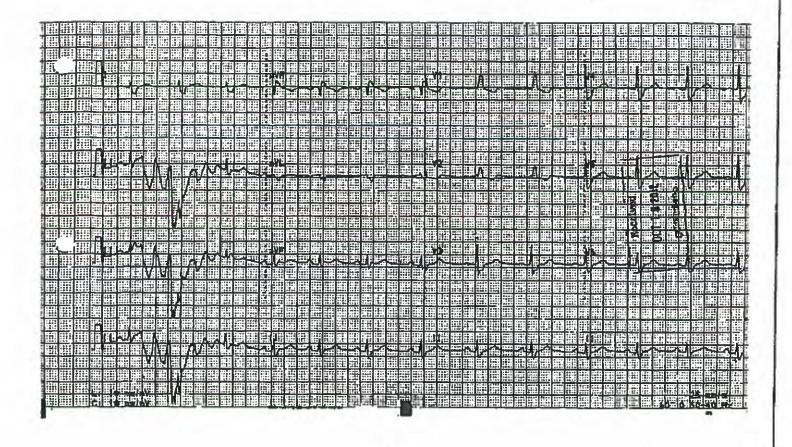
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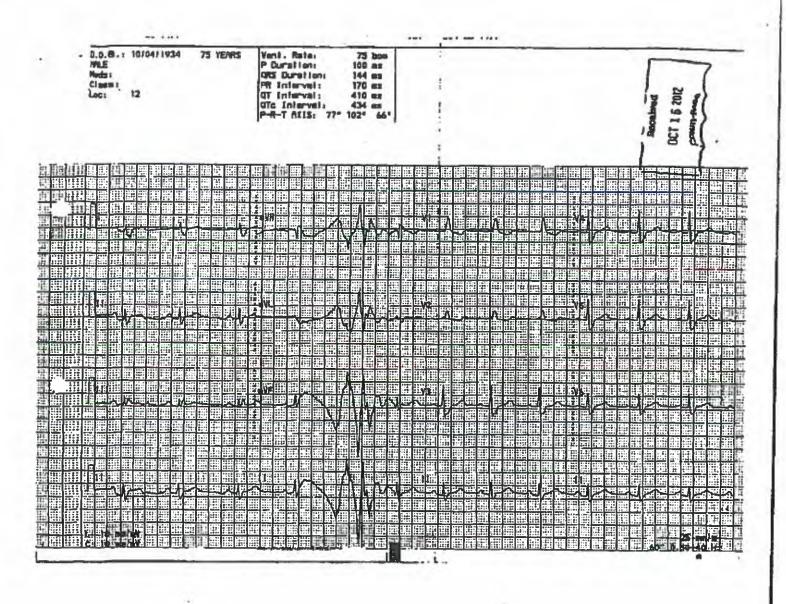


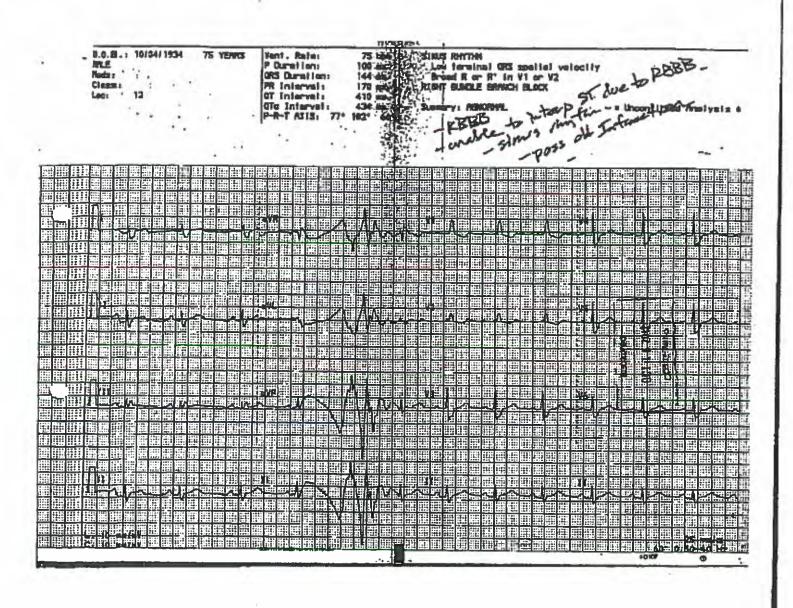


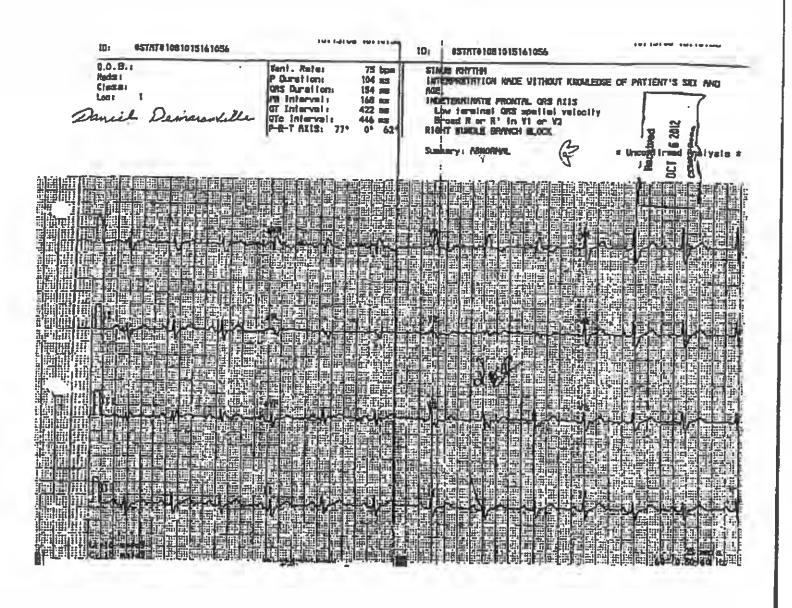


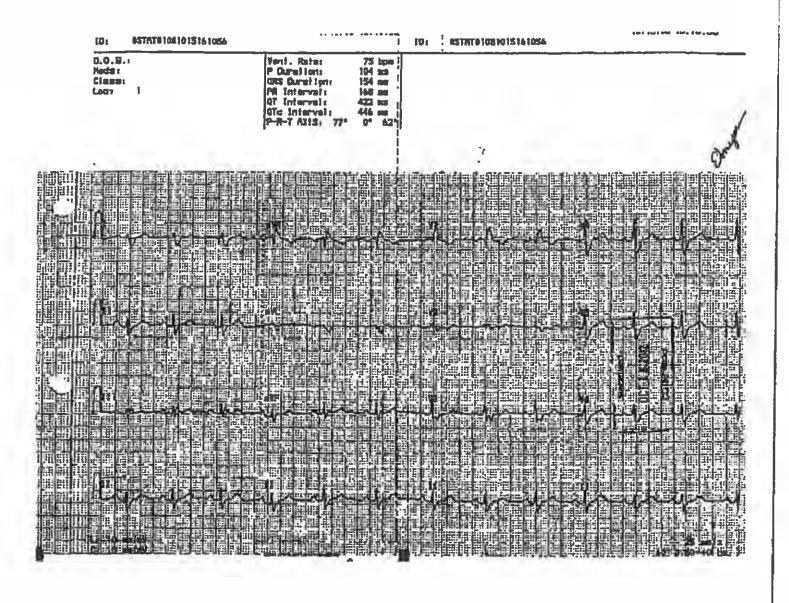
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## Informal Review

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Patient Name: Jurisdiction: Date of Injury: Claim/Policy #: Treating Provider:

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DEMARANVILLE, DANIEL

NV 01/31/1990 1990204572

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- 17. Ultrasound dated 08/14/07.
- 18. Right hand x-ray dated 01/15/07.

## Discussion:

No provider contact was requested for this informal review.

The patient is a 78-year-old male with a date of industrial injury 01/31/90. Case management indicates the patient underwent gallbladder surgery and suffered cardiac arrest in the recovery room and expired on 08/05/12.

According to a urological consultation note on 11/12/08, there was mention of the patient being a retired police officer at that point and was being referred for microscopic hematuria and that he had been evaluated with a cystoscopy many years ago and that he has had microscopic blood in his urine but denied any pain, dysuria, or incontinence and that he had noted over the years some decreased force of the stream with urgency and frequency, which had responded nicely to Flomax and that there was mild erectile dysfunction and Viagra that was prescribed had worked very well. Also per 11/12/08 note, there was mention of the patient's past medical history that was noteworthy for an irregular EKG, prior appendectomy, herniorrhaphy with loss of the left testicle, and back surgery, as well as cataract surgery and on medications that included Zantac, Lexapro, and Flomax and that he had been a onepack-a-day smoker and had been for many years. Also per 11/12/08 note, there was mention of a urinalysis that was positive for blood with 5 to 7 red blood cells per per high-power field. A nuclear matrix protein-22 test looking for abnormal cells was also positive, and this suggested a potential risk for transitional cell carcinoma of the bladder and that he had undergone an ultrasound, which was essentially normal with the exception of some simple renal cysts, and it was recommended at that point that given the presence of hematuria and his smoking that a complete work-up including urine cytology was to be submitted, along with doing a cystourethroscopy to be scheduled next week and potentially a CT scan based on the findings.

According to a flexible cystoscopy report on 11/19/08, there was mention that after completing this evaluation the provider was pleased with the cystoscopy and a CT scan was not going to be obtained at that point but that his cytology was atypical or positive by FISH analysis then he would need a CT scan and consideration for retrograde pyelography and he would be contacted with the results once available and for follow-up he was to be seen in 6 months for a repeat urinalysis and in the interim if he should develop gross hematuria he would need to be seen sooner due to the importance of a work-up.

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According to a colonoscopy report on 01/31/08, there was mention of excellent quality screening examination for colon cancer and no neoplastic tissue was identified and a repeat screening examination should be considered in 10 years per report.

The consult dated 01/14/11 by Dr. Karen Clark of Reno Heart Physicians indicates the patient was seen at the request of Concentra in consultation for abnormal EKG. The 01/14/11 note indicates on the patient's routine physical he had an ECG that showed a RBBB and RAD. It was noted the patient was told he had this previously in 2004 and he had a stress test and echocardiogram at that time and was told it was all normal except for mild LVH on the echocardiogram. The patient denied any symptoms or limitations. It was noted the patient quit smoking a few years ago. There was mention of cardiac risk factors: no diabetes mellitus, no peripheral vascular disease, no family history of coronary artery disease, no hypertension, no sedentary lifestyle and no sleep apnea. There was also mention the patient presented with complaints of abnormal cardiovascular test, starting 6 years ago. The assessment per the 01/14/11 note was abnormal electrocardiogram. The Letter with Progress Note dated 03/30/11 indicates the patient was cleared for security work without restriction with impression of right bundle branch block, no evidence of organic heart disease.

According to a clinic note on 12/20/11, there was mention of the patient having hip pain and needed a shot and no clearly detailed objective physical examination findings were listed. According to a clinic note on 02/14/12, there was mention of the patient being seen for a physical, but again no detailed objective physical examination findings were listed with mention that the patient did quit tobacco use in 2009. According to a clinic note on 04/19/12, there was mention of the patient being seen for a Kenalog injection for diffuse body aches from his polymyalgia rheumatica and physical examination included a heart that had a regular rate and rhythm without murmurs, gallops, or rubs. Lungs were clear to auscultation bilaterally. No rhonchi, wheezing, or crackles. Abdomen was soft, nontender, and nondistended and positive bowel No hepatosplenomegaly. No rebound or guarding. No tenderness. No costovertebral angle tenderness. There was diffuse swollen mildly tender joints of the shoulders bilaterally, elbows bilaterally, hands bilaterally, low back, hips, and knees, along with good range of motion of all of his extremities but that there was significant tremor and no skin rashes or lesions were noted. His diagnoses were listed as essentially and other specified forms of tremors polymyalgia rheumatica, osteoarthrosis unspecified, whether generalized or localized, and benign essential hypertension. According to a clinic note on 05/29/12, there was mention of the patient having abdominal pain, mid and epigastric that radiated around the back and up in between the shoulder blades and that this had occurred over the past 4 to 5 weeks and years ago he had peptic ulcer, along with mention that the patient had been drinking one martini per day and up to 4 to 5 martinis on the weekends and that he did acknowledge that he had an alcohol problem in the past and that he no longer smoked and quit 3 years ago. On physical examination, there was mention of the patient having cardiovascular disease, no fraction rub. No gallop. No murmur. Normal heart sounds. Pulses normal. Regular rate and rhythm. Respiratory rate, breath sounds were normal. No respiratory distress. Abdomen was obese, soft, with mild epigastric tenderness to palpation. There was no positive Murphy sign. There were no masses, and the listed diagnosis included alcohol abuse unspecified, vomiting alone, abdominal tenderness, epigastric, osteoarthrosis, unspecified whether

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generalized or localized, and essential hypertension benign. The treatment plan included referring the patient to gastroenterology, along with obtaining some radiologic films.

## Recommendations:

1. I have been asked to determine whether there was any evidence of heart disease prior to 08/05/12 and if so, when.

There was no indication from the available documentation/information of any specific heart disease problem occurring prior to 08/05/12 based on the available documentation/information. There was mention that as far back as 11/12/08 that the patient had a reported irregular EKG but no mention as to how this would have equated into a specific heart problem or cardiac disease issue that was occurring.

2. Was there any basis for the diagnosis of atherosclerotic heart disease as noted on the death certificate?

It appears that the patient had some risk factors prior to the 08/05/12 surgery that could have led to the atherosclerotic heart disease as he had a long history of smoking as well as a history of alcohol abuse. While there was no mention of any specific heart problems that occurred prior to 08/05/12, these risk factors could have predisposed the patient to an atherosclerotic condition and put him at higher risk for any particular type of surgical intervention.

3. Was the myocardial infarction due to atherosclerotic heart disease or was this most likely a post-op complication?

As mentioned in question #2, it appears that the patient had some risk factors that would have led to the atherosclerotic heart disease and would most likely not have been due to a postoperative complication of a gallbladder surgery resulting in the cardiac arrest.

This evaluation has been conducted on the basis of the medical documentation, as provided, and information provided by the treating provider(s) or authorized representative(s) with the assumption that that information is true and correct PRIUM believes that it has made a reasonable attempt to obtain all medical records pertinent to this review and has afforded the treating provider(s) an opportunity to provide additional information in a timely manner. The opinions and conclusions are those of the reviewing physician and are derived from a synthesis and analysis of the available information and based on reasonable medical probability and generally accepted references.

If we can assist further, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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## Informal Review

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DEMARANVILLE, DANIEL

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01/31/1990 1990204572

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### Discussion:

No contact was requested for this review.

The patient was involved in an industrial-related injury on 01/31/90. management indicates the patient underwent gallbladder surgery and suffered cardiac arrest in the recovery room and expired on 08/05/12. The documentation indicates that the patient was seen for urological consultation on 11/12/08, at which time it was noted the patient was a retired police officer. He was referred for microscopic hematuria with mention he had been evaluated with a cystoscopy in the past and that he had microscopic blood in his urine. The patient denied pain, dysuria, or incontinence. There was mention that over the years there had reportedly been some decreased force of the stream with urgency and frequency, which had responded to Flomax. There was mention of mild erectile dysfunction with indication that Viagra had been prescribed and had worked very well. Also per the 11/12/08 urological consultation, past medical history was noted for an ECG showing right bundle branch block., prior appendectomy, herniorrhaphy with loss of the left testicle, back surgery, and cataract surgery. Medications had included Zantac, Lexapro, and Flomax. It was noted the patient had been a smoker for many years of one pack per day. There was also mention of a urinalysis which was positive for blood with 5 to 7 red blood cells per high-power field. A nuclear matrix protein-22 test for abnormal cells was also positive, which was noted to suggest potential risk for transitional cell carcinoma of the bladder, with mention an ultrasound had been performed which was essentially normal with the exception of some simple renal cysts. It was recommended that given the presence of hematuria and his smoking a complete work-up including urine cytology was to be completed along with a cystourethroscopy to be scheduled the following week, with potential CT scan based on the findings. According to a flexible cystoscopy report dated 11/19/08, it was noted that after this evaluation, the provider was pleased with the cystoscopy and a CT scan was not going to be obtained. It was mentioned that if his cytology was atypical, or positive by FISH analysis, then he would need a CT scan. It was noted that he was to be seen in six months for repeat urinalysis and in the interim, if he should develop gross hematuria, he would need to be seen sooner. Also according to the documentation, in a colonoscopy report dated 01/31/08, there was mention of excellent quality screening examination for colon cancer, and no neoplastic tissue was identified.

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## SUMMARY OF TREATMENT PLAN:

1. Was there any evidence of heart disease prior to 08/05/12? Is so, when?

There was evidence of cardiovascular disease in the following forms prior to 08/05/12: Hypertension (noted on document of 05/29/12), right bundle branch block on EC (noted in 2004), and mild left ventricular hypertrophy on echocardiogram (noted in the 01/14/11 report). However, there is no evidence in the records provided of coronary artery disease, coronary heart disease, or

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ischemic heart disease. There is documentation of atherosclerotic heart disease prior to 08/05/12.

2. Was there any basis for the diagnosis of atherosclerotic heart disease as noted on the death certificate?

This reviewer was unable to find any documentation in the records provided that would support a diagnosis of atherosclerotic heart disease as noted on the death certificate.

3. Was the myocardial infarction due to atherosclerotic heart disease or was this most likely a post-op complication?

From the records provided, there is no evidence of a myocardial infarction, particularly since cardiac enzymes were not drawn, a 12-lead ECG showing evidence of myocardial infarction is absent, and an autopsy was not performed. Thus, it appears most likely that the cardiac arrest was a post-operative complication.

This evaluation has been conducted on the basis of the medical documentation, as provided, and information provided by the treating provider(s) or authorized representative(s) with the assumption that that information is true and correct PRIUM believes that it has made a reasonable attempt to obtain all medical records pertinent to this review and has afforded the treating provider(s) an opportunity to provide additional information in a timely manner. The opinions and conclusions are those of the reviewing physician and are derived from a synthesis and analysis of the available information and based on reasonable medical probability and generally accepted references.

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# **AFFIRMATION** Pursuant to NRS 239B.030

The undersigned does hereby affirm that the preceding INSURER'S FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE, filed in Nevada Department of Administration Appeal No's. 46812-LLW; 46479-LLW and 44957-LLW does not contain the social security number of any person.

TIMOTHY E. ROWE, ESQ. Attorneys for CITY OF RENO

<u>/- 31 - 14</u> Date

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Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I hereby certify that I am an employee of McDONALD CARANO WILSON LLP, and that on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_day of February, 2014, I served the within INSURER'S FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE via Reno Carson Messenger Service in sealed envelopes addressed to the following:

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# MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE AND NOTICE OF RESETTING

The Insurer, Employers Insurance Company of Nevada, hereby moves for an order continuing the hearing before the Appeals Officer currently set for February 11, 2014. The continuance is necessary because counsel for the Insurer has a calendar conflict. This motion is made and based on the pleadings and papers on file herein and the Affidavit of Mark S. Sertic.

The parties have reset the hearing for April 28, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

DATED this 4/7 day of February, 2014.

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Bv:

MARK S. SERTIC, ESQ.

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(775) 327-6300

Attornevs for

Employers Insurance Company

of Nevada

# AFFIDAVIT OF MARK S. SERTIC

STATE OF NEVADA )
) ss.
COUNTY OF WASHOE )

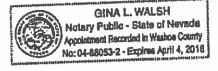
- I, Mark S. Sertic, being first duly sworn, depose and say under penalty of perjury that the following is true of my own personal knowledge:
- I am the attorney for Employers Insurance Company of Nevada with regard to this matter.
- The continuance is necessary because I have a calendar conflict.
- 3. The parties have reset the hearing for April 28, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- 4. If called upon to testify to the foregoing, I could competently do so of my own personal knowledge.

DATED this 47 day of February, 2014.

MARK S. SERTIC

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this  $\frac{440}{1}$  day of February, 2014.

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# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of the law firm of Sertic Law Ltd., Attorneys at Law, over the age of eighteen years, not a party to the within matter, and that on the day of February, 2014, I deposited for mailing at Reno, Nevada, with postage fully prepaid, a true copy of the foregoing or attached document, addressed to:

NAIW 1000 E William Street #208 Carson City, Nevada 89701

Timothy Rowe, Esq. P.O. Box 2670 Reno, NV 89505

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# AFFIRMATION (Pursuant to NRS 239B.030)

The undersigned does hereby affirm to the best of his knowledge that the attached document does not contain the social security number of any person.

Dated on this 47day of February, 2014.

Mark S. Sertic

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## NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION BEFORE THE APPEALS OFFICER FILED 2 1050 E. WILLIAM, SUITE 450 CARSON CITY, NV 89701 FEB 07 2014 3 OF ADMINISTRATION 4 PEALS OFFICER 5 In the Matter of the Contested 6 Industrial Insurance Claim of: Claim No: 12853C301824 1990204572 7 Hearing No: 46538-SA 45822-KD 8 44686-SA 9 Appeal No: 46812-LLW 10 46479-LLW DANIEL DEMARANVILLE, 44957-LLW 11 DECEASED, 12 Claimant. 13 **ORDER** 14 For good cause, the Insurer's Motion for Continuance is granted. This 15 16 matter is reset for hearing on: 17 DATE: Monday, April 28, 2014 18 TIME: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (2 hours) 19 IT IS SO ORDERED. 20

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LORNA L WARD
APPEALS OFFICER

# **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

The undersigned, an employee of the State of Nevada, Department of Administration, Hearings Division, does hereby certify that on the date shown below, a true and correct copy of the foregoing <u>ORDER</u> was duly mailed, postage prepaid **OR** placed in the appropriate addressee runner file at the Department of Administration, Hearings Division, 1050 E. Williams Street, Carson City, Nevada, to the following:

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Dated this 71/11 day of February, 2014.

Kristi Fraser, Legal Secretary II Employee of the State of Nevada

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