Some of My Most Interesting Cases:
Controversial Deaths Involving Famous Celebrities

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Tammy Wynette
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Tammy Wynette, known as the first lady of country music, received the living legend award from Merv Haggard at the TNN Music City News Country Awards in Nashville, Tennessee, on June 10, 1991.

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The Elvis Presley Case
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I have completed my investigation into the death of Virginia Richardson, also known as Tammy Wynette. Based upon the results of the autopsy and the associated laboratory tests, it is my opinion that she died of heart failure from cardiac arrhythmia.

While no acute blood clots were present in the lungs either at autopsy or under microscopic examination, there was significant evidence of previous blood clots. These previous clotting episodes significantly compromised the arteries in her lungs, causing pressure on the right side of the heart as the heart tried to pump blood through these obstructions. As a result, the right side of Ms. Wynette’s heart was dilated and enlarged, causing the fatal arrhythmia.

The lab reports from the autopsy revealed the presence of two drugs – Versed and Phenergan – Ms. Wynette’s body at the time of her death. Three separate laboratories indicated no evidence of Dilaudid, which was an expected finding because Dilaudid is known to dissipate into embalming fluid. It is virtually impossible to determine the exact drug levels of Versed or Phenergan present at the time of Ms. Wynette’s death or to what extent, if any, these drugs contributed to her heart failure and death.

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Marilyn Monroe
June 1, 1926 – August 5, 1962

The body of Marilyn Monroe is wheeled from the Los Angeles County Morgue on August 16, 1962.

O.J. Simpson
July 9, 1947 –

Nicole Brown Simpson
May 19, 1959 – June 12, 1994

Ronald Lyle Goldman
July 2, 1968 – June 12, 1994

Nicole’s body at the scene

Bloody shoe print found at the scene
Anna Nicole Smith
November 28, 1967 – February 8, 2007

Anna Nicole Smith reaching out to her son, Daniel.

Anna Nicole, as spokesperson for TrimSpa diet plan.

Dr. Cyril H. Wecht answers reporters’ questions after performing Daniel Smith’s second autopsy on September 17, 2006, in Nassau, the Bahamas.

Actor/producer Anna Nicole Smith in character on the set of her 2005 cult hit Spoof. David Giancana’s Illegal Aliens.

Daniel Smith and Howard K. Stern share a light moment between shots on Illegal Aliens.

Anna Nicole Smith reaching out to her son, Daniel.

Ted Binion
November 28, 1943 – September 17, 1998

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Sunny von Bülow
September 1, 1931 – December 6, 2008
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In 1982, Claus von Bülow was convicted of attempting to murder his wife, Sunny, by lethal injections of insulin. A year later, Dr. Wecht was hired by von Bülow’s lawyer, Professor Alan Dershowitz, to re-examine the evidence.

Phil Spector
December 26, 1939 –

Phil Spector was accused of killing Lana Clarkson, 40, who was found shot to death in his mansion on February 3, 2003.

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Phyllis & Phillip Spector, 2006

Michael Jackson
August 29, 1958 – June 25, 2009

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Jackson likely caused own death, witness says

Jackson's defense calls last witness

Murray's defense calls last witness

Jackson Trial: Doctor Guilty
In Star's Death

Whitney Houston  

Jackson's Doctor Is Found Guilty for Fatal Dose of Powerful Sedative

Whitney Houston drowned, but how?

Whitney Houston: ‘Closure,' sadness and inevitability

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