



Monroe County Hospital

**Emergency Care Department
684-3597**

October 15, Yr-1

Mr. George Bell
Prosecuting Attorney
155 West 6th Street
Bayshore, Columbia

Dear Mr. Bell:

At your request, I am sending you in writing my recollection of my treatment of Nicholas Townsley for gunshot wounds.

Mr. Townsley was admitted via the Emergency Room on July 6, Yr-1.

I performed an exploratory laparotomy and cleaned and set a wound to his right wrist. Townsley had been hit by two bullets, one hit the right wrist breaking some bones, and the other entered his lower back on the right side and exited from the front. It is impossible to tell which bullet hit first. Neither did any permanent damage. Mr. Townsley had a blood alcohol level of .05 percent, the equivalent of about 3 glasses of wine or 3 twelve-ounce beers. At that level he would have been uninhibited but not yet seriously drunk. We did not test for other drugs in his blood because of the emergency nature of the case. In my opinion, Mr. Townsley would have been in extreme pain for two or three days, moderate pain for two weeks, and only occasional mild pain in the wrist from one to four months after that.

I saw Mr. Kane only three times briefly after the operation; twice in the hospital to verify that he was making satisfactory progress, and once to remove the cast in mid-August. We did not discuss the shooting incident.

I have instructed Medical Records to send a copy of Mr. Townsley's Admission and Discharge Reports.

Sincerely,

J.S. Fox

Jordan S. Fox, M.D.



Monroe County Hospital

**Medical Records Department
684-3583**

October 16, Yr-1

Mr. George Bell
Assistant District Attorney
155 West 6th Street
Bayshore, Columbia

Re: Nicholas B. Townsley

Dear Mr. Bell:

At the request of Dr. Jordan Fox, I enclose the two summary reports on Nicholas B. Townsley.

The two reports are computer print-outs. All our medical records are stored on computer. Physicians and authorized nurses dictate their reports, and clerks enter them into the computer. While each physician is free to follow whatever form he or she thinks appropriate, hospital policy requires them to file an admission report and a discharge report on every patient in their care.

Sincerely,

Eliz. Knoll

Elizabeth Knoll
Director, Medical Records

NAME: Townsley, Nicholas Baker Patient #: 561-28-1101

DATE ADMITTED: 7/6/YR-1

PHYSICIAN: Jordan S. Fox

ADMISSION REPORT

This approximately 28-year-old male was admitted to the ER following a shooting. Examination in the ER revealed a missile wound with point of entry and point of exit at about the level of the ninth rib and the lateral lower chest wall. There was also a missile wound involving the right wrist. X-rays revealed some lead fragments along the course of the missile tract overlying the liver. There was no evidence of entry into the pleural space on the x-rays. X-rays of the wrist revealed a fracture in the site of the styloid process of the radius.

PAST HISTORY AND REVIEW OF SYSTEMS: Taken under emergency conditions. The patient was unconscious on admission.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION: HEENT: Laceration on the head.

NECK: Was supple.

CHEST AND ABDOMEN: There are two wounds involving the lateral aspect of the right lower chest at the level of the 9th rib; one is in the posterior axillary line and one is in the anterior axillary line, slightly more medial than the anterior axillary line. The anterior one is the larger one, and is assumed for that reason to be the point of exit. There is a recent abrasion in the midline between the xyphoid and the umbilicus.

ALCOHOL BLOOD CONTENT: 0.05 percent.

GENITALIA AND RECTAL: Unremarkable.

LOW EXTREMITIES: Unremarkable.

ADMITTING DIAGNOSIS: Gunshot wound, right lower chest wall with laceration of the liver. Gunshot wound involving the right wrist. Lacerations on the scalp.

Jordan S. Fox, M.D.

Dictated: 7/7/YR-1

ENTERED: 7/7/YR-1 ktb

THIS COPY PRINTED: 10/16/YR-1

NAME: Townsley, Nicholas Baker Patient #: 561-28-1101

ADMITTED: 7-6-YR-1

DISCHARGED: 7-1-YR-1

PHYSICIAN: Jordan S. Fox

DISCHARGE REPORT

PRESENT ILLNESS: This 28-year-old male was admitted via the ER following a gunshot wound. X-rays revealed fractures of the 7th and 8th ribs anteriorly with metallic and bone fragments within the hepatic substance adjacent to the rib fracture sites. X-rays of the right wrist revealed a fracture which involved the articulate surfaces of the radius at the wrist joint. Lacerations on the head.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION: Revealed a well developed, well nourished male appearing the stated age. Positive physical findings revealed a missile injury with the apparent entrance site in the posterior axillary line at the level of the 9th rib with an apparent exit site in the anterior axillary line at the level of the 9th rib. Lungs were clear and well expanded. The abdomen revealed some guarding in the right upper quadrant, otherwise was unremarkable. Extremities were within normal limits, with the exception of the right wrist where there was a missile injury involving the area of the styloid process of the radius. At admission, there was a heavy odor of alcohol on his breath and the patient was unconscious.

ACCESSORY CLINICAL FINDINGS: On admission the hematocrit was 41, urinalysis revealed 2+ sugar; on July 7, serum electrolytes were within normal limits on several occasions. Hematocrit on July 9 was 39 and on July 11 was 35. Drainage from the lower chest wall wound on July 9th revealed no bacterial growth in 48 hours. On July 12, white blood cell count was within normal limits, as was the urinalysis and the hematocrit was 36.5%. Chest x-rays on several occasions were negative.

COURSE IN HOSPITAL: The patient was taken immediately to the operating room from the ER where an exploratory laparotomy was done through upper paramedian incision. There was a laceration involving the lateral surface of the right lobe of the liver at the level of 8th or 9th rib. No active bleeding was noted from it. As it was inaccessible for suturing it was elected to drain the area with two Penrose drains at a lateral stab wound. This was done and the entry and exit site of the chest wall were debrided and drained. The postoperative course was uneventful. The patient was initially treated with Achromycin and Bupronex for three days, and later changed to Keflex. All wounds healed and were clean at the time of discharge. The patient was afebrile for three days prior to discharge. At the time of the exploratory laparotomy the right wrist was debrided and the wound drained and placed in an appropriate cast. This was dressed at periodic intervals and will be followed by removal of the cast, four weeks from the time of the original injury. The lacerations on the scalp were stitched closed.

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FINAL DIAGNOSIS: Gunshot wound of the lower chest wall and upper abdomen with laceration of the liver. Gunshot wound of the right wrist with comminuted fracture of the articulate surface of the radius. Lacerations on the head.

OPERATIONS: Exploratory laparotomy with drainage of liver and debridement of wound and repair of left wrist gunshot wound.

DISCHARGE MEDICATION: Keftab 250 mg. every 6 hours for 7 days.

Jordan S. Fox, M.D.

DICTATED: 7/1/YR-1
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STATEMENT

PATIENT'S NAME AND ADDRESS

NICHOLAS B TOWNSLEY
 2412 ROCKPORT
 BAYSHORE, COL

ACCOUNT NUMBER

32 1966423 GS

INSURANCE INFORMATION

BC/BS 133-98-9911

DATE ADMITTED

07/06/YR-2

DATE DISCHARGED

07/20/YR-2

| POSTING DATE | PHYSICIAN | DESCRIPTION | TOTAL CHARGES |
|--------------|-----------|--------------------------|------------------|
| 07 06 | | EMERGENCY ROOM | 590.00 |
| 07 06 | FOX | PROF SERVICES | 4000.00 |
| 07 06 | | OPERATING ROOM | 3200.00 |
| 07 06 | LESTER | X-RAY SERVICES | 920.00 |
| | | PROF SERVICES | 350.00 |
| 07 06 | LAB | CLINICAL LAB SERVICES | 460.00 |
| 07 07 | FOX | HOSP VISIT | 45.00 |
| 07 08 | FOX | HOSP VISIT | 45.00 |
| 07 08 | | PHARMACY | 220.00 |
| 07 10 | FOX | HOSP VISIT | 45.00 |
| 07 14 | FOX | HOSP VISIT | 45.00 |
| 07 20 | | 14 DAYS SEMIPRIVATE ROOM | 4900.00 |
| 08 11 | FOX | OFFICE VISIT | 100.00 |
| 08 29 | | BC/BS INS PAYMENT | 11,936.00 CREDIT |
| | | BALANCE DUE | 2984.00 |