

MARIA MORAN DZUL

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MEDICAL EXAMINER REPORT

PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA

TOHONO O'ODHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

AGENCY CASE # 250911089

OCTOBER 2, 2025

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FINDINGS

I. Skeletal remains found in a desert area

OPINION

In consideration of the known circumstances surrounding this death, the available medical history, and the examination of the remains, the cause of death is undetermined.

The manner of death is undetermined.

Paige Peterson, MD
Paige A. Peterson, M.D.
Medical Examiner

October 14, 2025
Date Signed

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DATE OF EXAM: October 2, 2025 **TIME OF EXAM:** 0900 Hours

PLACE OF EXAM: Pima County Office of the Medical Examiner
3050 East Milber Street
Tucson, AZ 85714

PERFORMED BY: Paige A. Peterson, M.D.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH

On September 11, 2025, Border Patrol agents located skeletal remains in a desert area. Tohono O'Odham Police Department recovered the remains on October 1, 2025.

IDENTIFICATION

The decedent is identified via dental and circumstantial information.

PRESENTATION OF THE REMAINS

The remains are received in an unsealed white pouch.

CLOTHING AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

See "Property/Evidence Log."

EVIDENCE OF MEDICAL INTERVENTION

None.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

Available for examination on October 2, 2025 is a completely skeletonized incomplete set of skeletal remains as well as brown hair. The remains are soiled with dirt and plant debris. The skeletal remains consist of cranium, mandible, vertebrae, long bones, clavicle, scapula, sternum, pelvic bones, ribs, patella, and ankle bone. The remains are sunbleached. There is surgical hardware in the mandible as well as dental work of the mandibular teeth. There is surgical hardware in the maxilla as well as dental work of the maxillary teeth. The teeth are incomplete. See separate Forensic Anthropology report for further information.

Additional recovered remains are examined on October 14, 2025. These additional remains consist of sacrum with articulated lumbar vertebra, long bones, metatarsal, scapula, ribs, hair, clothing, and Mexican currency (5 peso coin). The remains are soiled with dirt and plant debris. See separate Forensic Anthropology report for further information.

SPECIMENS

At the time of the examination, no specimens are retained.

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RADIOGRAPHS

Radiographs of the remains are performed. Radiopaque objects are seen in the skull.

HISTOLOGY

No histologic sections are taken for microscopic examination.

TOXICOLOGY

No specimens are submitted for toxicologic analysis.