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Gregory James Gerald Simpson Id 730926 5251 080 states under oath in English. I make this statement in terms of section 212 (4) of Criminal Procedures Act 51 of 1977.

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I am a 50-year-old male working as a veterinarian for the Grabouw Animal Clinic, where I have been a partner since September 2005. I am also the director of the Wildlife Forensic Academy.

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I qualified as a veterinarian in 1998 at Onderstepoort Faculty of Veterinary Science. I am currently registered with the South African Veterinary Council and my registration number is D00/4369.

I worked as a veterinarian from 1998 to 2000 as a small animal and mixed animal clinician and surgeon in a variety of practices in South Africa and the United Kingdom (UK). During 2000 I worked as a consultant to a development organization in Kyrgyzstan in central Asia. In 2001 I worked for the U.K. Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs as temporary veterinary inspector during the foot and mouth outbreak, where I managed a team of 25 veterinarians. In 2002 and 2003 I studied a Masters of Public Health for Developing Countries at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. In 2003 and 2005 I studied a Masters in Philosophy of Wildlife Management at the University of Pretoria. In 2004 I worked for the Health Systems Trust on a voluntary counselling and testing for Human Immunodeficiency Virus capacity research project. From 2005 to 2008 I ran a mixed animal practice in Grabouw, Western Cape and worked as a wildlife veterinarian for Dr Paul Meyer in Gravelotte, Limpopo, where I gained experience working with wildlife, including rhinoceroses. Between October 2008 and September 2016, I was running a training clinic for Onderstepoort Faculty of veterinary Science, University of Pretoria at Hluvukani, Mpumalanga for veterinary students working on wildlife and domesticated animals. During this period, I performed many post-mortems on a variety of animals, including white rhinoceroses and trained veterinary students how to perform such post mortems. I am currently a veterinarian for the Grabouw Animal Clinic, where my work focuses on wildlife clinical work. I am also the director of the Wildlife Forensic Academy, which is an organization that will be providing training and skills development in the field of wildlife forensics.

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On Tuesday 2023-09-19 the Cape of Good Hope SPCA was alerted to the fact that a woman had shot a baboon with a handgun. Inspector Trevor Rodney contacted me to conduct a post-mortem on the animal. On Tuesday 2023-09-26 radiography of the animal had been done, which showed a fracture of the left seventh rib and fluid in the chest cavity (figure 3 and 4).

I then conducted a post-mortem in the wildlife unit of the SPCA, Grassy Park at 04:00 PM. The carcass had blood in the nasal cavities, blood in the mouth and two projectile wounds on the left side of the chest (the exit wound) and the right side of the abdomen (the entry wound). The projectile caused trauma to the right kidney and left lung, which resulted in internal bleeding. The bleeding in the left lungs resulted in collapse of the left lung. The internal bleeding resulted in the death of the animal.



Figure 1: X-Ray 1 of the baboon



Figure 2: X-Ray 2 of the baboon



Figure 3: X-Ray 3 of the baboon showing fluid in the abdomen



Figure 4: X-Ray 4 of the baboon, showing fracture to left rib



Figure 5: Overview right side of the baboon



Figure 6: Overview left side of the baboon

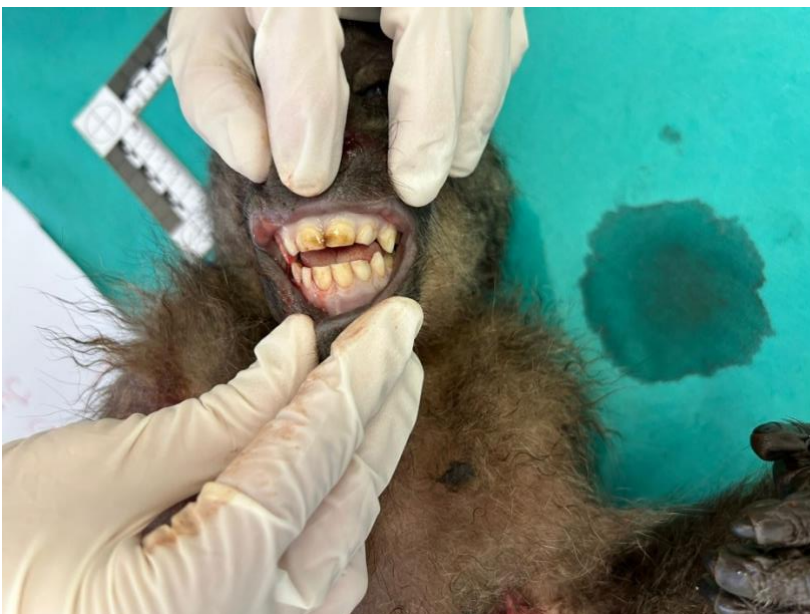


Figure 7: Detail photo of the front of the teeth



Figure 8: Entrance (right side) and exit (Left) shot
wound in relation to each other

Figure 9: Entrance hole (under) and exit hole (above) in relation to each other



Figure 10 & 11: Trauma 1: Entry hole of a bullet on the right side of the baboon.



Figure 12 & 13: Trauma 1: Entry hole of a bullet on the right side of the baboon without the skin.



Figure 14 & 15: Trauma 2: Exit hole of a bullet on the left side of the baboon

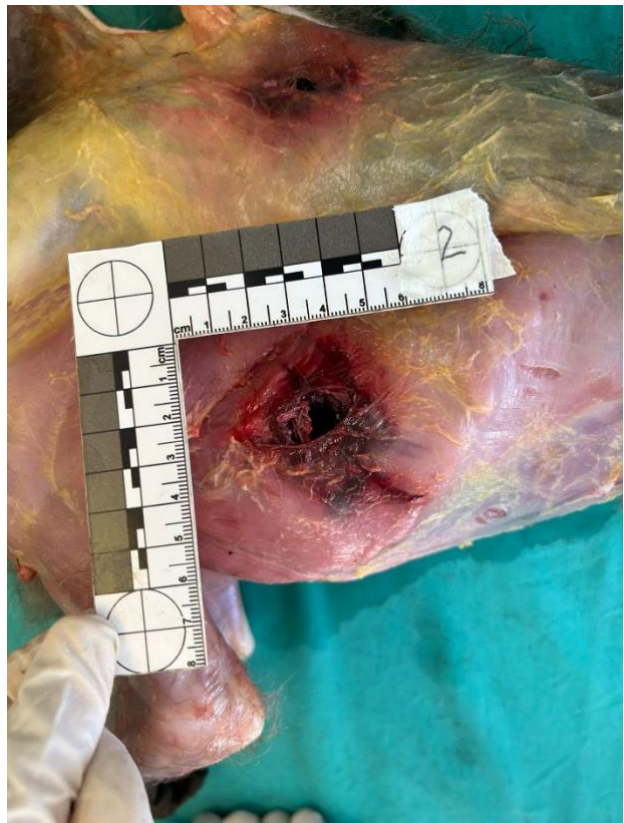


Figure 16 & 17: Trauma 2: Exit hole of a bullet on the left side of the baboon without skin.

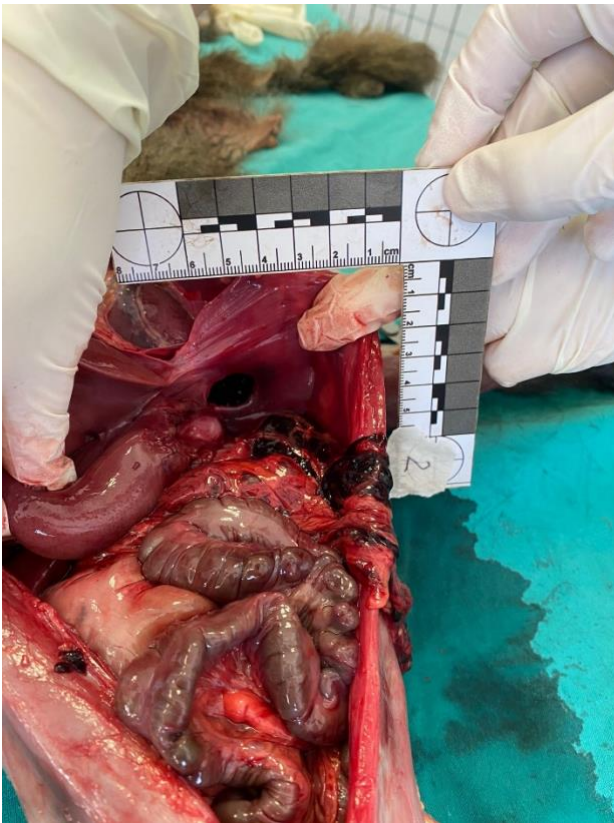


Figure 18: Trauma 2: Exit hole inside the body of the baboon



Figure 19: Trauma 3: Nasal bleeding



Figure 20 & 21: Trauma 5: Broken bone in the right ankle



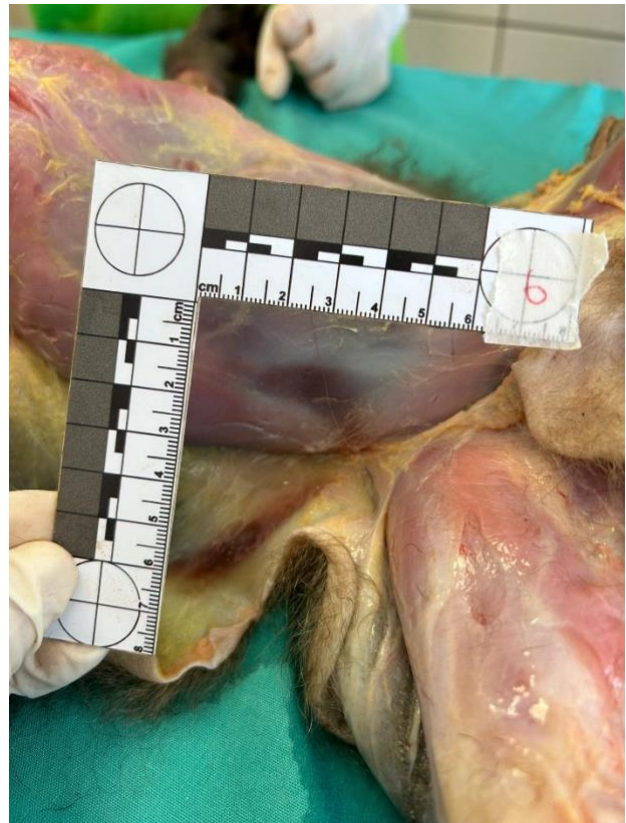


Figure 22 & 23: Trauma 6: Contusion on the lower right side of the baboon

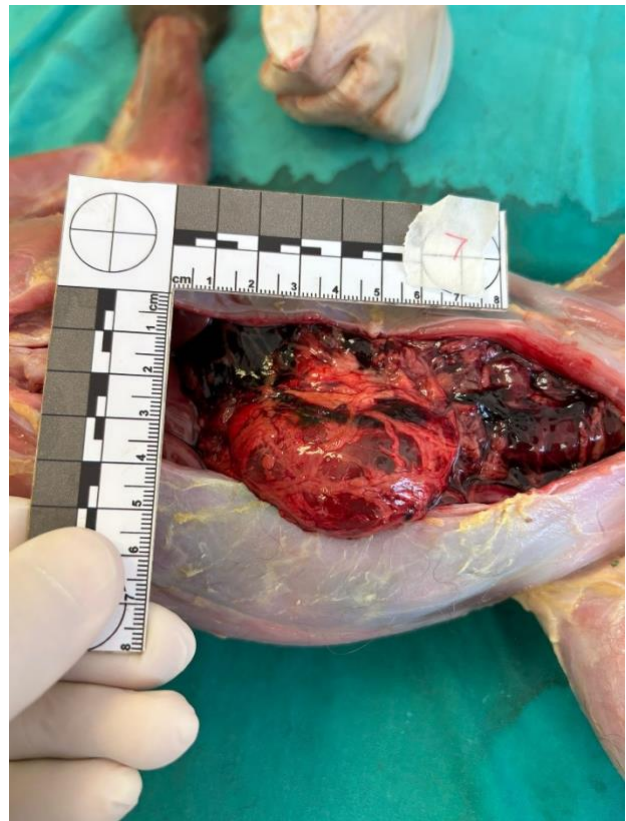


Figure 24 & 25: Trauma 7: Internal bleeding



Figure 26: Trauma 8: Lung perforated by a bullet

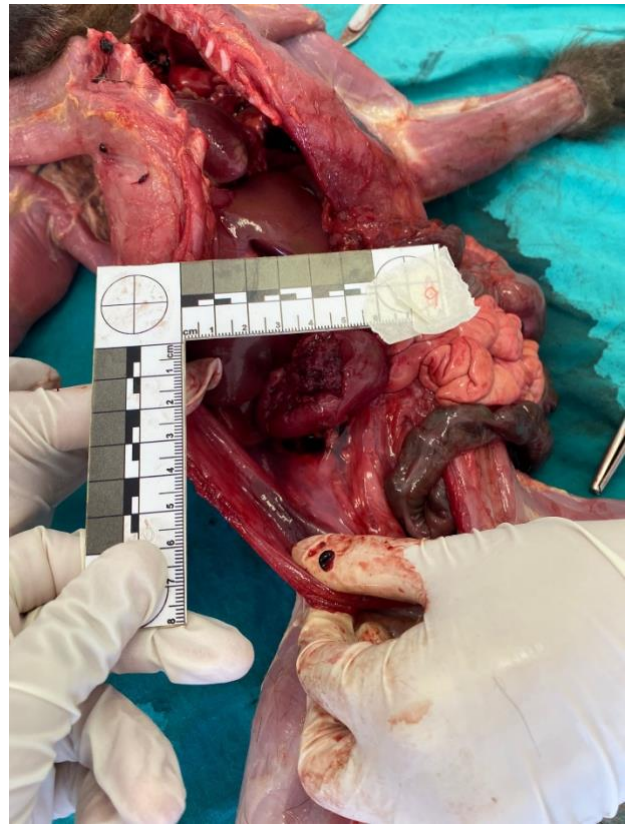


Figure 33: Trauma 9: Right kidney hit by a bullet

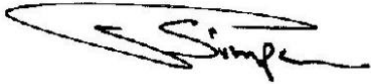
My conclusion through my training, knowledge and experience was that the solid projectiles fired into this animal, resulted in significant damage to the internal organs that resulted in the death to the animal.

In my opinion the person who shot the animal was intending to cause significant damage to the animal when considering the bullet used and placement of the shot.

I know and understand the contents of this statement.

I have no objection to taking the prescribed oath.

I see the prescribed oath as binding on my conscience.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'GJG Simpson', written over a horizontal line.

Dr GJG Simpson
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