

## Goode Press Conference Statement

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1. Troy was a 30-year-old honors graduate of Christian Brothers University, where he earned a degree in chemical engineering. Of 27 students who started the program with him, Troy was 1 of 4 who finished. His IQ was 166. He was an excellent employee of nexAir. Troy designed an industrial gas bottling plant here in Memphis and he was widely published in trade journals. He was a husband, brother, son, and father to a toddler. He was an avid fan of Widespread Panic, and July 18, 2015 was to be his 150th concert. Troy was 6'1" and 150 lbs. Troy was unarmed and never threatened any police officer. He was too slight to pose any threat even assuming aggressiveness.
2. **FACTS SURROUNDING DEATH:** Troy and Kelli drove to Southaven for a concert. Before the concert, Troy and 7-8 friends ingested a small amount of LSD in the parking lot. Troy apparently had a reaction manifesting in claustrophobia. Kelli decided Troy should be taken home and got Troy in their car. Kelli was sober and was Troy's designated driver. They made it to Goodman Road when Troy got out of the stopped or slow moving vehicle. He was running through an open field when a witness saw this and mistakenly thought it was a domestic dispute. Police were called.

A canine unit arrived. Troy, in an act of submission, said that he would go with police and opened the back door of the car. The dog got out but was not initially aggressive. Troy then stepped away from the car with his hands in the air. A verbal exchange occurred between Troy and the K-9 officer, who had grabbed the dog's collar. The officer then ordered the police dog to attack and released the dog to allow it to attack Troy. The dog took Troy to the ground inflicting multiple bite wounds. The officer then used a taser on Troy shooting him in the back. Multiple officers then held Troy down in a prone position and hogtied him. Medical authorities will support proposition that being hogtied and prone can be lethal.

An ambulance arrived and Troy was lifted by his shackles onto stretcher and then strapped face down. Witnesses will say he was struggling trying to breath. He was transported in that position in violation of MS EMS Rules and Regulations. The ambulance did not treat this as an emergency, and did not activate its lights for rapid transportation to hospital. Two police officers were in the ambulance. During the ride to Baptist Desoto, Troy's HR soared to 186. His BP dropped dramatically. He received no supplemental oxygen. The ACLS protocol was not followed.

Upon arrival at Baptist, Troy was wheeled into hospital still hogtied and face down. His oxygen saturation rate was low upon arrival but no supplemental oxygen was given. He was accompanied to room by police. Troy was not seen by a doctor until approximately 30 minutes after his arrival. 15-20 minutes after the doctor left, a police officer called hospital personnel to tell them Troy had stopped breathing. It was only then that the shackles were removed.

3. Mississippi Autopsy: Troy's body was quickly transported to Jackson, MS for autopsy by the Mississippi State Medical Examiner. The Medical Examiner, as is routine, had toxicology report run, which was positive for non-toxic levels of LSD and marijuana. We have made repeated formal requests for a copy of the autopsy report to no avail. There is still no final death certificate for Troy.

When the body was returned to Memphis, I made arrangements for an independent autopsy to be performed. We have been in possession of the doctor's opinion for months but have withheld those to give the City of Southaven and the Mississippi Medical Examiner a chance to come forward with its official results. That has not happened, so we decided we must tell the public about this event to the best of what we consider to have been a careful and diligent inquiry on our part.

4. Autopsy Findings:

The autopsy's Final Pathological Diagnoses show multiple wounds:

- Abrasions-contusions of face
- Contusion of lower lip
- Abrasions of arms
- Abrasions of trunk
- Punctate lesions of back consistent with Taser impact sites
- Abrasions and contusions of legs
- Abrasions and contusions of back
- Hemorrhage into subcutaneous tissue, lower thoracic region, bilateral
- Hemorrhage into left sphenoid ridge

Troy's organs, including his heart, showed no evidence of any preexisting disease.

According to the report, "Following my review of the hospital record, the police report, the autopsy findings and the microscopic autopsy slides, based upon a reasonable degree of certainty, it is my professional opinion that Mr. Troy Goode most likely died from cardiac arrhythmia that developed as a result of the pathophysiological processes that were precipitated by the prolonged hog-tied position in which he was placed for more than an hour."

"There is no forensic scientific basis to attribute his death to LSD toxicity."