

1 injuries, or diseases present on the body.

2 Q Will you tell us what your examination reflected,  
3 Dr. Francisco?

4 A The examination revealed a gunshot wound to the  
5 right side of the face, passing through the body into the  
6 neck, through the spinal cord at the base of the neck, with  
7 the bullet lodging beneath the skin near the shoulder blade  
8 on the left.

9 Q Cause of death was what, Dr. Francisco?

10 A A gunshot wound to the cervical and thoracic spinal  
11 cord.

12 Q In your medical opinion, how soon did death occur  
13 from that wound?

14 A Shortly after death, shortly after injury.

15 Q Did you recover anything from the body, Dr.  
16 Francisco?

17 A Yes.

18 Q I am going to show you an object and ask you if  
19 you can identify those, Dr. Francisco?

20 A Yes.

21 Q And what is that, please, sir?

22 A This is the bullet that was removed from the body  
23 at the time of the autopsy.

24 Q What, if anything, did you do with that bullet,

1 goes in.

2 He was -- he was -- he had fallen in this little  
3 cove-like with his feet pressed against the railing, and he  
4 was lying in a pool of blood at that point.

5 Q Reverend, you noticed a gaping wound, did you say,  
6 about his face?

7 A Yes, and it tore this much of his face away that  
8 I could see, and also noticed that the shot had cut his  
9 necktie, just cut it right off at that point.

10 I remember that because he had been trying to find  
11 out -- he thought somebody was playing a trick in the room --  
12 he couldn't find his necktie and he did finally find it, and  
13 we had had some conversation about his shirt and his neck-  
14 tie.

15 Q All right, now, at that time did Dr. King say any-  
16 thing to you, Rev. Kyles?

17 A You mean while lying there?

18 Q While lying there.

19 A No, he didn't speak a word.

20 Q No word. All right, now, what did you do then,  
21 Reverend?

22 A I immediately came to him and when I saw this  
23 wound in his face, I ran in the room and picked up the phone  
24 to try and get an ambulance and I didn't have success at

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