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## Coroner Toxicology Results

Coroner Case # 16-09231  
Santa Cruz Sheriff's Office Case # 16S-09229  
Decedent – Luke Smith

On November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 an autopsy examination was conducted on Luke Smith following his death related to a Santa Cruz Sheriff's Officer involved shooting. During the examination a sample of Smith's blood was obtained and sent to a private toxicology lab for analysis. The toxicology report revealed positive findings for LSD (lysergic acid diethylamide) and THC (the active ingredient of marijuana).

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