

1 the two greater horns from the body of the hyoid, that is not
2 due to trauma?

3 A No, that's normal.

4 Q What about the fracture?

5 A So about at the midpoint of that right greater horn,
6 closest to the scale, that is a fracture that should not be
7 there.

8 Q Did you find any evidence of osteoporosis in these
9 bones?

10 A I mean, we don't have a test for it but it didn't seem
11 abnormal to me. It seemed normal, normal bone.

12 Q Any evidence of the bones, themselves, being
13 particularly brittle?

14 A They did not seem brittle.

15 Q Is a hyoid fracture necessarily fatal, in and of
16 itself?

17 A Nope.

18 Q Explain.

19 A Well I mean, you could have a healed hyoid fracture.
20 You could have a hyoid fracture, and it does not always equate
21 with death.

22 For example, just in some cases we have seen instances where
23 there is a healed fracture of a hyoid, where somebody for
24 whatever reason had a broken hyoid and there was a callus to
25 show it had healed.