Surgeon describes shot officer's injuries, death

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Coeur d'Alene Police Sgt. Greg Moore was given a series of neurological tests in the Kootenai Health emergency room after he was shot in the mouth May 5.

Almost all of the exams showed him unresponsive, according to this morning's testimony of Dr. William Ganz, a neurological surgeon called to the hospital that morning to examine Moore in the trauma room.

"He didn't respond at all" to some of the initial tests, Ganz said, except for a few spontaneous breaths and a little gagging on his breathing tube.

Ganz, of Neurosurgery and Spine Northwest, was the first witness to take the stand in the second day of Jonathan Daniel Renfro's preliminary hearing. Renfro, 27, is charged with first-degree murder in the early morning shooting of Moore, who was on patrol in northwest Coeur d'Alene.

Moore's condition deteriorated through the morning at the hospital, and the officer was confirmed to be brain dead by about 2:30 p.m., Ganz testified. The doctor called Moore's death at 3:05 p.m.

In the early hours of his treatment, Moore's blood pressure was very low, Ganz said. The medical team gave him powerful medications to boost his blood pressure while Moore underwent a series of scans and tests to assess his injuries. Some of those tests showed bullet fragments lodged in the spine and mostly blocking one artery to the brain, Ganz said.

"There was really no treatment to be done at that point" other than to stabilize Moore and move him to the intensive care unit, he said.

Kootenai County Sheriff's Det. Jerry Northrup took the stand next and described searches and recovery of evidence in west Post Falls where police arrested Renfro following the shooting. The evidence included Moore's police car, which was stolen after he was shot, and two handguns and two ammunition magazines. Other evidence found near the abandoned patrol car were a flashlight, a lighter and a pair of eyeglasses, Northrup said.