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200400359

Begin Date/Time: 2/8/2004 04:44:58 Report Title: DEATH INVESTIGATION
Occur. Location: 410 SUPERIOR ST Apt: 304 City: EX SPRINGS State: MO
Number of Arrestees: 0 Agency ORI:

Category OFFENSE
Location Type
Business SUPERIOR PARK ASSISTED LIVING
Off. Type GENERIC OFFENSE
Off. Code Desc MISC1 INFORMATION REPORT

Category PERSON Person Type WITNESS SSN
First Name WILLIAM Middle Name SILAS Last Name BENNETT
Race WHITE Sex MALE DOB 11/30/1955
DL Number/St Name Type LEGAL
HOME 506 SUMMIT EX SPRINGS MO 64024 Phone (816) 630-9678

Category PERSON Person Type ADDITIONAL SSN
First Name DIANE Middle Name S Last Name CLASS
Race WHITE Sex FEMALE DOB 10/21/1941
DL Number/St Name Type LEGAL
HOME 410 SUPERIOR ST EX SPRINGS MO 64024 Phone

Category PERSON Person Type WITNESS SSN
First Name KAREN Middle Name E Last Name HARRIS
Race BLACK Sex FEMALE DOB 3/30/1938
DL Number/St Name Type LEGAL
HOME 517 BENTON 1 EX SPRINGS MO 64024 Phone (816) 630-6684
719 NORTHWIND DR ESMO Phone (000) 637-4938

Category PERSON Person Type WITNESS SSN
First Name ROSE Middle Name M Last Name BENNETT
Race WHITE Sex FEMALE DOB 3/16/1944
DL Number/St Name Type LEGAL
HOME 506 SUMMIT EX SPRINGS MO 64024 Phone (816) 630-9678

Category NARRATIVE
On 02-08-2004 at about 0444 hours, I (Officer Smith) was dispatched to Superior Park Assisted Living, 410 Superior, in regard to an unresponsive party.

Upon my arrival, I made contact with William Bennett at the nurses' station on the third floor. William was looking at some article of paper. I asked him where I was needed. He stated, "She's down there," and pointed down the hallway. I observed a female laying partially in the south hallway on the floor.

The party later identified as Diane Class, was lying partially inside room 304 and the hallway. No one was around her.

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I could not locate any other staff members besides W. Bennett.

Class was blue in the face. Her body was cold. Class was wearing a winter coat, shirt, jeans, and shoes. Fecal matter was spread across the bathroom, bed, and clothes. Class' pants were soiled.

Sgt. Landon and Officer Lewis arrived to assist. The Excelsior Springs Medical unit responded. Karen Harris and Rose Bennett, who were aides at Superior Park, responded to the nurses' station also.

W. Bennett stated he last saw Class at about 0430 hours. He stated she was just coming back to her room from smoking a cigarette. He later heard her open her door at about 0440 hours. Class stated "Bill" as if she needed assistance. W. Bennett, Rose and Harris responded to assist Class. W. Bennett stated Class was blue in the lips and was having difficulty breathing. He laid Class down on the floor. She began to breathe more easily. W. Bennett advised Class stopped breathing at about 0445 hours.

Rose's and Harris' statements concurred with William's.

The paramedic unit that responded did not attempt to revive Class (See attached heart rate monitor print-out).

Class' medications were as follows:



W. Bennett could not tell me what the medications were for. He stated Class was in their facility for [redacted]. A print-out with Class' medical information was obtained for this report. Class' medical physician was Dr. Pickett.

Sgt. Landon took 15 pictures of the scene using the department's Polaroid camera.

W. Bennett stated at about 0310 hours, he checked on Class in her room and had located several empty containers of Ephedrine blister packets. He gave me four blister packets of Ephedrine tabs, all of which were empty. He stated Class had taken Ephedrine secretly. He did not know how long Class had possessed the Ephedrine tabs. He located the tabs between Class' mattress and box springs.

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I contacted the Jackson County Missouri Medical Examiner. I spoke with Curtis Boyd at that office. He stated he would come pick up the body.

Boyd and two other associates responded at about 0700 hours. They picked up Class and left the scene. Boyd stated an autopsy would be conducted on Class' body to ascertain the cause of death. Boyd requested nothing further from this department.