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Incident Overview

Case Status	: Closed	Occ Date From	: 03/08/2024, 12:57
Case Number	: 24-048144	Occ Date To	: 03/18/2024, 15:38
Reported Date	: 03/18/2024, 13:01:46	Resistance Encountered	: No
Location	: 1063 Minnehaha Avenue W, St Paul, MN 55104		
Offenses	: Death-Investigation Of A Death		

Incident Summary

	Created by:	03/18/2024, 16:22
Investigation of a death.		

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Staff Involved

Officer	Type	BWC	ICC	Resistance Encounter	Force Used	Vehicle Pursuit
Phan, Hoang (541801)	Submitter, Primary	Yes		No	No	No
Mcquay, Jeremiah (434925)	Submitter					

Narratives

Narrative 1	Created by: PHAN, HOANG (541801)	03/18/2024, 16:22
<p>Synopsis :</p> <p>Investigation of a death.</p> <p>Narrative :</p> <p>On 03-18-24, I, Squad 150 (Phan), were dispatched to 1063 Minnehaha Avenue West with Squad 159 (Ofc. Herschman) to conduct a welfare check at the address. Call comments stated, "COMP HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO REACH HIS BROTHER SINCE 3/8/24 / VERY UNUSUAL / HAS DEPRESSION AND ALCOHOLISM / SUBJ: JOHANNSEN, DAN, W/M, 67YO, 508, MED BLD / HAS A BIG BLK TRUCK USUALLY PARKED DIRECTLY IFO HOUSE / COMP REQ CB WITH RESULTS".</p> <p>Upon arrival, all doors and windows were secure and there was mail in the mail box. I looked through the back door and observed a person laying facedown, on the floor, with their head against a chair, near the inside of the doorway in the living room. I knocked on the door loudly and the person did not respond. I could see that his fingers were discolored and nearly black, which usually indicates that the person had been deceased for a long period of time past any medical assistance. I did not observe any exigent circumstance to break the door down immediately to provide medical attention. I requested assistance from medics who had the tools necessary to make forced entry into the home. I also requested Saint Paul Animal control to the scene to assist with a dog that appeared to not want emergency staff on scene.</p> <p>Medics arrived on scene and Animal control arrived on scene shortly after.</p> <p>Medics forced entry into the rear door. Animal control staff led the way with their tools to try and secure the dog. The dog ran upstairs while barking at all of us on scene. We cornered the dog into a room where we were able to eventually secure the dog and then escort it to the animal control vehicle. The dog was not hurt by emergency staff and did not appear to be injured. The dog was turned over to Animal control and I provided animal control with the owners brothers information.</p>		

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Medic 18 assessed the incident and did not provide any medical care due to the patient being passed any medical help (run: 13150). Medics provided the time of death of 1316 hours but the Medical Examiner will be using the time of the call (1257 hours).

We identified the patient as Daniel Dion Johannsen (DOB/1956-08-31) by MN DL, found in his wallet located in his back pocket. Daniel was positioned with his body on the floor, stomach down, and had the left side of his head against a green chair. Daniel was fully clothed with a winter stocking hat on and his wallet in his back right pocket. Daniel's fingers were discolored and blackened and there was pooling throughout Daniel's body. Daniel had a blanket covering his lower half, which, when uncovered, revealed what appeared to be a large wound from an animal, likely his dog. There were bite marks all around the wound and missing flesh. There was no blood around the wound or on the floor near the wound. Daniel did not have any obvious traumatic injuries on his body related to the death.

I verified that all doors and windows on the main level were secured. We searched the house for any obvious signs of a suspicious death with negative results. I did not locate any obvious video surveillance cameras in the home or area around the home.

I contacted Squad 104 (Sgt. D. Johnson) and advised him of the incident.

I contacted the Ramsey County Medical Examiner and advised them of the incident. Investigator T. Forrest advised that she would be arriving on scene to take custody of Daniel. I was later provided the RCME case number (2024-0909).

I took photos of the scene and later uploaded the photos to the media vault.

I made contact with the original comp, Mark Johannsen, who confirmed that he was the brother of Daniel. Mark advised that he last talked to Daniel on 03-08-24 and thought it was odd that Daniel had not called him recently. Mark stated that they talked with one another at least every other day. Mark said that Daniel had not been complaining of any health issues but did confirm that Daniel has a history with alcoholism and depression. I advised Mark of the investigation and provided him with my contact information with the case number to this incident. I later tried calling Mark back to provide him with the Medical examiners information but his voicemailbox was full.

The RCME arrived on scene and took custody of Daniel.

After the RCME left, a board up crew secured the rear door. I, Officer Phan, had to take a set of Daniel's keys to exit out of the front door to fully secure the home. I later turned the keys into the secure Western District Property Lockbox.

List of Photos for CN 24048144:

1. 24048144-03182024_132555-MISCRCS(IMG_1033).JPG - Front of 1063 Minnehaha Ave W
2. 24048144-03182024_132611-MISCRCS(IMG_1034).JPG - mailbox front door
3. 24048144-03182024_132643-MISCRCS(IMG_1035).JPG - mail inside mail box
4. 24048144-03182024_132816-MISCRCS(IMG_1036).JPG - East side of address
5. 24048144-03182024_132827-MISCRCS(IMG_1037).JPG - East side of address leading to

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6. 24048144-03182024_134905-MISCRCS(IMG_1038).JPG - From front door looking directly in
7. 24048144-03182024_134907-MISCRCS(IMG_1039).JPG - Living area from front door
8. 24048144-03182024_134912-MISCRCS(IMG_1040).JPG - Living area from front door
9. 24048144-03182024_134918-MISCRCS(IMG_1041).JPG - From living area towards kitchen and dining area
10. 24048144-03182024_134924-MISCRCS(IMG_1042).JPG - Dining area
11. 24048144-03182024_134931-MISCRCS(IMG_1043).JPG - kitchen area
12. 24048144-03182024_134937-MISCRCS(IMG_1044).JPG - kitchen area
13. 24048144-03182024_134945-MISCRCS(IMG_1045).JPG - From kitchen towards dining area
14. 24048144-03182024_135048-MISCRCS(IMG_1046).JPG - From dining area to living room
15. 24048144-03182024_135052-MISCRCS(IMG_1047).JPG - Living room
16. 24048144-03182024_135058-MISCRCS(IMG_1048).JPG - From dining area to Living room
17. 24048144-03182024_135108-MISCRCS(IMG_1049).JPG - Living room
18. 24048144-03182024_135113-MISCRCS(IMG_1050).JPG - Living room
19. 24048144-03182024_135116-MISCRCS(IMG_1051).JPG - Living room
20. 24048144-03182024_135118-MISCRCS(IMG_1052).JPG - Living room to basement
21. 24048144-03182024_135130-MISCRCS(IMG_1053).JPG - Overall patient
22. 24048144-03182024_135152-MISCRCS(IMG_1054).JPG - From back yard to back door
23. 24048144-03182024_135154-MISCRCS(IMG_1055).JPG - Back door
24. 24048144-03182024_135210-MISCRCS(IMG_1056).JPG - From outside Back door looking into living room
25. 24048144-03182024_135217-MISCRCS(IMG_1057).JPG - From back door to living room
26. 24048144-03182024_135221-MISCRCS(IMG_1058).JPG - Overall Living room
27. 24048144-03182024_135301-MISCRCS(IMG_1059).JPG - Overall patient
28. 24048144-03182024_135312-MISCRCS(IMG_1060).JPG - Overall patient
29. 24048144-03182024_135319-MISCRCS(IMG_1061).JPG - Overall patient
30. 24048144-03182024_135323-MISCRCS(IMG_1062).JPG - Overall patient
31. 24048144-03182024_135347-MISCRCS(IMG_1063).JPG - Overall patient
32. 24048144-03182024_135349-MISCRCS(IMG_1064).JPG - Overall patient
33. 24048144-03182024_135357-MISCRCS(IMG_1065).JPG - Close up patient
34. 24048144-03182024_135406-MISCRCS(IMG_1066).JPG - Close up patient
35. 24048144-03182024_135416-MISCRCS(IMG_1067).JPG - Close up patient
36. 24048144-03182024_135508-MISCRCS(IMG_1068).JPG - Patient
37. 24048144-03182024_135533-MISCRCS(IMG_1069).JPG - Close up patient injury
38. 24048144-03182024_135539-MISCRCS(IMG_1070).JPG - Close up patient injury
39. 24048144-03182024_135615-MISCRCS(IMG_1071).JPG - Wallet from Patients pocket
40. 24048144-03182024_135624-MISCRCS(IMG_1072).JPG - Wallet with cash inside
41. 24048144-03182024_135641-MISCRCS(IMG_1073).JPG - Old DL belonging to the patient
42. 24048144-03182024_135705-MISCRCS(IMG_1074).JPG - Close up of Patients stomach
43. 24048144-03182024_135807-MISCRCS(IMG_1075).JPG - Patients medication
44. 24048144-03182024_143137-MISCRCS(IMG_1076).JPG - Current DL of Patient
45. 24048144-03182024_143310-MISCRCS(IMG_1077).JPG - Damage door from emergency entry
46. 24048144-03182024_143314-MISCRCS(IMG_1078).JPG - Damage door from emergency entry

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- 47. 24048144-03182024_143318-MISCRCS(IMG_1079).JPG - Damage door from emergency entry
- 48. 24048144-03182024_143325-MISCRCS(IMG_1080).JPG - Damage door from emergency entry
- 49. 24048144-03182024_143333-MISCRCS(IMG_1081).JPG - Damage door from emergency entry
- 50. 24048144-03182024_144948-MISCRCS(IMG_1082).JPG - Area after patient was moved
- 51. 24048144-03182024_144950-MISCRCS(IMG_1083).JPG - Area after patient was moved
- 52. 24048144-03182024_144952-MISCRCS(IMG_1084).JPG - Area after patient was moved

The labeled photos were TRANSFERRED to the Media Vault.

There is no further information at this time.

Narrative 2 Created by: MCQUAY, JEREMIAH (434925) 03/19/2024, 08:53

Narrative :

I (Sergeant McQuay) am assigned to the Homicide and Robbery Unit for the St. Paul Police Department and was assigned this case for review and investigation. I began by reviewing all included reports and information for the parties involved, to determine the course of the investigation, as well as information gathering for possible criminal charges.

The officers on scene did not locate any evidence or information that would indicate this is a suspicious death. I reviewed the media vault pictures, and any evidence collected in the case. At this time, the death appears to be due to natural causes, and the case will be NOTED. If there is further information obtained, or if the Office of the Medical Examiner contacts us with suspicious results or alternate findings, the case will be immediately re-opened.

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Participants / Persons

Person 1

Daniel Dion Johannsen

DOB: 08/31/1956

1063 Minnehaha Avenue W, Saint Paul, MN 55104-1548

Info

Participant Type : Owner

Age : 67

Gender : Male

Race : White

Hispanic : No

Physical Description

Height : 508

Weight : 182

Eye Color : Hazel

Attributes

License / ID Number :

Associations

Participants

Role(s)	Association	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Name Suffix	DOB
Complainant	Sibling	JOHANNSEN	MARK			

Property

Role(s)	Association	Brand Name	Description	Value
Involved, Safekeeping	Owner		Keys	
NotApplicable	Owner		Livestock	

Person 2

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Mark Johannsen

Phone: 763-515-3622

Info		Phones	
Participant Type	: Complainant	Home Phone	: 763-515-3622
Gender	: Male		
Hispanic	: No		

Associations

Participants

Role(s)	Association	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Name Suffix	DOB
Patient, Deceased, Owner	Sibling	JOHANNSEN	DANIEL	DION		08/31/1956

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Property

Property 1

Involvement Type : NotApplicable

Quantity : 1

Property Description : Tan and white, Pitbull Mix, 35 LBS.

Article Description : Livestock

Associations

Participants

Role(s)	Association	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Name Suffix	DOB
Patient, Deceased, Owner	Owner	JOHANSEN	DANIEL	DION		08/31/1956

Property 2

Involvement Type : Safekeeping

Quantity : 6

Property Description : Set of keys and fob belonging to D. Johannsen.

Article Description : Keys

Associations

Participants

Role(s)	Association	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Name Suffix	DOB
Patient, Deceased, Owner	Owner	JOHANSEN	DANIEL	DION		08/31/1956

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