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Incident Overview

Case Status	:	**Closed**	Occ Date From	:	**09/18/2024, 15:11**
Case Number	:	**24-176399**	Occ Date To	:	**09/19/2024, 00:32**
Reported Date	:	**09/18/2024, 15:15:51**	Resistance Encountered	:	**No**
Location	:	**1458 Juliet Avenue, St Paul, MN 55105**			
Offenses	:	**Death-Investigation Of A Death**			

Incident Summary

Created by: **09/19/2024, 01:10**

Death Investigation.

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Staff Involved

Officer	Type	BWC	ICC	Resistance Encounter	Force Used	Vehicle Pursuit
Lenander, Travis (393253)	Submitter, Primary	Yes		No	No	No
Ryan, Jeremy (592200)	Submitter					
Urrutia, Nelson (701901)	Assisting			No	No	No

Narratives

Narrative 1 Created by: **LENANDER, TRAVIS (393253)** **09/19/2024, 01:10**

Synopsis :

Death Investigation.

Narrative :

On 09/18/2024 at approximately 2024 hours we, Squad 175T (Lenander/Urrutia) along with Squad 170 (Cha/McManus) responded to 1458 Juliet Ave for a welfare check. The complainant advised no one has heard from his sister in law since Sunday. Dispatch advised the subject of the welfare check was NELSON, Dee Lynn Beth (DOB: 12/20/1962, 1458 Juliet Ave).

We were advised by Squad 170 who was on scene, had been attempting knocking at the residence with negative results. They advised there was a vehicle was in the garage, the mail was piled up on the front porch and her garbage had not been put out. Per the neighbors, NELSON does bring her garbage out on a regular basis. When we arrived I attempted looking inside the residence but was unable to see much due to the shades being pulled down on all the windows. Squad 170 had advised Squad 108 (Sgt. Matsen) had been made aware of the call and stated we had permission to kick the door in. St. Paul Fire (SPF) Paramedics (Medic 14, Run #47135) arrived on scene. I knock loudly several times at the back door and announced we were the police doing a welfare check. I did not hear any response. SPF assisted with forcing the back door open using their breaching tools.

Upon the door being forced I was able to smell a foul odor coming from inside the residence. We searched the house and located a deceased cat on the living room floor. I also observed several dead flies on the ground as well and live flies in the air. Officer Urrutia advised he found NELSON in a bedroom. I saw NELSON and she appeared she was decomposing. She was face down on her bed and was in a position that she appeared to have fallen face first onto her bed from a standing

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position. Her arms were down at her side and she had on minimal clothing. The Paramedic Captain pronounced NELSON deceased at 2145 hours. Squad 108 was advised.

Squad 170 was able to get a hold of NELSON's brother, WELCH, Paul Daniel (DOB: 03/24/1960, 9987 245th Ave, Zimmerman MN, C/P: 763-568-2428). WELCH was advised NELSON was deceased and we would be calling the Medical Examiner to come to the residence. He advised he would not be coming to the residence tonight. He also did not have a funeral home in mind at this time. He did advise NELSON was diabetic. I also spoke with him and he advised he was fine with Animal Control coming to take the deceased cat and he did not want the cat cremated. Animal control had arrived and took possession of the deceased cat. They were provided with our case number.

We did search the residence and found the entire residence to be in organized condition and nothing seemed to be out of place. I also did not locate any type of note that could of been viewed as a suicide note. There were no signs of forced entry and no signs of any type of struggle inside the residence. We did not locate any medication of hers initially. Later on when the Medical Examiner was on scene, I did locate Insulin inside the fridge. The mail that was piled up on the porch did have NELSON's name on it. I was not able to locate an ID. It is possible it was inside her vehicle which was in the locked garage.

I contacted the Medical Examiner (Tina Forrest, Case #24-2838). I provided her with the details of the call and the contact information for WELCH. She and her assistant arrived on scene. She placed NELSON inside the plastic body bag and we assisted with carrying NELSON out onto the stretcher.

Officer Urrutia did take pictures of the scene including NELSON in the bed and then inside the plastic bag and uploaded them to Axon Capture.

When I spoke with WELCH I advised the house would be secured but I was unable to locate any house keys for the residence. I locked the front porch door and Squad 176 (Borowicz) who had been on scene as well, waited for the board up crew for the back door that had been forced open.

Nothing further at this time.

Narrative 2 Created by: **RYAN, JEREMY (592200)** **09/19/2024, 08:41**

Narrative :

CN: 24-176-399

RCME: 24-2838

SPFD: 240918047135, Medic 14

Subject: Case Assigned

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I (Sergeant Jeremy Ryan) am assigned to the Robbery/Homicide Unit for the St. Paul Police Department and was assigned this case for review and investigation. I began by reviewing all the included reports and information.

I noted that Officer Urrutia took pictures of the scene, although they have not been uploaded to Axon yet. I emailed Officers Urrutia and Lenander to check on the upload.

I conducted a limited BWC review and noted the scene/deceased.

I noted the RCME responded to the scene and recovered the deceased's, Dee Lynn Beth NELSON – 12/20/1962, body. This case will be reviewed again when the autopsy and toxicology results are available.

Narrative 3 Created by: **RYAN, JEREMY (592200)** **10/03/2024, 13:01**

Narrative :

CN: 24-176-399

RCME: 24-2838

SPFD: 240918047135, Medic 14

Subject: Case closed – NOTED

On 10/01/2024, I received the RCME External Examination report, which noted Dee NELSON died due to "Natural Causes." The manner of death was determined to be "Natural." This case will be closed – NOTED. The report was transferred to Axon.

Property: N/A

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Participants / Persons

Person 1

Darryl Deiman **DOB: 02/02/1956**
3556 Ebba Street, White Bear Lake, MN 55110
Phone: 651-482-0531

Info

Participant Type	:	**Complainant**
Age	:	**68**
Gender	:	**Male**
Race	:	**White**
Hispanic	:	**No**

Phones

Cell Phone	:	**651-482-0531**

Person 2

Deelynn Beth Nelson **DOB: 12/20/1962**
1458 Juliet Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55105-2565

Info

Participant Type	:	**Deceased**
Age	:	**61**
Gender	:	**Female**
Race	:	**Other**

Physical Description

Height	:	**501**
Weight	:	**140**
Eye Color	:	**Hazel**

Attributes

License / ID Number	:	[redacted]

Person 3

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Daniel Paul Welch DOB: 03/24/1960
9987 245th Avenue NW, Zimmerman , MN 55398
Phone: 763-568-2428

Info		
Participant Type	:	**Other**
Age	:	**64**
Gender	:	**Male**
Race	:	**White**
Hispanic	:	**No**

Phones		
Cell Phone	:	**763-568-2428**