

	Rochester Police Department EVENT SUPPLEMENT 101 4th Street SE Rochester, MN 55904	CASE# 2017-00023603
		REVIEWED BY 2358 Mitchell

SUPPLEMENT

Preliminary Information:

On 5/14/2017, around 13:12hrs, officers were dispatched to Aspen Suites located at 1211 2nd St. Sw. The complainant, the front desk clerk, called and advised that a guest in room #316 had committed suicide via "suffocation with a plastic bag". When officers arrived on scene, they found an 81 year old male named Peter William Smith deceased inside the hotel room from an apparant suicide. I assisted by notifying family of Smith's death.

Officer's Observations/Actions:

- After hearing officers being dispatched to this complaint, I started for the location.
- Ofc. Erickson and Ofc. Compton were on scene prior to my arrival and had been for about 15 minutes.
- When I arrived at the hotel, I went to room #316.
- As I got close to the door, I could see that it was partially open about inch or two and I could hear officers inside.
- The security latch had been placed in such a way to prevent the door from fully closing.
- I could see Smith through the partial opening on the ground to the left of the opening.
- His head was near the door and he was faced away from the opening.
- Ofc. Erickson and Ofc. Compton were inside.
- After I entered the room, I was breifed by Ofc. Erickson and Ofc. Compton.
- Smith left documentation on why he committed suicide, medical records, his written obitrary, and life insurance on an end table near the couch.
- Along with those items was also instructions on who to contact about his death.
- Linda and William Ransom were listed as persons Smith wanted contacted.
- Linda is Smith's daughter and William is his son in-law.
- They live in Lake Forest, IL.
- I contacted Lake Forest police department and they made notification with Linda and William.
- Linda and William called me after and I answered their questions and gave them the contact number for the Death Investigator Monica Kendall.
- Linda and William advised that they would contact Smith's wife and the rest of the family.
- I scanned and attached all the documents Smith left for us to see.
- At this time I have nothing further.

Disposition:

- Supplemental report only

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