Battle Creek Police Department

Incident Case Number: 16-005601

Reporting Agency: Battle Creek Police

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## INCIDENT/INVESTIGATION REPORT

**Agency Name:** Battle Creek Police Department  
**ORI:** MI 1323700

### INCIDENT DATA

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### VICTIM

- **Name:** ERWIN-SHEPPARD, CREE BRIANNE  
- **DOB:** 01/06/1992  
- **Race:** B  
- **Sex:** F  
- **Resident Status:** Resident  
- **Military Branch/Status:**  

### OTHERS INVOLVED

- **Name:** TANYA  
- **DOB:** 05/31/1963  
- **Race:** B  
- **Sex:** F  
- **Resident Status:** Resident  
- **Military Branch/Status:**

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### OFFICER/ID# & INVEST ID

- **Officer/ID#:** WIREBAUGH, T. M. (200295)  
- **Invest ID:** GILLEYLEN, T. (73788)

### Status & Case Disposition

- **Status:** Inactive  
- **Case Disposition:**

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Assisting Officers:  

Suspect Hate / Bias Motivated: **NONE**

**NARRATIVE**

**SUMMARY:**

Death investigation of a 24 year old female. Unknown cause of death.
REPORTING OFFICER NARRATIVE

Battle Creek Police Department

Offense
DEATH INVESTIGATION

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GCA
16-005601

Date/Time Reported
Mon 07/04/2016 00:40

#178690.WIREBAUGH.200864.NMM (7/4/16)

OFFICER'S OBSERVATIONS:

On July 4, 2016 at approx. 0040 hours I was dispatched to [redacted] for assist to medical. Dispatch advised a 24-year-old female was found unresponsive and not breathing. When I arrived I was directed to go to the backdoor. LifeCare medics and BCFD were arriving just before me.

I walked in the backdoor and contacted TANYA [redacted] who was very emotional and crying, stating she found her daughter unresponsive in the bedroom downstairs in the basement. After approx. 15 seconds, LifeCare medics started walking back up the stairs followed by BCFD personnel. One of the medics stated that the 24-year-old was deceased.

I did walk downstairs to [redacted] and into the basement. There is a side room off the basement that was turned into a bedroom. [redacted] stated that this bedroom is hers. In the middle of the bedroom is a bed which a female, ID as ERWIN-SHEPPARD, CREE BRIANNE, why lying across. ERWIN-SHEPPARD was not lying with the normal flow of the bed, from head-to-toe, as she was lying across it. Nothing was in disarray in the bedroom or throughout the basement.

LOCATION/DESCRIPTION OF BODY:

ERWIN-SHEPPARD was lying crossways across the bed wearing a tank top and pajama pants. There were no signs of trauma to the body.

INTERVIEW OF WITNESS TANYA [redacted]

I again contacted [redacted], who stated she is the mother to ERWIN-SHEPPARD. [redacted] said on Thursday June 30 ERWIN-SHEPPARD had an abortion. [redacted] did not know what medical facility ERWIN-SHEPPARD had the abortion at. Since having that procedure, ERWIN-SHEPPARD had been complaining of severe abdominal pain.

On the night of July 2, 2016 [redacted] took ERWIN-SHEPPARD to BBC Hospital for treatment for abdominal pain. ERWIN-SHEPPARD got medical treatment and was discharged from the hospital. ERWIN-SHEPPARD's discharge paperwork was located in her purse showing she was discharged on July 3, 2016 at 0035 hours. [redacted] estimated that they did arrive home from the hospital at that approx. date and time.

[redacted] said ERWIN-SHEPPARD does not live with her, but because she was in so much pain she did not want to go home and wanted to stay at [redacted]'s house. [redacted] allowed ERWIN-SHEPPARD to stay in her bed and [redacted] slept there with her. ERWIN-SHEPPARD was in so much pain that she climbed into bed crossways and did not want to move any further. [redacted] stated at approx. 5 a.m. she was getting very uncomfortable with the way ERWIN-SHEPPARD was sleeping across the foot of her bed and requested that she move up into the normal position.
ERWIN-SHEPPARD did move slightly into the normal sleeping spot in the bed. stated it was just enough for her to get comfortable again. When woke up in the morning she thought ERWIN-SHEPPARD was just sleeping in. A couple times throughout the day went down to check on ERWIN-SHEPPARD and she was still asleep.

stated in the afternoon hours of July 3 she went down to check on ERWIN-SHEPPARD. At this time, ERWIN-SHEPPARD was breathing and her breathing seemed labored. stated that she has a C-PAP machine for sleep apnea and her thoughts were that ERWIN-SHEPPARD was breathing like a person that had sleep apnea. Where described the sounds of ERWIN-SHEPPARD’s breathing, to me, I believed the sounds she was making to have been agonal breathing.

On July 4, 2016 at approx. 0040 hours went down to check on ERWIN-SHEPPARD again. It was at this time tried to wake ERWIN-SHEPPARD. stated ERWIN-SHEPPARD was cold to the touch and would not respond. After shaking and yelling at her she found that ERWIN-SHEPPARD was not breathing so she called 911.

stated no one else was in or out of the house other than her husband ERWIN. Both of them also live at.

Inside s bedroom were several different bottles of prescription medications. These bottles were prescribed to either TANYA or . There was one bottle prescribed to TANYA that was empty. This bottle did appear to be in a different spot than the rest of TANYA’s medications and next to s. This was a bottle of hydroxychloroquine. The bottle was filled on December 9, 2014 with 60 200mg pills.

stated that she recalls being prescribed this as she still currently takes this medication. stated that it would be out of the ordinary for her to not take all of the pills from the bottle, as again she is prescribed this and has to take it on a daily basis. stated it is possible that the bottle never got thrown away and was just still in the room.

M.F. AND CASE NUMBER:

I original was contacted on the phone by M.E. JOANNE CATANIA. CATANIA originally stated she was having trouble getting ahold of an M.E. to respond to scene and she provide me with an M.E. case number over the phone. That number is 0704-16-JC-207-CC.

I was then advised that ROBIN QUICK would be responding to the scene and she did.

FAMILY PHYSICIAN:

Unknown

MEDICATIONS:
DOCTOR PRONOUNCING DEATH:

The death was pronounced by LifeCare medic SPENCER HOFBAUER.

TIME OF DEATH:

0050

NEXT OF KIN NOTIFICATION:

TANYA was notified.

FUNERAL HOME:

At this time it is unknown which funeral home, but ERWIN-SHEPPARD’s body was removed by a contracted service by the county medical examiner’s office.

CRIME LAB/DETECTIVE:

Crime Tech Stansbery did respond to the scene and take photographs. Det. Sgt. Gileylen also responded to look over the scene, but no evidence was collected as none was located.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

ERWIN-SHEPPARD does have a 1-year-old child name was turned over to TANYA and she was informed about contacting the courts to get legal guardianship of.

CASE STATUS:

TOT DB and body sent for autopsy and toxicology results.
Battle Creek Fire Department: 2016-03587

Location: BATTLE CREEK MI 49007
Lat/Long: 
Location Type: 1 - Street address

Incident Type: 311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew
EMSID: 131007
FDID: 01303
Incident #: 2016-03587
Exposure ID: 18740190
Incident Date: 07/04/2016
Dispatch Run #: 16100866

Report Completed by: Matheny, Shawn F  ID: 17024  Date: 07/04/2016
Report Reviewed by: Fleisher Jr., Michael P  ID: 74466  Date: 07/05/2016

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Narrative from dispatch:

[Medical Priority Info] PROBLEM: not breathing # PATS: 1 AGE: 23 Years SEX: Female CONSCIOUS: No BREATHING: No [07/04/16 00:39:24 TREVINO] [Medical Priority Info] RESPONSE: ALS-1 RESPONDER SCRIPT: Not breathing at all. [07/04/16 00:39:27 TREVINO] [Medical Priority Info] Key Questions Complete RESPONSE: ALS-1 RESPONDER SCRIPT: 1. The cardiac arrest was not witnessed. 2. A defibrillator (AED) is not available. [07/04/16 00:39:38 TREVINO] ACCORDING TO THE FEMALE CALLER: THE PATIENT HAD AN ABORTION A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO HAS BEEN SLEEPING ALL DAY [07/04/16 00:41:14 EALLWARDT] CONFIRMED SIGNAL 15 [07/04/16 00:46:14 EALLWARDT]

Apparatus

- Unit: E2
- Type: Quint
- Use: Suppression
- Response Mode: Lights and Sirens
- # of People: 4
- Injury Or Onset: -- / -- / -- / -- / -- / --
- Alarm: 07/04/2016 00:39:27
- Dispatched: 07/04/2016 00:39:44
- Enroute: 07/04/2016 00:41:38
- Arrived: 07/04/2016 00:43:45
- Cancelled: -- / -- / -- / -- / -- / --
- Cleared Scene: 07/04/2016 00:50:31
- In quarters: -- / -- / -- / -- / -- / --
- In Service: 07/04/2016 00:50:31

Number of People not on apparatus: 0

Custom fields form:

- Was this run originally dispatched as an EMS call? Yes
- Did Battle Creek Fire Department send a Firefighter go with the ambulance to the hospital? No
- Was apparatus taken out of service because of sending personnel to the hospital with the ambulance? No
- If the firefighter rode to the hospital, where did the ambulance go to? N/A