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LAW Incident Table:

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Incident Number: 09C102858
Nature: Agency Assist
Addr= 835 MAIN ST
City: Castleton

ST: VT Zip: 05735

Area: 1103 CASTLETON
Contact: 430

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Lst:	Fst:	Mid:
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Offense Codes: ASST

Reported: ASST Observed:

Circumstances:

Rspndg Officers: Coote, S Mozzer, T Capogrossi, S &

Rspnsbl Officer: Capogrossi, S Agency: SPC1 CAD Call ID: 4026867

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Narrative:

Vermont State Police Investigative Narrative

Case Number: 09C102858

Officer: Det. Sgt. Capogrossi

Offense: Suicide

Date/ Time Complaint Received: 06-15-09 2358 hours

Date/Time of Crime: 06-15-09 between 2200 and 2337 hrs.

Victim: Patrick Farrow ([REDACTED])
835 Main Street
Castleton, VT 05732
[REDACTED]

Complainant: Susan Farrow ([REDACTED])
835 Main Street
Castleton, VT 05732
[REDACTED]

Description of Scene: 835 Main Street in Castleton, a yellow colored wood framed residence that was converted from a church into the residence and art gallery for Patrick Farrow and his wife, Susan.

Accused Information: N/A

Modus Operandi: The subject, Patrick Farrow shot himself once in the head with a Ruger .357 magnum revolver. The single penetrating gunshot wound entered the decedent's right side of his head, above his ear and to the left and exited through the same region on the left side of his head. The projectile and jacket from the bullet were found partially imbedded in the north wall of the decedent's bedroom. The decedent was found laying on his back, with his feet on the floor, his hands by his side. Underneath the victim was a green towel.

Weather Conditions: N/A

List of Exhibits:

1CD-containing the digitally recorded interview of Susan Farrow on 06-17-09 at the office of Attorney Andrew Carter.

1- Green towel found underneath the decedent
1-set of green bed sheets, a bottom fitted sheet and a top cover sheet.

List of Evidence: 1) The body of Patrick Farrow ([REDACTED])
2) Ruger SP101 357. Magnum revolver handgun
3) 1-empty shell casing found in the Ruger revolver handgun
4) 4-live 357 shells from the wheel of the Ruger revolver handgun

- 5) Projectile jacket pieces
- 6) 1-projectile jacket (apparent)
- 7) 1-projectile core (apparent)

Person(s) Interviewed: Susan Farrow ([REDACTED])
835 Main Street
Castleton, VT 05732

James Sheren ([REDACTED])
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Summary: This is a report of a suicide of a 67 year old male subject from Castleton, VT. The decedent was identified as Patrick Farrow ([REDACTED]). Farrow died as a result of a self inflicted single gunshot wound to the head. Farrow was at his residence at the time of the self inflicted gunshot. He had been with his wife and friend prior to the shooting.

James Sheren, a family friend had come over for dinner with the deceased and his wife. The decedent had been consuming vodka, his drink of choice, and became somewhat intoxicated. The subject was assisted to bed by his wife.

The dinner guest left the residence and drove to his nearby home. As the decedent's wife was on the phone with their daughter Brittney, she and her daughter heard a crash. Susan went to investigate and found the decedent had gotten out of bed and fell into the tub, pulling the shower curtain off the rod in the process. Susan gave the decedent a blanket and a pillow and left the deceased in the tub to sleep for the night as she didn't have the strength to remove him. She went about her business of cleaning up in the kitchen and then entered the bedroom sometime later to find that the decedent had shot himself.

Narrative: At approximately 0056 hours, this officer was contacted by dispatch concerning assisting Castleton Police Department with an untimely death of a male from a gunshot wound.

This officer immediately headed to the scene and was met at the door by Trooper Coote; the trooper was maintaining a crime scene log. Upon entering the residence at 835 Main Street in Castleton this officer was met by several police officers. Located just outside the door of the bedroom was a Castleton Police Officer. Upon entering the bedroom with Sgt. Mozzer this officer saw that Chief Sherwin of the Castleton Police Department was present on scene. This officer immediately was drawn to a male subject laying on his back, wearing only a shirt and t-shirt and one left sock. The deceased male was identified as Patrick Farrow ([REDACTED]).

The feet of the male were over the edge of the bed and on the floor. The male appeared to be between 5'09" and 5'11" tall and weighing approximately 180 pounds. He had gray hair and a medium build.

The male had suffered what appeared to be a single gunshot wound to the head. Officer's on the scene prior to my arrival pointed out the weapon they believed was involved. The weapon was found on top of the dresser and was eight feet away from the deceased. The weapon was a Ruger 357. Magnum revolver. There was

a book on top of the revolver at the time this officer saw the weapon. The weapon was not within reaching of the deceased as he lying on the bed.

Located near a door on the southern wall of the bedroom were two projectiles, sticking out of the wall. One projectile appeared to be that of a jacket from a bullet. Just below and to the right was what appeared to be a projectile from a bullet. Both items were deformed prior to entering the wall.

The gunshot wound appeared to have entered above the decedent's right ear and exited the left side of his skull. There was an expansion type wound on the left side of his head. The decedent's entry wound was catastrophic in nature, indicating the barrel of the revolver was pressed firmly against his head. This also reduced the amount of blow back on the weapon and hand. Although, the Vermont Forensic Lab and Crime Scene Search Team did locate some body material consistent with the suicide. (See accompanying reports).

On the floor of the bedroom near the feet of the deceased was a satchel type bag. The bag was open and believed to have contained the revolver prior to the shooting.

Based upon information gathered at the scene, the only other person present in the residence at the time of the shooting was the wife of the deceased. The deceased's wife was identified as Susan Farrow (). Susan was overwhelmed with the situation and was not making complete sense as she spoke with the Castleton Police Department Detective, Gary Boutin. This officer was introduced to Susan and asked if she would speak with me, and she responded by placing her shirt over her head and shaking her head no.

This officer had no further contact concerning the suicide with Susan that evening.

Because there was no statement from Susan as to what had transpired, only spontaneous admissions as to various incidents through out the night. This officer spoke briefly with Susan's daughter Justine (). Justine was pre-occupied with assisting her mother and gave little information to this officer.

I then contacted LT. Oliver concerning the suicide, and because of the location of the weapon and Susan's incoherence, it was determined that LT. Oliver would come to the scene. Upon arrival LT. Oliver was briefed and decided to contact the lab and have them process the scene. The Crime Scene Search Team was also contacted to assist.

Because of the length of time officers had been in the residence and the family had made overtures in wanting an attorney it was determined that a major crime warrant would be written.

Detective Gary Boutin wrote the search warrant with the assistance of the Rutland County State's Attorney.

Detective Sam Truex was tasked with interviewing James Sheren (). Sheren was the lone dinner guest that evening. He arrived at approximately 1730 hours, bringing a bottle of red wine and a bottle of Vodka. Sheren advised Det. Truex that he and Susan drank the wine as the deceased drank Vodka. Sheren wasn't sure if the deceased was drinking the Vodka he brought to the house or if he was drinking his own.

At approximately 2000 hrs, Sheren advised that the deceased started to slur his words. Sheren advised that the deceased soon went into the bedroom. Sheren and Susan assumed that the deceased had retired for the evening.

Sheren advised that he left the residence sometime between 2045 hrs, and 2100 hours, advising Susan as he left that he would call her upon arriving home. Sheren then advised that he attempted to call but found that the line was busy. This is approximately the same time that Susan was on the phone with her daughter Brittney. Brittney resides in the state of Washington. Brittney also confirmed with this officer that she heard the crash of her father falling into the tub, while on the phone with her mother.

Sheren then advised that he did receive a call back from Susan at approximately 2115 hours and that Susan seemed normal at that time.

At 0210 hrs, this officer and Det. Truex spoke briefly with Justine concerning her father. Justine advised that her father had some serious medical issues. He had prostate cancer and heart problems. Justine further advised that her father always carried a gun with him and he had talked about suicide in the past. He was on several medications and did drink. She advised that her father was gun savvy however, her mother was not. Justine further advised that her mother appeared to be in shock over the incident.

At approximately 0230 hours, this officer spoke with Brittney via the telephone and she confirmed with this officer that her father has often talked about suicide for the last few years and that he carried a handgun with him. She advised that she was horrified and upset but was not surprised that he had shot himself.

The search warrant was executed at approximately 1030 hours. The Crime Scene Search Team gathered evidence that was consistent with that of a suicide. The body was transported north for autopsy by Duchame Funeral Home later in the day.

A neighborhood canvas was conducted with negative results for any information pertaining to the suicide.

Preliminary information from Crime Scene Search Team members was that the victim did have a pinch mark on his finger consistent with the hammer of a revolver striking the fleshy portion of his hand.

At 11:11 hours the Rutland County State's Attorney authorized the removal of the body to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner after the completion of tasks by the Crime Scene Search Team.

An interview with his wife Susan was scheduled for 1400 hours, on June 17, 2009 at her attorney Andrew Carter's office.

During that interview Susan advised that James Sheren did come over for dinner that evening. She advised that she and James drank wine and Patrick had consumed Vodka. She advised that nothing of consequence took place until 2230 hours, while she was on the phone with Brittney; she heard the crash into the tub.

Susan advised that she provided a pillow and blanket for Patrick as he was too heavy to be lifted out of the tub. Susan admitted that Patrick might have had

too much alcohol.

She did advise that while in the tub, Patrick stated "I'm already dead." Susan advised that James had left less than an hour prior to her hearing the crash. Susan then advised that she went to check on Patrick in the tub but he was no longer there. She added that Patrick eats spinach every night, and she knew that night he had not eaten any and was going to check with him to see if he wanted it at this time.

Susan advised that she went into the bedroom and found Patrick lying on the bed. She advised that he looked pale. She got the phone and called 911.

Susan further advised that she didn't know Patrick had shot himself, she added that she picked up his head and knew something was wrong but didn't know he was dead until the Castleton Police officer told her.

Susan further advised that she saw the blood but believed that it was related to the blood thinning medication her husband was taking. She then advised she had no recollection of seeing the handgun and had no recollection of moving the gun, but did advise that it was possible that she could have moved it and not remembered.

Susan explained that Patrick had become somewhat paranoid about the residence and that she was aware that he had a gun. She continued saying that Patrick would enjoy going to the quarries and practicing with the gun.

Susan then advised that she had no recollection of kissing her husband prior to making the phone call. She admits to lifting his head but did not remember the kiss.

Susan added that Patrick would talk about suicide and even talked about the methodology of using the gun for the suicide. She then added that Patrick believed that he did have the right to suicide as his life was nearing the end and he was beset with illness.

Susan described Patrick as fragile, his wrists were worn out from sculpting and he could no longer do the difficult work required of sculpting. His heart was irregular because of a leaking heart valve. He had suffered through prostate cancer and as a result they could no longer travel because Patrick had to be near the bathroom.

Susan further advised that Patrick would get dizzy and would tire easily. She believed that her husband was a controlled alcoholic, although she did not know to what extent he would drink. She did advise that he would drink daily and was consistent in his drinking habits.

She described Patrick as unusual, creative, brilliant, stating that they loved each other and that Patrick always made her laugh. She believed that they had found peace.

Susan summed up her statement advising that she knew that suicide was always in the back of her mind and told Patrick that he should think of the living and that what ever happens that it should be done outdoors. Susan advised that she could not discuss suicide with Patrick for any length of time.

Nothing further of importance was discussed therefore the interview was

concluded.

Based upon the facts and circumstances of this investigation the manner of death is considered suicide and the method of death is a single self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head.

Detective Sergeant Samuel Capogrossi

Law Supplemental Narrative:

Seq Name	Date	Supplemental Narratives Narrative
1 Scribner, J	10:15:16 06/25/2009	

supplement - J. Scribner - 06/25/09
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1. On 06/15/09 at approximately 0800 dispatch requested that I respond to the Castleton outpost for a briefing on a suspicious death.

2. After the briefing, I responded to the scene located at 835 Main St. in Castleton. My assignment was a neighborhood canvas. I went up to four houses west of the decedent's residence. Phil Marcell at 875 Main St. was the only one home at these four houses. He advised he was home around 7pm and didn't hear anything unusual that evening. He had nothing further to add to the investigation. I then assisted Det. Sgt. Capogrossi in the neighborhood canvas but did not speak with anyone else.

3. This ended my involvement.

js/06/25/09

DETECTIVE TROOPER JULIE SCRIBNER
VSP NEW HAVEN