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	01-08-002294	03/23/2008 10:27	03/22/2008 02:30	03/23/2008 10:27	Original	
	<b>Dept. Classification</b>		<b>Case Status</b>	<b>Date Report Completed</b>	<b>Cleared Scene</b>	
	DOA/BODY FOUND 7014			03/23/2008	03/23/2008 13:40	
	<b>Common Name</b>					
	City Of Lakewood - 1274 BONNIEVIEW AV Apt. 3 LAKEWOOD, OH 44107 (CUYAHOGA County)					
<b>Day of Week : Saturday</b>			<b>Shift : Patrol Days 0700 - 1900</b>			
Dispatched : 03/23/2008 10:27			Zone : BEAT 200			
Responded : 03/23/2008 10:27			Alcohol/Drug Related : No			
Arrived : 03/23/2008 10:34			Additional Officers : 72, 20			
Map Reference : RD12			Total Damaged Property Value : \$0.00			
Zone : BEAT 200			Total Stolen Property Value : \$0.00			
Shift : Patrol Days 0700 - 1900			Total Recovered Property Value : \$0.00			

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<b>P E R S O N  1</b>	<b>Person Type</b>	<b>Business/Person Name</b>			<b>Business Phone</b>
	SUB - Subject	MATTHEW E HOCKEY			
	<b>Home Phone</b>	<b>Person Address</b>			<b>Map Reference</b>
		1274 BONNIEVIEW AV Apt. 3RD Lakewood, OH 44107 , CUYAHOGA County			
	<b>Other Phone</b>	<b>Employer Address</b>			<b>Map Reference</b>
<b>Race</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>SSN</b>	<b>DL Exp. Date</b>	<b>DL Number</b>	
White	Male	[REDACTED]			
<b>Birth Date</b>	<b>Birth City</b>				
Age : 30			Adult/Juvenile : ADULT		
Occupation :			Employer :		

<b>P E R S O N  2</b>	<b>Person Type</b>	<b>Business/Person Name</b>			<b>Business Phone</b>
	COM - Complainant	MARTIN A HOCKEY			
	<b>Home Phone</b>	<b>Person Address</b>			<b>Map Reference</b>
	<b>Other Phone</b>	<b>Employer Address</b>			<b>Map Reference</b>
<b>Race</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>SSN</b>	<b>DL Exp. Date</b>	<b>DL Number</b>	
White	Male	[REDACTED]			
<b>Birth Date</b>	<b>Birth City</b>				
Age : 51			Adult/Juvenile : ADULT		
Occupation :			Employer :		

<b>P E R S O N  3</b>	<b>Person Type</b>	<b>Business/Person Name</b>			<b>Business Phone</b>
	OIV - Others Involved	JEAN R VERLOTTI			
	<b>Home Phone</b>	<b>Person Address</b>			<b>Map Reference</b>
	<b>Other Phone</b>	<b>Employer Address</b>			<b>Map Reference</b>
<b>Race</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>SSN</b>	<b>DL Exp. Date</b>	<b>DL Number</b>	
White	Female	[REDACTED]			
<b>Birth Date</b>	<b>Birth City</b>				
Age : 51			Adult/Juvenile : ADULT		
Occupation :			Employer :		

<b>Reporting Officer</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Report Status:</b>
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<b>Supervising Officer</b>		<b>Date/Time</b>
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<b>P E R S O N</b>  <b>4</b>	<b>Person Type</b> OIV - Others Involved		<b>Business/Person Name</b> JEFFERY R PHILLIPS			<b>Business Phone</b>	
	<b>Home Phone</b>		<b>Person Address</b>			<b>Map Reference</b>	
	<b>Other Phone</b>		<b>Employer Address</b>			<b>Map Reference</b>	
	<b>Race</b> White		<b>Sex</b> Male	<b>SSN</b> [REDACTED]		<b>DL Exp. Date</b>	<b>DL Number</b>
	<b>Birth Date</b>		<b>Birth City</b>				
	<b>Age : 27</b>			<b>Adult/Juvenile : ADULT</b>			
<b>Occupation :</b>			<b>Employer :</b>				

<b>P E R S O N</b>  <b>5</b>	<b>Person Type</b> OIV - Others Involved		<b>Business/Person Name</b> CHRISTY L WATKINS			<b>Business Phone</b>	
	<b>Home Phone</b>		<b>Person Address</b> 1274 BONNIEVIEW AV Apt. 2ND Lakewood, OH 44107 , CUYAHOGA County			<b>Map Reference</b>	
	<b>Other Phone</b>		<b>Employer Address</b>			<b>Map Reference</b>	
	<b>Race</b> White		<b>Sex</b> Female	<b>SSN</b> [REDACTED]		<b>DL Exp. Date</b>	<b>DL Number</b>
	<b>Birth Date</b>		<b>Birth City</b>				
	<b>Age : 47</b>			<b>Adult/Juvenile : ADULT</b>			
<b>Occupation :</b>			<b>Employer :</b>				

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SGT. B. WILKINS SIR:

Detailed with PTL. EIKENS and SQUAD 2 to 1274 Bonnieview Ave. on a report of a dead body. Squad 2 arrived prior to PTL. EIKENS and I. Officers were directed to the third floor apartment where we were met by Paramedics RUFFO and TIPPIE, as well as the complainant, COM/MARTIN A. HOCKEY. MARTIN advised the following.

MARTIN stated that the deceased person was his son, SUB/MATTHEW E. HOCKEY. He advised that the last time he actually spoke with MATTHEW was on 3-15-08. This was MATTHEW'S thirtieth birthday. He took MATTHEW to dinner and gave him a birthday card. He had tried to call him on the phone on 3-22-08 from approximately Noon until late in the evening. He never got an answer when calling MATTHEW'S cellular phone. MATTHEW did not have a home phone line and used only his cellular phone.

At approximately 2200 hours on 3-22-08, MATTHEW'S mother, OIV/JEAN R. VERLOTTI, arrived at MATTHEW'S apartment. She had also been trying to call MATTHEW all day long and was not able to make contact. She noticed that his car was still parked in the garage and there were no tire tracks in the snow leading from the garage down the driveway. She tried to gain access to his apartment but was not able to get inside the secured exterior doors. She also was not able to speak with the residents of either the first or second floor apartments.

On this date, she contacted MARTIN and advised him that MATTHEW did not arrive to meet her for Easter morning brunch, as was previously arranged. MARTIN told VERLOTTI that he would respond to the apartment "find a way inside" the apartment. MARTIN arrived at approximately 1025 hours on this date. He banged on the front, exterior door of the home and the second floor resident allowed him inside. He then walked to the third floor apartment.

MARTIN said that the front door to the apartment was slightly ajar. He walked inside and began to shout out for MATTHEW. He did not get an answer. He walked from the front living room area to the bedroom area. He looked at the bed and did not initially see MATTHEW. He saw that there was a white down comforter on the bed. He then walked to the bathroom and kitchen areas of the home and still could not locate MATTHEW. He said that he immediately noticed a strong odor when he walked inside the apartment. MATTHEW had a pet cat that had defecated on the living room floor. He walked into the bedroom area and pulled the white comforter away slightly and saw MATTHEW lying on the bed. He immediately noticed that the bottom side of his legs were purple and that he was cold and stiff to the touch. He then called this department.

Paramedics TIPPIE and RUFFO advised that MATTHEW was pronounced deceased by Dr. BRANCH at 1035 hours. In looking around the apartment, it was rather neat and orderly. There were no signs that a struggle had taken place inside the apartment. There is a vented gas space heater that heats the apartment. That had been turned on, heating the room to approximately 80 degrees Fahrenheit. This had been turned off by PARAMADICS TIPPIE and RUFFO prior to officers arrival. They had also opened one window at both the east and west ends of the apartment, allowing cool air to vent the home.

MARTIN advised that MATTHEW did not have any medical problems. He said that when he was a small boy he had asthma but that had gone away as he grew up. He also did not have a doctor or take any prescription medications. He advised that MATTHEW did not use drugs but he was a big binge drinker. He advised that MATTHEW would work and attend school during the week but would drink heavily on the weekends, staying at the bar until management forced him to leave. He also added that

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MATTHEW moved into that particular apartment so that he would be closer to his favorite drinking establishments, allowing him to walk home. He did this because he has had multiple OVI arrests in the past.

I was able to speak with INV. DUNCAN of the Coroner's Office. He was provided with all the pertinent information. He advised that an investigator would be sent out. This call was placed at 1115 hours. At approximately 1244 hours, INV. DUNCAN arrived with drivers FERN and KOTAR of Advanced Ambulance Unit #22. They were able to remove the white down comforter from MATTHEW'S body.

In looking at MATTHEW'S body, he was lying on his right side with his face down, on a mattress. The mattress was not on a frame but was merely sitting on the bedroom floor. There was a blue bed sheet on the mattress. There were two pillows at what appeared to be the head of the bed. MATTHEW'S feet were to the north and his head was to the south. He was wearing black ankle high socks, blue plaid boxer shorts, one long sleeved black t-shirt and one short sleeved black t-shirt. There was a white metal wrist watch on his left wrist and a black rubber bracelet on his right wrist. There was no other jewelry on his body. He was cold to the touch and rigor mortis had set in, making his limbs very stiff. The underside of his body had turned purple from lividity.

His face was pressed tight against a pillow that was located on the floor between the mattress and the wall. The top of his head was pressed against the wall.

INV. MOHER had arrived and was able to photograph the entire apartment, including MATTHEW'S body. As FERN and KOTAR moved MATTHEW'S body, officers were able to view both his front and back sides. There were no signs of trauma or foul play to his body. There was some blood that had flowed from his nose. INV. DUNCAN advised this was probably as a result of his death, not a cause of death. There also were two small abrasions to the left side of his head. These both appeared to have been in the healing process and had been scabbing over at the time of his death. These appeared to be similar to a "rug burn."

On the floor next to the bed was one pair of black boots and one pair of blue jeans. Inside the pockets of the blue jeans was one opened pack of cigarettes, a lighter, an open can of smokeless tobacco, one open pack of chewing gum and one Verizon cellular phone. The phone did not have a charge. All of these items were collected by INV. DUNCAN. In looking in the kitchen, a calendar was located on top of the microwave. MATTHEW was in the habit of crossing out each day as they passed. The last day that was crossed off the calendar was Friday, 3-21-08.

The Coroner's Office removed MATTHEW'S body from the apartment and sealed the front and back doors. The back door had been dead bolted on arrival. The front door, it was learned, would not latch tightly unless the dead bolt was secured.

PTL. EIKENS was able to speak with the neighbors who lived on the second floor. He spoke with OIV/CHRISTY L. WATKINS. WATKINS advised that on Friday 3-21-08 at approximately 2230 hours, she heard MATTHEW arrive home. She knew he had arrived because his car is very loud. WATKINS said that the rest of the evening was uneventful. She went to bed. At approximately 0230 hours on 3-22-08, she woke up to go to the bathroom. While she was awake, she heard MATTHEW having a phone conversation with someone. She said that MATTHEW was yelling very loud and that every other word was a swear word. She had no idea who he was talking to or what the exact nature of the conversation was but she did hear MATTHEW yell: "I want to kill you" and "I want to murder you!" She then heard MATTHEW yell: "I'll settle down when I want to!" She then went to bed and did not hear anything else the rest of the night.

As officers were leaving the home, we were met by OIV/JEFFERY R. PHILLIPS. PHILLIPS advised that he was MATTHEW'S "best friend" and that the two men spoke on the phone at least twenty times a day. JEFFERY advised that he had been trying to call MATTHEW constantly all day Saturday

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3-22-08. He never was able to contact him. He then sent him numerous text messages. He advised that he never received a reply to any of the text messages. He then added that all of his text messages were read by someone because his cell phone places a small check mark next to the text message when the recipient reads it. He stated that the last text message he sent to MATTHEW was at 2158 hours on 3-22-08. His cell phone shows that this text message was read by someone.

PHILLIPS advised that MATTHEW had been seeing a new girl recently. He only knew that her name was "ASHLEY" and that she was about twenty years old. He said that he does not know her, where she lives, or how to contact her. He stated that MATTHEW and "ASHLEY" have been arguing recently. He said that "ASHLEY" and MATTHEW met at Cuyahoga Community College where both are students. They were merely friends for a long time but had recently started dating. He advised that she would "fuck with his head on practically a daily basis." He explained this by saying that she would make plans with him but then never show up or never return phone calls/text messages. He said that MATTHEW seemed to be "possessed" with "ASHLEY" but not to the point where he would have harmed himself or her. He also added that MATTHEW has been angry with her recently because he learned that she has been dating other men. PHILLIPS advised that "ASHLEY'S" phone number will be stored inside MATTHEW'S phone.

MATTHEW'S cat was taken by VERLOTTI.

*CC: CORONER'S OFFICE ✓  
HEALTH DEPT. ✓*

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