



WINNEBAGO COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE

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CASE NUMBER: 15-000-110
ASSIGNED DEPUTY: Jason Graciana

INCIDENT REPORT

Date: 01/11/2015 Time: 0430 hrs Day: Sunday OFFENSE CODE: 7632

Place of Death: 1316 Midway Dr. Rockford, IL 61103

Location of Incident: 1316 Midway Dr. Rockford, IL 61103

Reporting Deputy: Jason Graciana

Assisting Deputies:

Decedent: Seago, Kayla

Phone:

Address: 1316 Midway Drive

City: Rockford

State: IL

Zip: 61103

Date of Birth: 04/23/1990

Age: 24 Year(s)

Race: White

Sex: Female

Complainant: Rockford Fire Department Dispatcher

Employment Phone: 815-987-5648

Place of Employment: Rockford 911 Center

Race: N/A

Sex: N/A

Next of Kin: Frank Sinkiawic

Phone: 402-612-2568

Relationship: Father

Address: 356 River Park Road

City: Loves Park

State: IL

Zip: 61111

Date of Birth:

Age:

Race: White

Sex: Male

Other Entity: Brenda Kennedy

Phone: 779-770-5326

Relationship: Mother

Address: 2902 Lapey Street

City: Rockford

State: IL

Zip: 61109

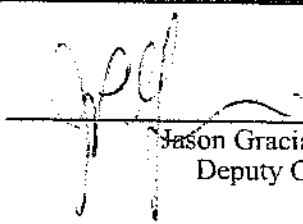
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Deputy's Signature:


Jason Graciana #3140
Deputy Coroner

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Details of Incident:

On 1/11/15 at 0430 hours the Coroner's Office was contacted by the Rockford Fire Department in reference to an apparent hanging death at 1316 Midway Drive in Rockford. This reporting Deputy responded to the residence. Upon my arrival I met with Rockford Police Department personnel outside of the residence. It was learned that the decedent, identified as Ms. Kayla Seago was located on the floor in the basement. I was advised that a male subject who was identified as Mr. Billy Opsahl came over to this residence this morning to find the back door wide open. Police stated that Mr. Opsahl was Ms. Seago's ex-boyfriend/father of her child(ren). It was reported that Mr. Opsahl entered the residence to find Ms. Seago hanging from a pipe in the ceiling of the basement. The male subject stated that he proceeded to cut Ms. Seago down and he called 911. The time of call was 0415 hours on this date. Upon fire department personnel arrival Ms. Seago was found pulseless and not breathing. She was deemed beyond resuscitation at the scene. Police stated that when they spoke with Mr. Opsahl he stated the decedent texted him this morning, saying she was going to commit suicide. He also stated that Ms. Seago texted him a picture of herself with a noose around her neck. After receiving these text messages Mr. Opsahl stated he came over to the residence to find Ms. Seago hanging. When police asked Mr. Opsahl to see the picture the male subject stated that he must have deleted it. Police stated that Mr. Opsahl was later able to find the picture that was sent, but not the text message that stated Ms. Seago was going to kill herself. Police was advised by Mr. Opsahl that this was not the first time Ms. Seago had threatened to commit suicide to him.

After obtaining this information I was led to the basement where the decedent was located. Ms. Seago was found lying supine on the basement floor. She was dressed in jeans, socks, shirt and sweatshirt. There was a chair near her feet. I was advised the chair was overturned when police and EMS personnel arrived. A piece of black nylon belt was found in the floor near the decedent's head. The belt appeared to be cut. Also near the decedent's head on the floor was a yellow handled knife. An bottle of Alprazolam prescribed to Ms. Seago was found on the floor near the decedent prior to my arrival at the scene. It was placed on a table in the basement by EMS personnel. These items were photographed by this Deputy. The medications bottle, along with bottles of Fluoxetine prescribed to Ms. Seago were taken into custody by this Deputy. Above the decedent on the ceiling was a black nylon belt, which was attached to a pipe in the ceiling. The belt appeared to be cut. Further photographs were taken. Upon examination there was dried and smeared blood present around Ms. Seago's nose and both hands. There was also an apparent laceration to her bottom lip. Ligation marks with abrasions were present on her neck. Further photographs were taken by this Deputy. After advising police of my findings, detectives and crime scene unit personnel were called to the scene for further investigation. This reporting Deputy was shown the photograph that was allegedly sent to Mr. Opsahl. The picture showed Ms. Seago standing with a black nylon belt tied around her neck. The picture appeared to have been taken at the scene. There was no blood present on Ms. Seago's nose or face at that time. Police took the phone containing the picture into their custody. Police advised that there were conflicting stories between Mr. Opsahl and other subjects he was with at the time of this incident. I was also advised that Ms. Seago's phone was found upstairs in the living room, not downstairs where the alleged picture was taken.



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Police stated there was a history of domestic violence between Mr. Opsahl and Ms. Seago. They also stated that Ms. Seago had an Order of Protection against Mr. Opsahl. I proceeded to contact Chief Deputy Coroner Bill Hintz, and he responded to the residence.

After the Rockford Police Crime Scene Unit conducted their on scene investigation paper bags were secured on Ms. Seago's hands by this Deputy. With the assistance of Chief Deputy Hintz, Ms. Seago was transferred to a body bag and secured. She was then transferred to the stretcher and placed into the coroner's vehicle. Ms. Seago was transported to the Public Safety Building Morgue by this Deputy. Upon arrival at the morgue at 0725 hours Ms. Seago was weighed, registered and placed into refrigeration. Dr. Mark Peters was contacted and he was advised of the impending autopsy. Prior to leaving Ms. Seago's residence I was able to find an address for her mother, Ms. Brenda Kennedy's residence. After arriving back at the office I contacted the Rockford Police Department Chaplain's office to make death notification. Ms. Kennedy was notified of her daughter's death, and she proceeded to call the coroner's office. Ms. Kennedy was advised of the circumstances and of the Coroner's Inquest procedure. Ms. Kennedy stated that Ms. Seago did have a history of bi-polar disorder. She was currently taking Alprazolam and Fluoxetine. Family was not aware of any prior suicide threats or attempts by Ms. Seago. Ms. Kennedy was advised of the impending autopsy.

On 1/12/15 at 0900 hours the autopsy was performed by Dr. Mark Peters. Others present were Jeanie Mann, Dr. Peters' assistant, Deputy Coroner Emily Behnke, and personnel from the Rockford Police Department and Winnebago County State's Attorney Office. Findings of the autopsy were soft tissue hemorrhages of the larynx and no fracture of the nose. Blood, urine and vitreous fluid were obtained and sent to the American Institute of Toxicology for further testing. Photographs were taken by Deputy Behnke. The autopsy was completed at 0950 hours. The preliminary cause of death was given asphyxia due to hanging. Ms. Seago was subsequently released to Delehanty Funeral Home on 1/13/15.

On 1/28/15 the toxicology report was received from the American Institute of Toxicology. Per the report Ms. Seago was positive for the following:

Blood:	Alprazolam	85.0 ng/mL
	Ethanol	0.066%
	Fluoxetine	504 ng/mL
	Norfluoxetine	311 ng/mL
	Caffeine	
Urine:	Ethanol	0.148%
Vitreous:	Ethanol	0.095%

All other tests performed were negative. For further information refer to the toxicology report. The autopsy report was received from Dr. Peters. Per the report Ms. Seago's death was attributed to asphyxia due to hanging. After receiving this report I spoke with Dr. Peters in reference to his findings. He stated that the



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hemorrhages of the larynx were an unusual finding associated with a suicidal hanging, but not unheard of, per his experience. For further information refer to the autopsy report. The Rockford Police Department is investigating this case. A temporary death certificate was issued pending the Coroner's Inquest.

For additional information regarding this incident, see reports by:

Rockford Police Department report, case # 15-004256

Social Security Number: 321-86-2660

Date & Time of Death: 1/11/2015 at 0503 hours

Funeral Home: Delehanty Funeral Home

Autopsy: Yes

Samples: Yes

Photographs: Yes

Donations: No

Cause of Death: A.) Asphyxia

B.) Hanging

C.)

Cont.)