

Forsyth County Sheriff's Office

OCA: 2018110177

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Case Status: UNFOUNDED

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Occurred: 11/04/2018

Offense: DECEASED PERSON

Investigator: SEXTON, T. R. (B2683)

Date / Time: 02/19/2019 12:25:51, Tuesday

Supervisor: KALIN, A. H. (B2637)

Supervisor Review Date / Time: 02/19/2019 12:34:44, Tuesday

Contact:

Reference: Close Case Status

Based upon the completed investigation as set forth in this case file, this case is reclassified from an Open/Active Investigation to a Closed status. The manner of death was determined to be an accidental death by fall and the cause of death was determined to be multiple blunt force injuries.

The Medical Examiner's final autopsy report was received by the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office on February 6, 2019. Such delivery date is within the typical delay of receiving such autopsy reports from the Georgia Bureau of Investigations Medical Examiner's Office. The injuries sustained to Mrs. Horsford were deemed to be consistent with those received in a fall. No evidence or injury patterns indicative of any assault or foul play were noted by Sheriff's Detectives or in the Coroner's or State of Georgia Medical Examiners reports. The severity of injuries sustained were indeed fatal and consistent with injuries sustained in a fall from an elevated position. Both the fractured wrist, head and torso trauma were found by the Medical Examiner's Office to be consistent with injuries sustainable in such a fall. Crime scene findings by the Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Unit and Crime Scene Investigation Unit support the injuries being sustained in a fall from the rear deck of the residence. Blood alcohol and toxicology results received from the GBI Medical Examiner's Office indicated a high level of intoxication and complete reports are included in this case file. Exhaustive interviews with multiple witnesses, family and neighborhood canvasses were conducted by Sheriff's Detectives throughout this investigation.

Sheriff's Detectives have met with family members on multiple occasions to share case status, hear any concerns and offer opportunities to present any known evidence. At conclusion, no evidence of criminal activity has been discovered in this investigation. Reviews of complaints of a delayed 911 call have been made by friends of the deceased, and random social media and internet sources. Detectives have confirmed that the initial 911 call for assistance was made within minutes of the initial discovery of the deceased, and multiple witnesses observed the deceased from initial discovery until the arrival of Sheriff's Deputies. No evidence of tampering or alteration of any evidence has been found.

This case was investigated in conjunction with the Forsyth County Coroner's Office as well as the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Medical Examiner's Office. If at any time in the future new credible information comes to light this case may be re-opened.

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Investigator Signature

Supervisor Signature