



ROCK ISLAND
ILLINOIS

July 17, 2023

Alex Halperin
WeedWeek
122 Gaviota Av.
Long Beach, CA 90802

Dear Alex Halperin,

We received your request for information through the Freedom of Information Act on July 14, 2023 regarding, "Writing to request the death certificate and all additional documents pertaining to the death of a worker at the Green Thumb Industries facility this week."

Enclosed you will find the report as requested.

If you have questions regarding your Freedom of Information request, you may contact Sgt. Matthew Franks, Freedom of Information Officer for the Rock Island Police Department at 309-732-2510 between the hours of 7:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Sincerely,

Richard T. Landi
Chief of Police

Enclosure

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Police - Freedom of Information Request (FOIA) - Submission #10756

Date Submitted: 7/14/2023

Please complete all information. Once submitted, your FOIA request will be processed. By law, the City has up to five business days to respond to your request. The first day begins the day after you submit your request. Requests submitted after hours are recorded as submitted the following business day.

First Name of Requestor:*

Alex

Last Name of Requestor:*

Halperin

Company:

WeedWeek

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State:*

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Zip Code:*

90802

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Preferred Method of Document Delivery:*

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Report Number:

Records Requested for: Names(s) and Date(s) of Birth

Description of Records Sought.*

Writing to request the death certificate and all additional documents pertaining to the death of a worker at the Green Thumb Industries facility this week.

Date received on:

7/14/2023

Date Response Due Back:

7/21/2023

Rock Island Police Department

Case RI23-03411

Printed on July 14, 2023

Status	Approved
Report Type	Incident
Primary Officer	Austin Frankenreider
Investigator	None
Reported At	07/14/23 06:40
Incident Date	07/14/23 06:38 - 07/14/23 06:39
Incident Code	MBREATHING : Breathing Problems
Location	8221 51ST ST W, ROCK ISLAND, IL 61201 (GTI (8221 51ST ST W RI))
Zone	RIPD
Beat	RI05
Court	None
Ereferral County	None
Summary Of Incident	
Disposition	Inactive
Disposition Date/Time	07/14/23 09:09
Review for Gang Activity	Not Applicable
Flock Camera Utilized	No

Offense Information

Offense	SUDDEN DEATH - NATURAL CAUSES
Statute	9431
NIBRS Code	
Counts	1
Include In NIBRS	Yes
Completed	Yes
Bias Motivation	None (no bias)
Location	Other/Unknown
Entry Forced	No

Complainant

HESS, MICHAEL ALAN - Age 33	9431 - SUDDEN DEATH - NATURAL CAUSES
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Victim

DEVINNEY, JULIE M - Age 60	9431 - SUDDEN DEATH - NATURAL CAUSES
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Other

CESSNA, TANNER LEE - Age 31	Involved/Other: 9431 - SUDDEN DEATH - NATURAL CAUSES
DEVINNEY, JOHN A - Age 62	Involved/Other: 9431 - SUDDEN DEATH - NATURAL CAUSES
HERMISTON, AMY - Age 37	Involved/Other: 9431 - SUDDEN DEATH - NATURAL CAUSES

Names Mentioned in Narratives

CESSNA, TANNER LEE	01 - Incident
DEVINNEY, JOHN A	01 - Incident

DEVINNEY, JULIE M

01 - Incident

HERMISTON, AMY

01 - Incident

HESS, MICHAEL ALAN

01 - Incident

Rock Island Police Department

Victim Form - DEVINNEY, JULIE M

Printed on July 14, 2023

DEVINNEY, JULIE M

Case Information

Case #	RI23-03411
Primary Officer	Frankenreider, Austin
Time	07/14/23 06:38

Victim of Offenses

9431	9431 - SUDDEN DEATH - NATURAL CAUSES
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Relationships to Offenders

Injuries Sustained

None

Victim Referred To

Additional Details

Residence Status	Resident
Domestic Violence	No
Assault Assault / Homicide Circumstances 1	
Assault Assault / Homicide Circumstances 2	
Justifiable Homicide Circumstances	

Rock Island Police Department

01 - Incident Narrative

Printed on July 14, 2023

01 - Incident Report By Austin Frankenreider, 07/14/23 09:18

Case #RI23-03411

Typed By Austin Frankenreider

POLICE INFORMATION / SUDDEN DEATH - NATURAL CAUSES

BWC 1277 (FOOTAGE NOT REVIEWED)

On 07/14/2023 at approximately 0642 hours the Rock Island Fire Department was dispatched to Green Thumb Industries (8221 51st St W, Rock Island) in reference a female having difficulty breathing. RICOMM advised the complainant, later identified as Michael A. Hess, called 911 to report that a female was unable to breathe and possibly had stopped breathing. It should be noted Michael is employed at Green Thumb Industries as a production technician. RICOMM advised that Michael had hung up and then called 911 again advising the female was no longer breathing and CPR had been started.

The Rock Island Fire Department arrived on scene at approximately 0648 hours. The Rock Island Fire Department began medical treatment on the female who was identified as Julie M. Devinney. After approximately 25-30 minutes, the Rock Island Fire Department asked for Rock Island Police Department to respond to the scene as Julie was deceased. The Rock Island Fire Department advised RICOMM to notify the Rock Island County Coroners Office at approximately 0720 hours.

At approximately 0718 hours I, Officer Frankenreider, was dispatched to the scene. Upon arrival I met with Rock Island Fire Department personnel who advised that Julie was deceased inside the building. I was informed that the death appeared to be from natural causes with nothing suspicious about the circumstances. I was advised that Julie's husband, John A. Devinney, had been contacted and notified of the incident. The Rock Island Fire Department advised that upon their arrival, Julie did not have a pulse and her lungs appeared to have been completely closed. After briefing me of the incident, the Rock Island Fire Department left the scene as I stood by in a room inside the building with Julie where she had passed away. It should be noted Julie was laying on her back, face up, with a white sheet over her body which the Rock Island Fire Department had placed on her.

I first spoke with the complainant, Michael. Michael advised both he and Julie are employed as production technicians. Michael advised that the employees meet in the current room Julie had passed away in, every morning at 0630 hours. Michael advised that every morning the employees have to do very minor stretches which last approximately from 0630-0640 hours. Michael advised that the employees did the morning stretches as usual with no problems. Michael advised Julie did the stretches however a few seconds after completing the stretches, she started gasping for air. Michael advised that Julie sat down on some steps inside the room at which time other employees held onto her arms to keep her from falling over. Michael advised that Julie was short of breath and could not speak. Michael advised one of the employees told him to call 911 at which time he did. Michael advised he ran out of the room and told another employee who then came into the room. Michael advised an AED was used and CPR was started as the employees assisted Julie to the ground on her back. Michael advised that he believed Julie quit breathing so he called 911 again to update RICOMM with the information as that's what he was advised to do. Michael advised the Rock Island Fire Department arrived on scene shortly thereafter.

After speaking with Michael, I met with Julie's supervisor, Amy Hermiston. Amy advised she has worked at Green Thumb Industries for approximately 10 years and Julie was worked there part time for approximately 3 years. Amy advised that Julie is known to have COPD, and severe breathing problems. Amy advised that within the last year, the Rock Island Fire Department has responded to Green Thumb Industries approximately 3-4 times due to Julie not being able to breathe. Amy advised that Julie was often transported to the hospital for these issues. Amy advised that Julie works Monday-Friday from 0630-1200 hours, however there has been many instances where Julie had had to leave early because of her breathing problems. Amy advised that Julie left work early yesterday (07/13/2023) morning at approximately 0715 hours because she wasn't feeling well. Amy advised that Julie was complaining that she felt anxious and was scared to take a deep breath. Amy advised this was not unusual for Julie to feel this way.

Amy advised she was in the room during the exercises which Julie completed. Amy advised the exercises are not

strenuous however they must be completed each morning. Amy advised that after the exercises, Julie started having difficulty breathing and stated that she couldn't breathe. Amy advised that Julie sat on the steps inside the room where other employees began assisting her so she wouldn't fall over. Amy advised Julie's lips began turning blue and Michael called 911. Amy advised that Julie was assisted to the ground where an AED was used and CPR was started. Amy advised the Rock Island Fire Department arrived on scene and began treatment.

I checked Julie's purse which was on a table next to her body and located an inhaler, and Nitroglycerin. I also located Julie's Illinois driver's license which was later given to the Rock Island County Deputy Coroner, Tanner L. Cessna. Deputy Coroner Cessna arrived on scene at approximately 0808 hours. I briefed Deputy Coroner Cessna of the information I had obtained. Deputy Coroner Cessna conducted an investigation and determined the cause of death to be from natural causes. Deputy Coroner Cessna contacted Julie's husband, John, who requested Wendt Funeral Home (1811 15th St Pl, Moline, IL) be contacted to take possession of Julie's body. Deputy Coroner Cessna contacted Wendt Funeral Home and at that time I cleared from the scene while Deputy Coroner Cessna stood by with Julie's body.

It should be noted I did not review body worn camera footage prior to the submittal of this report and this report is merely a summary of events, not actual words spoken. See body worn camera footage for actual words spoken.

Nothing further to report.

Frankenreider 1277