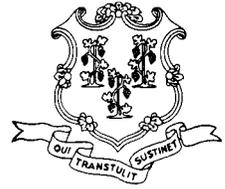




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HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION, PLAINFIELD

Today 03/24/2004, shortly after 8:00am, a female entered Rhode Island State Police Headquarters to report her concerns in regards to her distraught male friend, who was inside a motor vehicle, in the Providence, RI area. The female witness also reported her concerns about the welfare of a woman in Plainfield, CT. Rhode Island State Police officials contacted the Plainfield Police Department and provided them with this information. Rhode Island State Troopers simultaneously issued an "all points bulletin" for the male suspect's vehicle. A Rhode Island State Trooper observed the suspect's vehicle and initiated a pursuit. The vehicle was stopped on Route 10, in Providence, and as Rhode Island troopers were approaching the vehicle, the male suspect fatally shot himself. Rhode Island State Police also located a human body part in the suspect vehicle.

Concurrently, Plainfield Police Department, acting upon information received from Rhode Island State Police, responded to 84 Kate Downing Road, in the town of Plainfield. Plainfield Police Officers made forced entry into the home and discovered a deceased female on the second floor. The deceased male has been identified at Michael Shechtman, (DOB-3-17-71) of 84 Kate Downey Road, Plainfield. The identity of the deceased female is being withheld pending an autopsy by the Office of the Chief States Medical Examiner and the notification of next of kin.

Both deceased parties are known to each other and there are no other individuals believed to be involved in this incident, at this time. This investigation is being conducted by the Connecticut State Police Eastern District Major Crime Squad and is assisted by the Windham County State Attorney's Office and the Plainfield Police Department, in conjunction with the Rhode Island State Police.

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