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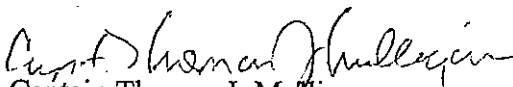
Press Release

March 16, 2009

At approximately 3:37PM on March 11, 2009 the North Kingstown Police Department along with the Fire Department went to 19 King Phillip Drive for a report of an unresponsive male. Upon police arrival Fire Department Personnel were in the process of checking the male individual for vital signs. Fire Department personnel reported they could not locate any vital signs and the scene was secured by police.

The unresponsive male was identified as Matthew Auger (28) of North Kingstown. Mr. Auger had been living at the address for approximately one year, renting an upstairs bedroom from the homeowner. The homeowner indicated Mr. Auger had been feeling ill for a couple of days, but due to the lack of medical coverage did not see a doctor. Mr. Auger was found lying on the bedroom floor; however there were no indications of trauma. As a matter of protocol the Rhode Island Medical Examiner's Office was contacted and responded to the address.

On March 12, 2009 a medical autopsy was performed on Mr. Auger. A preliminary report indicated Mr. Auger died of Meningitis. Due to certain strains of Meningitis being contagious, the Rhode Island Department of Health and Center of Disease Control conducted tests and determined this strain as not being contagious, or a health concern to the occupants of the home or first responders. Notification made to the homeowner and occupants of the address.


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