

REMARKS OF G. MICHAEL GREEN

Press Conference Announcing Developments in the Investigation of Four Dead Bodies Found in Chester Apartment.

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On March 29, 2008, at 7:56 p.m., the human remains of four individuals were discovered by Chester City Police Officers inside Unit 902-A, Keystone Road. Chester City Police responded to Unit 902-A, Keystone Road as the result of a well-being check telephone call received by the police department.

Dr. Fredric Hellman, M.D., the Medical Examiner of Delaware County, has identified each of the four individuals. Two of those found were mother and son. The mother is Lindsay Cassidy, age 23, and her son is Kolby O'Brien, age 3. The remaining two individuals are an adult female and adult male, Michelle Fynes, age 22 and John Michael Bryant, age 28. Dr. Hellman has ruled the deaths of the three year old, Kolby O'Brien, and his mother, Lindsay Cassidy, homicides. Dr. Hellman has further ruled that the deaths of both Kolby O'Brien and Lindsay Cassidy occurred as the result of asphyxia due to strangulation. With respect to the deaths of Michelle Fynes and John Michael Bryant, Dr. Hellman has informed us that both died as a result of multiple drug intoxication. Dr. Hellman has also entered a finding that, at present, the manner of death is undetermined with respect to both Michelle Fynes and John Michael Bryant.

Unit 902-A Keystone Road is a second floor apartment. On March 29 at the time Chester Police officers arrived on scene the front door to apartment 902-A Keystone Road was chain locked from the interior. There are several exterior windows in this apartment unit. Each of those exterior windows was covered by Venetian blinds, and those Venetian blinds were drawn and closed. All of the exterior windows were locked from the inside, with the exception of one living room area exterior window, which was unlocked and slightly opened. The window which was slightly opened was covered by a closed and drawn Venetian blind, which was undisturbed at the time police gained entry to the unit. A screen on that window was in the down position and undisturbed. In addition, there were items located near this open window, which also appeared to be undisturbed.

A video surveillance camera was operating with a fixed view of the exterior entrance door at 902 Keystone Road. Based upon a complete review of that video, no unexplained activity occurs at that door. There is no apparent indication that anyone exited apartment unit 902-A Keystone Road through any window or door after the deaths of each of these four individuals and before the Chester City police arrived on scene March 29th, at 7:56 p.m.

By way of clarification, very early in this investigation there were questions regarding the possibility of carbon monoxide poisoning as having played a role in the deaths of any of the four individuals. Because all of the appliances and utilities are electric powered, the possibility of carbon monoxide playing a role in any of the deaths is eliminated.

At this time, given the facts that have been developed as a result of the work of the Medical Examiner's Office, the Forensic Crime Scene Unit, and the interviews conducted by the detectives assigned to this case, it is unlikely an individual beyond this group of four played any role in the homicide of three year old Kolby O'Brien, or his mother, 23 year old Lindsay Cassidy. This is a continuing investigation. As those involved in the investigation develop additional information which we believe should be made public, we will release that information to the media.

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