

# Incident Report

OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT  
455 7TH STREET  
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA 94607  
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PRR# 11239

Incident Number: 14-061703

## Incident Summary

Incident Type: HOMICIDE	Report Type: INCIDENT REPORT
Inc Occurred Address: 288 VAN BUREN AV, APT: 5, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA 94610	Sector/Beat: CCD3/14X
Inc Occurred Start: 12/04/2014 19:23	Inc Occurred End: 12/04/2014 19:23
Bias Motivation:	Gang Related: N
Contact Nature: NO	Substance: U
Reporting Officer: JONES, ANTHONIE	Reported Date/Time: 12/04/2014 19:43
Case Status: CLOSED - UNFOUN	Disposition: UNFOUNDED
	Primary Assigned Officer: BASA, CAESAR
	Disposition Date: 08/23/2015 14:48

## Offenses

Statute Code: SC UNDT  
Statute Desc: SC UNEXPLAINED DEATH  
Counts: 1 Statute Severity:  
Enhancers:

## Persons Involved

Person#: 0001  
Event Association: VICTIM  
Name: [REDACTED]  
Age: 29 - 29  
Address: [REDACTED]  
Sector/Beat: CCD3/14X

Person#: 0002  
Event Association: CONTACT  
Name: [REDACTED]  
Age: 29 - 29  
Address: [REDACTED]  
Sector/Beat: CCD3/04X

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## Persons Involved

Person#: 0003

Event Association: CONTACT

Name: [REDACTED]

Age: 29 - 29

Address: [REDACTED]

Sector/Beat: CCD3/14X

Person#: 0004

Event Association: CONTACT

Name: [REDACTED]

Age: 33 - 33

Address: [REDACTED]

Sector/Beat: CCD3/14X

Person#: 0005

Event Association: CONTACT

Name: [REDACTED]

Age: 27 - 27

Address: [REDACTED]

Sector/Beat:

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### Persons Involved

Person#: 0006

Event Association: CONTACT

Name: [REDACTED]

Age: 57 - 57

Address: [REDACTED]

Sector/Beat:

Person#: 0007

Event Association: CONTACT

Name: [REDACTED]

Age: 26 - 26

Address: [REDACTED]

Sector/Beat: CCD3/14X

Person#: 0008

Event Association: CONTACT

Name: [REDACTED]

Age: 35 - 35

Address: [REDACTED]

Sector/Beat: CCD3/14X

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### Narratives

ENTERED DATE/TIME: 12/4/2014 19:43:00

SUBJECT: SYNOPSIS

AUTHOR: JONES, ANTHONIE

Sc Unexplained Death

NIC

Sgt Bacon

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ENTERED DATE/TIME: 12/4/2014 19:43:00

SUBJECT: FBR NARRATIVE

AUTHOR: JONES, ANTHONIE

On 04Dec14 at about 1943hrs., I was working OPD patrol unit 3L14. I was dressed in full OPD utility uniform and operating fully marked OPD patrol vehicle 1485. I was dispatched to 288 Van Buren St apt 5 to investigate a report of a suicide. Below are the CAD details:

SUICIDE SOMEONE HUNG HIMSELF  
BLIND FOR UNIT TO BREAK-

RP CAN HEAR PEOPLE SCREAMING THAT SOMEONE HUNG THEMSELVE  
RP DOESN'T KNOW WHAT APT IT OCC IN

RP HEARD NEIGH/MW 30S CAME OUT YELLING TO CALL 911 THAT [REDACTED] 913'D

RP CALLING FRM APT [REDACTED] ON THE 1ST FLOOR.. OCCURRING ON 2ND FLOOR APT  
MY RP ADV THIS IS NOT SECURED BLDG

Upon my arrival PMP rig #2153 and OFD engine 13 were on scene.

I was directed by Officer Stephens to apartment 5 where the possible suicide victim was located.

The apartment building was located on the west side of the roadway. The main access to the apartment building faces the east. The front door of apartment number 5's faces the north. Once inside the apartment there was the living room and east of the living room was the dining room / kitchen. The only bedroom and bathroom was located south of the living room. One has to go through the living room to get to the bedroom and bathroom. The bedroom had one main closet located on the northern wall.

I was directed to where a MW in his late 20's, wearing a gray SF Giants shirt, blue skinny jeans, black and gray vans who was later identified as ADLER, Jeremy (V1). I observed V1 was inside the closet of the bedroom. The closet was located on the northern wall. The closet has a wooden rod about 5' from the ground, that was

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used to hang clothes from. I observed V1 appeared to have hung himself with what appeared to be a black tie. The top of the black tie was looped once around the closet's wooden rod and secured with a knot. The base of the tie was looped once around V1's upper neck area (at the base of V1's head) and secured with another knot. V1's body appeared to be suspended about 3" from the closet floor and he appeared to be in a seated position. The wooden rod was not cracked or splintered. The wooden rod appeared to be bowed where V1's body was suspended from.

V1's head and body was facing EB and his chin was touching his chest. V1's body was in a seated position with his legs crossed (left leg over the right leg) with his right hand resting by his right side palm facing himself (NB). V1's left hand rested on the inside of his left thigh and his left hand in a fist. V1's mouth was open and his tongue was protruding from between his teeth and there was dried saliva coming from his mouth. V1's lips, tongue, and the surrounding skin of his mouth were a deep blue / purple color. V1's fingertips, fingers, and hands were also a very deep blue / purple color that gradually faded into a deep red (burgundy) color. The deep burgundy color stopped in the middle of V1's upper forearm area. V1's eyes appeared to be closed.

I contacted [REDACTED] (OP1) [REDACTED] and the person who found him. OP1 stated the following: On 04Dec14 at unknown time [REDACTED] (OP4) who lived in [REDACTED] called OP1 to see if OP1 has heard from V1. OP1 advised OP4 that he has not heard from V1 since yesterday (03Dec14). OP4 told OP1 that she has been trying to speak with V1 all day (04Dec14 at about 1230hrs). OP1 knew V1 was working from home today (04Dec14). OP1 called V1 and was unable to contact him. OP4 called OP1 again and advised she had one of V1's friends (unknown who) use the FindMyFriend phone application and was advised V1's phone was located inside V1's apartment. OP1 and OP4 decided that OP1 should go to V1's apartment and check on him. OP1 called [REDACTED] (OP5) to see if she has heard from V1 today (04Dec14). OP5 told OP1 that she has not heard from V1 since 03Dec14.

OP1 drove to V1's apartment and noticed V1's front doors were not locked. OP1 entered V1's apartment and searched the living room, kitchen/ dining room / bedroom and bathroom and did not locate V1. As OP1 exited the bathroom (which is east of the bedroom) he saw V1 hung himself with a black thing in the closet. OP1 was scared and started to scream. Once outside, OP1 continued to scream over and over "Help!" and "Someone call 911!" Multiple people came to OP1 and tried to help him. OP1 noticed OFD and PMP were on scene soon after. Refer to OP1's signed written statement for further details.

I had Ofc Stephens contacted [REDACTED] (OP2) who stated the following: On 04Dec14 at about 1920hrs., OP2 was walking on Van Buren toward Lee St (NB) when he observed a MW in his 20's wearing a blue shirt with tears running down his face who was screaming (OP1). OP2 tried to help OP1 and OP2 went upstairs to see if OP1's brother was okay. OP2 saw a MW (V1) who hung himself from the closet clothes rack and V1 appeared to be stiff. OP2 checked for a pulse from V1 and did not locate one. OP2 left the apartment and remained with OP1 until police arrived. Refer to V1's signed written statement for additional details.

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I had Ofc Obrien canvass the apartment building and he contacted [REDACTED] (OP3) who stated the following:

On 04Dec14 at about 1830hrs., OP3 came home from work and noticed the lights were on and the window blinds were open in [REDACTED] (V1's apartment). OP3 did not see anyone inside the apartment. At about 1900 hrs., OP3 heard someone screaming and he went to check out the noise. OP3 saw a MW in his 20's (OP1) screaming and went inside the apartment to check and see if everything was okay. OP3 saw [REDACTED] (V1) in the closet and he appeared to have hung himself. OP3 did not know V1 very well and he was only inside the apartment for a few minutes. Refer to OP3 signed written statement for additional information.

Refer to Ofc Obrien's supplemental for additional information on the canvass of the area.

I contacted [REDACTED] a (OP6; [REDACTED]) who advised the following:

On 04Dec14 at about 1930hrs., OP6 heard someone yelling for help and to call the police. OP6 called 911. OP6 did not see anything on 04Dec14.

I contacted [REDACTED] (OP7) who advised the following:

On 03Dec14 at about 1900hrs., OP7 was in her back yard smoking when she saw V1 walked up the stairs to his apartment building. V1 and OP7 exchanged hello's with each other and V1 went on his way. V1 was [REDACTED] of OP7. OP7 did not hear or see anything on 04Dec14. Refer to OP7's written statement for additional information.

[REDACTED]

Ofc Obrien contacted ALCO Corner's office, Deputy Plasencia # 1868, and notified him of the DOA (ALCO case number 2014-03461). Deputy Plasencia determined he was going pick up the body. Deputy Plasencia picked up the body at 2306hrs and provided corner's receipt # 35334.

Family members and friends arrived on scene and [REDACTED] (OP5) arrived on scene and was advised of the situation. OP5 decided not to see V1 or go inside V1's apartment.

OPD Tech C. Middleton arrived on scene and took photos.

OFD engine 13 and PMP rig 2153 arrived on scene and OFD Paramedic pronounced V1 deceased at about 1933hrs.

I provided OP5 with an OPD resource card and RD number.

Sgt Bacon arrived on scene.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

The family advised V1 did not have any threats or attempts at suicide before.

I called OPD service and performed a premise check to inquire if either V1 and or 288 Van Buren Apt 5 had any mental health calls and or reports made in the past and there were negative results.

V1 was taking [REDACTED]

PDRD not used.

No use of force used or observed.

No other additional witnesses were located at this time.

I canvassed the area and did not locate any video cameras.

It appeared between 03Dec14 at about 1900hrs., and 04Dec14 at about 1923hrs., V1 was inside his apartment located at 288 Van Buren Ave apt 5 when he decided to tie a black neck tie around the closet wooden rod and around his neck and end his life. On 04Dec14 at about 1933 hrs., V1 was pronounced deceased at the scene by OFD engine 13's paramedic.

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