

SYNOPSIS REPORT FOR OFFICER-INVOLVED DEATH OF DILLON M. GALIEN

On Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at approximately 1:39 a.m., the Wisconsin Department of Justice - Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) received a request from the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office (MTSO) to respond to the scene of an in-custody officer-involved death at Fox Hills Resort located at 250 West Church Street, Mishicot (Manitowoc County), Wisconsin. The incident involved two (2) law enforcement agencies consisting of the Mishicot Police Department and the MTSO.

At approximately 10:19 p.m. on 03/27/17 the Mishicot Police Department was dispatched to Fox Hills Resort for a suspicious vehicle which had been observed in the parking lot of the resort complex. A front desk employee of the resort reported the suspicious vehicle. Mishicot Police Officer (PO) Jacob Schweigel arrived at the resort at approximately 10:25 p.m. to investigate the matter. PO Schweigel made contact with the operator (not directly involved with the OID) of the suspicious vehicle and eventually observed suspected marijuana stems inside the suspect vehicle. PO Schweigel and the operator of the suspect vehicle entered the resort in an attempt to make contact with the friend (not directly involved with the OID) of the operator whom the operator was at the resort to pick-up. PO Schweigel and the operator were directed to the pool area by resort personnel. Upon making contact with individuals in the pool area, PO Schweigel came upon a subject who was committing a probation violation. PO Schweigel requested back-up from the MTSO. A short time later, MTSO Deputy (Dep.) Travis Aleff responded to the resort to assist PO Schweigel. The subject who was committing the probation violation was subsequently arrested and placed in Dep. Aleff's assigned patrol vehicle.

Upon re-entering the resort, PO Schweigel and Dep. Aleff were directed to guest room 1018. Law enforcement attempted to make contact with the subject whom the operator of the vehicle was present to pick-up. Law enforcement, at first, did not receive an answer from anyone inside room 1018. Eventually, law enforcement made contact with a subject behind the door to room 1018 who was subsequently identified as, Dillon M. Galien, who was ordered out of the room. PO Schweigel witnessed Galien "chug" an entire can of soda while Galien also "struggled to swallow something." All the individuals that law enforcement were in contact with were directed to the main lobby area of the resort. Galien became agitated and resistive in the lobby area. Law enforcement decentralized Galien as they attempted to take him into physical custody. After Galien was handcuffed, law enforcement escorted Galien outside and secured him inside the right, back seat of the Mishicot patrol vehicle. PO Schweigel and Dep. Aleff returned back inside the resort to conduct additional interviews and investigate individuals.

Several minutes later, Galien got the attention of law enforcement by yelling and pounding on the window of the patrol vehicle. Dep. Aleff came outside to check on Galien. Upon opening the patrol vehicle door, Galien exclaimed, "Call an ambulance, please!" and "I'm gonna OD (overdose)!" Galien was directed out of the patrol vehicle. Galien informed law enforcement he took enough "meth" to die. Dep. Aleff immediately requested an ambulance to respond to aid Galien. Less than ten minutes later, an ambulance and crew arrived to aid Galien.

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Approximately ten minutes later, the ambulance left with Galien en route to an area hospital. Galien subsequently died while en route to the hospital.

DCI responded to the scene with seven (7) special agents and one (1) Special Agent in Charge (SAC). S/A Yerges was assigned as the lead case investigator and S/A Kust was assigned as the secondary case investigator. DCI collected all items of evidence and documented the scene.

Galien's biological mother was identified and a death notification was made by S/A Yerges to her on 03/28/17. Wisconsin Crime Victim Services forms were provided to the mother by S/A Yerges.

DCI agents interviewed PO Schweigel, Dep. Aleff and Manitowoc Police Department PO Schuettpelz on 03/30/17 who were involved in the incident with Galien. An additional deputy from the MTSO who responded to the scene, emergency medical services (EMS) workers with the Mishicot Area Ambulance Service and a paramedic with the Manitowoc Fire Department, who were involved with Galien, were all interviewed by DCI agents. Two resort employees who witnessed events involving Galien were interviewed by DCI agents. An area canvass performed by DCI produced no additional witnesses.

During the investigation, DCI collected two (2) different lobby area digital video surveillance footages of the Galien incident from Fox Hills Resort. DCI also collected a body camera video depiction of events involving Galien from PO Schweigel's body worn camera device. DCI collected a front (external) view recording and a back (internal) passenger compartment view recording from Dep. Aleff's assigned patrol vehicle which both depicted many portions of events which involved Galien.

Evidence that was seized during the investigation included: a facsimile pistol, .380 caliber ammunition, presumptive dried blood, a cellular telephone, United States currency, suspected drugs and suspected drug paraphernalia. DCI maintained all of the seized evidence.

An autopsy of Galien was conducted at the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office on 03/28/17 by forensic pathologist and Medical Examiner, Dr. Brian Peterson, MD. The autopsy was also attended by DCI S/A Tijerino. The autopsy and toxicology testing procedures revealed that Galien died as a result of, "Acute Methamphetamine Intoxication."

On 06/27/17, the completed DCI investigative file, as of that date, was submitted to Manitowoc County District Attorney Jacalyn LaBre for her review.