

TRURO POLICE DEPARTMENT

June 11, 2002

Incident Report

Tuesday 11:57

Single Incident

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Narr. 4: STAFF/SGT DAVID J COSTA Division: None Status: Open [I0200168]
Title: INITIAL REPORT Entered: STAFF/SGT DAVID J COSTA
Reviewed: DSP MARTHA J WHEELER

On Sunday, January 6, 2002, I responded to 50 Depot Road in the Town of Truro to assist the Truro Rescue Squad for an unresponsive female. Upon my arrival at the residence, I observed Janet Worthington approximately 50 yards west of my location on Depot Road crying and holding her father John Worthington who also resides on Depot Road. As I started up the driveway of 50 Depot Road, the Christa Worthington residence, the dispatcher Martha Wheeler advised me on the radio that there was a reported Code 13 at the residence which means the patient is reportedly deceased.

Upon my arrival at the northside of the residence I observed numerous rescue personnel (see attached list). Two rescue vehicles and a green Ford Escort station wagon (which I recognized as Christa Worthington's vehicle) were facing in a easterly direction. Just to the right of the Worthington vehicle and facing in a westerly direction was a green Ford minivan with [REDACTED] license plate [REDACTED] with a male operator who was later identified as Robert K Arnold.

As I exited my police cruiser, I met with Officer Meredith Allen, who had arrived on the scene minutes before I. Officer Allen stated that the white male standing next to the rescue truck was Timothy Arnold, Christa Worthingtons ex-boyfriend, who found the body and called 9-1-1.

I entered the Worthington residence. I observed that the inner door, a

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old wood type with a dead-bolt lock system, was broken in such a manner that it looked like someone had forced their way into the house. In the house were three rescue personnel whom I knew. [REDACTED] was standing in the kitchen and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were standing next to Christa Worthingtons body. The body was lying on the floor in the hallway located between the kitchen, the den and the bathroom lying on her back. [REDACTED] told me that there was a large amount of blood around the body's head and that the body was cold to the touch. Rigidity and rigamortis had set into the leg.

I then advised all rescue personnel that they would have to leave the house because it was now a possible crime scene. All the rescue personnel then left Christa Worthingtons house.

I went over to the body of Christa Worthington which was covered with a yellow disposable rescue blanket to confirm her identity. After positively identifying the body, I advised Dispatcher Martha Wheeler via the radio, to contact Police Chief John Thomas and have him report to the scene. I then exited the house and stayed on the back porch to keep anyone else from entering the home.

While standing on the porch, Timothy Arnold came over to me and introduced himself. I asked Mr. Arnold why he was at Ms. Worthington's house. Mr. Arnold replied that he had come to the house to return a flashlight that he had borrowed. He had walked to the porch and knocked on the storm door. When no one answered the door after a couple of minutes, he stepped down from the porch and went to place the flashlight on the left side of the top step. Mr.

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Arnold stated that the inner wooden door of the house was open approximately one to one and a half feet. When he looked into the house he could see someone lying on the floor. Mr. Arnold then entered the house to find Christa Worthington lying on her back on the floor in the hallway between the kitchen and den. Her two year old daughter Ava Worthington was sitting on the floor on the right side of the body. Mr. Arnold then touched Christa and found her to be cold and unresponsive. He also advised that there was a lot of blood around the head area. Mr. Arnold then picked up Ava Worthington and left the house.

While outside the house, Mr. Arnold handed Ava Worthington over to his father Robert Arnold who had been sitting in his green Ford minivan. Timothy Arnold then stated that he proceeded down to his father's house through a walking path to call the police. The path runs in an east to west direction and is approximately 100 yards long. The path connects Robert Arnold and Christa Worthington's houses.

I then inquired why Mr. Arnold had not used the phone at Christa Worthington's house to call the police. Mr. Arnold stated that after what he saw, he could not find the phone. Ms. Worthington's phone was later located in the den area approximately 4-4 feet from her body. After notifying the police, from his father's house, Timothy Arnold returned to the scene.

After my conversation with Timothy Arnold, Chief Thomas arrived on the scene. I relayed everything to him. Chief Thomas then notified the State Police CPAC Unit of the situation. Chief Thomas and I then searched the Worthington residence to confirm that no one else was in the house. None were

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located. Chief Thomas and I then stood by the crime scene to keep it secure until the State Police CPAC unit arrived.

Timothy Arnold was transported to the Truro Police Station by Officer Meredith Allen until he could be questioned further.

Ava Worthington was taken from Robert Arnold by Truro Rescue Squad member George Malloy and taken to John and Cindy Worthingtons residence at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] John and Cindy Worthington are Christa Worthingtons aunt and uncle.

At approximately 0615pm, The Massachusetts State Police CPAC Unit arrived on the scene. All Truro Police Officers and State Police Officers at the scene were called together to be briefed on the situation.

After the briefing, I responded to John and Cindy Worthingtons residence to update the family on the situation at hand. A short time later, Mass State Trooper Jack Mon arrived and started interviewing subjects in the dining room of John and Cindy Worthingtons house.

The following people were present at the the residence at this time. John Worthington, Cindy Worthington, Pamela (Worthington) Franklin, Janet Worthington, William Sylvester, Theadore Franklin, Patricia Worthington, Ava Worthington, Anthony Jackett and Susan Jackett. John Worthington was on the phone with Christopher (Toppy) Worthington, father of Christa, advising him of the situation. John Worthington then passed the phone to me and told me that Toppy would like to talk with me. I took the phone and had a short conversation with Christopher Worthington. He was advised that Christa was deceased and that the death was of a suspicious nature. Christopher Worthington said he would be leaving Weymouth MA., to come to Truro.