



SUNRIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

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UPDATED MEDIA RELEASE

Incident: Suspicious Death Investigation - February 12, 2017

Location: Sunriver Bike Path near Woodland Lane, Sunriver, Oregon

Date: February 14, 2017

Deceased Victim: Arterbury, Mark Allen
41 years of age
South Deschutes County Resident (approx. 5 miles S. of Sunriver)

Original Media Release Dated February 12, 2017

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Deceased Victim: White Male, mid to late 30's

On February 12, 2017 at about 1028 hours the Sunriver Police Department responded to a report of a male walking near the roundabout at South Century and Abbot Dr. The anonymous caller reported this male appeared to be bleeding from the neck area. Two Sunriver officers responded to this area and began checking the area for this person until a second report came in of a person on the bike path, near Woodland Ln. bleeding.

At about 1144 hours Sunriver Police located a white male, mid to late 30's, on the bike path unresponsive. Sunriver Fire Medics immediately assisted and determined the white male was deceased.

Due to the suspicious nature of this death the Sunriver Police Department requested assistance from the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, Deschutes County District Attorney's Office, Oregon State Police, Oregon State Police Crime Lab, and the Deschutes County Medical Examiner's Office (all part of the Major Investigation Team).

As of this date and time the white male deceased victim has been identified but the release of the name **will not** be released until family is notified.

It is very important that people know that we have no reason to believe that people are in any immediate danger.

This investigation continues to be under investigation by the involved agencies. If any person observed a white male, in the Sunriver area, appearing to be injured and/or bleeding on February 12, 2017, we ask that they contact the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office or the Sunriver Police Department by contacting our non-emergency line at 541-693-6911.

Updated Release February 14, 2017:

As indicated above, we have released the name of our victim to be; Mark Allen Arterbury – 41 years of age and a resident of South Deschutes County. As mentioned in the initial media release we identified Mr. Arterbury but could not release his identity until family was notified. This family notification was challenging due to family members of Mr. Arterbury travelling in other States.

Today the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, Deschutes County District Attorney's Office, Oregon State Police, Oregon State Police Crime Lab, the Deschutes County Medical Examiner's Office, and the Sunriver Police Department met to go over incident scene photographs, evidence, photographs of Mr. Arterbury, investigation interviews, timeline, and other investigative information to bring conclusion to the death of Mr. Arterbury.

After careful review by all listed, it is determined by the Deschutes County Medical Examiner's Office and the Deschutes County District Attorney's Office to be a self-inflicted injury that caused the death of Mr. Arterbury.

Summary of investigation:

Sunriver Police responded immediately to the "injured person bleeding" on the bike path to find Mr. Arterbury deceased at the scene. Mr. Arterbury's injury was unusual and suspicious so first responding officers cordoned off a large area around this location.

Notifications were made for assistance to the coordinator of the Major Incident Team (MIT). It was decided to, initially, call out only enough investigators to work the scene and to conduct immediate interviews. The mentioned agencies responded and the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office Detective Division took lead. One of the most important facts for calling-out the MIT is to have seasoned investigators experienced at working homicide investigations and able to work collaboratively together to attain facts and cause of death.

Upon initial observation of Mr. Arterbury we observed a significant laceration to the neck area. We also located several knives directly adjacent to Mr. Arterbury. After hours of scene investigation, we believed we needed to attempt to back track Mr. Arterbury's travels, attempt a timeline, conduct interviews with associates, interview family, and interview persons that may have seen Mr. Arterbury on February 12th, 2017 prior to 1144 hours.

We found no evidence at the scene or on Mr. Arterbury that indicated that he struggled with any unknown person (no defensive injuries). Mr. Arterbury is known to law enforcement but has had no significant contact since June of 2014. Interviews conducted by investigators determined that Mr. Arterbury was only observed "by himself" with sightings from 0800 hours to 1026 hours.

The investigation did also reveal that Mr. Arterbury suffered from mental health issues in the past.

(This is only a basic summary of the investigation and is not all inclusive of the determination of investigative information that brought the investigation to the above conclusion).