



FERNDALE PD
 310 E. NINE MILE RD.
 FERNDALE MI 48220
 248 541-3650



Case Report

Administrative Details:

CR No 110011039	Subject C3225 Drug Overdose
Report Date/Time 09/21/2011 05:30	Occurrence Date/Time 09/21/2011 05:30
Location 2740 BURDETTE AVE	Call Source TELEPHONE
Dispatched Offense C3225 OVERDOSE	Verified Offense C3225 Drug Overdose
Complainant	Division Investigations
OIC Moore, Brendan (FEMOOREB-21612)	OIC Contact Number
County 63 - Oakland	City/Twp/Village 81 - Ferndale

Action Requested:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Arrest warrant | <input type="checkbox"/> Review only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Search warrant | <input type="checkbox"/> Forfeiture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile petition | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |



Offenses:

C3225 - Drug Overdose [FEBRUGNOLIJ (40960)]

IBR Code / IBR Group /	Offense File Class	
Crime Against	Location Type 20 - Residence/Home	Offense Completed Not Applicable
Domestic Violence No	Hate/Bias 00 - None (No Bias)	
Using A-Alcohol: No C-Computer Equipment: No D-Drugs/Narcotics: Yes		

People:

FITCH, STEVEN MICHAEL (V-VICTIM) [FEBRUGNOLIJ (40960)]

Victim Type I - Individual	Victim of C3225 - Drug Overdose					
PE:	W.Type:	Last Name FITCH	First Name STEVEN	Middle Name MICHAEL	Suffix	Mr/Mrs/Ms
Aliases			Driver License# F320777603597	DL Country	Personal ID#	
DOB (Age) 07/30/1968 (43)	Sex M	Race WHITE	Ethnicity	Birth State	Birth Country	Country of Citizenship
Street Address 1683 PAGEL AVE		Apt #	County	Country USA	Home Phone	Work Phone
City LINCOLN PARK		State MI	Zip 48146-3537	Cell Phone 3138294141	Email	
Victim Injury						

BIDWELL, MARK GEORGE (W-WITNESS) [FEBRUGNOLIJ (40960)]

PE:	W.Type:	Last Name BIDWELL	First Name MARK	Middle Name GEORGE	Suffix	Mr/Mrs/Ms
Aliases			Driver License# [REDACTED]	DL Country	Personal ID#	
DOB (Age) 52	Sex M	Race WHITE	Ethnicity	Birth State	Birth Country	Country of Citizenship
Street Address 2740 BURDETTE ST		Apt #	County	Country	Home Phone	Work Phone
City FERNDAL		State MI	Zip 48220-1021	Cell Phone [REDACTED]	Email	

COLPAERT, BRET DARBY (W-WITNESS) [FEBRUGNOLIJ (40960)]

PE:	W.Type:	Last Name COLPAERT	First Name BRET	Middle Name DARBY	Suffix	Mr/Mrs/Ms
Aliases			Driver License# [REDACTED]	DL Country	Personal ID#	
DOB (Age) 28	Sex M	Race WHITE	Ethnicity	Birth State	Birth Country	Country of Citizenship
Street Address 98 SCOTT BLVD		Apt #	County Macomb	Country USA	Home Phone	Work Phone
City MOUNT CLEMENS		State MI	Zip 48043-1745	Cell Phone [REDACTED]	Email	

FITCH, CHUCK (O-OTHER) (OV-OTHER FAMILY MEMBER OF VICTIM) [FEBRUGNOLIJ (40960)]

PE:	W.Type:	Last Name Fitch	First Name Chuck	Middle Name	Suffix	Mr/Mrs/Ms
DOB (Age)	Sex	Race	Ethnicity	Birth State	Birth Country	Country of Citizenship



UNKNOWN							
Street Address 140 Lakeview		Apt #	County	Country	Home Phone	Work Phone	
City Hale		State MI	Zip 48739	Cell Phone	Email		

JELLEY, (O-OTHER) (MP-MEDICAL PERSONNEL) [FEBRUGNOLIJ (40960)]

PE:	W.Type:	Last Name Jelley	First Name		Middle Name	Suffix	Mr/Mrs/Ms
DOB (Age)	Sex	Race UNKNOWN	Ethnicity	Birth State	Birth Country	Country of Citizenship	
Street Address 1200 N. Telegraph Road		Apt #	County	Country	Home Phone	Work Phone	
City Pontiac		State MI	Zip	Cell Phone	Email		
Notes Oakland County Medical Examiner							

SCHNEIDER, LINDA (O-OTHER) (OV-OTHER FAMILY MEMBER OF VICTIM) [FEBRUGNOLIJ (40960)]

PE:	W.Type:	Last Name Schneider	First Name Linda		Middle Name	Suffix	Mr/Mrs/Ms
DOB (Age)	Sex F	Race UNKNOWN	Ethnicity	Birth State	Birth Country	Country of Citizenship	
Street Address 6200 Dewhirst		Apt #	County	Country	Home Phone	Work Phone	
City Saginaw		State MI	Zip 48638	Cell Phone	Email		
Notes Fitch's aunt							

(O-OTHER) (Y-CONFIRMING AGENCY) [FEBRUGNOLIJ (40960)]

PE:	W.Type:	Name Leona			Suffix	Mr/Mrs/Ms
DOB (Age)	Sex	Race UNKNOWN	Ethnicity	Birth State	Birth Country	Country of Citizenship
Phone/Email						
Type			Description			
Employer Beaumont Hospital		Employer Address		Employer Phone	Occupation	Employer CSZ
Notes Patient Advocate						

Property:

1306 - Recording - Compact Disk CD / DVD 5427 [FEBRUGNOLIJ (40960)]

Property Class 27	IBR Type 27 - Recordings-Audio/Visual	UCR Type F - TV's, Radios, Stereos, Etc...
Status I - Information Only	Count 1	Value 1
Description DVD	Disposition	Evidence Tag 110011039.004
Recovered Date/Time	Location	Owner [REDACTED]

1499 - Other Clothing 5406 [FEBRUGNOLIJ (40960)]



Property Class 06	IBR Type 06 - Clothes/Furs	UCR Type C - Clothing & Furs
Status I - Information Only		Count 2
		Value 1
Description Clothing	Disposition	Evidence Tag 110011039.002
Recovered Date/Time	Location	Owner [REDACTED]

1612 - Laptop Computer / PC Tablet 5407 [FEBUGNOLIJ (40960)]				
Property Class 07	IBR Type 07 - Computer Hardware/Software	UCR Type F - TV's, Radios, Stereos, Etc...		
Status I - Information Only		Count 1		
		Value 1		
Manufacturer Dell	Model	Serial No.	License No.	Color
Description Lap Top	Disposition	Evidence Tag 110011039.001		
Recovered Date/Time	Location	Owner [V9337601] FITCH, STEVEN MICHAEL		
Notes Laptop with bag and miscellaneous items				

2102 - Bills/Money - Misc./Assorted 5420 [FEBUGNOLIJ (40960)]				
Property Class 20	IBR Type 20 - Money	UCR Type A - Currency, Notes, Etc...		
Status I - Information Only		Count 1		
		Value 95		
Description Cash	Disposition	Evidence Tag 110011039.003		
Recovered Date/Time	Location	Owner [REDACTED]		

3399 - Other Trace Evidence 5488 [FECLEVELANDJ (38590)]				
Property Class 88	IBR Type 77 - Other	UCR Type K - Miscellaneous		
Status E - Evidence (Including Other Seized Property And Tools)		Count 2		
		Value 1		
Description swabs with suspected blood	Disposition tagged/secured in	Evidence Tag 110011039.006		
Recovered Date/Time	Location	Owner [V9337601] FITCH, STEVEN MICHAEL		
Notes #1 collected from bathroom floor near the toilet. #2 collected from wall at the second step from the top of the stairs. #3 collected from the carpet in front of the bathroom door.				

9937 - Cellular Phone 5488 [FEBUGNOLIJ (40960)]				
Property Class 88	IBR Type 77 - Other	UCR Type K - Miscellaneous		
Status I - Information Only		Count 1		
		Value 1		
Description Cell Phone	Disposition	Evidence Tag 110011039.005		
Recovered Date/Time	Location	Owner [V9337601] FITCH, STEVEN MICHAEL		

**Narrative:****CR No: 110011039-001 Written By: FEBRUGNOLIJ (40960) Date: 09/21/2011 08:19 AM**

Report Writer: J.A. Brugnoli #624

Summary:

On 09/21/2011 at approximately 0530 hours, Ferndale Officers responded to 2740 Burdette regarding a man not breathing. Upon arrival, we located Steven Michael Fitch upstairs on the floor. Fitch was not breathing and his skin was blue in-color. Officer Cleveland, Goebel, and I began CPR until Ferndale Fire and Rescue arrived. After being treated by Ferndale Fire and Rescue, Fitch was transported to Beaumont Hospital for additional treatment. At 0653 hours, Fitch was pronounced dead by Dr. Cooley.

On 09/20/2011 Mark Bidwell, resident of 2740 Burdette met Fitch online through gay male website. After deciding to meet, Bidwell drove to Plymouth Michigan around 1700 hours on 9/20/2011 to pick up Fitch and bring him back to his residence to have sex.

After arriving back at his residence, Fitch and Bidwell started fooling around and watching pornography. Between 22-2300 hours, Fitch and Bidwell decided to use crystal meth which was brought to the residence by Fitch.

According to Bidwell, Fitch emptied the crystal meth into a syringe and mixed it with warm water from sink. According to Bidwell, Fitch called the substance "Tina." After mixing the crystal meth and water, Fitch then injected the mixture into Bidwell's left arm and then into his own. After the injection, Bidwell and Fitch continued to have sex, until Fitch got online and searched for another male to invite to the residence to join.

Around 0330 hours, Bret Darby Colpaert arrived and met both Fitch and Bidwell upstairs. According to Colpaert, Fitch was only wearing a shirt and both he and Bidwell were "fooling" around. Colpaert denied taking or injecting crystal meth or any type of street narcotics. Additionally Colpaert denied knowing Bidwell or Fitch prior to meeting online a few hours before.

Shortly before 0500, Fitch stated that he had to use the bathroom. According to Bidwell and Colpaert, Fitch used the upstairs bathroom located next to the bedroom. After two minutes, Fitch returned to the bedroom and sat on the bed. Approximately 2 minutes later, Colpaert noticed that Fitch was slumped over and appeared to be asleep. Colpaert checked Fitch and realized that he was turning blue. Colpaert then assisted Fitch to floor where he began CPR until Fitch started



vomiting, while Bidwell contacted FPD.

Upon arrival, Officers, Goebel, Cleveland, and I began CPR until Ferndale Fire and Rescue arrived and took over. Fitch was transported to Beaumont Hospital for additional treatment. At 0700 hours, I was contacted by patient advocate Leona who stated that Fitch had died at 0653 hours.

Evidence:

Inside the residence, used syringes were located in the upstairs bedroom and bathroom trash can. The entire scene was photographed by Officer Cleveland. See his summary for a detailed report of the scene.

I collected Fitch's personal and secured them at the station. All items were tagged and placed into evidence closet #13.

Additional Information:

Oakland County Medical Examiners Office was contacted by Beaumont Hospital. Medical Examiner Jelley contacted me regarding the case. All information was exchanged for his report. Fitch's body will be transported to medical examiners office for additional testing.

I attempted to contact Fitch's father, Chuck Fitch at 0645, however, he never answered his phone. A message to call FPD was left. I then made contact with Fitch's aunt, Linda Schneider. Schneider was advised of the situation and told to contact FPD if she needed any type of support. Chuck Fitch returned my call at 0840 and was advised of the situation.

Witness statements were filled out by Bidwell and Colpaert, both were added.

CR No: 110011039-002 Written By: FECLEVELANDJ (38590) Date: 09/21/2011 11:45 PM

-To: DB

-From: Ofc Cleveland #622

-Re: Overdose at 2740 Burdette

-Summary:



On 09/21/2011 I (Ofc Cleveland) responded to 2740 Burdette for the report of a man not breathing. Upon arrival I observed Steven Michael Fitch lying on his back on the upstairs bedroom floor. He did not have a pulse and was not breathing. CPR was performed by Ofc's Brugnoli, Goebel and I until Ferndale Rescue arrived. Fitch was transported to the Hospital. I took several digital photos of the scene and collected 3 cotton swabs of suspected blood.

-Evidence:

I took several digital photos of the scene with the ET camera. I observed a used syringe on the night stand in the bedroom and another used syringe in the bathroom garbage can. There were drops of what is suspected to be blood on the carpet near the top of the stairs, on the vinyl bathroom floor and on the wall going up the stairs.

I collected the two used syringes and secured them in a sharps container. I turned the syringes over to Ofc Brugnoli at scene. I collected three swabs of suspected blood. Swab #1 from the bathroom floor near the toilet, swab #2 from the wall going up the stairs near the second step from the top and swab #3 from the carpet in front of the bathroom door.

I transported the swabs to the station, tagged them and secured them in the ET fridge on the desk. The digital photos remain on the ET camera.