

INCIDENT DATA		Agency Name Forsyth County Sheriff's Office				INCIDENT/INVESTIGATION REPORT				Case# 2018-110177		
		ORI GA0580000		Date / Time Reported 11/04/2018 09:01 Sun								
MO		Location of Incident				Premise Type Residence / Home		Zone/Tract N42, SOAN		Last Known Secure 11/04/2018 09:00 Sun		
		At Found 11/04/2018 09:01 Sun				Activity						
INCIDENT DATA	#1	Crime Incident(s) (Com) Deceased Person FCSO31				Weapon / Tools NOT APPLICABLE/NONE				Activity		
		Entry		Exit		Security						
	#2	Crime Incident ()				Weapon / Tools				Activity		
		Entry		Exit		Security						
	#3	Crime Incident ()				Weapon / Tools				Activity		
		Entry		Exit		Security						
Force Used/NONE												
VICTIM	# of Victims 1		Type: INDIVIDUAL(NON LE)				Injury: Fatal		Domestic: N			
	V1	Victim/Business Name (Last, First, Middle) HORSFORD, TAMLA				Victim of Crime # 1,	DOB 1978 Age 40	Race B	Sex F	Relationship To Offender	Resident Status Resident	Military Branch/Status
	Home Address -								Home Phone			
	Employer Name/Address						Business Phone		Mobile Phone			
	VYR	Make	Model	Style	Color	Lic/Lis	VIN					
OTHERS INVOLVED	CODES: V- Victim (Denote V2, V3) O = Owner (if other than victim) R = Reporting Person (if other than victim)											
	Type: INDIVIDUAL(NON LE)		Injury:									
	CM	Name (Last, First, Middle) MEYERS, JEANNE MARIE				Victim of Crime #	B 1973 Age 44	Race W	Sex F	Relationship To Offender	Resident Status Resident	Military Branch/Status
	H								Home Phone			
	Employer Name/Address						Business Phone		Mobile Phone			
Type: INDIVIDUAL(NON LE)		Injury:										
IO	Name (Last, First, Middle) BARRERA, JOSE MANUEL				Victim of Crime #	B 1991 Age 27	Race W	Sex M	Relationship To Offender	Resident Status	Military Branch/Status	
H								Home Phone				
Employer Name/Address						Business Phone		Mobile Phone				
PROPERTY	1 = None 2 = Burned 3 = Counterfeit / Forged 4 = Damaged / Vandalized 5 = Recovered 6 = Seized 7 = Stolen 8 = Unknown ("OJ" = Recovered for Other Jurisdiction)											
	VI #	Code	Status Firm/To	Value	OJ	QTY	Property Description			Make/Model	Serial Number	
Deputy/ID# WALDROP, J. V. (NRTH, UP) (B3069)												
Invest ID# CHRISTIAN, M. E. (NRTH, UP) (B2775)						Supervisor MILLER, C. A. (NRTH, UP) (B2736)						
Status	Complainant Signature				Case Status Active/pending		11/04/2018		Case Disposition:		Page 1	

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Name Code/#	Name (Last, First, Middle)	Victim of Crime #	DOB	Age	Race	Sex
1) IO 3	MORRELL, JENNIFER ANN			1972	46	W F
	Address		H:			
	Empl/Addr		B: - -			
			Mobile #: - -			
2) IO 4	SMITH, THOMAS MILES			1977	41	W M
	Address		H:			
	Empl/Addr		B: - -			
			Mobile #: - -			
3) IO 5	SEALS, PAULA VAUGHAN			1972	46	W F
	Address		H:			
	Empl/Addr		B: - -			
			Mobile #: - -			
4) IO 6	PALLERINO, MICHAEL J			1963	55	W M
	Address		H:			
	Empl/Addr		B: - -			
			Mobile #: - -			
5) IO 7	SMITH, STACEY LYNN			1978	40	W F
	Address		H:			
	Empl/Addr		B: - -			
			Mobile #: - -			
6) IO 8	COCKERHAM, SARAH WEDLAKE			1981	36	W F
	Address		H:			
	Empl/Addr		B: - -			
			Mobile #: - -			
7) IO 9	HARDIN, MARCY DARLENE			1985	33	W F
	Address		H:			
	Empl/Addr		B: - -			
			Mobile #: - -			
8) IO 10	LAWSON, NICHOLE RENEE			1979	39	W F
	Address		H:			
	Empl/Addr		B: - -			
			Mobile #: - -			
9) IO 11	FULLER, BRIDGET KAY			1975	43	W F
	Address		H:			
	Empl/Addr		B: - -			
			Mobile #: - -			

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10) IO 12	LOMBARDI, MADELINE			1955 63	W	F
	Address		H:			
	Empl/Addr		B: - -			
			Mobile #: - -			

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Assisting Officers
 SPRIGGS, S.L. (B2475), WALDROP, J.V. (B3069), WALDROP, J.V. (B3069), YOUNG, C.E. (B3014), CHRISTIAN, M.E. (B2775), KEENAN, B.J. (B2591), CORRIGAN, H.V. (B2911), FINLEY, B.A. (B2352)

Suspect Hate / Bias Motivated:

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NARRATIVE

On November 4, 2018 at approximately 0900 hours, I was dispatched to _____ reference to a deceased person located. Once on scene, I determined there was a deceased female in the back yard of the residence. The scene was immediately turned in to a crime scene and the proper authorities were notified. I documented the incident.

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On November 4, 2018 at approximately 0900 hours, I was dispatched to reference to a deceased person located. Once on scene, I went to the back yard and observed a black female face down in the backyard of the residence. She did appear to be deceased. I immediately went inside to gather information from those at the residence. While I was doing this, Crime Scene, the Coronor's Office, and the other appropriate authorities were being notified of the incident and to respond.

I spoke with Jeanne Meyers, the homeowner. She told me the night before she had hosted a birthday party for herself at her residence. She had invited: Madeline Lombardi, Nichole Lawson, Marcy Hardin, Sarah Cockerham, Stacey Smith, Michael Pallerino, Paula Seals, Thomas Smith, Jennifer Morrell, Jose Barrera, and Bridget Fuller.

Jeanne told me on November 3rd people began arriving at her home around 1900 hours. Tamla Horsford had arrived at the house around 2000 hours. Jeanne said all of the females at the house were drinking heavily. Tom and Jose had gone downstairs in the basement to watch football. Tamla had arrived with a bottle of tequila. She took a shot of fireball when she got there and continued to drink her tequila with mountain dew or water mixed in. The next morning there was very little tequila left in the bottle.

Jeanne said at about midnight everyone (guys included) sat around the table in the living room and played Cards Against Humanity. The game continued for about an hour and they stopped. People began cleaning up and getting ready to settle in for the night. Jeanne said Tamla had wanted people to stay up. She was very social and kept engaging in conversation. At one point in the evening Tamla had face timed her husband and children so everyone could see her family. After cleanup was complete, parties separated and left Tamla in the living room. That is the last time anyone saw her alive.

Jeanne told me Nicole and Sarah had left around 2230 hours due to childcare issues. Bridgette left at 0147 hours, and Marcy left at 0410 hours. All other parties stayed the night and left the morning of the 4th to her knowledge.

Tamla was the only smoker at the house that evening. She had gone out multiple times to smoke and had left her cigarette butts on the back porch on the ledge. Jose told me while he was cleaning up the following morning, he found a unlit cigarette and a lighter laying on the floor of the porch. The brand of cigarette matched the smoked cigarettes belonging to Tamla.

Jeanne has a security system at her house that sends notifications to her phone. It details which particular door in the house was opened or secured with a time stamp. Jeanne was able to give me specific times on when certain doors were opened. The back door leading to the back porch

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had been opened at 0149 and closed at 0150. The back door was re-opened at 0157 and never was secured back. The back door was slightly open when Jeanne went to it the following morning.

Madeline was the first person to discover Tamla's body. She had gone to the backyard to see what the temperature outside was and noticed Tamla laying face down in the back yard. She watched her for a moment to see if she was moving and immediately became concerned. She went to Jeanne at her bedroom and told her of the situation. Dispatch was immediately notified.

Crime Scene and the Coroner's Office responded to the scene and conducted an investigation of the crime scene. Tamla's body was collected and will be transported to the GBI headquarters for an autopsy. I got statements from everyone that had contact with Tamla the night before and uploaded them on the "S" drive. A crime scene log was kept and maintained. It was also scanned in to the "S" drive.

Myself and Corporal Corey Miller went to _____ to give the death notification to Tamla's husband, Leander Horford. Leander's vehicle was also returned from Jeanne's house to Leander's house by law enforcement. This case will remain active till further.

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Offense: DECEASED PERSON

Investigator: SPRIGGS, S. L. (B2475)

Date / Time: 11/04/2018 10:20:19, Sunday

Supervisor: YEATON, R. D. (B2585)

Supervisor Review Date / Time: 11/04/2018 19:53:11, Sunday

Contact:

Reference: Assisting Deputy

I responded to the address of . I was responding due to a female person being discovered in the back yard that was not breathing and was stiff.

Upon arrival Deputy Waldrop was placing crime scene tape up. I advised Deputy Young to begin the crime scene log. Cpl. Miller had been inside and had spoken to the occupants. Prior to my arrival the female party had been confirmed deceased. We had all the occupants in the home to move away from the kitchen area and to move to the front dining room, first room on the right as you enter the front door to the left.

The residents had contacted persons who had attended a party the night before and asked them to return. They were not allowed in the home and instructed to complete statements regarding last nights activities.

During the course of Deputy Waldrop interviewing the parties it was apparent that a party took place. The deceased is an acquaintance of the resident homeowner. The deceased was drinking heavily. At some point the party began to wind down and attendees began to go to bed for the night. The deceased was left downstairs and was awake. The back door which has an alarm connected was triggered on the homeowners phone. It was triggered, open, closed and opened again. Times are detailed on the phone. The following morning when the homeowners and party attendees awoke they discovered the female deceased in the back yard. They then contacted 911 to report the incident.

Inv. Christian was contacted and responded to the scene along with the Forsyth County Coroner and Crime Scene.

The deceased was eventually positively identified as Tamla Horsford.

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Offense: DECEASED PERSON

Investigator: CHRISTIAN, M. E. (B2775) **Date / Time:** 11/06/2018 10:04:14, Tuesday
Supervisor: SEXTON, T. R. (B2683) **Supervisor Review Date / Time:** NOT REVIEWED
Contact: **Reference:** Supplemental Follow-up

On Sunday, November 04, 2018 at approximately 0900 hours, FCSO Uniform Patrol responded to a medical call at . A female at that location had been found unresponsive and cold to the touch in the backyard of the residence.

This female was identified as Tamla Lana Horsford, B/F 1978. This identification was made both anecdotally and by her Florida Driver License which had been found in her purse inside the residence.

Tamla had attended a combination birthday and football party at the residence the night before. She was a guest at the residence which is owned by Jeanne Meyers. Tamla resides in the Subdivision and was just spending the night at the residence after the party.

Tamla was anecdotally the last guest to go to bed that night. After saying good night to the host and another friend, she went out onto the back deck of the residence around 0200. This is borne out by the log on the burglar alarm at the residence.

The morning of the 4th, Tamla was seen laying in the backyard by Madeline Lombardi, the Aunt of Meyers. Lombardi went upstairs and got Meyers and her friend Jose Barrera to come check on Tamla.

Barrera called 911. At the request of the 911 operator, he touched Tamla trying to find a pulse or signs of life. None were found.

Responding FCSO Deputies found Tamla face down in the back yard. She was obviously deceased. The fire department and EMS were cancelled.

Tamla was found lying face down in the back yard. She was laying almost immediately at the base of an elevated back porch. Tamla was clad in a one-piece pajama set which was white and had a dog print on it. Tamla's right wrist was dislocated as if she had tried to brace herself from a fall. Additionally, there were two defects on Tamla's shins which corresponded with a metal landscape which was part of the yard and was located near her feet. This landscape divider was a piece of metal approximately one eighth of an inch thick which would have made cuts corresponding to what was seen on Tamla's shins. Tamla was lying face down head downhill from her body. Her right arm was by her side. Her left arm was somewhat out from her body and bent at the elbow.

Statements gleaned from the guest state Tamla had consumed a large quantity of alcohol and had used marijuana at the party.

Tamla was photographed and examined on scene with the aid of FCSO CSI Specialist M. Fujimura. Forsyth County Deputy Coroner K. Bowen represented the Coroner's Office and acted as a liaison

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between the Coroner's Office and the GBI. Tamla was transported to the GBI for autopsy. [11/06/2018 10:05, MECHRISTIAN, 212, FCSO]

On Sunday, November 4, 2018 approximately 0900 hrs. I received a telephone call from a Forsyth County dispatch advising me of a death which had taken place at

On Sunday, November 4, 2018 approximately 1000 hrs. I arrived on scene at the residence itself was cordoned off with yellow crime scene tape. There were approximately eight to ten people milling about in the roadway in front of the residence. The residence itself is a multi-story single family dwelling. It is built on a basement with a main floor and an upstairs. The basement level is finished. Entry into the residence is made through a front door on the front of the residence. Additionally, an attached garage is on the front of the residence with a single overhead door. The back yard is contained within a six foot privacy fence. It is accessible through gates on either side of the residence. On back of the residence there is a large patio on the main level with a covered area underneath. From the back the residence is accessible with a ground level door and a set of stairs leading up to the main level patio where there is another door leading into the main level of the residence.

BRIEFING BY LT. S. SPRIGGS, FCSO

I was briefed on the situation by Forsyth County Sheriff's office Lieut. S. Spriggs. Lieut. Spiggs stated that there had been a large party or gathering at this residence and that all parties had gone to bed or believed to have gone to bed. However this morning a partygoer by the name of Tamla (Tam) lana Horsford had been found in the backyard, deceased. Lieut. Spriggs stated that all partygoers had been asked to return and uniform patrol was currently getting written statements from them. I entered the house and made contact with the host and hostess of the party who were seated at the dining room table, working on their statements. These are identified as Jeanne (Jahn) Marie Meyers and Jose Manuel Barrera. I was familiar with Barrera as I recognized him from being a Felony Probation Agent in Forsyth County. Also seated at the table was Madeline Lombardi, a family friend of Meyers and also a resident at the Address. I introduced myself and explained that I would be speaking to them in a little while. I asked for consent to be in the residence and perform my investigation. This was granted verbally by Meyers. I was shown through the residence by FCSO Cpl. C. Miller. Cpl. Miller showed me the overnight bag and purse belonging to Horsford. These belongings were in the living room of the residence behind a

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sofa.

From there we preceded to the back deck. There I was shown the body of Tamla Horsford.

TAMLA HORSFORD

Investigation into the death of Tamla Horsford was aided by FCSO CSI Specialist, M. Fujimura and Forsyth County Deputy Coroner. K. Bowen.

Tamla was located in the back yard in a prone position. She was laying with her head away from the residence and her feet toward the residence. Her left arm was at an approximately 40 degree angle from her body and the forearm and hand were bent further toward her head in the approximately 10 o'clock position. Her right arm was straight and by her side with the hand approximately six inches from the leg. Her legs were straight behind her with both feet pointing to the right.

Tamla was clad in a one piece pajama outfit consisting of a white fleece hooded outfit with dog paw prints on it and a set of ears affixed to the hood. The outfit was clean with a small dirty spot on the right buttocks of the outfit.

Tamla's body was sketched and measured. Additionally the height of the main level porch was noted as well as the height of the rail.

Multiple photographs were taken by CSI Fujimura.

With the permission of Deputy Coroner Bowen, Tamla was turned over. Most notable when Tamla was turned over was the fact she had come to rest face down. Her head had not been canted to one side or the other.

Tamla's right wrist was fractured or dislocated. There was a large bump where her wrist met her hand as well as a cut over the bump as if the bone had cut the skin from the inside.

There were matching defects on both of Tamla's shins. These corresponded with a piece of metal landscape edging which stood up approximately one inch from the surrounding ground.

Other than the broken wrist and cuts on her shins, no obvious signs of injury presented themselves.

Tamla Horsford was turned over to Coroner Bowen who in turn transported her to the GBI for autopsy.

Additionally, Tamla Horsford's property was inventoried. This was done by CSI Fujimura and myself. In her purse was located a small amount of marijuana and rolling papers. The marijuana was taken by CSI Fujimura for destruction.

JOSE BARRERA

On Sunday, November 4th, 2018 I spoke with Jose Barrera regarding this incident. Jose stated the residence is the home of his girlfriend Jeanne Meyers. He said Meyers had thrown a birthday/ football party at the house. He said she had invited a bunch of her girlfriends over and it was mostly a girl's night. Jose said the only other male there was Thomas Smith. Jose said he and Smith had been downstairs watching the LSU Football game until halftime. He said they had come upstairs at halftime and found food and never went back downstairs.

Jose stated he and Meyers went to bed around 1:30 in the morning and Tamla was still awake. He

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said she told them she was going outside to smoke a cigarette and would either go to sleep in one of Meyers children's rooms or would sleep on the sofa.

Jose said they went to bed and were awakened the next morning by Madeline Lombardi telling him that he needed to come look at something. He said that is when Madeline took him to the body of Tamla Horsford.

JEANNE MEYERS

On Sunday, November 4th, 2018 I spoke with Jeanne Meyers regarding this incident. She stated she had wanted to have a birthday dinner with friends but did not want the hassle of going out. She stated she came up with the idea of inviting some girlfriends over for a pajama party. Jeanne said they had a good evening with some drinking and that everyone had gotten along well. Jeanne said she and Jose were in the process of going to bed and were saying goodnight to Tamla. She said Tamla told her she was going out back to smoke but would be in in a few minutes. She said they went to bed and were awakened the next morning by Madeline Lombardi knocking on their door and asking for Jose. Jeanne said they went outside to find Tamla face down in the back yard.

I asked both Jose and Jeanne how much Tamla had to drink and what condition she was in. They stated she had brought her own bottle of Tequila and had drank most of the bottle. Both described Tamla as happy but not seeming overly intoxicated.

MADELINE LOMBARDI:

On Sunday, November 4th, 2018 I spoke with Madeline Lombardi. Madeline was the first person to see the body of Tamla Horsford in the backyard of the residence.

Madeline stated she had gone to bed before anyone else. She said she had gotten up around 0830 this morning and looked outside. When she did she saw Tamla laying in the back yard. She said she went upstairs to get Jose and Jeanne. She said Jose came outside and checked Tamla and called 911.

CONVERSATION WITH KEITH BOWEN DEP. CORONER:

On Monday, November 5th, 2018 I received a telephone call from Deputy Coroner K. Bowen. Coroner Bowen said that the Medical Examiner had a question in regard to where the body of Tamla Horsford was located. He provided me with a telephone number, 404-270-8210 and name "Chantal" as a contact person with the GBI Medical Examiner's Office.

CHANTAL WITH GBI:

On Monday, November 5th, 2018 I spoke with "Chantal" via telephone at 404-270-8210. I provided Chantal with my contact information. She stated she pass on my information to Dr. Andrew Koopmeiners so that he could call me back.

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On Monday November 5th, 2018 at approximately 1000 hours, I spoke with Kurt StJour the father of Tamla Horsford via telephone at . Kurt was requesting information on the death of his daughter. I explained to him what had been found on scene. However, he had a long list of questions. I asked him if he wanted to come in and sit down with me and speak in person. We made arrangements to meet around 1330 hours.

At 1330 hours, I met with Kurt and a family friend Rochelle _____ in my office at the Sheriff's Office Headquarters.

I answered Kurt's questions in general as best I could with what little information I had at the time. I explained to him that until the reports from the GBI returned I would not be able to tell him exactly what had happened to his daughter.

Kurt still had questions and I asked him if it would help for him to see the pictures from the scene. He stated he wanted to. So I went through the scene pictures with him. This only seemed to cause Kurt to have more questions. He stated the death and scene was suspicious to him. I explained that is why Tamla went to the GBI for autopsy in order to determine the why and how of her death.

I explained to Kurt that based on what we had initially seen, we had a theory about how Tamla came to rest where she had. I explained it looked like she had tripped on a piece of landscape edging and had fallen into the place and position she was in. I explained I could not tell him why she had died but the tripping theory seemed the most plausible at the time. I reiterated that we would have more and better information after the GBI reports began to trickle in.

The visit ended with me explaining to Kurt that I would keep him apprised of future developments.

CONVERSATION WITH DR. A. KOOPMEINERS, GBI:

On Tuesday, November 6th, 2018 at approximately 1000 hours, I spoke with Dr. Andrew Koopmeiners, Associate Medical Examiner with the Georgia Bureau of Investigations.

I began the conversation by explaining how Tamla Horsford had been found. I also explained my theory of her tripping and having some sort of medical event. Dr. Koopmeiners stated it would have been impossible for Tamla to have received her injuries from a ground level fall. He explained that she had suffered a broken neck as well as subdural hematoma on the right side of her skull and a torn heart muscle.

I explained that she had been found in front of a balcony the deck of which was approximately fourteen feet off of the ground. Dr. Koopmeiners stated that a fall from the balcony could produce such injuries. I asked if he would like to see the scene pictures. He replied that he would. I explained that I would put them on a DVD-R and get them to him.

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On Tuesday November 6th, 2018 at approximately 1600 hours, I returned to The reason for the visit is twofold. The reason being to search the area of the backyard where Tamla Horsford had fallen for evidence of impact.

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