

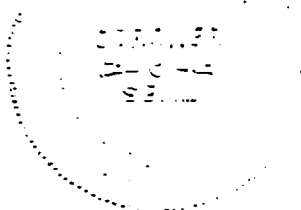
CORONER'S REPORT

(VERDICT)

DECEDENT <i>Full name and address</i> Rylan Marie Cotter ██████████ Mason, MI 48854		DATE AND TIME OF DEATH January 9, 2008 3:35 pm
DESCRIPTION 20 year-old white female		PLACE OF DEATH Golf course grounds - Chesterton
CASE NO. CF64-001-08		
SYNOPSIS An inquiry made into the death of Rylan Cotter, 630 Okemos Street, Mason, MI, revealed that her death was certified by Porter County Coroner Victoria Deppe at approximately 3:35 p.m. on January 9, 2008, at the location of 1110 Pearson Road, Chesterton, IN. Further investigation revealed that the decedent's body was discovered lying on the ground by groundskeeper during a routine check of golf course after recent heavy rains. Identification was made through vehicle information, found parked nearby, and confirmed by family through photo identification. Decedent was a student at Michigan State University. Classes were to resume after Christmas break on January 7, but per police report, she left the area early in the morning and was seen in Chesterton later that afternoon. Chesterton Police Dept. was the investigating authority. Forensic autopsy #AP08-001 was performed by Joseph A. Prahlow, MD, on January 10, 2008, at St Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend, with the following findings: 1. Multiple blunt force injuries, involving fractures of ribs, thoracic vertebral body 5, sternum, pelvis, right femur; pulmonary contusions; lacerations of right lung, thoracic aorta, liver; hemothoraces, hemopericardium, hemoperitoneum; non-displaced dislocation of atlantooccipital junction. 2. Subacute incised wound of left wrist, bandaged. 3. Aortic atherosclerosis, mild. Body fluid specimens were collected and submitted to Great Lakes Laboratories, Valparaiso, for analysis with positive findings of Diphenhydramine.		
CAUSE OF DEATH Blunt Force Trauma to Chest / Abdomen		
CONTRIBUTING CAUSE: Jump		
MANNER OF DEATH Suicide	WAS AN AUTOPSY DONE? Yes (forensic 01/10/08)	BLOOD / ALCOHOL ANALYSIS Yes

I, Victoria Deppe, Coroner of PORTER County, Indiana do hereby certify that I have caused an examination to be made of the body, made an inquiry into the circumstances of the death and Now render these Findings, this 7th day of March 2008.

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Victoria Deppe
CORONER