

NEW ORLEANS POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT F-04934-16

Signal	Incident	Occurrence Date/Time	Reported Date/Time	Status	Bulletin	Domestic Violence	Hate Crime
29U	UNCLASSIFIED DEATH	6/5/2016 4:21 AM	6/5/2016 4:45 AM	OPEN	NO	NO	NO
Location						Dist/Zone/Sub	Lighting
4400 FLITE ST						7C03	GOOD

VICTIM PERSONS

1 VICTIM

Last Name	First Name	Race	Sex	DOB
UNKNOWN				
Home Address		Home Phone	SSN	Driver's License
Work Address		Work Phone	Occupation	
Sobriety	Injury	Treated	Victim Type	Email Address
			ORLEANS RESIDENT	
English Proficiency	Language Access		Language	

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<u>16 Criminal Activity</u>	<u>17 Motive</u>	<u>18 Targets</u>	
10 Other (Describe)	16 Unknown	04 Vehicle 05 Person 17 Unknown	
<u>19 Method of Entry</u>	<u>20 Point of Entry/Exit</u>	<u>21 Security Used</u>	<u>Security Defeated</u>
<u>22 Residential</u>	<u>23 Outdoor Area</u>	<u>24 Comm. Establishment</u>	<u>25 Public Access Area</u>
	01 Street/Road/Alley		
<u>26 Movable</u>	<u>27 Structure Type</u>	<u>28 Structure Status</u>	
04 Personal Vehicle			
<u>29 Off. Approach</u>	<u>30 Impersonated</u>	<u>31 Weapon</u>	<u>32 Firearm Features</u>
26 Unknown			
<u>33 Property Crimes</u>	<u>34 Person Crimes</u>	<u>Sex Crime Specific</u>	
01 Committed Crim. Damage 03 Set Fire			

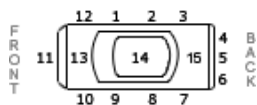
Additional Descriptions

16-(10) COMMITTED SIMPLE ARSON

VEHICLES

Reporting Officer #1	Badge	Emp. ID	Reporting Officer #2	Badge	Emp. ID	Car Number	Platoon
PO IV REGINALD A. KOELLER, III	593	16512	PO IV TYRONE MILLS	523	9036	715	C
Detective Assigned	Approving Supervisor		Badge	Crime Lab	Other		
WALDRON, A. UNIT 4152	SERGEANT RUDOLPH M. THOMAS		252	LASTIE, S. UNIT 5133	HOLLAND, R. UNIT 4299 NOFD		

VEHICLE		VICTIM				
Year	Make	Model	Color	Style	Value	VIN
2005	TOYOTA	CAMRY	BLACK	FOUR DOOR		4T1BE32K95U085362
Lic. Plate	State	Year	Recovered	Reovery Location	Dist/Zone/Sub	
XXT719	LA	2016		4400 BLOCK OF FLITE STREET	7/C/03	
Vehicle Damage Level	Additional Description					
HEAVY	BURNED					

35 Vehicle Damage

01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08,
09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

36 Recovered Vehicle M.O.

14 Residential Area
19 Burned

NARRATIVE

ON SUNDAY JUNE 5, 2016, AT ABOUT 4:21 AM., OFFICERS REGINALD KOELLER AND TYRONE MILLS, MANNING UNIT 726C, OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS SEVENTH POLICE DISTRICT, RECEIVED A CALL VIA NEW ORLEANS POLICE DEPARTMENT DISPATCHER, TO INVESTIGATE A SIGNAL 52F (FIRE) WHICH OCCURRED IN THE 4400 BLOCK OF FLITE STREET. AFTER FURTHER INVESTIGATION, OFFICERS KOELLER AND MILLS CHANGED THE SIGNAL OF THE INCIDENT TO A SIGNAL 29U (UNCLASSIFIED DEATH). THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THIS INCIDENT AND INVESTIGATION ARE DOCUMENTED IN THE FOLLOWING NEW ORLEANS POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT:

ON THE AFOREMENTIONED TIME AND DATE, OFFICERS KOELLER AND MILLS ARRIVED IN THE 4400 BLOCK OF FLITE STREET AND OBSERVED A BLACK, FOUR DOOR, TOYOTA CAMRY, BEARING LOUISIANA LICENSE PLATE XXT719, ENGULFED IN FIRE. OFFICERS KOELLER AND MILLS FURTHER OBSERVED NEW ORLEANS FIRE DEPARTMENT ENGINE 6, WAS ON THE SCENE AND IN THE PROCESS OF EXTINGUISHING THE FIRE. OFFICER KOELLER WAS THEN APPROACHED BY FIRE FIGHTER ISRAEL DAVIS, WHO ADVISED OFFICER KOELLER THERE WAS A BURNED BODY IN THE FRONT PASSENGER SIDE SEAT OF THE VEHICLE. OFFICER KOELLER SUBSEQUENTLY APPROACHED THE VEHICLE AND OBSERVED THE CHARD REMAINS OF A HUMAN BEING LYING FACE DOWN IN THE FRONT PASSENGER SIDE SEAT OF THE VEHICLE. OFFICER KOELLER SUBSEQUENTLY CONDUCTED A LICENSE PLATE CHECK ON THE VEHICLE'S LICENSE PLATE AND LEARNED THE VEHICLE WAS REGISTERED TO MR. JOHN PATRICK SIMMONS, RESIDING AT 4935 SANDALWOOD DRIVE.

OFFICER KOELLER IMMEDIATELY ALERTED NEW ORLEANS POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMAND DESK OF THIS DISCOVERY AND REQUESTED THE NEW ORLEANS POLICE DEPARTMENT HOMICIDE UNIT TO THE SCENE.

OFFICER KOELLER CONTACTED SERGEANT R. THOMAS, MANNING UNIT 720C, OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS SEVENTH POLICE DISTRICT, WHO ARRIVED ON THE SCENE AND SUPERVISED OFFICERS KOELLER AND MILLS INVESTIGATION OF THIS INCIDENT.

OFFICER KOELLER CONTACTED CITY OF NEW ORLEANS HOMICIDE DETECTIVE A. WALDRON, WHO ARRIVED ON THE SCENE AND CONDUCTED HIS INVESTIGATION OF THIS INCIDENT.

OFFICER KOELLER CONTACTED NEW ORLEANS FIRE DEPARTMENT ARSON INVESTIGATOR R. HOLLARD, MANNING UNIT 4299, WHO ARRIVED ON THE SCENE AND CONDUCTED HIS INVESTIGATION OF THIS INCIDENT. INVESTIGATOR HOLLARD ADVISED OFFICER KOELLER THE VEHICLE WAS IN FACT INTENTIONALLY SET ON FIRE.

OFFICER KOELLER THEN OBTAINED THE NAMES OF THE MEMBERS OF ENGINE 6 AND NOTED THEM FOR THIS REPORT. THE MEMBERS IDENTIFIED WERE FIRE FIGHTER GREGORY HOWARD, FIRE FIGHTER DARRICK SHELBY, FIRE FIGHTER ISRAEL DAVIS, AND FIRE CHIEF DAVID CONDON.

OFFICER KOELLER CONTACTED NEW ORLEANS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE UNIT 6247, MANNED BY EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN THOMAS EVANS. TECHNICIAN EVANS ADVISED OFFICER THE BODY INSIDE OF THE VEHICLE WAS PRONOUNCED DECEASED AT 5:28AM, BY DOCTOR JEFF ELDER, DIRECTOR OF NEW ORLEANS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE.

OFFICER KOELLER CONTACTED CORONER'S OFFICERS INVESTIGATOR JENNIFER TRIGUEROS, MANNING UNIT 5076, WHO ARRIVED ON THE SCENE AND CONDUCTED HER INVESTIGATION OF THIS INCIDENT. INVESTIGATOR TRIGUEROS TOOK POSSESSION OF THE BODY INSIDE OF THE VEHICLE AND RELOCATED IT TO THE CORONER'S OFFICE FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

OFFICER KOELLER CONTACTED CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE CRIME LAB UNIT 5133, MANNED BY TECHNICIAN S. LASTIE, WHO ARRIVED ON THE SCENE AND PROCESSED THE SCENE FOR EVIDENCE.

OFFICERS KOELLER AND MILLS BODY WORN CAMERAS WERE ACTIVATED THROUGHOUT THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS INCIDENT.