

Lawrence Police Department
Media Release
June 8, 2010
Case: 02-10-7113

On June 8, 2010, at approximately 7:13 a.m., Lawrence Police Officers responded to a medical emergency at 1200 Oread Avenue, the Oread Hotel. Officers arrived and found a 25 year old male Lawrence resident deceased on a second floor balcony. It appears at this time that the victim fell from an upper floor of the hotel.

The Lawrence Police Department treats all unattended deaths with diligent investigative efforts that involve several disciplines including: detailed crime scene investigation, area canvasses and witness interviews. The victim's prior background and activities leading up to the event will need to be thoroughly investigated in order to determine the circumstances surrounding the event. Additionally, the Coroner's Office may review the circumstances.

Identification of the victim is being withheld until family notification has been made. These types of investigations proceed at a methodical pace and subsequent information may be released as the facts become known. Lawrence Police Detectives are currently investigating the incident.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Lawrence Police Department Investigations Division at (785) 830-7430 or Douglas County Crime Stoppers at (785) 843-TIPS.

Sergeant Matt Sarna
Lawrence Police Department

Update
June 9, 2010

The victim has been identified as 25 year old Brandon Sims of Lawrence. The case is still under investigation and no further information is available at this time.

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