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Coroner's Comprehensive Report of Death Investigation

Contacted Date	06/02/2022	Contacted By	Deputy Hoffman	Dispatcher	
Contacted Time	10:50 AM	Of	Peoria County Sheriff's Office	Case Number	22-1482
				Incident Number	22-3534

Demographics

Decedent Name	Dierkes, Steven		Sex	Male
Address 1	804 W McClure Ave		Birth Date	05/02/1983
Address 2			Age	39 Yrs
City/State/Zip	Peoria, IL 61604		Race	White
County	Peoria		SSN	
Municipality			Height	
Home			Weight	
Work			Eye Color	
Mobile			Hair Color	
Occupation			Marital Status	Unknown
Employer			Education	
Type of Business			Armed Forces	
Birthplace				

Next Of Kin

Name	Dierkes, Tori	Relationship	Mother
Address 1	1303 Mill Creek Road	Home	(309) 530-2265
Address 2		Work	
City/State/Zip	Bloomington, IL 61704	Mobile	

Last Contact

Name		Type	
Date		Time	
Family Notified	No	By	
		Notified Date	

Father's Information

Name		Home	
Address 1		Work	
Address 2		Mobile	
City/State/Zip			
Birthplace		Birth State	

Mother's Information

Name		Home	
Address 1		Work	
Address 2		Mobile	
City/State/Zip			
Birthplace		Birth State	

Informant's Information

Name	Sutter, Jessica	Home	(309) 213-0065
Address 1	804 E McClure Ave	Work	
Address 2		Mobile	
City/State/Zip	Peoria, IL 61604	Relationship	Ex-Girlfriend

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Cause / Manner							
Primary Cause	Thermal annihilation				Interval	Immediate	
Due To	Fall into Smeltery (crucible)				Interval	Immediate	
Due To	Industrial accident				Interval	Immediate	
Due To					Interval		
Manner of Death	Accidental				Date of Death	06/02/2022	
Other Significant Conditions					Time of Death	11:19 AM (Pro)	
					Date Pronounced	06/02/2022	
					Time Pronounced	11:19 AM	
					Pronounced By	Matthew Schlieper	
Pregnancy Status					Tobacco Use		
Death by Injury	Yes	MVA		No	Injury Date	06/02/2022	
Injured at Work	Yes	Weapon Used		No	Injury Time	09:23 AM (Apx)	
County of Injury	Peoria		Municipality	Mapleton			
Descr. of Injury	Heat related accident						
Place of Injury	Caterpillar in Mapleton						
Address of Injury	8826 US-24						
Incident Type			Homeless?		# Non-Fatally Shot		
Type of Poison			In Custody?		Gun Recovered?		
Name of Poison			Alcohol Use?		Bullet Recovered?		
Drug Obtained For					Casing Recovered?		
Medical Interventions							
None	X	Defibbed		Wound Care		Date CPR Initiated	
CPR		Airway		IV		Time CPR Initiated	
Other		IO		Electrodes		Date CPR Term.	
Other Specify					Time CPR Term.		
Naloxone?					Reason Terminated		
Bystander			Bystander Doses	0	Terminated By		
First Responder			1st Resp. Doses	0			
Interventions Performed By							
Family Member		Law Enforcement		Health Care Prof.			
Friend/Acquaint.		Bystander		Co-Worker			
Other Perform By		Other specify					
Notes	Said suffered catastrophic thermal annihilation due to fall into smeltery (crucible)						
Autopsy Information							
Autopsy		Pathologist				Autopsy Date	
Autopsy Location					Autopsy Type		
Autopsy Result							
Results available before completing Cause of Death?							
Family Notified		Notified By				Notified Date	
Scene							
Place of Incident	8826 US-24				DNR On File	No	
Place of Death	Caterpillar				DNR Date		
Municipality	Mapleton , IL 61547				Date Admitted		
EMS On Scene	Yes	Latitude		Longitude		Ambient Temp.	
Lighting Cond.	Daylight	Weather	Clear	Outside Temp.		Animal/Pets	Not Applicable
HVAC Status	Not Applicable	Thermostat				Cleanliness	Not Applicable
HVAC Mode		Inside Temp.				Hoarding	Not Applicable
Exam							
Body Position					Blood Alcohol		
Body Condition					Carbon Monoxide		
Algor Mortis	Not Recorded				Source of CO		
Rigor Mortis							
Livor Mortis							

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Drug Use						
Blood Present				Urine Obtained	No	
Blood Drawn	No	At Autopsy?	No	Vitreous Drawn	No	
Clothing			Sexual Assault	No	Hair Obtained	No
Scars	None			Other Sample	No	
Tattoos	None					
Medical History						
Diseases Conditions						
Phy						
Assisting Agencies						
Agency Name			Contact Name			
			Contact Phone			
Motor Vehicle Accident Data						
Accident Location						
Date / Time			Roadway			
Ambient Light			Traffic Devices			
Weather			Speed Limit			
Decedent was						
Disposition / Funeral Home						
Removed To			By			
			Date			
Released Date			Certifier of Death	Coroner Harwood		
Disposition			Cremation Certifier			
Disposition Date			Cremation Rel Dt			
Disposition Loc			Funeral Home			
Address 1			Address 1			
Address 2			Address 2			
City/State/Zip			City/State/Zip			
Contact			Contact			
Phone			Phone			
Funeral Home Notified			Notified By			
			Notified Date			
Permission to Dispose of Body with Pending Death Certificate			Notified Time			
Organ Donation			Organ Procurement Organization			
			Date			
Types of Donation(s)	Eyes	Bone	Tissue	Location of Procedure		
Kidney	Liver	Lungs	Heart	Pancreas	Intestines	
				Other		
Overdose						
Death related to prescription medication or illicit drug			Alcohol			
			Food			
Death related to methadone			Law enforcement?			
			Unknown			
What Agency			Bite/Sting			
			Cleaners			
Type of Drug OD			Specify			
			Bite/Sting Source			
Drug Administration			Specify			
			Carbon Monoxide			
Injection Evidence			Specify			
			Other			
Indications of Drug Use			Other Specify			
Evidence of prescription morphine use			Specify			
Victim being treated for pain at time of OD			Indicate type of Pain			
Evidence of Rapid OD	Bystanders present		How Many	Drug use witnessed		
No Evidence	Drug relapse?		Opioid relapse?	Previous OD reported?		
Tourniquet on arm	When		When	When		
Needle found	Current/Past abuse of opioid/heroin		Treatment for Substance abuse			
	Rx Opioids					
Witness Reported	Heroin		Name/ Address/ Details			
	Unknown Substance(s)					
Other	explain					

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Investigating Coroner / Deputy			
Cor. / Deputy	Matthew	Cert Signed Date	
Cert Signed By		Cert Disposition	
Description of Investigation			
<p>6/2/22 at 1050, Lt. Corpus with PCSO notified the PCCO of a workplace death at Caterpillar in Mapleton.</p> <p>Coroner Harwood and I arrived on scene and spoke to Deputy Hoffman for information. He states there is a pit where there is molten metal. The workers take a sample with a long pole that has a cup on the end. Hoffman states there is a video of the incident. He denies anyone pushing the deceased. He states it looks like the deceased tripped and fell into the pit of molten metal. He states there was a witness that tried to come over the deceased, but could not help him. Caterpillar HR paperwork shows the deceased to be Steven Dierkes. Hoffman states shortly after incident happened, a crane was used to try to pull out remains of the deceased. Unknown if any remains were removed. Per workers, the material will not be cool enough to handle until 1600-1800. Work supervisor was given business card and told to call when material can be dumped to be sifted through for remains. Work supervisor also states the deceased has worked there for a little over a week.</p> <p>Entrance used for the coroner's access was Southbound on Terminal road, travel East on an access road to back entrance of building. Deceased was in the South end of the building. There was an area marked off the caution tape that was put by Sherriff's Office. There was a pit with molten material inside. No railings around the pit noted. Two large metal crucibles were noted in the area. One of the crucibles had the material from the pit inside to cool it. Around the pit was noted to be a recessed area about 6 wide going around the circumference of the pit. The pit was not examined up close due to safety. Material noted around the circumference of the pit, unknown if it was there prior to the deceased falling in.</p> <p>Per Caterpillars HR records, a Jessica Sutter was found to be the deceased's emergency contact. Her address was the same as the deceased's address. Coroner Harwood and I arrived at the residence to make a notification. She was not at home, the person who answered the door was a babysitter. He states she works at Springhill Suites at 2701 W Lake Ave in Peoria. Coroner Harwood and I arrived at Springhill Suites. Jessica was found in her car. She was notified the death. She called the deceased's mother and the mother was also notified. Jessica and Tori Dierkes were given the deputy cell phone number and Coroner Harwood's number. They were told I will call back after going through the material when it cools.</p> <p>Groeper with PCSO had a video of the incident given by Caterpillar. He gave me a flash drive and I copied the files. In the video, the deceased is carrying the pole to test samples of the material. Deceased was noted to have an abnormal gait. Deceased was walking towards the pit and stumbled. Deceased looks as if he went onto his knees first and then fell in the pit. The video is time stamped. The time the deceased fell in was at 0923 per the timestamp on the video. Deceased was seen collecting a sample without issue prior to this incident.</p> <p>Authored by MDS.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>1610 I received a phone call from the manager, Christopher Lund. He states they are ready to dump the material for use to sift through for remains. I responded back to Caterpillar in Mapleton. I sifted through the remains and found some bone fragments. They were placed into a paper sack and transported back to the Peoria County Morgue.</p> <p>Per Coroner Harwood the remains will be processed at Morgan Jones Mortuary Services.</p> <p>Authored by MDS.</p>			

Dierkes, Steven

Signature

Date