



JEFFERSON CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASE

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Subject: Death Investigation - Robert "Spence" Jackson
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On Sunday, March 29, 2015 at just after 7 p.m., Jefferson City Police responded to an apartment in the 900 block of Southwest Boulevard for a 'check well-being' call of Robert "Spence" Jackson, a 45 year old Jefferson City resident. According to the caller, a family member of Jackson, he was unresponsive to calls or other attempts to raise him at the apartment. The property manager was able to provide a key to responding officers, who entered the residence and located Jackson in his bedroom. Initial assessment of the scene indicated that Jackson died of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound, but Jefferson City Police Detectives were called to the scene to investigate.

Physical evidence at the scene, along with an examination of the apartment, did not indicate any signs of forced entry or struggle, but Detectives began a full investigation with the assistance of Patrol personnel to canvas the area and contact those who knew Jackson. This investigation is still an open investigation, and no details regarding findings will be released as of yet.

An autopsy is planned for today, and Detectives are continuing to investigate this case as a suicide, although further information will be necessary to eliminate any other possible causes for Jackson's death.

Jackson was previously employed as the spokesperson for Tom Schweich, the Missouri State Auditor who committed suicide in February of this year.