



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT
PRESS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: Death Investigation University of Delaware Student

The Newark Police Department is actively investigating the death of an 18 year-old University of Delaware student. A 911 call was received at 2:52 a.m. reporting an unconscious person at 28 Annabelle Street, Newark. An ambulance from the Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Company was dispatched and arrived to find the victim in cardiac arrest and not breathing. The ambulance crew along with New Castle County Paramedics initiated life-saving measures to the victim at the scene and while he was being transported to Christiana Hospital. He pronounced was dead at the hospital.

The initial investigation reveals the victim was a pledge of the Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity. The victim was attending a fraternity function at the house occupied by the fraternity. Initial information estimates that about 40 people were at the house. An overdose of alcohol is being investigated as a preliminary cause of the medical emergency. An autopsy will be performed, most likely on Sunday November 9.

The victim is Brett J. Griffin, an 18 year-old University of Delaware freshman, from Kendall Park, NJ.

The next scheduled update for this release will be on the afternoon of Sunday November 9. Any critical information will be released as it is learned.

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