



Report of Death Investigation
City of Philadelphia
Office of the Medical Examiner
Department of Public Health

Case Number: **11-00420** 1/26/2011 7:31:00 PM
ELLEN R. GREENBERG
 4601 Flat Rock Rd. Unit 603
 Philadelphia PA 19127 (717) 579-9258
 27 Years White Female
 Jun 23, 1983 [REDACTED] Marlon Osbourne

Investigator: Jaime Budd
 ReportedBy: Det. Sierra #9103, Homicide
 Place of Pronouncement: Residence

Brought to hospital by: _____ Date: _____

Place of Death: 4601 Flat Rock Rd. Unit 603

Death Date: 1/26/2011 6:40:00 PM

Pronounced By: Medic-5

Address: _____

Employer: School Dist Philadelphia

Occupation: Teacher

Non-Jurisdictional Status

By _____
 Date: _____
 Reviewed By: _____ Date: _____
 Approved By: _____ Date: _____

Body Ordered to OME By: Jaime Budd **Via** Police
 Date: 1/26/2011 7:34:00 PM

Sign Out by Inquiry? No
 SignOut by Hospital Autopsy? No

Notifications

	By	Date
Relatives		
Med.Agencies		
Official Agencies		
Hospital Requests Autopsy?	No	
Legal Consent By:		
Pending	No	Refused: No

Alias: Ellen Greenburg

Circumstances:

The dec'd fiancé, Samuel Goldberg, reportedly came home from the gym, kicked in the door and found the dec'd with a knife in her chest. NWDD on location. No further info at this time. Inv. Olszewski to the scene.

Scene Investigation: Fiancé, Samuel Goldberg DOB: [REDACTED] s/a, reportedly left the decedent around 1645 went to the gym. He returned around 1715-1730 and was unable to get into the apartment. The door was secure from the inside. He proceeded to contact the decedent via text message, telephone calls and emails for approximately an hour before he forced entry into the apartment. He immediately discovered her and called 911, he was briefly instructed to start CPR until he noticed a knife in her chest, then he stopped.

The decedent is found supine in the kitchen with her head and some of her upper body/shoulders resting against the lower half of the kitchen cabinets. There is a knife embedded in her left chest, through her clothing. The decedent has multiple stab wounds: at the chest where the knife is located, a few superficial grouped nearby, one to the left upper chest near the clavicle, 2 more at the mid chest between and just below the breasts.

She is clad in a zipper up shirt overtop a t-shirt, sweatpants, underwear, and UGG boots. There are defects to the shirts consistent with the underlying wounds. Blood is present on the head, in the hair, on the front side of shirts, along her pants on the front side and on the top of both of her boots. The right boot has blood on the sole. The blood around her his generally confined to the area of the body, on the floor underneath, on the cabinets behind her, two separate drops on the granite counter top above.



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A few kitchen knives are in the sink adjacent to the body. There is no evident blood. A knife block is on the counter turned over to the side. Also no evident blood. The knife in her body is consistent with the knife set found in the sink and in the block.

The lock, a common solid bar door guard, is broken, obviously forced in, consistent with the fiancés report. There is no evidence of a struggle in the kitchen area or anywhere else in the apartment. There are numerous valuables present, including 3 laptop computers. Nothing is missing. There is no note found. A paper booklet is in the decedents pocketbook, resembles a journal of medications and her state of mind, last dated 1/16. The only way to exit the apartment with the front doorway locked is through a rear slider leading to a patio. The patio is 6 stories high. There is snow present with no tracks or footprints, completely undisturbed.

Psychiatrist: Dr Ellen Berman (610) 667-4617.

Rx: alprazolam, clonazepam, zolpidem. Rx meds are recovered from the bedroom drawer.

See scene report, photos, interviews and identification for further information...SO

1/27/11 HOMICIDE, Det Sierra and Peters notified of the death. 1/27/11 Knife recovered during examination, signed over to homicide Detective Sierra, Receipt in case file...SO

1/28/11 Psychiatrist Ellen Berman records subpoenaed, placed in case file...SO

Informant Statement:

Date: 1/27/2011

Relation: Father

Name: Joshua Greenberg

Phone: (717) 233-0754

Address: 4408 Saybrook Lane Harrisburg PA

The identification was completed via telephone by the decedents parents, Joshua and Sandra Greenberg. They were notified of the death by the parents of the decedents fiancée.

Mom states she last talked to the decedent the same day at 0700 when they were both on their way to work. They had a pleasant conversation. She gave no indication that something was imminently wrong. The decedent has been battling issues with anxiety since the end of last year. Mom states she was "struggling with something", for which she urged her to seek help. She was seeing a psychiatrist, Ellen Berman, in Merion Station. The decedent as described as anxious, insecure, not sure of herself and not liking how she felt, characteristics that were not the norm her entire life. The decedent expressed to family that she was a bit overwhelmed with her classroom work. The decedents occupation is a teacher for the School District of Philadelphia, currently teaching at Juniata Academy Elementary School, employed for 3 years. She is described as a bright woman, who was very successful and recently received her master's degree in Education and certified in Reading specialty. The day the incident occurred is the same day that school grades were to be handed in. She may have been stressed about the schoolwork, as she is described as very caring for her students.

The decedent was in a committed relationship with Sam Goldberg. They have been together for 3 years, recently engaged over the summer. The parents have no reservations about their relationship. They described the fiancé Sam as a "fine young man." They were happy to have him as an in-law. They have no knowledge of any verbal or physical abuse.

The parents deny any previous suicide attempts or ideations. The incident is a surprise to them despite her



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