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NEWS RELEASE

Incident Type: **Death Investigation**

Incident Date: **February 3, 2012**

Incident Location: **Park Motel, Tomah**

Subject Involved: **Kurt H. Lieburn (07-09-1960)**

Date: **February 16, 2012**

Incident Brief:

This is additional information to the News Release initially released by the Tomah Police Department on February 13, 2012.

During 2008 and 2009 the Tomah Police Department had several contacts with Kurt Lieburn. A majority of those contacts were in reference to calls for welfare checks on Kurt Lieburn. During those contacts it was determined that Kurt Lieburn was homeless and living in his truck while it was parked in different parking lots within the City of Tomah. During contacts with Kurt Lieburn it was determined that he was okay and that he did not want assistance from the Tomah Police Department.

On March 7, 2011 the Tomah Police Department was contacted by Jessica Lieburn. Jessica Lieburn came to the police department to report her father-in-law, Kurt Lieburn, as missing. Jessica Lieburn indicated that the last time that the family had spoken to Kurt Lieburn was several years ago. Jessica Lieburn further advised that Kurt Lieburn had a drinking problem and often stayed at the Park Motel.

Jessica Lieburn advised that approximately one week prior to March 7, 2011 they had seen Kurt Lieburn's truck parked at the Park Motel and assumed he had been staying there. Jessica Lieburn stopped at the Park Motel to make contact with Kurt Lieburn. Jessica Lieburn was advised by the motel manager that she had not seen Kurt Lieburn for

about a year. The manager indicated that the truck was left at the motel by Kurt Lieburn when he left and the truck had been there since.

Jessica Lieburn further advised that she was aware that Kurt Lieburn had inherited a sum of money. Jessica Lieburn advised that Kurt Lieburn received a portion of the settlement from his sister but never collected on the remaining inheritance money.

After receiving the initial information from Jessica Lieburn an officer from the Tomah Police Department went to the Park Motel and spoke with the manager.

The manager advised that she believed Kurt Lieburn had been staying at the motel on and off for the better part of 10 years. The manager indicated that Kurt Lieburn stayed at the motel from time to time and would leave for months, sometimes leaving his truck in the parking lot. She advised that this was not the first time Kurt Lieburn had disappeared and did not think it was unusual that he was gone.

The manager advised that she last saw Kurt Lieburn in December of 2009. She indicated that she saw Kurt Lieburn leaving with some friends that she had seen at the apartment several times before and he appeared to be in good spirits.

The manager advised that Kurt Lieburn owed the motel \$300.00 for rent. The manager advised the title to Kurt Lieburn's truck was turned over to the motel for collateral. The manager advised that all of Kurt Lieburn's belongings were in the truck. The manager advised that several months ago, possibly October 2009, someone had slept in the back of Kurt Lieburn's truck which was made up like a bed. The manager originally thought that it may have been Kurt Lieburn, but when he never checked into the apartment she assumed it was somebody else.

Based upon the information obtained from Jessica Lieburn, and the motel manager, the Tomah Police Department sent out a teletype to surrounding police agencies to see if anyone had contact with Kurt Lieburn. The teletype did not result in any contacts with Kurt Lieburn.

On March 23, 2011 Susan Brna, the sister of Kurt Lieburn, contacted the Tomah Police Department. Susan Brna was concerned that she had not heard from her brother in quite some time. It was determined that Susan Brna was the sister referred to by Jessica Lieburn that had the remainder of Kurt Lieburn's inheritance money that he had not collected. Susan again expressed her concerns because she had not located her brother. She indicated that she has called all the area morgues in Wisconsin and they did not have any record of Kurt Lieburn.

Based on the information that had been obtained related to Kurt Lieburn he was entered into the National Crime Information Center as a missing person by the Tomah Police Department.

On February 3, 2012 at approximately 9:33 a.m. the Tomah Police Department responded to the Park Motel for a report that someone was found deceased in a room.

Upon arrival motel management led officers to room # 19. Officers observed a subject lying on a bed deceased. It was apparent due to the advanced decomposition of the body and items in the room that the subject had been deceased in the room for a long period of time.

Based upon the appearance of the room and items located in the room to include trash, food, clothing, personal hygiene products and several different types of alcohol containers, it appeared as though the occupant had been staying in the room for an extended period of time. Items located in the room to include clothing, personal identification, medicine bottles, and a jacket, led officers to believe that the deceased subject was Kurt Lieburn.

An interview was conducted with the motel management. The manager advised that there shouldn't have been anyone in the room and that it hadn't been rented out in a long time due to plumbing issues and a door that jams. The manager advised that they had probably not been in this room since the previous tenant, Kurt Lieburn, had moved out in December 2009. The manager advised that the previous tenant, Kurt Lieburn, still had a key to the room after he had left. There was an agreement that if Kurt Lieburn came back he could use the room and then let them know about it.

Arrangements were made by the Monroe County Medical Examiner's office to have an autopsy performed. On February 6, 2012, an autopsy was performed. Based upon the examination the deceased person was identified as Kurt Lieburn.

As of this time the cause of death is unknown. The Tomah Police Department has no information that would lead us to believe that the cause of death was anything other than natural causes. Final autopsy results are pending.

If you have any information relative to this investigation you are encouraged to contact Detective Robert Walensky of the Tomah Police Department at 608-374-7410.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Wesley D. Revels", is written over a horizontal line.

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