NYPD

## INCIDENT REPORT

Case No:	4-583	Date:October 10, 2001

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**Incident:** Involving the case of a woman found dead in her apartment after approximately four days of having expired. Reported call was placed by the subject's therapist after a number of sessions in the preceding week

## **Detail of Crime Scene:**

Door was found to be locked and double bolted with a chair in place against it for extra securing. Apartment was covered in near total darkness due to the smashing of all light bulbs and multi-layering of all windows/views pertaining to the exterior (layers consisting of venetian blinds, black-out sheets and wood framing). Presence of burned out candles suggest these as the only previously used light sources. Northern and eastern walls of the apartment covered in photographs top-to-bottom, in a seemingly organized, but unknown or incomprehensible, fashion. Photos range from digital printouts to disposable camera footage, and all depict similar material involving commonplace areas in the apartment and public areas in the city with a shrouded figure (seems like photo manipulation could be explained for at least half of the pictures). Body found lying down in the center of the room covered with dried blood, excrement and other unidentified substances. These substances are present as well in many various spaces within the apartment (including the ceiling and on top of the kitchen cabinets). Signs of a struggle are apparent due to marks and scratches on the surrounding walls and floors, yet no marks appear present on the interior of the front door. All furnishings and personal objects have been rounded up and collected within the room furthest from the front of the apartment, stacked in a structured pile.

## **Actions Taken:**

Due to the extensively locked nature of the apartment, a battering ram was necessary to gain access within. Upon discovery of body, apartment was searched for the presence of a possible suspect and any other possible victims. Upon securing of the apartment, forensic officers called to scene in order to photograph the interior and door leading into the apartment. Samples of all the substances present have been collected and sent to laboratory forensics for further analysis. Specific photos from the wall have been collected and categorized as evidence, in the possibility of identifying any other persons of interest associated with the victim, the apartment or of a third party. Analyzing for fingerprints have shown no presence of any others except for the victim's, and treatment and display of the body shows it unlikely that suicide was the cause of death.

## Summary:

Remains of the woman show signs of murder, torture and possible starvation, given the scarification and mistreatment of the body, along with a missing number of organs. Cause of death remains inconclusive [subject to further lab testing].