

# BRANDON POLICE SERVICE

Case No: BPS-25-0911

Crime Scene Unit • 1234 9th St, Brandon, MB • (204) 555-0199

**Case Title:** Death of Martin HALDEN (Closed as Suicide)

**Date Opened:**  
2025-08-11

**Date Closed:**  
2025-08-18

**Primary Detective:** Det. Alan BROOKS #287

**CSU Lead:** Sgt. L. PETERS #102

**ME File Ref:** ME-25-1182

**Contents:** Initial Incident; Supplemental Reports (2); Crime Scene Log; Scene Diagram; Property/Evidence Log (combined); Ballistics; GSR; Autopsy/Toxicology; Fingerprint Sheet; Interviews (Ward, Cross, Housekeeper, Neighbor); Digital Forensics; IT Security — VPN Access Logs; Call Records (combined); Bank Transactions; Media; Closure; Photo Index.

# INCIDENT REPORT

BPS-25-0911-IR

**Location:** 55 Waverly Ct, Brandon, MB

**Date/Time Reported:**  
2025-08-11 22:06

**Occurred:** 2025-08-11  
~21:30–22:00

**Reporting Officer:** PC M.  
HOLLOWAY #417

**Detective:** Det. A. BROOKS  
#287

**Supervisor:** Sgt. L. PETERS  
#102

**Narrative:**

On arrival, made contact with housekeeper, Maria LOPEZ, at front entry. LOPEZ reported she arrived at approx. 21:58 hrs and found the door unlocked. Officers conducted protective sweep; no persons located. The study was observed with desk lamp on, decedent seated, head canted to right, revolver in right hand. Pooling blood noted under chair; staining consistent with low-velocity drip at desk edge. Wastebasket adjacent contained torn paper fragments. No forced entry; windows latched. CSU notified at 22:14 hrs and secured scene at 22:22 hrs. Photos logged (see index). Items collected per Property/Evidence Log. Residence turned over to Det. BROOKS at 23:05 hrs.

**Initial Observations (CSU):**

- GSR swabs collected both hands; preliminary positive L hand.
- Livor mortis posterior; fixation partial; seated angle may not reflect initial position.
- Desk drawers undisturbed; safe locked; no pry/tool marks.
- Whiskey bottle at ~1/3 volume; glass with residue on rim.

**Victim Info:**

- Name: HALDEN, Martin • DOB 1967-02-03
- Occupation: Owner, Halden Realty Group
- Medical: Atenolol per prescription in cabinet
- Next of Kin: Through attorney Jonathan GREER

# SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT — PATROL

BPS-25-0911-SUP-A

**PC R. SANTOS #233:** Assisted on call. Checked rear patio door (secure). Noted porch light on timer; trash bins at curb (collection Tue). Cat observed in kitchen; food bowls full. Spoke briefly with neighbor R. HATHAWAY (55 Waverly Ct, unit 3) re: loud "crack" around 21:30 hrs; he believed it was a car backfire. No vehicles seen leaving at high speed.

Conducted canvass northbound 50m; no CCTV at residences. One doorbell camera at 51 Waverly Ct inoperative (owner out of town). CSU requested to dust door handles; negative ridge detail (gloves likely). No further.

# SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT — PATROL

BPS-25-0911-SUP-B

**PC A. LOEWEN #198:** Assisted perimeter. Observed mailbox at curb with delivered mail (postmarked 2025-08-10). Front rug damp at edges consistent with rain earlier. Noted faint shoe scuff at study threshold (pattern indistinct). Assisted CSU with item bagging.

Statement from LOPEZ taken on scene; she last saw decedent 2025-08-10 when she cleaned. No visitors reported. Garage door closed; vehicles accounted for (1 sedan, 1 SUV registered to decedent). No further.

# CRIME SCENE ENTRY LOG

BPS-25-0911-CSL

Time	Name / ID	Role	Action
22:06	PC M. Holloway #417	Patrol	Initial entry, sweep
22:08	PC R. Santos #233	Patrol	Perimeter
22:10	PC A. Loewen #198	Patrol	Perimeter
22:14	Sgt. L. Peters #102	CSU Lead	Scene command
22:16	Tech K. Freeman	CSU	Photography
22:22	Det. A. Brooks #287	Detective	Case lead
22:28	Tech R. Cho	CSU	Latents
22:34	Tech J. O'Neal	CSU	GSR swabs
23:05	ME Transport	Coroner	Body removal

# SCENE DIAGRAM — DESCRIPTION

BPS-25-0911-SD

Ground floor office (3.9m x 4.6m). Door on south wall opens inward; desk centered facing north wall window. Chair behind desk; decedent seated. Wastebasket east side of desk. Bookshelves along west wall. Evidence markers: #1 revolver (desk right), #2 whiskey bottle (desk left), #3 note fragments (wastebasket), #4 laptop (desk center). No blood spatter on north wall; small back spatter on desk blotter.

# PROPERTY / EVIDENCE LOG — Combined

BPS-25-0911-PEL

Item #	Description	Collected By	Date	Time	Loc.	Chain of Custody
001	.38 revolver, SN 2F71-8891	#417	2025-08-11	22:18	Desk	CSU → Firearms
002	Whiskey bottle + glass	#417	2025-08-11	22:21	Desk	CSU → Property
003	Torn note fragments (8 pcs)	#417	2025-08-11	22:26	Wastebasket	CSU → Latents
004	Laptop 15" silver	#417	2025-08-11	22:28	Desk	CSU → Digital
005	Keyring (3 keys)	#233	2025-08-11	22:35	Hall table	CSU → Property
006	Wallet, contents	#198	2025-08-11	22:37	Jacket pocket	CSU → Property
007	Phone charger	#233	2025-08-11	22:39	Desk	CSU → Property
008	Desk blotter (blood spatter)	#417	2025-08-11	22:42	Desk	CSU → Lab
009	Mail (3 envelopes)	#198	2025-08-11	22:44	Foyer	CSU → Property
010	Pen w/ residue	#233	2025-08-11	22:46	Desk	CSU → Latents
011	Carpet fiber sample	#417	2025-08-11	22:49	Under chair	CSU → Lab
012	Door threshold swab	#233	2025-08-11	22:51	Study entry	CSU → Lab
013	Safe keypad swab	#198	2025-08-11	22:54	Study	CSU → Latents
014	Glasses (reading)	#417	2025-08-11	22:56	Desk	CSU → Property

Note: "Chain of Custody" entries reflect initial transfer only; see Property System for subsequent movements.

**Firearm:** .38 Special revolver  
(SN 2F71-8891)

**Owner:** Halden, Martin

**Cartridge:** .38 SPL +P

**Results:**

- Test-fired; rifling marks match recovered projectile.
- Latents: partial on cylinder consistent with E. Ward; no ridge detail on grip (wipe patterns).
- Muzzle-to-target: contact to 3 cm (stippling pattern consistent).



# FORENSICS — GUNSHOT RESIDUE

BPS-25-0911-GSR

Sample	Result	Particle Count (PbBaSb)	Notes
Left hand – dorsum	Positive	21	Concentrated thumb/index
Left hand – palm	Trace	4	–
Right hand – dorsum	Negative	0	–
Right hand – palm	Negative	0	–

Interpretation: Distribution inconsistent with right-hand self-infliction.

# MEDICAL EXAMINER — AUTOPSY & TOXICOLOGY

ME-25-1182

## Autopsy Summary:

- Single contact/near-contact GSW to right temporal region.
- Lividity posterior; partial fixation inconsistent with final seated position.
- No defensive injuries; nails intact.

## Toxicology:

- BAC: 0.03%.
- Negative for illicit substances; positive for atenolol (therapeutic).
- Benzodiazepine screen trace (below reporting threshold) — clinical significance uncertain.

# LATENT PRINT COMPARISON

BPS-25-0911-LP

Location	Lift ID	Result	Notes
Desk blotter	LP-01	Inconclusive	Smudged
Whiskey glass	LP-02	Match – Halden	Ridge clear
Revolver cylinder	LP-03	Partial – E. Ward	Explained as post-incident handling
Safe keypad	LP-04	Negative	Wiped
Study door handle	LP-05	Partial – Unknown	Insufficient for AFIS

# INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT — EVELYN WARD (CFO)

BPS-25-0911-  
INT-EW

**Date/Time:** 2025-08-12 14:10 • **Location:** BPS Interview Room B • **Present:** Det. Brooks, Ofc. Santos

*Q:* Please state your full name, age, and address for the record.

*A (Ward):* Evelyn Marie Ward, forty-six, 18 Pineview Lane, Brandon.

*Q:* Occupation and relationship to Mr. Halden?

*A:* Chief Financial Officer at Halden Realty Group. I reported directly to Martin. We worked together for nine years.

*Q:* When did you last see him alive?

*A:* Sunday afternoon. I dropped off some files. He seemed tired, distracted.

*Q:* Did he discuss finances or pending investigations?

*A:* He said the rumors were overwhelming. He didn't get into details.

*Q:* Did you handle any items at the residence last night?

*A:* After officers arrived, I helped gather a few personal items. I may have touched the firearm when we were talking about the safe. I realize that was inappropriate.

*Q:* How long have you known Mr. Halden personally—outside work?

*A:* We attended charity events together, company functions. We weren't close friends, just colleagues.

*Q:* What did you have for dinner last night?

*A:* A salad at home. I wasn't feeling well.

*Q:* Hobbies or routines we should know about that could explain any items in his office?

*A:* Martin kept meticulous notes, liked fountain pens, strong tea in the evening. Nothing unusual.

*Q:* Anyone he mentioned by name recently?

*A:* He called Daniel a couple times about computer syncing. That's all I recall.

*Q:* Anything else?

*A:* I'm worried this will define his legacy. He did a lot of good.

# INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT — DANIEL CROSS (CTO)

BPS-25-0911-  
INT-DC

**Date/Time:** 2025-08-12 15:40 • **Location:** BPS Interview Room C • **Present:** Det. Brooks, Ofc. Loewen

*Q:* Name, age, address?

*A (Cross):* Daniel Everett Cross, forty-two, 9 Cedar Heights, Brandon.

*Q:* Occupation and relationship to Mr. Halden?

*A:* Chief Technology Officer at Halden Realty Group. I manage IT infrastructure. I met Martin eight years ago when I joined.

*Q:* Contact with him on the night in question?

*A:* He called me twice about laptop syncing. I returned one call around nine-fifteen. I was home, remoting into the office that evening.

*Q:* Do you routinely remote in after hours?

*A:* Yes. Maintenance windows, backups—pretty normal.

*Q:* Dinner last night?

*A:* Leftover pasta. Nothing fancy.

*Q:* How well did you know Martin personally?

*A:* We weren't close socially. Strictly professional. He trusted me with tech decisions.

*Q:* Any reason he'd harm himself?

*A:* Stress. Media pressure. He hated rumors.

*Q:* Anything that would explain deleted files on his laptop?

*A:* Hard to say without forensics. Sometimes users panic and clear things. IT can try recovery.

*Q:* Hobbies, routines?

*A:* Running, guitar. I log into VPN most nights to check systems.

*Q:* Anything else you want to add?

*A:* I hope the family finds peace.

# INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT — MARIA LOPEZ

## (Housekeeper)

BPS-25-0911-  
INT-ML

**Date/Time:** 2025-08-11 22:25 • **Location:** Scene • **Present:** PC Holloway

*Q:* Name, age, address?

*A:* Maria Elena Lopez, fifty-one, 12 Oak Street.

*Q:* How long have you worked for Mr. Halden?

*A:* Six years. Mondays and Thursdays. He was tidy.

*Q:* When did you arrive tonight?

*A:* Close to ten. The door was unlocked. That is not normal.

*Q:* What did you do?

*A:* I called his name, waited outside, called the non-emergency line.

*Q:* Notice anything unusual this week?

*A:* He kept the study door closed. He didn't finish his tea on Sunday, which he always does.

*Q:* Hobbies or routines?

*A:* He listened to old jazz when he worked. He organized receipts in a little tray.

*Q:* Anything else?

*A:* No. I'm sorry.

# INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT — R. HATHAWAY (Neighbor)

BPS-25-0911-  
INT-RH

**Date/Time:** 2025-08-12 09:05 • **Location:** 55 Waverly Ct sidewalk • **Present:** PC Santos

*Q:* Name, age, address?

*A:* Richard James Hathaway, sixty-three, Unit 3, 55 Waverly Court.

*Q:* Sounds heard?

*A:* A car door, then maybe fifteen seconds later a sharp crack. Could've been a backfire. Street stayed quiet.

*Q:* Visitors earlier?

*A:* Delivery van around five. I was watching the game after that.

*Q:* How long have you known Mr. Halden?

*A:* We exchanged waves for years. He kept to himself.

*Q:* What did you have for dinner last night?

*A:* Frozen lasagna. Not great.

*Q:* Anything else?

*A:* No, sir.

# DIGITAL FORENSICS — LAPTOP EXAMINATION

BPS-25-0911-  
DF

**Device:** Laptop 15" (Item 004)

**OS:** Windows 11 Pro

**Examiner:** Tech Unit

**Findings:**

- Last login: 20:54 (user mhalden).
- Remote session: 21:58–22:03 via **HRG-VPN-GW01**. Session metadata unavailable (log rotation).
- Deletions: ~4.2 GB purged 22:01–22:04; partial overwrite detected.
- Recovered headers reference vendor "North Prairie Systems" (see Financials).

Conclusion (Official): Deletions likely user-initiated prior to death.



# IT SECURITY — CORPORATE VPN ACCESS LOG (EXPORT)

BPS-25-0911-ITV

Timestamp (CDT)	User	Gateway	Status	Duration
2025-08-11 08:12:09	SMITH, KAREN	HRG-VPN-GW02	Connected	00:31:22
2025-08-11 08:47:33	LEE, ADRIAN	HRG-VPN-GW01	Connected	00:12:40
2025-08-11 09:03:51	WARD, EVELYN	HRG-VPN-DR01	Connected	00:44:18
2025-08-11 10:22:04	CHAN, NOLAN	HRG-VPN-GW02	Connected	00:06:55
2025-08-11 12:01:12	OPERATIONS-SVC	HRG-VPN-GW01	Service	00:02:10
2025-08-11 13:14:47	FINANCE-ARCH	HRG-VPN-GW01	Service	00:03:42
2025-08-11 15:20:39	RECEPTION, L.	HRG-VPN-GW02	Failed	—
2025-08-11 16:03:25	GREER, JONATHAN	HRG-VPN-EXT	Connected	00:18:03
2025-08-11 17:11:14	SYS-BACKUP	HRG-VPN-GW01	Service	00:05:00
2025-08-11 18:42:58	WARD, EVELYN	HRG-VPN-GW02	Connected	00:07:29
2025-08-11 19:05:44	CHAN, NOLAN	HRG-VPN-GW02	Connected	00:10:14
<b>2025-08-11 21:58:44</b>	<b>CROSS, DANIEL</b>	<b>HRG-VPN-GW01</b>	<b>Connected</b>	<b>00:12:04</b>
2025-08-11 22:21:10	OPERATIONS-SVC	HRG-VPN-GW01	Service	00:01:12
2025-08-11 22:55:39	SMITH, KAREN	HRG-VPN-GW02	Connected	00:05:40
2025-08-11 23:07:50	FINANCE-ARCH	HRG-VPN-GW01	Service	00:02:56
2025-08-10 07:41:03	SYS-BACKUP	HRG-VPN-GW01	Service	00:05:00
2025-08-10 12:57:22	RECEPTION, L.	HRG-VPN-GW02	Connected	00:08:11
2025-08-10 19:12:30	WARD, EVELYN	HRG-VPN-DR01	Connected	00:11:38
2025-08-09 09:18:09	SMITH, KAREN	HRG-VPN-GW02	Connected	00:23:07
2025-08-09 21:03:11	SYS-BACKUP	HRG-VPN-GW01	Service	00:05:00

Export: IT-Sec/RemoteAccess-LOG-2025-08-12 • md5: a7f2c3d1... (truncated)

# CALL DETAIL RECORD — LAST 72 HRS (COMBINED)

BPS-25-0911-  
CDR

#	Date	Time	From	To	Dur.	Type	Notes
1	2025-08-11	21:14:48	204-555-0102 (D. Cross)	204-555-0133 (MH)	00:02:11	Voice	Incoming
2	2025-08-11	21:07:12	204-555-0133 (MH)	204-555-0102 (D. Cross)	00:01:04	Voice	Outgoing
3	2025-08-11	20:22:31	204-555-0133 (MH)	204-555-0194 (E. Ward)	00:03:39	Voice	Outgoing
4	2025-08-11	19:52:05	Spam	204-555-0133 (MH)	00:00	Missed	—
5	2025-08-11	18:31:44	204-555-0133 (MH)	Coffee Shop	00:00:35	Voice	Pickup order
6	2025-08-10	22:41:03	Friend	204-555-0133 (MH)	00:04:02	Voice	—
7	2025-08-10	19:12:55	204-555-0133 (MH)	Lawyer (J. Greer)	00:06:14	Voice	—
8	2025-08-10	16:03:12	204-555-0133 (MH)	Pharmacy	00:01:18	Voice	Refill
9	2025-08-10	11:18:24	204-555-0133 (MH)	Unknown	00:00:42	Voice	—
10	2025-08-09	21:33:47	Unknown	204-555-0133 (MH)	00:00	Missed	—
11	2025-08-09	20:01:19	204-555-0133 (MH)	Restaurant	00:00:52	Voice	Reservation
12	2025-08-09	18:22:10	204-555-0133 (MH)	204-555-0102 (D. Cross)	00:01:11	Voice	Outgoing
13	2025-08-09	17:58:39	204-555-0133 (MH)	Lisa Myles	00:02:23	Voice	Outgoing

Subscriber: 204-555-0133 (Halden, Martin). Times local (CDT).

# BANK TRANSACTION SUMMARY — PRIOR 7 DAYS

BPS-25-0911-BTS

Date	Vendor	Amount	Type	Notes
2025-08-11	Coffee Roasters	\$7.85	Debit	—
2025-08-11	Fuel Station	\$64.12	Debit	—
2025-08-10	Grocery	\$118.44	Debit	—
2025-08-09	Restaurant	\$92.30	Credit Card	Dinner for two
2025-08-08	North Prairie Systems	\$0.00	Note	Reference appears only in email header cache (see DF)

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**Philanthropist's Death Ruled Suicide Amid Financial Questions**

Police say the death of businessman Martin Halden appears to be a suicide. Sources indicate investigators reviewed a note recovered at

the scene. CFO Evelyn Ward declined to comment pending the conclusion of separate financial reviews.

# ADMINISTRATIVE CASE CLOSURE MEMO

CLOSED — SUICIDE

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Case BPS-25-0911 closed by Det. Brooks on 2025-08-18. No further investigative leads developed. Property retained per retention schedule. Any supplemental reports to be attached as BPS-25-0911-SUP with supervisor approval.

# PHOTO INDEX — FULL-PAGE INSERTS

BPS-25-0911-PH

1. Photo #01 — Study, wide establishing (markers visible).
2. Photo #02 — Desk, midrange (bottle, glass, laptop).
3. Photo #03 — Revolver in right hand, serial partially visible.
4. Photo #04 — Torn note fragments arranged with scale.
5. Photo #05 — GSR swab documentation (left hand).
6. Photo #06 — ME: lividity documentation (clinical).
7. Photo #07 — Exterior of residence, north elevation.
8. Photo #08 — Entryway and hallway to study.

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