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TO: Bob Nelkin
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FROM: Ronald Archer

RE: Recent death at Polk

The Franklin Paper contained a very small article regarding the death of Carl Fisher. Also, Diane Philips from the state office called with some information she was able to gather re the death.

Carl was 64 years old and moderately retarded. About 1:30 p.m., Monday afternoon, April 14th, it was noticed that he was missing from his residence in Hillcrest Cottage. He did not return there after lunch. Polk staff, Polk security and eventually the state police joined in the search for him. He was found at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 15th, lying face down in a marshy area either on or near the school grounds. An autopsy was performed by Dr. Griffen at Franklin Hospital. Complete results are not yet in. The preliminary indications are that he suffered a heart attack.

Diane Philips and Marlene Burda are going to pay an unannounced visit to Polk on Friday, April 25th.

I would like either or both of you to follow up on this to determine if any action should be taken by us. Call Diane if you secure any additional information.

REA:dk

