**MEMO**

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From: Brianna Muleski

Subject: Crime Scene Informational Report

Date: November 25, 2013

Police were dispatched to 29065 College Farm Rd in Platteville on Thanksgiving. The following was observed when reaching the crime scene.

The victim, Mr. Banks, was found on the couch in the living room with a wound to the right side of the head and some bruising on the forehead. He appears to have been hit with a cleaver, which was found lying on the ground behind the victim. Johnny Banks, the son of the victim, claims that Mrs. Banks hit the victim with the knife.

The body is in a relaxed position, with the left foot resting on the coffee table in front of the couch. There are 9 empty beer bottles surrounding the body: 4 on the floor, 2 on the side table to the right of the body, and 3 on the coffee table in front of the body. Mr. Banks appears to have been drinking heavily while watching TV.

The kitchen, which is adjacent to the living room, seems to have also been occupied. The table is set with 4 spots, and the serving dishes are on the table, but no food had been served yet. There is one glass of wine poured, which appears to still be full. An oven mitt was on the floor next to the spot with the glass of wine. That spot also seems to have been disturbed: the silverware is strewn about and a water glass is tipped over. The knife drawer, which is the closest drawer to that spot, was left open.

It appears that Mr. and Mrs. Banks were in an argument while Mrs. Banks was preparing their Thanksgiving dinner. Mr. Banks was getting intoxicated. Mrs. Banks was not, because the bottle of wine is still full, except for the one glass that was poured but not drank, which is on the table next to her spot. Mrs. Banks seems to have finished setting the table and setting out the food when she turned and grabbed the cleaver from the knife drawer. She then went behind the couch where Mr. Banks was sitting and hit him on the head with the cleaver, dropping the cleaver on the ground afterwards. Mr. Banks appears to have been caught off guard because his body was still in a relaxed state.