

Incident Report



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At approximately 09:15 on 01/11/1996 a body was discovered at 12 Behans Lane, Kilbride. The death is being treated as suspicious pending further enquiries.

- Uniform Garda O'Shea (12-4335) was first on scene at approx. 09:30
- On arrival scene appeared largely undisturbed from street view. The front door was observed ajar; curtains were drawn. Interior lighting was off. No immediate signs of forced entry were visible. A perimeter check of the house revealed possible disturbances to soil near the back hedge
- The neighbour who called in, a Mrs. Eileen Dunne, claims she was returning some borrowed ingredients to the victim and upon noticing the body, immediately called 999. She reports she found the door partially open.
- I arrived on scene, which had then been cordoned by Garda O'Shea, at approximately 10:00.

Initial Observations

The deceased was identified by the neighbour as: Mrs. Sinead Byrne, female, DOB: [redacted], age 34. Position: lying face down in the sitting room. Visible injuries: apparent blunt force trauma to the cranial region. No defensive wounds were immediately apparent to me. An overturned table adjacent to the hearth may have come from the victim falling into it, or indeed disturbed by the assailant.

Items documented and recovered include:

- an ornate, golden candlestick with what appears to be blood on it
- notes, pages, and excerpts that were loose on the floor
- an empty purse, found nearby
- an antique mantle clock, nonfunctional
- an assortment of candles, incense, and similar paraphernalia sent for finger print analysis

Next Steps

Witnesses to be interviewed include persons present at the Kilbride Halloween Bonfire the evening prior. Enquiries to be also conducted with local residents and proprietors known to have had recent contact with the deceased.

Autopsy Report, crime scene photographs, and the victims private notes are being withheld clearance and may be provided to authorised investigators only.