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2 Executive Summary

Joshua Zarkan found his girlfriend Sylvia's dead body and reported it to authorities. Investigators found a USB stick and pulled a few files off of it that may suggest what happened to her. It appears to suggest that Sylvia committed suicide.

Nature of the case: Investigation into who is responsible for the death of Sylvia, whether it was a murder, suicide, or death of natural causes.

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3 Incident Discovery

3.1 Summary -

3.2 Action Items – investigation artifacts

Item to analyze	Assigned to	Status / Completion date
Sylvias Assets.xls	Jesse Russell	Completed on 1/19/21
suicide1.txt	Jesse Russell	Completed on 1/19/21
Continue as needed		

3.3 Description of system(s) in

3.4 Type of Evidence: Skip

4 Forensics Process

4.1 Tools (list all tools)

4.1.1 Pro Discover Version 8.2.0.2

File analysis tool used to look through files that were or were not deleted.

4.1.2 Microsoft Excel 16.0.13530.20376


Microsoft Excel was used to open .xls files for this report.

4.2 Evidence to Analyze - Fill out data

File name	MD5	Status
Sylvias Assets.xls	3815e0687955ca64df2222f82216f4ca	Complete
Suicide1.txt	cb3899712da5c2bd5faf405c28bc95d4	Complete

5 Results and Findings

5.1 Analysis of Evidence

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5.1.1 Sylvias Assets.xls

MD5: 3815e0687955ca64df222f82216f4ca

Silvia's Assets	
Stocks	\$ 125,000.00
Bonds	\$ 651,000.00
Real Estate	\$ 850,000.00
Annuities	\$ 125,000.00
Savings Account	\$ 45,000.00
Life Insurance	\$ 1,000,000.00
Total	\$2,796,000.00

How artifact was found: Found on USB stick.

Comments: This is an excel spreadsheet that details Sylvia's Assets.

5.1.2 suicide.txt

MD5: cb3899712da5c2bd5faf405c28bc95d4

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I just can't go on any longer. Someone has to help
me!
Sylvia
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How artifact was found: Found on USB stick.

Comments: Appears to be a suicide note left by Sylvia.

6.0 Conclusion

The evidence listed above suggests that Sylvia committed suicide, and her death should be handled as such. One may look at the file detailing her high value assets and conclude that Sylvia's boyfriend murdered her and staged it to look like a suicide, but this seems unlikely in my professional opinion. Since they were not married, her assets likely would not go to Joshua and instead would probably go to the bank. Because of this, the most logical explanation is that this was a genuine and legitimate suicide.