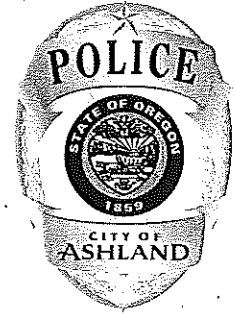


ASHLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

Re: Homicide – Ashland Police Case # 11-3093

Date: 11/20/11

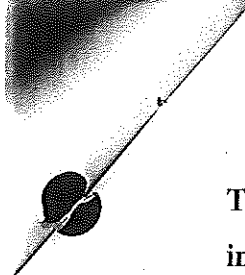


On November 19, 2011 around 1735 hours the Ashland Police Department responded to a suspicious death on the bike path in the area of Hunter Park behind Walker Elementary School. The deceased victim was identified as 23 year old David Michael Grubbs of Ashland. Grubbs was located on the bike path by an individual traveling on the path. The Major Assault Death Investigation Unit was activated and this case is being investigated as a homicide. Agencies assisting with the investigation include Oregon State Police, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Jackson County District Attorney's Office, Medford Police Department, Central Point Police Department and the Ashland Police Department.

Detectives are asking for assistance with identifying two males that were in the area when Grubbs was located. Detectives believe these males may have information that would assist with the investigation. Detectives would also like to speak with any friends or associates of Grubbs that were with him on Saturday. Detectives would also be interested in any footage from surveillance cameras on residences or businesses in the area of the park. At this point of the investigation it is believed that a large sharp edged object was used in Grubbs' attack. At this time there does not seem to be any relation between the victim and the assailant.

Because of the nature of the crime and location on the bike path, the Police Department is asking for people to be cautious on the bike path and report any suspicious persons, activity or incidents. The Ashland police department along with neighboring agencies is coordinating an effort to have extra patrol on the bike path.

The Ashland Police Department is actively coordinating with Southern Oregon University, the Ashland School District and the City to alert citizens of this incident.



The Ashland Police Department and assisting detectives will continue the investigation which currently includes neighborhood canvasses, interviews, information sharing and technical investigative techniques.

If you have any information, call the Ashland Police Department at 541 482-5211 or leave an anonymous message on the tip line at 541 552-2333