



# Police Department

Geof Gaudard, Chief of Police

Bloomfield Township

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Troy Police Department  
Troy, MI 48084

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Dear Sgt. Wolfe,

Sgt. Robert Wolfe, Sgt. Larry Schehr, Detective Krissy Shuler,  
Detective Michelle Cooney and Detective Jim Mork

Thank you for your professional efforts in the Bloomfield Township Homicide. In only five days the Major Case Assistance Team had the suspect in custody. This is a great example of teamwork and dedication. You represent the Troy PD well!

Gary Mayer

On Thursday, September 4, 2014, the Bloomfield Township Police Department began an initial investigation of a homicide. A 77 year old male victim was discovered in his condominium where he had been savagely bludgeoned to death with a blunt instrument and strangled. The gas line to the fireplace had also been cut and candles were lit around the house in an apparent attempt to blow up the condo and eliminate evidence. Bloomfield Township investigators were called to the scene along with the Oakland County Crime Lab for crime scene processing.

The following morning, MCAT (Major Case Assistance Team) was activated and a team of investigators was assembled to assist our department with the murder case. Under the command of Deputy Chief Clemence of Birmingham, Sgt. Robert Wolfe of Troy, and Captain Scott McCanham of Bloomfield Township, MCAT investigators worked the next five days developing suspects, interviewing witnesses and accomplices, recovering stolen property, gathering intelligence, conducting search warrants and arresting subjects who had possible connections to the case.

On Sunday morning, search warrants were executed in the city of Wayne, Michigan. Teams from Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team, Troy Special Investigations Unit, Oakland County Violent Crimes Task Force headed by the FBI and Wayne Police were tasked with the high risk entry into homes believed to be occupied by suspects involved in the murder. That morning over 35 law enforcement officers were dedicated to taking suspects into custody and the recovery of victim's property and evidence from the crime scene.

On Tuesday evening, only five days into the investigation, the MCAT Team had the responsible subject in custody for the brutal beating of our resident. They had obtained a full confession from the suspect and recovered nearly every piece of stolen property.



In addition, the murder weapon, the suspect's bloodstained clothes and shoes, and the majority of physical evidence was recovered by this team. It should be noted that over 230 items of evidence were recovered from multiple locations including the suspect's residence, a local drug dealer's house, a gas station dumpster and a Salvation Army Donation box.

As Chief of Bloomfield Township, I witnessed firsthand the investigation as it unfolded. I was in awe of the knowledge, expertise and professionalism of all officers involved. The rapid response of our local task force teams and the talent, diligence, and commitment of the MCAT investigators solved this case quickly and put a violent homicidal suspect behind bars. The synergy and teamwork this group displayed was truly one of the most unique and inspiring things that I have witnessed in my career. It energized me as an agency leader and made me damned proud of our profession. I was not alone in my feelings; the victim's family also expressed their heartfelt thanks and admiration for the group of investigators who had solved the murder of their beloved father/grandfather.

On behalf of the Bloomfield Township Police Department, I would like to thank you for your service and offer our sincere gratitude. We are deeply indebted to you. These few words of thanks and praise do not do justice to what I witnessed over that five day period. You are all a credit to our profession, and more importantly, honorable men and women.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G. Gaudard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G".

Geof Gaudard  
Chief of Police

Cc: Chief Gary Mayer