

Vermont State Police update “suspicious death” of Massachusetts teen to a homicide investigation

“Following an autopsy Friday, Feb. 4, 2022, the victim found deceased Thursday morning in Danby is identified as Isaiah Rodriguez, 17, of Springfield, Massachusetts.

The Chief Medical Examiner’s Office determined the cause of death to be gunshot wounds of the torso, and the manner of death is a homicide. State police detectives have narrowed down the time this incident is believed to have occurred to 10:30-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, and would like to speak with anyone who was traveling on Danby Mountain Road or who saw or heard anything out of the ordinary during that time.

Anyone who wishes to speak to investigators should call VSP’s Rutland Barracks at 802-773-9101, or submit an anonymous tip online at <http://vsp.vermont.gov/tipsubmit>.” -Vermont State Police.

Initial article:

“FEBRUARY 3: Police were notified at about 8:45 a.m. that an adult man was found deceased on the side of Danby Mountain Road in the area between Scallop Drive and Currier Road. First responders located the victim deceased at the scene.

The Vermont State Police investigation is in its preliminary stages and includes members of the Major Crime Unit, Bureau of Criminal Investigations, Crime Scene Search Team, Victim Services Unit and Field Force Division. The Bennington County

Sheriff's Department also responded. Additionally, investigators are working with the Medical Examiner's Office at the scene.

Police are working to determine the identity of the victim. The body will be brought to the Chief Medical Examiner's Office in Burlington for an autopsy to determine the cause and manner of death.

FEBRUARY 4: The investigation is continuing this afternoon into the death of a man whose body was found Thursday morning on Danby Mountain Road.

Preliminary investigation indicates the victim appears to have suffered multiple gunshot wounds. The victim was wearing a dark-colored, puffy coat with red piping at the bottom, dark-colored pants, and slides for footwear. His identity remains under investigation." -Vermont State Police.