

PRESS RELEASE
LITTLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
PER AUTHORITY OF CHIEF PAUL SMITH

On April 7, 2015 at approximately 7:00 PM, the Littleton Police Department responded to 830 Union Street, apartment #5, for a welfare check on Edward T. Sawyer, 43 years old, who resided at that location. It was reported that Sawyer was despondent and earlier in the day numerous attempts were made to contact him by friends. Upon arrival, police forced entry into Sawyer's apartment and found him unconscious and not breathing. CALEX Ambulance and the Littleton Fire Department responded to scene and a short time later Sawyer was pronounced dead. The Grafton County Attorney's Office and The State of New Hampshire Medical Examiner's Office were notified and an autopsy has been ordered.

The cause of death is unknown pending the completion of the autopsy and toxicology analysis from the medical examiner's office. Chief Paul Smith stated, "Although this tragic loss does not appear to be suspicious, evidence on scene indicates this death to be drug related." The Littleton Police Department is conducting a thorough investigation pertaining to the circumstances surrounding Mr. Sawyer's death.