

Suspect arrested in death of Lake Oswego man

by Cheryl McDermott

Police have released few details related to the death of a 25-year old man who was found Sunday morning in a resident recreation building of a Lake Oswego apartment complex, but have arrested a suspect, another tenant in the same complex, who has been charged with second-degree manslaughter.

Michael David Hessemer - CCJ photo Lake Oswego Police responded to a report of an adult male not breathing at the Mt. Park-area apartment complex at One Jefferson Parkway on the morning of February 3. Officers found Frederick Stephens III, 25, deceased.

Other than stating that investigators determined the death was a criminal homicide and that they had arrested the "single person believed responsible" for the death, few details -- including the possible motive or manner of death -- were disclosed.

Michael David Hessemer, 23, was taken into custody and lodged in the Clackamas County Jail. He has been charged with second-degree manslaughter, a Class B felony that carries a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Both the victim and suspect live in separate residences in the complex, police said.

Hessemerâ€™s bail was set at \$250,000.

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