

**Bristol County District Attorney's Office
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**Press Release
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The suspicious death of Francis Douglas Carreiro, 59, of 16 Second Ave., Taunton, has now officially been declared a homicide after an autopsy was conducted today by the State Medical Examiner's Office.

Taunton Police received a call from a friend of the victim on Saturday afternoon reporting that Mr. Carreiro was unresponsive in his 16 Second Avenue Home. The friend had gone to Mr. Carreiro's home to check on his well being after he had not heard from Mr. Carreiro for several days.

Upon arrival at the home, Taunton Police located Mr. Carreiro's deceased body. An investigation into a suspicious death was immediately launched as our office awaited the results of today's autopsy.

The case is being investigated by Taunton Police. State Police Detectives assigned to the Bristol County District Attorney's Office and Homicide Unit prosecutors.

Because the matter is now an open homicide investigation, no further information regarding facts of the case will be released until an arrest is made.