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Police Investigating Apparent Homicide

Oak Park Police officers answering a neighbor's call about suspicious circumstances in a Washington Boulevard condominium building Thursday afternoon discovered the body of 44-year-old Catherine McAvinchey, the apparent victim of a homicide.

Officers discovered the body of McAvinchey in the living room of her condominium at 936 Washington. Police arrived on the scene within minutes of the 9-1-1 call received at 4:21 p.m.

Police are declining to comment on the circumstances surrounding the apparent homicide, so as not to comprise the investigation.

The body was transported to the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office where an autopsy is expected to be performed Friday morning.

"At this early stage of the investigation, we believe it would not be appropriate to discuss any of our findings so far," said Oak Park Police Chief Rick C. Tanksley. "As the investigation progresses, and if appropriate, we will provide the community with more details related to the circumstances of this tragic incident."

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