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Police Seek Public's Help in Homicide Investigation

Oak Park Police are asking citizens for their help in the investigation of the apparent homicide of resident Peter D'Agostino late Wednesday afternoon.

Police and emergency medical personnel responding to a 9-1-1 call at 5:32 p.m. found D'Agostino, 42, lying in the grass in the 1100 block of South Harvey Avenue, unconscious and bleeding from a head wound. He was transported to Loyola Medical Center in Maywood where he was pronounced dead at 6:01 p.m. by the emergency room attending physician.

The Cook County Medical Examiner later determined the cause of death to be blunt force trauma.

Oak Park Police Chief Rick C. Tanksley said the investigation is still in the early stages, and is urging anyone who may have seen or heard anything unusual in the area to call 708.358.5537.

"Such an incident is very unusual for Oak Park," Tanksley said. "When tragedies of this kind occur, it is important for us to pull together as a community to get the case solved quickly."

Tanksley said all available resources of the Police Department have been focused on the investigation.

"An incident of this kind is something no community or police officer wants to encounter," Tanksley said. "But the anguish we are experiencing in no way can compare with that of the victim's family. That's why I am urging representatives of the news media to come to us for information and not the family. We will do everything we can to provide information of value to an understandably concerned public, so long as the information does not negatively impact the investigation."

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