



Town of Wallkill Police Department

MEDIA RELEASE

**For Immediate Release
March 13, 2014**

Incident: Suicide
Location: Super 8 Hotel 563 Route 211 East, Town of Wallkill, NY
Date/Time: March 13, 2014 / 8:49 am

On Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 8:49 am, members of this Department responded to a report to check the welfare of a hotel occupant in room 134 of the Super 8 Hotel. Upon arrival officers were met by hotel staff who reported that they discovered a deceased male. According to hotel staff, they became concerned about the welfare of a hotel guest in room 134 after another guest reported a smell of smoke. Hotel staff reported that while investigating the smell of smoke, they heard the sound of a smoke detector emanating from room 134. In response to the alarm, the employees entered the room where they discovered the victim, a forty-nine (49) year old Orange County resident. The investigation into this incident is ongoing. However, it appears that the victim died from a self-inflicted gun-shot wound.

The Town of Wallkill Police Department is continuing to work with Investigators from the New York State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation and the Orange County Medical Examiner's Office.

Robert C. Hertman
Chief of Police

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