



# BCPO News

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## **Victim in Maple Shade Motel Homicide Identified**

*Investigators seeking information from public to help solve case*

Burlington County Prosecutor Scott Coffina and Maple Shade Police Chief Christopher J. Fletcher today released the identity of the woman who was killed last week inside a room at a Route 73 motel, and asked the public for assistance with the homicide investigation.

The victim was identified as 36-year-old Michelle L. Johnston, who had lived in multiple locations recently in the Burlington and Camden county areas.

The investigation into her death began just before 11:30 a.m. on May 11 after officers from the Maple Shade Police Department were called to the Bel-Air Motor Lodge for a report of an unresponsive female.

Johnston was found deceased in room 410. Burlington County Medical Examiner Dr. Ian Hood performed an autopsy and determined the manner of death to be homicide. Details concerning the cause of death are being withheld at this time.

Investigators are asking anyone with information about the homicide, or who knew the victim and has knowledge of her recent activities, to call Burlington County Central Communications at 609-265-7113, or send an email to [tips@mapleshadepd.com](mailto:tips@mapleshadepd.com) or [tips@co.burlington.nj.us](mailto:tips@co.burlington.nj.us).

The investigation is being conducted by detectives from the Prosecutor's Office and the Maple Shade Police Department, with assistance from the Burlington County Medical Examiner's Office. The lead investigators are BCPO Detectives Shawn McDonough and Melyssa Alonso, and MSPD Detective Anthony Blinebury.

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