

# Covington Police Department

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## Press Release

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**Date: July 11, 2008**

**RE: Murder in Covington**



Richard Palmisano  
Chief of Police

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At approximately 2:30 PM on Thursday, July 10, 2008, the Covington Police Department was contacted by a local landlord stating he had just found his tenant dead in the residence she was renting from him. The residence was located at 420 North Vermont St.

Upon arrival Officers found the body of white female in an advanced state of decomposition.

Covington Investigators contacted the St. Tammany Parish Crime Lab for assistance in processing the scene.

The St. Tammany Parish Coroner's Office recovered the body from the residence; and during an autopsy done on Thursday night found enough evidence to rule the incident was a homicide. However because of the advanced decomposition they have not determined a time of death yet.

The victim, Ilena Lyons, DOB 9-21-43, had only been a resident of Covington for a few months.

Information pertaining to the actual cause of death is still under investigation by the Coroner.

Anyone having any information pertaining to this case should contact either Lt. Steve Short at 985-898-2648, or Sgt. Robert Blount at 985-867-1219.

Crime Stoppers has been alerted and anyone who has information which leads to the arrest of the murderer can receive a cash reward up to \$2,500.00. Call 877-903-STOP.