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Case Name: Project 01-1

Case Number: PD110323221

Case Title: Analysis of USB Drive

Date of Examination: February 4, 2026

Introduction:

The case involves a suspicious death. Joshua Zarkan found his girlfriend's dead body in her apartment. This report was conducted by gathering USB Drive and using Exterro FTK to make an exact image of the original drive. After the image creation the original drive was secured back into antistatic bag and secured. The inspection of the drive contents was done using Autopsy v4.22.1 on Windows 11.

Findings:

This work was conducted on February 3, 2026. During the investigation of the image an excel file "Sylvias Assets.xls" was found. In addition, another file "Suicide1.txt." was found and in this file the following was stated, "I just can't go on any longer. Someone has to help me!" It was also signed "Silvia." Next, I inspected the "Silvia Assets.xls." Within the spreadsheet listed the following assets: Real Estate (\$350,000), Stocks (\$550,000), Checking (\$8,850). The total asset value is \$908,850.

Conclusion:

After inspecting all USB image evidence, it shows that Joshua Zarkan's girlfriend was in emotional distress by looking at the evidence of the "Suicide1.txt" file. In addition, the "Silvia Assests.xls" was last accessed on 1/12/2026 at 11:35pm. The "Suide1.txt" was access just 2 minutes late on 1/12/2026 at 11:37pm. These are all the details that were found from the evidence on the USB drive.

Respectively,

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