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Drug overdose suspected in Highland woman's death

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An investigation is continuing into the May 9 death of a 24-year-old Highland woman, which Oakland County Sheriff's deputies believe could be due to a drug overdose.

Deputies were called to a Tomahawk Street home around 5 a.m. after her 32-year-old boyfriend said he found her unconscious in bed. According to reports, the boyfriend said he had fallen asleep around 11 p.m. after folding laundry. He said when he woke up around 5 a.m., the woman was sitting up in bed and appeared asleep. When he tried to wake her, she was unresponsive, he said.

Emergency medical personnel were called to the scene as well, and determined she had no vital signs. CPR as performed, and then she was transferred to a local hospital where she was pronounced dead around 6:30 a.m.

"It's very tragic," said Det. Chris Miller.

Deputies said the man's three school-age children, who were home at the time, were removed from his custody and turned over to their mother, his estranged wife.

Child Protective Services will be reviewing the case regarding the children's custody, Miller said.

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