

**Blue Springs investigating death of northern Missouri woman**

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Law enforcement officials in Blue Springs are continuing a death investigation involving a woman described as "being from the Trenton and Spickard area" of northern Missouri.

Blue Springs police said 44-year old Lisa Jo Tharp (Ruttenberg) was found dead last Thursday morning (April 4th) in a motel room at 3400 Northwest Jefferson Street. The location is near Interstate 70 and Woods Chapel Road.

The cause of death has not been released by law enforcement but media reports in Kansas City indicate authorities believe the death is "suspicious". Reporters say evidence suggests a struggle occurred at the motel. Reports also state Lisa Tharp had been residing at the (Knights Inn) motel in Blue Springs since July 2012.

Anyone with information should call the Blue Springs Police Department at (816) 228-0150 or the TIPS Hotline at (816) 474-TIPS.

Facebook indicates that Lisa Jo Tharp attended Trenton High School and Winnetonka High School (in North Kansas City).