



# Delaware County Coroner's Office

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## MEDIA RELEASE

(For immediate release)

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Death of Rhianna Michelle Filichia

DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT: Died at Grady Memorial Hospital 2/21/2016 @ 2111h

Regarding the above:

- An autopsy was performed by the Franklin County Coroner's Office.
- Ms. Filicia's death is being investigated by the Delaware County Coroner's Office and the Delaware County Sheriff's Office.
- Preliminary autopsy findings revealed that Rhianna M. Filichia's death was most likely due to peritonitis, a potentially fatal condition resulting from an infection in the abdominal cavity. This condition is typically caused by an infection in the intestines that then spreads into the abdominal cavity. These findings will be considered preliminary until complete autopsy results, including toxicology, are finalized. (Approximately 8-10 weeks)

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