



United States Department of State

*Washington, D.C. 20520*

October 16, 2023

F-2023-03110

Mr. Simohamed Benbattouche  
medbenbattouche@proton.me

Dear Mr. Benbattouche:

This is in response to your December 20, 2022, request submitted pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, in which you requested documents related to records regarding the 2021 death of David Kirk Ginder, an American citizen, which occurred in Japan. The Department of State, Office of Information Programs and Services received your FOIA request and assigned it tracking number F-2023-03110. Please include the tracking number in all future communications concerning this FOIA request.

The Bureau of Consular Affairs, Office of Overseas Citizens' Services, conducted a search and located 32 records, totaling 105 pages, responsive to your request. After careful review, we determined that 27 documents may be released in part, five documents may be released in full. The Department has considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing these records and applying FOIA exemptions. The withheld information is exempt from release pursuant to:

- 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), which concerns material that, if released, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of an individual's personal privacy.

This action closes your request in this office. For further assistance or to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact our FOIA Requester Service Center or our FOIA Public Liaison by email to [FOIAstatus@state.gov](mailto:FOIAstatus@state.gov) or telephone at (202) 261-8484.

If you are not satisfied with the Department's determination in response to your FOIA request, you may administratively appeal by writing to: Appeals Officer, Office of Information Programs and Services, U.S. Department of State, A/GIS/IPS, HST Room B266, 2201 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20520, by email to [FOIARequest@state.gov](mailto:FOIARequest@state.gov), or by fax to 202-485-1718. Appeals must be postmarked within 90 calendar days and include a copy of this letter, clearly stating why you disagree with the determination set forth in this response.

Additionally, if you are not satisfied with the Department's determination in response to your request, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA Mediation Services they offer. The contact information is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland

20740-6001, email address: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone: (202) 741-5770; toll free number: 1-877-684-6448; fax: (202) 741-5769.

Sincerely,

*Dwayne Williamson*

Dwayne Williamson,  
Acting Chief,  
Management Support Unit  
Overseas Citizens Services

Enclosure(s):  
As stated

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 27, 2021 7:53 PM  
**To:** Tokyo Consular ACS SCS DL  
**Cc:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June

Confirmed name and DOB.

(b) (6)



SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED

**From:** (b) (6) @state.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 28, 2021 8:49 AM  
**To:** Tokyo Consular ACS SCS DL <TokyoConsularACSSCSDL@state.gov>  
**Cc:** (b) (6) @state.gov>; (b) (6) @state.gov>; (b) (6) @state.gov>; (b) (6) @state.gov>; (b) (6) @state.gov>  
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**Importance:** High

Let's see if (b) (6) has any additional information before calling, but could someone from SCS call Arakawa police department this morning to see if they are aware of this situation?

Thanks!

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SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED

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**To:** Tokyo Consular DutyLog DL <[TokyoConsularDutyLogDL@state.gov](mailto:TokyoConsularDutyLogDL@state.gov)>  
**Subject:** Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June

Date: 26 June 2021

Name of Duty Officer: (b) (6)

Call #: 1

Time of Call: 14:54

Callers Details:

- Officer (b) (6)
- 03-3408-0110 (ext. 3962)
- Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department, Harajuku Police Station.

US Citizen involved

- (b) (6)

Details of Call:

- The police called the Embassy to report the death of Ms. (b) (6). The doctor believes it is from natural causes, but they are still investigating. (b) (6). The next of kin, Mr. (b) (6), is aware of his mother's passing and he was living alone with her. He is also a U.S. citizen. His contact information is below:
- (b) (6)

Date: Date: 27 June 2021

Name of Duty Officer: (b) (6)

Call #: 2

Time of Call: 0:45



Callers Details:

- (b) (6)

US Citizen involved

- (b) (6)
- Date of Birth: Unknown
- Birthplace: Unknown
- Resident Card#: Unknown

Details of Call:

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Call #: 3,4,5

Time of Call:s 15:30, 17:00, 19:10

Callers Details:

- (b) (6)
- ( Likely Dutch citizen as he called from the Netherlands. No further information on him)

US Citizen involved

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- Resident Card#: Unknown
- (b) (6)

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- (b) (6)
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(b) (6)

## U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS

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**From:** U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS  
**Sent:** Monday, June 28, 2021 11:09 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Re: Possible suicide of American in Tokyo

Dear (b) (6)

Thank you for providing us this information on Mr. Ginder. We tried to call you twice but no one picked-up.

If you have any additional contact information for Mr. Ginder, please email it to us.

Thank you,

American Citizen Services  
U.S. Embassy Tokyo

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 28, 2021 10:40 AM  
**To:** U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS <TOKYOACS@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Possible suicide of American in Tokyo

Hello,

I am following up with the email I sent over the weekend. In addition to the person's name, we have found a little more information. Their US address is:

(b) (6)

Their date of birth is February 22nd (we do not know the year).

Hopefully this can help you find their location in Tokyo to check on them. Thank you.

(b) (6)

On Sun, Jun 27, 2021 at 8:33 PM U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS <TOKYOACS@state.gov> wrote:  
Thank you for your email.

The U.S. Department of State has no greater priority than the safety and security of U.S. citizens abroad. Due to the Privacy Act of 1974, we are unable to disclose information about a U.S. citizen unless we receive written permission from the individual. Therefore, we are unable to provide feedback to you at this time.

Sincerely,

American Citizen Services  
U.S. Embassy Tokyo

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 27, 2021 4:37 PM  
**To:** U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS <TOKYOACS@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Possible suicide of American in Tokyo

Hello,

My name is (b) (6) an American citizen living in Osaka. There is an American in Tokyo who is well known as a software developer online, and earlier today he posted a series of tweets that strongly hinted towards suicide. In the time since, no one has been able to contact him.

The twitter thread with his posts is here:  
[https://twitter.com/near\\_koukai/status/1408986856830558216](https://twitter.com/near_koukai/status/1408986856830558216)

I have only met him once, but since I live in Japan as well, people online have asked me to reach out to the US embassy. I did so, and left the little information about him that we had with the duty officer. He further instructed me to send an email to this address.

We know that his real name is Dave Ginder. We do not however have an exact address (we know he lives not too far from Akihabara) or a phone number as he is a very private person.

Another contact in Tokyo, who is a French national, reached out to the local police and provided them with the same information. I reached out to the US embassy due to my American citizenship.

I can be reached by phone at (b) (6) though this email address would be the best way to contact me. Thank you.

(b) (6)

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## U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS

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**From:** U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 27, 2021 7:45 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Urgent Message from U.S. Embassy Tokyo

Dear Mr. Ginder,

We are trying to reach you. Your friends are very worried about you. Please contact us as soon as possible at 03-3224-5000, and ask the operator for American Citizen Services. You may also email us back at this address.

Thank you for your prompt reply,

American Citizen Services  
U.S. Embassy Tokyo



**The United States Department of State - Bureau of Consular Affairs****ACS Death Detail**

Report by (b) (6) on January , 03RD 2023 18:42 ET

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(b) (6)

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**Activity Log**

<b>Log Type:</b>	Status Update	<b>Source:</b>	System	<b>Assigned To:</b>	(b) (6)	<b>Date Completed:</b>	28-JUN-2021
<b>Name:</b>	New Case						
<b>Description:</b>	A new case was created. - TKY202117929604610						
<b>Log Type:</b>	Status Update	<b>Source:</b>	System	<b>Assigned To:</b>	(b) (6)	<b>Date Completed:</b>	28-JUN-2021
<b>Name:</b>	New Death Service Created						
<b>Description:</b>	New Death Service Created.						
<b>Log Type:</b>	Case Note	<b>Source:</b>	User	<b>Assigned To:</b>	(b) (6)	<b>Date Completed:</b>	28-JUN-2021
<b>Name:</b>	Call From Arakawa Police 6-28-21						
<b>Description:</b>	On June 28, Mr. (b) (6) of Arakawa Police (X3300), reported Mr. Ginder's death. According to (b) (6) the police found Mr. Ginder hanging in the kitchen/living room in his apartment at 13:15 on June 28. The remains have been transferred to Arakawa Police Station and will be kept there. The police does not believe that there was foul play involved. The police will talk to Mr. Ginder's employer/co-worker. According to the company, Mr. Ginder last showed up at work on June 24. ACS has asked the police to provide us the contact information for Mr. Ginder's managing company and employer. The police is in possession of Mr. Ginder's passport, resident card, cell phone, apartment and car keys, credit cards and bank cards. The room has been locked. Mr. Ginder's residence: Open Residencia Nishi Nippori Tokanyama Hills 403 4-5-6 Nishi Nippori Arakawa-ku, Tokyo We can contact (b) (6) of Arakawa Police Station if we need to reach the police station afterhours tonight.						
<b>Log Type:</b>	Name Check Results	<b>Source:</b>	System	<b>Assigned To:</b>	(b) (6)	<b>Date Completed:</b>	28-JUN-2021
<b>Name:</b>	Name check executed 06/28/21 04:48 PM (UTC+09:00)						
<b>Description:</b>	Name Check batch 1 executed 6/28/2021 4:48:54 PM (UTC+09:00) by (b) (6): Results for Subject 'Ginder, David', received : CLASS-E: 0 hit(s) (Error) CLASP: 0 hit(s) (Error) IPDB: 0 hit(s) (Error) MIV: 0 hit(s) (Error) SSA: 0 hit(s) (Error) Total CLASS-E Hits: 0 Total CLASP Hits: 0 Total IPDB Hits: 0 Total MIV Hits: 0 Total SSA Hits: 0						
<b>Log Type:</b>	Name Check Results	<b>Source:</b>	System	<b>Assigned To:</b>	(b) (6)	<b>Date Completed:</b>	06-JUL-2021
<b>Name:</b>	Name check executed 07/06/21 02:37 PM (UTC+09:00)						
<b>Description:</b>	Name Check batch 2 executed 7/6/2021 2:37:09 PM (UTC+09:00) by (b) (6): Results for Subject 'Ginder, David', received 7/6/2021 2:37 PM (UTC+09:00): CLASS-E: 0 hit(s) (Complete) CLASP: 0 hit(s) (Complete) IPDB: 0 hit(s) (Complete) MIV: 2 hit(s) (Complete) SSA: 1 hit(s) (Complete) Total CLASS-E Hits: 0 Total CLASP Hits: 0 Total IPDB Hits: 0 Total MIV Hits: 2 Total SSA Hits: 1						
<b>Log Type:</b>	Attach File	<b>Source:</b>	User	<b>Assigned To:</b>	(b) (6)	<b>Date Completed:</b>	06-JUL-2021
<b>Name:</b>	Letter of Condolence sent to NOK 6-29-21						
<b>Description:</b>	See attached.						
<b>Log Type:</b>	Attach File	<b>Source:</b>	User	<b>Assigned To:</b>	(b) (6)	<b>Date Completed:</b>	06-JUL-2021
<b>Name:</b>	Letter of Instruction from NOK						
<b>Description:</b>	See attached.						
<b>Log Type:</b>	Status Update	<b>Source:</b>	System	<b>Assigned To:</b>	(b) (6)	<b>Date Completed:</b>	07-JUL-2021
<b>Name:</b>	Subject Core Biographical Data Updated						
<b>Description:</b>	Modified by user: (b) (6) Critical Field Added: Subject Passport Field Type Added: New Subject (b) (6) DEPARTMENT						
<b>Log Type:</b>	Status Update	<b>Source:</b>	System	<b>Assigned To:</b>	(b) (6)	<b>Date Completed:</b>	07-JUL-2021
<b>Name:</b>	Proof of Citizenship Data Updated						

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<b>Log Type:</b>	Status Update	<b>Source:</b>	System	<b>Assigned To:</b>	(b) (6)	<b>Date Completed:</b>	07-JUL-2021	▲
<b>Name:</b>	Proof of Citizenship Data Updated							
<b>Description:</b>	Modified by user (b) (6) Critical Field Added: Evidence of Citizenship Field Type Added: New Evidence of (b) (6) DEPARTMENT							
<b>Log Type:</b>	Attach File	<b>Source:</b>	User	<b>Assigned To:</b>	(b) (6)	<b>Date Completed:</b>	14-JUL-2021	
<b>Name:</b>	Affidavit Of Surviving Spouse							
<b>Description:</b>	See attached.							
<b>Log Type:</b>	Status Update	<b>Source:</b>	System	<b>Assigned To:</b>	(b) (6)	<b>Date Completed:</b>	03-AUG-2021	
<b>Name:</b>	Generated new Report of Death Document.							
<b>Description:</b>	Generated 'Report of Death Document' report							
<b>Log Type:</b>	Status Update	<b>Source:</b>	System	<b>Assigned To:</b>	(b) (6)	<b>Date Completed:</b>	03-AUG-2021	
<b>Name:</b>	Generated new Report of Death Document.							
<b>Description:</b>	Generated 'Report of Death Document' report							
<b>Log Type:</b>	Attach File	<b>Source:</b>	User	<b>Assigned To:</b>	(b) (6)	<b>Date Completed:</b>	13-AUG-2021	
<b>Name:</b>	Preliminary CRDA 8-3-21							
<b>Description:</b>	See attached.							
<b>Log Type:</b>	Attach File	<b>Source:</b>	User	<b>Assigned To:</b>	(b) (6)	<b>Date Completed:</b>	13-AUG-2021	
<b>Name:</b>	JPN autopsy report issued on 8-6-21							
<b>Description:</b>	Received on 8/6/21. See attached.							
<b>Log Type:</b>	Case Note	<b>Source:</b>	User	<b>Assigned To:</b>	(b) (6)	<b>Date Completed:</b>	13-AUG-2021	
<b>Name:</b>	JPN Autopsy Report Received On 8-13-21							
<b>Description:</b>	Corrected date of receipt - 8/13/21							
<b>Log Type:</b>	Status Update	<b>Source:</b>	System	<b>Assigned To:</b>	(b) (6)	<b>Date Completed:</b>	15-AUG-2021	
<b>Name:</b>	Generated new Report of Death Document.							
<b>Description:</b>	Generated 'Report of Death Document' report							
<b>Log Type:</b>	Status Update	<b>Source:</b>	System	<b>Assigned To:</b>	(b) (6)	<b>Date Completed:</b>	16-AUG-2021	
<b>Name:</b>	Refer/View ECAS button selected							
<b>Description:</b>	The Refer/View ECAS button was selected to refer the subject/service to ECAS by (b) (6) Service ID: TKY202117929604614 Subsv ID:							
<b>Log Type:</b>	Status Update	<b>Source:</b>	System	<b>Assigned To:</b>	(b) (6)	<b>Date Completed:</b>	16-AUG-2021	
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<b>Log Type:</b>	Case Note	<b>Source:</b>	System	<b>Assigned To:</b>	Processing, Automated	<b>Date Completed:</b>	16-AUG-2021	
<b>Name:</b>	ECAS Status							
<b>Description:</b>	ECAS Status returned: [Non-Fraud Referred To ECAS]							
<b>Log Type:</b>	Case Note	<b>Source:</b>	System	<b>Assigned To:</b>	Processing, Automated	<b>Date Completed:</b>	16-AUG-2021	
<b>Name:</b>	ECAS Status							
<b>Description:</b>	ECAS Status changed from: [Non-Fraud Referred To ECAS] to [Non-Fraud CLASS Lookout Associated]							

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## ACS Activity Log

Report by (b) (6) on January, 03RD 2023 19:06 ET

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## Activity Log

<b>Log Type:</b>	Status Update	<b>Source:</b>	System	<b>Assigned To:</b>	(b) (6)	<b>Date Completed:</b>	28-JUN-2021
<b>Name:</b>	New Case						
<b>Description:</b>	A new case was created. - TKY202117929568388						
<b>Log Type:</b>	Status Update	<b>Source:</b>	System	<b>Assigned To:</b>	(b) (6)	<b>Date Completed:</b>	28-JUN-2021
<b>Name:</b>	New WW Created						
<b>Description:</b>	New WW Created.						
<b>Log Type:</b>	Case Note	<b>Source:</b>	User	<b>Assigned To:</b>	(b) (6)	<b>Date Completed:</b>	28-JUN-2021
<b>Name:</b>	Duty Log 6-27-21; Potential concern on suicide						
<b>Description:</b>	<p>Date: Date: 27 June 2021 Name of Duty Officer: (b) (6) Call #s: 3,4,5 Time of Call:s 15:30, 17:00, 19:10 Callers Details: 2 (b) (6) (No further information on him) ? (b) (6) (Likely Dutch citizen as he called from the Netherlands. No further information on him) US Citizen involved ? Dave Ginder ? (b) (6) ? Birthplace: Unknown ? Resident Card#: Unknown ? Address: (b) (6) Details of Call: ? (b) (6) called the Embassy to warn that Mr. Ginder may commit suicide. (b) (6) said that Mr. Ginder posted threatening tweets on his twitter account @near_koukai that suggested his suicide was imminent. After Mr. (b) (6) called, (b) (6) called at 17:00 for the same reason and said that he spoke to Mr. Ginder at 11:11 am that day for an hour before he just started hear music on loop for another hour. (b) (6) gave the duty officer a google phone number for Mr. Ginder (b) (6). At around 19:10 (b) (6) called from the Netherlands saying that he has additional details on Mr. Ginder. He provided the date of birth, the likely address, and a local phone number of the subject. He also told the duty officer that he contacted the local police about Mr. Ginder's status.</p>						
<b>Log Type:</b>	Communication	<b>Source:</b>	User	<b>Assigned To:</b>	(b) (6)	<b>Date Completed:</b>	28-JUN-2021
<b>Name:</b>	Email to Subject 6-27-21						
<b>Description:</b>	<p>From: U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS &lt;TOKYOACS@state.gov&gt; Sent: Sunday, June 27, 2021 7:45 PM To: (b) (6) Subject: Urgent Message from U.S. Embassy Tokyo Dear Mr. Ginder, We are trying to reach you. Your friends are very worried about you. Please contact us as soon as possible at 03-3224-5000, and ask the operator for American Citizen Services. You may also email us back at this address. Thank you for your prompt reply, American Citizen Services U.S. Embassy Tokyo</p>						
<b>Log Type:</b>	Name Check Results	<b>Source:</b>	System	<b>Assigned To:</b>	(b) (6)	<b>Date Completed:</b>	28-JUN-2021
<b>Name:</b>	Name check executed 06/28/21 09:26 AM (UTC+09:00)						
<b>Description:</b>	<p>Name Check batch 1 executed 6/28/2021 9:26:02 AM (UTC+09:00) by (b) (6) Results for Subject 'Ginder, David', received 6/28/2021 9:26 AM (UTC+09:00): CLASS-E: 0 hit(s) (Complete) CLASP: 0 hit(s) (Complete) IPDB: 0 hit(s) (Complete) MIV: 2 hit(s) (Complete) SSA: 1 hit(s) (Complete) Total CLASS-E Hits: 0 Total CLASP Hits: 0 Total IPDB Hits: 0 Total MIV Hits: 2 Total SSA Hits: 1</p>						
<b>Log Type:</b>	Case Note	<b>Source:</b>	User	<b>Assigned To:</b>	(b) (6)	<b>Date Completed:</b>	28-JUN-2021
<b>Name:</b>	Follow-up with Police 6-28-21						
<b>Description:</b>	<p>On June 28, ACS talked to Mr. (b) (6) Crime Prevention Unit of Arakawa Police Station(03-3801-0110 X2612). He was aware of the case and reported that he would contact the management company and unlock the room. Provided Mr. (b) (6) our direct number to call during the office hours and asked him to call the switchboard after 16:30. According to (b) (6) the police visited Mr. Ginder's room twice yesterday on June 27 (late afternoon and night) but had no answer. With the neighbor's cooperation, the police tried to peak the room from the balcony but the wall prevented it and was not able to. The police also called the cell number but did not hear any sounds and could not confirm the cell phone in the room. The police also reported that when they pressed the room number at the entrance of the building, they got an error message. The police said that the electricity could be cut off for not paying the utility bill.</p>						
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**ACS Welfare/Whereabouts Detail**

Report by (b) (6) on January , 03RD 2023 18:41 ET

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**Case Information**

<b>Case ID:</b>	TKY202117929568388	<b>Subject ID:</b>	TKY202117929567395
<b>Case Status:</b>	Closed	<b>Case Create Date:</b>	28-JUN-2021
<b>Subject Name:</b>	<u>Ginder, David Kirk</u>		
<b>Gender:</b>	Male	<b>Nationality:</b>	
<b>US Citizenship Status:</b>	Unknown	<b>Recorded By:</b>	

(b) (6)

**Place of Birth:** United States of America

**Comments:**

**Last Update:** 28-JUN-2021

**Last Update User:**

(b) (6)

**Post:** Tokyo (TKY)

(b) (6)

**Postal:**

**Last Updated:** 07-JUL-2021

**Case Comments**

**W/W Comments:**

Date: Date: 27 June 2021 Name of Duty Officer: (b) (6) Call #s: 3, 4, 5 Time of Call:s 15:30, 17:00, 19:10 Callers Details: (b) (6) Sakai-shi (b) (6) (No further information on him) (b) (6) Likely Dutch citizen as he called from the Netherlands. No further information on him) US Citizen involved? Dave Ginder? (b) (6) Birthplace: Unknown? Resident Card#: Unknown? (b) (6) Details of Call: (b) (6) called the Embassy to warn that Mr. Ginder may commit suicide. (b) (6) said that Mr. Ginder posted threatening tweets on his twitter account @near\_koukai that suggested his suicide was imminent. After (b) (6) called, (b) (6) called at 17:00 for the same reason and said that he spoke to Mr. Ginder at 11:11 am that day for an hour before he just started hear music on loon for another hour. (b) (6) gave the duty officer a google phone number for Mr. Ginder (b) (6). At around 19:10 (b) (6) called from the Netherlands saying that he has additional details on Mr. Ginder. He provided the date of birth, the likely address, and a local phone number of the subject. He also told the duty officer that he contacted the local police about Mr. Ginder's status.

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**To:** (b) (6); [Tokyo Consular ACS SCS DL](#)  
**Cc:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June (WW: David Ginder)  
**Date:** Sunday, June 27, 2021 8:29:36 PM

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(b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 28, 2021 9:01 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)@state.gov>; (b) (6)@state.gov>; Tokyo Consular ACS SCS DL <TokyoConsularACSSCSDL@state.gov>  
**Cc:** (b) (6)@state.gov>; (b) (6)@state.gov>; (b) (6)@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June

(b) (6) tracked down several phone numbers for Mr. Ginder and lit them up for much of the night. I also called several times. (b) (6) also emailed him, and the operator helped her call the police who reported that they went to the apartment building earlier in the day. They think they identified the right apartment, but there was no answer when they knocked.

Unfortunately, she never heard back from him.

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 28, 2021 8:53 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)@state.gov>; Tokyo Consular ACS SCS DL <TokyoConsularACSSCSDL@state.gov>  
**Cc:** (b) (6)@state.gov>; (b) (6)@state.gov>; (b) (6)@state.gov>; (b) (6)@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June

I will call Arakawa Police.

(b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6)

**Sent:** Monday, June 28, 2021 8:49 AM

**To:** Tokyo Consular ACS SCS DL <[TokyoConsularACSSCSDL@state.gov](mailto:TokyoConsularACSSCSDL@state.gov)>

**Cc:**

**Subject:** FW: Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June

**Importance:** High

Let's see if (b) (6) has any additional information before calling, but could someone from SCS call Arakawa police department this morning to see if they are aware of this situation?

Thanks!

(b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6)

**Sent:** Monday, June 28, 2021 8:44 AM

**To:** Tokyo Consular DutyLog DL <[TokyoConsularDutyLogDL@state.gov](mailto:TokyoConsularDutyLogDL@state.gov)>

**Subject:** Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June

Date: 26 June 2021

Name of Duty Officer: (b) (6)

Call #: 1

Time of Call: 14:54

Callers Details:

- Officer (b) (6)
- 03-3408-0110 (ext. 3962)
- Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department, Harajuku Police Station.

US Citizen involved

- (b) (6)
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

Details of Call:

- The police called the Embassy to report the death of (b) (6). The doctor believes it

is from natural causes, but they are still investigating. She also had known heart problems. The next of kin, (b) (6), is aware of his mother's passing and he was living alone with her. He is also a U.S. citizen. His contact information is below:

- (b) (6)  
(b) (6)  
(b) (6)

Date: Date: 27 June 2021

Name of Duty Officer: (b) (6)

Call #: 2

Time of Call: 0:45

Callers Details:

- (b) (6)
- (b) (6)
- (b) (6)

US Citizen involved

- (b) (6)
- Date of Birth: Unknown
- Birthplace: Unknown
- Resident Card#: Unknown

Details of Call:

- (b) (6) called the Embassy to warn that (b) (6) may commit suicide. (b) (6) said the he and his wife received messages from (b) (6) that suggested he was planning to take his life, and (b) (6) requested that the Embassy check on his status.

Date: Date: 27 June 2021

Name of Duty Officer: (b) (6)

Call #: 3,4,5

Time of Call:s 15:30, 17:00, 19:10

Callers Details:

- (b) (6)
- (b) (6)
- (b) (6)
- (b) (6) (No further information on him)
- (b) (6) ( Likely Dutch citizen as he called from the Netherlands. No further information on him)

US Citizen involved

- Dave Ginder
- (b) (6) (b) (6)
- Birthplace: Unknown
- Resident Card#: Unknown
- (b) (6)
- (b) (6)

Details of Call:



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Today: post mortem exam to determine cause of death  
a won't know until late today official cause of death

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(b) (6)

**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 28, 2021 4:47 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** RE: Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June (WW: David Ginder)

(b) (6) – Thank you for all of the help on this case. I am sorry that it ended badly.

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 28, 2021 4:44 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**CC:**  
**Subject:** RE: Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June (WW: David Ginder)

On June 28, Mr. (b) (6) of Arakawa Police (X3300), reported Mr. Ginder's death.

According to Mr. (b) (6) the police found Mr. Ginder hanging in the kitchen/living room in his apartment at 13:15 on June 28. The remains have been transferred to Arakawa Police Station and will be kept there. The police does not believe that there was foul play involved.

The police will talk to Mr. Ginder's employer/co-worker. According to the company, Mr. Ginder last showed up at work on June 24. I have asked the police to provide us the contact information for Mr. Ginder's managing company and employer.

The police is in possession of Mr. Ginder's passport, resident card, cell phone, apartment and car keys, credit cards and bank cards. The room has been locked.

(b) (6)

We can contact (b) (6) of Arakawa Police Station if we need to reach the police station afterhours tonight.

(b) (6)

Handwritten signature/initials in a circle.

Confirm  
Phone:  
Email:

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 28, 2021 3:59 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Cc:**

Cc: (b) (6)

Subject: RE: Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June (WW: David Ginder)

FYI – (b) (6) is on the phone with the police now. Unfortunately, it sounds like Mr. Ginder has died. We will turn our efforts to a death case. Thank you though, for all of your quick work on this case. The outcome is not what we had hoped for, but you all treated the case with much respect and urgency.

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From: (b) (6)

Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 3:21 PM

To: (b) (6)

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Subject: RE: Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June (WW: David Ginder)

(b) (6) is working on it now. She's placed several calls. Apparently the police are on site. So we should hear something soon.

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From: (b) (6)

Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 3:20 PM

To: (b) (6)

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Subject: Re: Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June (WW: David Ginder)

Did another round of calls to David Ginder and spouse. No one picked up.

Did we ever hear back from the police about the management company unlocking his front door?

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From: (b) (6)

Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 11:09 AM

To: (b) (6)

Subject: Re: Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June (WW: David Ginder)

Thanks, (b) (6) Sent.

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From: (b) (6)

Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 10:52 AM

To: (b) (6)

Subject: Re: Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June (WW: David Ginder)

(b) (6)

I will draft a message to him and will pin for your clearance.

(b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 28, 2021 10:51 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Re: Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June (WW: David Ginder)

I just tried him twice and he didn't pick up. Can we please respond to his email and thank him for the information he provided and ask for him to please email us if he has any additional contact information for Mr. Ginder.

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 28, 2021 10:47 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Re: Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June (WW: David Ginder)

(b) (6)

Thank you!  
He just sent us an e-mail with Mr. Ginder's US address and his DOB (without year)

(b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 28, 2021 10:45 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Re: Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June (WW: David Ginder)

I will call him shortly.

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 28, 2021 10:34 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Re: Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June (WW: David Ginder)

Call received from (b) (6) saying he knows about Mr. Ginder's US address but he doesn't know much about him.

He sent us an e-mail to [tokyoacs@state.gov](mailto:tokyoacs@state.gov) over the weekend and received our standard reply with PAW info.

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Could you please call him at (b) (6) now ?

(b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 28, 2021 10:28 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
<To (b) (6)>  
**Subject:** RE: Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June (WW: David Ginder)

(b) (6)

Thank you for additional info.  
I will ask the police if they had contacted the company.

(b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 28, 2021 10:06 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
<To (b) (6)>  
**Subject:** Re: Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June (WW: David Ginder)

Some additional details:

Phone numbers associated with David Ginder:

(b) (6)

On 2018 ppt application, listed (b) (6) as spouse and emergency contact:

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

Mr. Ginder has a heavy presence online as a software developer (created an emulator to make old video games playable on modern devices). He has over 3000 Twitter followers (@near\_koukai). Based on calls received by the duty officer yesterday, as well as information that Mr. Ginder himself posted online, three years ago he wrote a very personal, private message to a message board owner that was made public. It included –among many other personal details– that he was transgender and was administering HRT to himself. He was viciously bullied. (b) (6)

I did another round of calls to all the numbers above this morning. No answer from anyone. I've left multiple voicemails on the numbers that have an answering service. I will try again after my prison visit.

(b) (6) when you talk to the police next, can you ask them if they have reached his employer, Cyber Gadget, based in Japan? Last night, the police told us that they had tried to contact his employer but they were closed. According to their website online, they open at 10:15am. The employer may be able to confirm his home address. According to at least two of his friends, his address is 4-Chome-5-6 Nishinippori, Arakawa. This is the address the police have visited twice now.

As a side note, Mr. Ginder appears to use many different aliases online. There is a chance that the 1am duty officer call received for a suicidal (b) (6), was actually about Mr. Ginder. Unfortunately, that caller had no details other than a name and that the person was a middle-aged English teacher in Tokyo so we weren't able to take action given there are tons and tons of (b) (6) in ACRQ who are middle-aged.

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 28, 2021 9:29 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Cc:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June (WW: David Ginder)

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(b) (6)

SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 9:01 AM

(b) (6)

**Subject:** RE: Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June

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Unfortunately, she never heard back from him.

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From: (b) (6)

Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 8:53 AM

To: (b) (6)

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**Subject:** RE: Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June

I will call Arakawa Police.

(b) (7)

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From: (b) (6)

Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 8:49 AM

(b) (6)

**Subject:** FW: Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June

**Importance:** High

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Thanks!

(b) (6)

SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 8:44 AM

To: Tokyo Consular DutyLog DL <[TokyoConsularDutyLogDL@state.gov](mailto:TokyoConsularDutyLogDL@state.gov)>

**Subject:** Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June

## DEATH WORKSHEET

Date: 6/28/21

SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the Deceased: GINDER, David Kirk DPOB: \_\_\_\_\_Notified by: Arakawa Tel: \_\_\_\_\_  
(spouse/child/parent/police/other - )

Date contacted NOK: \_\_\_\_\_

Date/Time/Place of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Cause of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Autopsy conducted?: Yes / No

Remains kept at \_\_\_\_\_

Cremated? Yes (date: \_\_\_\_\_)

) No Burial in Japan/ U.S.

Remains shipped to the U.S.? \_\_\_\_\_

Effects: in possession of \_\_\_\_\_

NOK in Japan \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

(spouse/son/daughter/sister/brother/parent)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

NOK in the U.S.: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

(spouse/son/daughter/sister/brother/parent/other)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

Minor children? \_\_\_\_\_

CONOFF ACTION: 1. Contact NOK 2. Sign DS-2060 3. Sign condolences letter  
4. ECAS entry \_\_\_\_\_FBU: Notified 6/28 Copy ☒ Scanned ACS+ ☒ Email to State ☒CONPACK ☒ ROD to Dept. ☒ ECAS to Dept. ☒ ACS+ Closed ☒





*Embassy of the United States of America  
1-10-5 Akasaka, Minato-ku  
Tokyo 107-8420 JAPAN*

June 29, 2021

(b) (6)

Dear (b) (6)

It is with profound regret that I must confirm the death of your spouse, Mr. David Kirk Ginder, in Tokyo, Japan. On behalf of the United States Government, please allow me to extend my condolences to you and your family in your bereavement.

As explained in our telephone call earlier today, we are emailing you this letter to provide you with information the U.S. Embassy has received about the passing of your spouse.

The U.S. Embassy in Tokyo learned of your spouse's death on June 28, 2021, through the Arakawa Police Station in Tokyo. The police found him deceased in his apartment at 13:15 on June 28. The police do not believe there was foul play involved but their investigation is ongoing. We will continue our close communication with the police and pass any new information to you. His remains are currently at Arakawa Police Station.

The U.S. Embassy is prepared to help you in any way we can. We stand ready to carry out your instructions regarding the disposition of your spouse's remains, and are sending information which we believe will help you make the necessary decisions.

Please do not hesitate to contact the American Citizen Services Unit at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo through the Embassy switchboard at (011) 81-3-3224-5000, or by email, [tokyoacs@state.gov](mailto:tokyoacs@state.gov), should you have any further questions. We are open between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. weekdays.

Again, please accept my deepest condolences to you and your family.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

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*Embassy of the United States of America  
1-10-5 Akasaka, Minato-ku  
Tokyo 107-8420 JAPAN*

June 29, 2021

(b) (6)

Dear (b) (6)

It is unfortunate at this sad time that we must immediately call your attention, as discussed on the phone, to the urgent need for making necessary arrangements relating to the disposition of your spouse's remains. We hope that you find the below information helpful to you. We ask that you please inquire with the funeral home you select in Japan regarding the modalities of payment. Some take credit card payments. Your spouse's friends in Japan may also know of additional local funeral homes, so you may wish to consult with them.

#### **Your Choices**

You have three options regarding the disposition of spouse's remains. You may have the remains cremated and buried in Japan, you may have the remains cremated and buried in another location, or you may have the remains embalmed and shipped to another location (such as the United States).

#### **Cremation in Japan, Disposition in Japan**

The cost for cremation and disposition of ashes in Japan is approximately \$31,650.00. Please note that burial of ashes in the Tokyo area is virtually impossible because of the scarcity of plots.

#### **Cremation in Japan, Disposition in the U.S.**

The cost for preparation, cremation and air shipment of ashes to the United States is approximately \$6,200.

#### **Embalming in Japan, Disposition in the U.S.**

Should you decide to have the remains returned to the U.S. for burial, the costs would be substantially greater due to the high cost of air freight and embalming. The total cost for preparation and air shipment to the U.S. is approximately \$14,000. Unfortunately, there is no space available for burial of uncremated remains in the Tokyo area.

We should point out that preparation and air shipment are carried out in accordance with the laws of and facilities available in Japan and in some cases, the services fall short of

those expected in the U.S. We recommend that you ask your home town funeral director to determine the advisability of viewing the remains.

Please note also that some families have experienced additional complications resulting in delays and additional costs depending on which airline and shipper the funeral home employs, and whether a connecting flight is required.

**Letter of Instruction**

To ensure that your wishes are carried out completely, please also send your instructions regarding the disposition of your spouse's remains and personal effects by email or by fax to the U.S. Embassy Tokyo.

Our Email address is [tokyoacs@state.gov](mailto:tokyoacs@state.gov), and our fax number is (011) 81-3-3224-5856. Our mailing address is American Citizen Services, Consular Section, U.S. Embassy Tokyo, 1-10-5 Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo 107-8420, Japan. Your instructions should give your spouse's full name, telephone numbers where you may be reached and, if shipment of remains is desired, the name, address, and full telephone number and fax number of the U.S. funeral home you have selected to handle arrangements. A form is attached which you may use to help you prepare the necessary information.

Once again, please accept my condolences at this very difficult time.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Consul

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- Airhearse International Inc.  
305A-1, No. 1 International Cargo Bldg., 2-6-3 Haneda-kuko, Ota-ku, Tokyo 144-0041  
Tel from the U.S.: 011-81-3-6459-9509  
Fax from the U.S.: 011-81-3-6459-9510  
Chief Operating Officer/President: Ms. Rie Kimura  
Operating with a contract embalmer.  
Cremation/shipment can be also arranged.
- Hakuzensha Funeral Home, Inc.  
Embalming Office  
32-1 Shinminato, Mihama-ku, Chiba-shi, Chiba-ken 261-0002  
Tel from the U.S.: 011-81-43-244-7761  
Fax from the U.S.: 011-81-43-244-7792  
Interpreter: Ms. Mitsutake  
Operating with 3 embalmers including a Canadian embalmer. Cremation/shipment can be also arranged.
- International Mortuary Systems Inc. (IMS)  
5-17-3 3F Shiba Kawaguchi-shi, Saitama-ken 333-0866  
Tel from the U.S.: 011-81-48-261-3302  
Fax from the U.S.: 011-81-48-262-2120  
Admin: Ms. Megumi Tsukamoto  
Operating with 9 embalmers including Canadian.  
Cremation/shipment can be also arranged.
- Maruki Memorial 21 Co., Ltd.  
1-3-10 Shitaya, Taito-ku, Tokyo 110-0004  
Tel from the U.S.: 011-81-3-5246-5521  
Fax from the U.S.: 011-81-3-5246-5523  
Cell: 011-81-90-1404-4094  
Embalmer: Mr. Yoshio Sato (Licensed in Hawaii)  
Cremation/shipment can be also arranged.
- Santoku Funeral Parlor Co., Ltd.  
7-1 Irifune 2-chome, Chuo-ku, Tokyo 104-0042  
Tel from the U.S.: 011-81-3-3551-2047 / 3019  
Fax from the U.S.: 011-81-3-3555-1966  
Director: Mr. Tetsuo Koizumi  
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*Embassy of the United States of America*

*1-10-5 Akasaka, Minato-ku*

*Tokyo 107-8420 JAPAN*

*Fax 81-3-3224-5856*

June 29, 2021

(b) (6)

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U.S. Department of State  
Record Services Division  
Vital Records Section  
CA/PPT/S/TO/RS  
44132 Mercure Circle [DHL/FedEx/UPS]  
P.O. Box 1213 [USPS]  
Sterling, VA 20166-1213

Information about fees for additional copies and how to make a request is available from the Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs webpage  
<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/while-abroad/death-abroad1/copy-CRDA.html>.

I hope this information will be helpful to you. Again, you and your family have my condolences.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

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## LETTER OF INSTRUCTION

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*Your instructions should give your full name, telephone numbers where you may be reached and, if shipment of remains is desired, the name, address, and full telephone number and fax number of the U.S. funeral home you have selected to handle arrangements.*

### Contact Information

Name of Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your telephone number(s): (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (Mobile) \_\_\_\_\_

Your E-Mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your FAX number(s): (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

### Please select an option:

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\_\_\_\_\_ I would like my spouse's remains cremated and buried in the U.S.

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Name of Funeral Home \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

FAX \_\_\_\_\_

**U.S. Funeral Home Details:**

Name of Funeral Home \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

FAX \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ My instructions are included on a separate sheet of paper.

**Other Requests:**

Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_





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**Subject:** FW: David Ginder

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 30, 2021 9:04 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)

**Subject:** RE: David Ginder

+ (b) (6) :

Received a call from Arakawa police this morning saying that they are now coordinating with the Tokyo Medical Examiner's Office to examine the body to determine the cause of death. In general, no autopsy is conducted if it was apparent that the deceased passed away by hanging and the police believes no foul play was involved. But they understand that non-Japanese family likely to request an autopsy regardless. The police wants to know asap if David's spouse wishes an autopsy to be conducted or not and asked us to reach out to him. I saw an email from the spouse, so will draft a reply for your clearance including the information above.

(b) (6)

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**rom:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 29, 2021 5:23 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)

**Subject:** RE: David Ginder

Thank you team for the tremendous work on this. I really, really appreciate the group effort on a very sad, difficult case.

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**From:** U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS  
**Subject:** FW: David Ginder car

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 1, 2021 11:45 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: David Ginder car

The police told me that they found a car key among Mr. Ginder's effects and it is in their possession.

(b)  
(6)

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 1, 2021 11:39 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: David Ginder car

Remind me why we thought originally there was a car? I can't find the original mention of a car but I know someone mentioned it to us?

**From:** [U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS](#)  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Cc:** [U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Information for David Ginder case/file  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 30, 2021 11:17:05 PM  
**Attachments:** [Letter of Instruction 6-29-21.pdf](#)  
[Letter of Condolence 6-29-21.pdf](#)

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Dear (b) (6),

You are not bothering us at all. Helping in these situations is our job. We very much appreciate your frequent and reliable communication with us.

To make (b) (6) your point-of-contact, please add his information to the Letter of Instruction attached to this email. Please complete and return the Letter of Instruction to us as soon as possible. If it's easier for you, you can take a picture of the completed document with your phone and email it to us. Once we receive this document from you, we can recognize (b) (6) as the point-of-contact who can assist with making the necessary arrangements in Japan. We will also let the police and landlord know that (b) (6) is the point-of-contact, which will allow (b) (6) to communicate with them directly to take care of tasks, including helping with David's estate and belongings.

The Letter of Instruction will NOT designate (b) (6) as your power-of-attorney. For your information, in the future, you may be requested to provide a formal power-of-attorney to handle estate matters with banks in Japan and for other tasks, but we can notify you if/when we become aware of that.

Eventually, the Japanese authorities will send us a Japanese report of death. We will then prepare and issue a Form DS-2060, Consular Report of the Death of a U.S. Citizen Abroad (CRDA) based on the Japanese report of death. This document is in English and can generally be used in U.S. courts to help settle estate matters. We will send you 20 certified copies of the CRDA free-of-charge, and we will also enclose a photocopy of the Japanese death report.

Attached is a Letter of Condolence that has additional information about the CRDA.

Regarding scattering David's ashes, it may depend on local regulations. We can discuss this further with Mr. Imai if he is willing to assist with this. We will also try to obtain information on any possible life insurance or death benefit from David's employer.

Sincerely,

American Citizen Services

U.S. Embassy Tokyo

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 1, 2021 3:21 AM  
**To:** U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS <[TOKYOACS@state.gov](mailto:TOKYOACS@state.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Information for David Ginder case/file

Hello,

Just another few questions, I'm sorry for continually bugging you all, as I'm sure you have lots of other

things to handle, but I thank you for sticking with me on this as otherwise I'd be truly lost.

First, I have made contact with (b) (6), and he is willing to be my point of contact in Japan.

Where do I formally claim him as such, on the disposition form? or is there another document where I do that? This isn't giving up power of attorney or anything like that correct?

Second, is it going to be possible for you guys to get copies of the police, medical examiner, autopsy reports that I would be able to have? If they could be translated to english that would be great, but even if it was just the reports in Japanese, I'd still like them and work to get them translated on my own.

Third, I asked (b) (6) about a possible 4th option for disposition of David's remains after the police/medical examiners are finished with their investigation. Would I be able to have his body cremated, and the ashes be delivered to (b) (6), so that he could scatter them to the wind/water at a beautiful place David might have enjoyed over there? I don't know if David had any sort of life insurance or death benefit sort of thing from his company over there that might help with the costs either, if there is anyway to check on that, I would be grateful.

Okay that's all I have for now, I'll wait for more information as you get it.

Thanks,

(b) (6)

On Wed, Jun 30, 2021 at 3:52 AM U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS <[TOKYOACS@state.gov](mailto:TOKYOACS@state.gov)> wrote:

Dear (b) (6)

Thank you for your fast response and all the information you provided. We have passed your request for an autopsy to Arakawa Police Station. As we become aware of new information, we will be sure to email you.

Sincerely,

American Citizen Services

U.S. Embassy Tokyo

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**From:** (b) (6) >

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 30, 2021 10:32 AM

**To:** U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS <[TOKYOACS@state.gov](mailto:TOKYOACS@state.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Information for David Ginder case/file

Hello,

I have been in contact with a close friend of David's online and that he and I had met before back here in Ohio. He has a little more insight into David's online life/community than I did, as I was relatively out of the loop social media wise. He states that there was someone on the phone on or around the time David took his life and that he apparently had taken a lethal dose of codeine, possibly another drug, and lots of alcohol before hanging himself.

I would be okay with them performing an autopsy/toxicology on him to find out more and maybe corroborate this info, or find anything else out. David had no virulent diseases as far as I know. He did self diagnose himself on the autism spectrum, and he had been apparently taking hormone drugs that people online had been supplying him.

My Name: (b) (6)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(b) (6) however my lease is running out at the end of July, so this will be in flux). I'll give you my parents home address for a more permanent address to use below:

(b) (6) (if anything is mailed here, just have attention to me)  
Let me know if there's anything else

(b) (6)

On Tue, Jun 29, 2021 at 9:11 PM U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS <[TOKYOACS@state.gov](mailto:TOKYOACS@state.gov)> wrote:

Dear (b) (6),

Thank you for your email.

We can only act as a provisional custodian if no representative is present in Japan. In our experience, when the next of kin lives in the United States, they often choose a point-of contact on the ground in Japan who is familiar with the deceased and can help with the many tasks required. If you do not wish to select a point-of-contact in Japan, the Embassy can act on behalf of the executor as the provisional custodian of David's estate.

Regarding your next question on disposition costs, we are still looking into this. We are communicating with David's employer and landlord on this issue. We'll pass on any new information to you once we have it.

Please note that we received a call from Arakawa Police Station this morning and they asked us to contact you. The police are coordinating with the Tokyo Medical Examiner's Office to examine David's remains and determine the actual cause of death. In general, an autopsy is not conducted in Japan unless the police suspect foul play. In David's case, they do not suspect foul play; however, the police offered to proceed with an autopsy if you would like to request one. They asked for your decision as soon as possible. They also asked for your name, address, and date of birth, as well as David's medical information (name of disease, if any) for them to add to their police records.

If you could please reply as soon as possible, we will convey your response immediately to the police.

Sincerely,

American Citizen Services

U.S. Embassy Tokyo

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**From:** (b) (6)

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 30, 2021 3:10 AM

**To:** U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS <[TOKYOACS@state.gov](mailto:TOKYOACS@state.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Information for David Ginder case/file

Hello,

I had a couple questions I hope you would be able to clarify.

First - you mentioned the local co-worker that I could contact and make a local point of contact to handle some things, but there was also text saying that your department could work as my point of contact, so I was wondering, why wouldn't I want to have your team to protect my affairs and interests, instead of asking someone like (b) (6) ?

Second - I'm not sure what to do about these apparent costs involved with disposition. David was the one that had been able to hold down a job during these crazy covid times, and I'm assuming whatever money he has over there in the foreign bank accounts is going to be held up in some sort of probate for however long? I don't know how I can afford even the cheapest of the disposition options. I don't know if there is any sort of US government assistance program to help with these costs?

Thanks,

(b) (6)

On Tue, Jun 29, 2021 at 3:16 AM U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS <[TOKYOACS@state.gov](mailto:TOKYOACS@state.gov)> wrote:

Thank you, (b) (6), for sending this information on to us.

You may have already noticed that we sent you a longer email with more information about 20 minutes ago.

As always, if you have additional questions, we are here.

Sincerely,

American Citizen Services

U.S. Embassy Tokyo

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 29, 2021 1:26 PM  
**To:** U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS <[TOKYOACS@state.gov](mailto:TOKYOACS@state.gov)>  
**Subject:** Information for David Ginder case/file

Hello,

I spoke on the phone with (b) (6) (sorry if I have your spelling wrong) today, and I'm sending along this email with information that might be helpful in processing David's file. If there is other information I'm not thinking of, please let me know and I'll try to find it.

David Kirk Ginder

DOB = (b) (6)

David's Ohio drivers licence number = (b) (6)

David's Social Security number = (b) (6)

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

(b) (6)



Employer Phone = 81-3-5688-4654

Employer Email = [imgi@cybergadget.co.jp](mailto:imgi@cybergadget.co.jp)

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Tokyo 107-8420 JAPAN*

June 29, 2021

(b) (6)

Dear (b) (6)

It is with profound regret that I must confirm the death of your spouse, Mr. David Kirk Ginder, in Tokyo, Japan. On behalf of the United States Government, please allow me to extend my condolences to you and your family in your bereavement.

As explained in our telephone call earlier today, we are emailing you this letter to provide you with information the U.S. Embassy has received about the passing of your spouse.

The U.S. Embassy in Tokyo learned of your spouse's death on June 28, 2021, through the Arakawa Police Station in Tokyo. The police found him deceased in his apartment at 13:15 on June 28. The police do not believe there was foul play involved but their investigation is ongoing. We will continue our close communication with the police and pass any new information to you. His remains are currently at Arakawa Police Station.

The U.S. Embassy is prepared to help you in any way we can. We stand ready to carry out your instructions regarding the disposition of your spouse's remains, and are sending information which we believe will help you make the necessary decisions.

Please do not hesitate to contact the American Citizen Services Unit at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo through the Embassy switchboard at (011) 81-3-3224-5000, or by email, [tokyoacs@state.gov](mailto:tokyoacs@state.gov), should you have any further questions. We are open between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. weekdays.

Again, please accept my deepest condolences to you and your family.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

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*Embassy of the United States of America  
1-10-5 Akasaka, Minato-ku  
Tokyo 107-8420 JAPAN*

June 29, 2021

(b) (6)

Dear (b) (6)

It is unfortunate at this sad time that we must immediately call your attention, as discussed on the phone, to the urgent need for making necessary arrangements relating to the disposition of your spouse's remains. We hope that you find the below information helpful to you. We ask that you please inquire with the funeral home you select in Japan regarding the modalities of payment. Some take credit card payments. Your spouse's friends in Japan may also know of additional local funeral homes, so you may wish to consult with them.

#### **Your Choices**

You have three options regarding the disposition of spouse's remains. You may have the remains cremated and buried in Japan, you may have the remains cremated and buried in another location, or you may have the remains embalmed and shipped to another location (such as the United States).

#### **Cremation in Japan, Disposition in Japan**

The cost for cremation and disposition of ashes in Japan is approximately \$31,650.00. Please note that burial of ashes in the Tokyo area is virtually impossible because of the scarcity of plots.

#### **Cremation in Japan, Disposition in the U.S.**

The cost for preparation, cremation and air shipment of ashes to the United States is approximately \$6,200.

#### **Embalming in Japan, Disposition in the U.S.**

Should you decide to have the remains returned to the U.S. for burial, the costs would be substantially greater due to the high cost of air freight and embalming. The total cost for preparation and air shipment to the U.S. is approximately \$14,000. Unfortunately, there is no space available for burial of uncremated remains in the Tokyo area.

We should point out that preparation and air shipment are carried out in accordance with the laws of and facilities available in Japan and in some cases, the services fall short of

those expected in the U.S. We recommend that you ask your home town funeral director to determine the advisability of viewing the remains.

Please note also that some families have experienced additional complications resulting in delays and additional costs depending on which airline and shipper the funeral home employs, and whether a connecting flight is required.

**Letter of Instruction**

To ensure that your wishes are carried out completely, please also send your instructions regarding the disposition of your spouse's remains and personal effects by email or by fax to the U.S. Embassy Tokyo.

Our Email address is [tokyoacs@state.gov](mailto:tokyoacs@state.gov), and our fax number is (011) 81-3-3224-5856. Our mailing address is American Citizen Services, Consular Section, U.S. Embassy Tokyo, 1-10-5 Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo 107-8420, Japan. Your instructions should give your spouse's full name, telephone numbers where you may be reached and, if shipment of remains is desired, the name, address, and full telephone number and fax number of the U.S. funeral home you have selected to handle arrangements. A form is attached which you may use to help you prepare the necessary information.

Once again, please accept my condolences at this very difficult time.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

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- Airhearse International Inc.  
305A-1, No. 1 International Cargo Bldg., 2-6-3 Haneda-kuko, Ota-ku, Tokyo 144-0041  
Tel from the U.S.: 011-81-3-6459-9509  
Fax from the U.S.: 011-81-3-6459-9510  
Chief Operating Officer/President: Ms. Rie Kimura  
Operating with a contract embalmer.  
Cremation/shipment can be also arranged.
- Hakuzensha Funeral Home, Inc.  
Embalming Office  
32-1 Shinminato, Mihama-ku, Chiba-shi, Chiba-ken 261-0002  
Tel from the U.S.: 011-81-43-244-7761  
Fax from the U.S.: 011-81-43-244-7792  
Interpreter: Ms. Mitsutake  
Operating with 3 embalmers including a Canadian embalmer. Cremation/shipment can be also arranged.
- International Mortuary Systems Inc. (IMS)  
5-17-3 3F Shiba Kawaguchi-shi, Saitama-ken 333-0866  
Tel from the U.S.: 011-81-48-261-3302  
Fax from the U.S.: 011-81-48-262-2120  
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Tel from the U.S.: 011-81-3-5246-5521  
Fax from the U.S.: 011-81-3-5246-5523  
Cell: 011-81-90-1404-4094  
Embalmer: Mr. Yoshio Sato (Licensed in Hawaii)  
Cremation/shipment can be also arranged.
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Tel from the U.S.: 011-81-3-3551-2047 / 3019  
Fax from the U.S.: 011-81-3-3555-1966  
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June 29, 2021

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Record Services Division  
Vital Records Section  
CA/PPT/S/TO/RS  
44132 Mercure Circle [DHL/FedEx/UPS]  
P.O. Box 1213 [USPS]  
Sterling, VA 20166-1213

Information about fees for additional copies and how to make a request is available from the Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs webpage  
<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/while-abroad/death-abroad1/copy-CRDA.html>.

I hope this information will be helpful to you. Again, you and your family have my condolences.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

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## LETTER OF INSTRUCTION

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### Contact Information

Name of Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your telephone number(s): (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (Mobile) \_\_\_\_\_

Your E-Mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your FAX number(s): (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

### Please select an option:

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like my spouse's remains cremated and buried in Japan.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like my spouse's remains cremated and buried in the U.S.

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### Japanese Funeral Home Details:

Name of Funeral Home \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

FAX \_\_\_\_\_

**U.S. Funeral Home Details:**

Name of Funeral Home \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

FAX \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Effects**

What would you like us to do with your mother's personal effects?

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**Other Requests:**

Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



**From:** (b) (6)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: David Ginder  
**Date:** Thursday, July 1, 2021 4:21:53 AM

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Thank you (b) (6) for taking the call from (b) (6) during lunch break. Here's what I learned from police and landlord today;

Arakawa Police:

Completed autopsy at Tokyo University Hospital this afternoon and the body was returned to the Arakawa Police Station. They can release the remains and the post mortem report to a funeral home at any time. They've been in touch with (b) (6) and provided him a list of their contact funeral homes. They said they plan to hand over the remains and David's items (i.e., passport, cell phone, etc.) to (b) (6) when he visits the police with a staff from funeral home. According to the police, the following information is listed on the report: Date of death - June 27, 13:00 (approx); Cause of death- Unknown. The doctor found a large amount of drugs in the stomach and will continue examination, but he sees that David passed away by hanging. The police stated David's apartment is not that cluttered, the size of the room is 2LDK.

Landlord:

When asked about the signature of Japanese death certificate, he immediately refused at first. Explained that neither the Embassy nor his employer can sign due to the law. He said he will consult with his supervisor and get back to us. He understands that (b) (6) the company wants to pick up computers/equipment which they lent to David, and the company is willing to clean up the room.

(b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 1, 2021 2:56 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)

**Subject:** RE: David Ginder

As reported,

(b) (6) called to ask about the death certificate which will be signed by the medical examiner and he was worried Mr. Ginder's will be reported to the ward office within 7 days.

I told him that we will reach out to the police to find out about the current status and will also ask the landlord to sign the death document.

(b) (6) reported that he has been in touch with (b) (6) and was asked to scatter the cremated ashes at the ocean where Mr. Ginder liked. However, (b) (6) said that Mr. Ginder never traveled and stayed at home so there no place where he liked. He may ship the cremated remains to Patrick as he mentioned that he may come to Japan in the future and scatter the ashes. (b) (6) did not

think that (b) (6) wanted him to take care of everything until I mentioned that we understood that (b) (6) authorized him to handle Mr. Ginder's remains and effects. (b) (6) said that he is willing to assist within his capacity but did not know where to start. I suggested to contact the funeral homes to find out the expenses. He will ask the police for the funeral home. I also referred him to our list of funeral homes. He said that he would also reach out to the managing company if they know of any company that can dispose of the effects. According (b) (6), they have 200,000 yen of unpaid salary. However, Mr. Ginder's severance pay of 300,000 yen will be deposited into his account. The company could manage it.

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

SBU -PRIVACY OR PII

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**From:** (b) (6)

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 30, 2021 11:49 AM

**To:** (b) (6)

(b) (6)

**Subject:** RE: David Ginder

(b) (6),

Finally, I got a call back from the landlord! Relieved that the rent was covered under the insurance. They said they're not aware of the car, and stated they have no parking lot in the apartment premises. I gave your cell phone number to Toya-san at Arakawa Police. I also talked to (b) (6) this morning. Will circulate the updates shortly.

(b) (6)

SBU -PRIVACY OR PII

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**From:** (b) (6) >

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 30, 2021 9:33 AM

**To:** (b) (6)

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

**Subject:** Re: David Ginder

(b) (6),

Thank you for handling Mr. Ginder's death case.

Could you ask about Mr. Ginder's car when the landlord calls back?

The police found a car key but had not confirmed if he possessed a car when they called me on Monday. We need to locate his car if he had one.

You can give my cell number to the police so that the police can call me while you are out this afternoon.

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6)

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 29, 2021 4:55 PM

**To:** (b) (6)

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

**Subject:** Re: David Ginder

Thank you so much for the update!

Otsukare sama deshita.

(b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6)

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 29, 2021 4:52 PM

**To:** (b) (6)

**Subject:** Re: David Ginder

As of today (6/29);

- Sent the condolences email along with the letter signed by (b) (6) to NOK.
- Updated Arakawa Police that we've been in touch with David's spouse. We'll update them when we learn the instructions re David's remains and effects from NOK.
- Contacted the employer/POC at work, (b) (6). He is willing to assist.
- Attempted to call the landlord, left message twice. Will try again tomorrow and ask if they can sign on the Japanese Death Report to be submitted to the city office. Will also ask about the rent for next month and if they have any due date to clean the room.

(b) (6)

SBU -PRIVACY OR PII

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**From:** (b) (6)

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 29, 2021 9:30 AM

**To:** (b) (6)

**Subject:** Re: David Ginder

Please send follow up condolences email.

(b) (6)

asked who will retrieve his things, as he does not have any family in Japan. I said we would discuss that and get back to him. He also asked if there was a suicide note. I told him it was early in the investigation and we would let him know later if there is anything he needs to know. I am happy to help out with personnel effects if needed.

In the condolences email, please state we will talk with the police to see if there is any update and pass it along.

Sent from my smartphone. Please excuse brevity and typos.

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**From:** (b) (6)

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 29, 2021 09:26

**To:** U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS; Tokyo Consular ACS Officers DL; Tokyo Consular ACS SCS DL

**Subject:** Re: David Ginder

NOK call completed. Will talk to (b) (6) in a minute.

Sent from my smartphone. Please excuse brevity and typos.

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**From:** U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS <[TOKYOACS@state.gov](mailto:TOKYOACS@state.gov)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 29, 2021 7:26:02 AM

**To:** Tokyo Consular ACS Officers DL <[TokyoConsularACSOfficersDL@state.gov](mailto:TokyoConsularACSOfficersDL@state.gov)>; Tokyo Consular ACS SCS DL <[TokyoConsularACSSCSDL@state.gov](mailto:TokyoConsularACSSCSDL@state.gov)>

**Subject:** Fw: David Ginder

(b) (6)

David's spouse emailed us very early this morning.

(b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6)

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 29, 2021 4:41 AM

**To:** U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS <[TOKYOACS@state.gov](mailto:TOKYOACS@state.gov)>

**Subject:** David Ginder

Hello,

I am (b) (6), and I'm going to need to know what the heck is going on before I start sending his personal info around. Is David okay? Has something happened? Is there any way to verify that you are with the US Embassy?

I received a voicemail from a (b) (6) stating to be with the US Embassy in Tokyo, asking for contact information.

(b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 1, 2021 3:24 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** [DEATH] : David Ginder (Arakawa Police)

July 1:

Received Letter of Instruction from NOK.

Called Arakawa Police. They completed the autopsy at Tokyo University Hospital this afternoon and the body was returned to the Arakawa Police Station. They can release the body and the post mortem report to a funeral home at any time. They've been in touch with (b) (6) and provided him a list of their contact funeral homes. They said they plan to hand over the remains and David's items (i.e., passport, cell phone, etc.) to Mr. (b) (6) when he visits the police with a staff from funeral home. According to the police, the following information is listed on the report: Date of death - June 27, 13:00 (approx); Cause of death- Unknown. The (b) (6)  
(b) (6) The police stated David's apartment is not that uncluttered, the size of the room is 2LDK.

Called the landlord. Asked about the signature of Japanese death certificate. He immediately refused at first so explained that neither the Embassy nor his employer can sign due to the law. He said he will consult with his supervisor and get back to us.

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 29, 2021 10:07 PM  
**To:** Tokyo Consular ACS Officers DL <TokyoConsularACSOfficersDL@state.gov>; Tokyo Consular ACS SCS DL <TokyoConsularACSSCSDL@state.gov>  
**Subject:** [DEATH] : David Ginder (Arakawa Police)

Update as of today (6/30):

- Police is now coordinating with the Tokyo Medical Examiner's Office to examine David's remains and determine the actual cause of death. The police offered to proceed with an autopsy if NOK would like to request one. Contacted NOK and he sent us "okay" reply, so conveyed the message to the police.
- The landlord called back. They confirmed that the David's apartment is covered under the rent insurance, so no need to worry about the fee for next month. They want a representative to empty the room and sign on a cancellation form, then return the key to their office. No specific due date. When asked, they're not aware of David's car. They have no parking space within the premises. (Obtained cell phone number for the landlord. Added below.)
- Called (b) (6) He is not aware of the care either. When asked about David's salary, he stated that David received his salary through a bank account(s) at UFJ Bank at Akihabara. When asked, he said he will consult with the company/financial office if they can hold David's unpaid salary for June 16-25 and not proceed bank transfer. The funds/cash could be used for clean-up the room and for the cremation.

(b) (6)

As of 6/29;

- Sent the condolences email along with the letter signed by (b) (6) to NOK.
- Updated Arakawa Police that we've been in touch with David's spouse. We'll update them when we learn the instructions re David's remains and effects from NOK.
- Contacted the employer/POC at work, (b) (6). He is willing to assist.
- Attempted to call the landlord, left message twice. Will try again tomorrow and ask if they can sign on the Japanese Death Report to be submitted to the city office. Will also ask about the rent for next month and if they have any due date to clean the room.

SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 12:02 PM

To: Tokyo Consular ACS Officers DL <TokyoConsularACSOfficersDL@state.gov>; Tokyo Consular ACS SCS DL <TokyoConsularACSSCSDL@state.gov>

Subject: [DEATH] : David Ginder (Arakawa Police)

On June 29, 2021, Arakawa Police provided the following contact info;

Landlord (rent management company):

(b) (6)

I was able to get a hold of (b) (6) POC at Cyber Gadget. (b) (6) stated that he worked with David for the past 2+ years while they mostly work remotely as a programmer. (b) (6) shared that he helped David on getting his Japanese visa and enjoyed many seasonal fun events at company, e.g., Hanami together. He sounded very shocked but caring about David. He was hesitant at first but agreed that we can share his email address (b) (6) with the NOK. He said his English is limited so prefers to communicate via email. I'm waiting for a returning call from the landlord now.

(b) (6)

SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 4:56 PM

(b) (6)

Subject: [DEATH] : David Ginder (Arakawa Police; Duty Log)

Closed W/W, opened a Death case and uploaded (b) (6) notes below. Notified FBU. Gave heads-up to operators.



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From: (b) (6)

Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 4:44 PM

(b) (6)

**Subject:** RE: Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June (WW: David Ginder)

On June 28, (b) (6) of Arakawa Police (X3300), reported Mr. Ginder's death.

According to (b) (6), the police found Mr. Ginder hanging in the kitchen/living room in his apartment at 13:15 on June 28. The remains have been transferred to Arakawa Police Station and will be kept there. The police does not believe that there was foul play involved.

The police will talk to Mr. Ginder's employer/co-worker. According to the company, Mr. Ginder last showed up at work on June 24. I have asked the police to provide us the contact information for Mr. Ginder's managing company and employer.

The police is in possession of Mr. Ginder's passport, resident card, cell phone, apartment and car keys, credit cards and bank cards. The room has been locked.

Mr. Ginder's residence:

(b) (6)

We can contact (b) (6) of Arakawa Police Station if we need to reach the police station afterhours tonight.

(b) (6)

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From: (b) (6)

Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 3:59 PM

(b) (6)

**Subject:** RE: Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June (WW: David Ginder)

FYI – (b) (6) is on the phone with the police now. Unfortunately, it sounds like Mr. Ginder has died. We will turn our efforts to a death case. Thank you though, for all of your quick work on this case. The outcome is not what we had hoped for, but you all treated the case with much respect and urgency.

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From: (b) (6)

Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 3:21 PM

To: (b) (6)

(b) (6)

**Subject:** RE: Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June (WW: David Ginder)

(b) (6) is working on it now. She's placed several calls. Apparently the police are on site. So we should hear something soon.

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**From:** (b) (6)

**Sent:** Monday, June 28, 2021 3:20 PM

(b) (6)

**Subject:** Re: Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June (WW: David Ginder)

Did another round of calls to David Ginder and spouse. No one picked up.

Did we ever hear back from the police about the management company unlocking his front door?

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**From:** (b) (6)

**Sent:** Monday, June 28, 2021 11:09 AM

(b) (6)

**Subject:** Re: Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June (WW: David Ginder)

Thanks, (b) (6) Sent.

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**From:** (b) (6)

**Sent:** Monday, June 28, 2021 10:52 AM

(b) (6)

**Subject:** Re: Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June (WW: David Ginder)

(b) (6)

I will draft a message to him and will pin for your clearance.

(b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6)

**Sent:** Monday, June 28, 2021 10:51 AM

(b) (6)

**Subject:** Re: Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June (WW: David Ginder)

I just tried him twice and he didn't pick up. Can we please respond to his email and thank him for the information he provided and ask for him to please email us if he has any additional contact information for Mr. Ginder.



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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 28, 2021 10:47 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Re: Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June (WW: David Ginder)

(b) (6)

Thank you!  
He just sent us an e-mail with Mr. Ginger's US address and his DOB (without year)

(b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 28, 2021 10:45 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Re: Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June (WW: David Ginder)

I will call him shortly.

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 28, 2021 10:34 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Re: Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June (WW: David Ginder)

Call received from (b) (6) saying he knows about Mr. Ginger's US address but he doesn't know much about him.

He sent us an e-mail to [tokyoacs@state.gov](mailto:tokyoacs@state.gov) over the weekend and received our standard reply with PAW info.

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Could you please call him at (b) (6) now ?

(b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 28, 2021 10:28 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
<To (b) (6)>  
**Subject:** RE: Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June (WW: David Ginder)

(b) (6)

Thank you for additional info.  
I will ask the police if they had contacted the company.

(b) (6)

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From: (b) (6)

Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 10:06 AM

(b) (6)

Subject: Re: Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June (WW: David Ginder)

Some additional details:

Phone numbers associated with David Ginder:

(b) (6)

On 2018 ppt application, listed (b) (6) as spouse and emergency contact:

(b) (6)

He doesn't have any other passport applications in CCD besides the 2018 one. He listed his mother and father on his application but they don't have a record in ACRQ.

Mr. Ginder has a heavy presence online as a software developer (created an emulator to make old video games playable on modern devices). He has over 3000 Twitter followers (@near\_koukai). Based on calls received by the duty officer yesterday, as well as information that Mr. Ginder himself posted online, three years ago he wrote a very personal, private message to a message board owner that was made public. It included -among many other personal details- that he was transgender and was administering HRT to himself. He was viciously bullied. Recently, he offered \$120,000 USD to the owner of the message board to remove the old thread. If the message wasn't removed, he said he would commit suicide. The owner then made this message public. More vicious bullying and threats ensued. Mr. Ginder then tweeted that he was going to kill himself and posted various photos of tools he would use to do it (prescription bottles, Codeine, rope).

I did another round of calls to all the numbers above this morning. No answer from anyone. I've left multiple voicemails on the numbers that have an answering service. I will try again after my prison visit.

Itami-san, when you talk to the police next, can you ask them if they have reached his employer, Cyber Gadget, based in Japan? Last night, the police told us that they had tried to contact his employer but they were closed. According to their website online, they open at 10:15am. The employer may be able to confirm his home address. According to at least two of his friends, his address is 4-Chome-5-6 Nishinipori, Arakawa. This is the address the police have visited twice now.

As a side note, Mr. Ginder appears to use many different aliases online. There is a chance that the 1am duty officer call received for a suicidal (b) (6) was actually about Mr. Ginder. Unfortunately, that caller had no details other than a name and that the person was a middle-aged English teacher in Tokyo so we weren't able to take action given there are tons and tons of (b) (6) in ACRQ who are middle-aged.

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**From:** (b) (6)

**Sent:** Monday, June 28, 2021 9:29 AM

(b) (6)

**Subject:** RE: Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June (WW: David Ginder)

On June 28, I talked to (b) (6) Crime Prevention Unit (防犯係) of Arakawa Police Station(03-3801-0110 X2612). He was aware of the case and reported that he would contact the management company and unlock the room. I gave Mr. (b) (6) my direct number to call me during the office hours and asked him to call the switchboard after 16:30.

According to (b) (6) the police visited Mr. Ginder's room twice yesterday (late afternoon and night) but had no answer. With the neighbor's cooperation, the police tried to peak the room from the balcony but the wall prevented it and was not able to. The police also called the cell number but did not hear any sounds and could not confirm the cell phone in the room. The police also reported that when they pressed the room number at the entrance of the building, they got an error message. The police said that the electricity could be cut off for not paying the utility bill.

(b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6)

**Sent:** Monday, June 28, 2021 9:01 AM

(b) (6)

**Subject:** RE: Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June

(b) (6) tracked down several phone numbers for Mr. Ginder and lit them up for much of the night. I also called several times. (b) (6) also emailed him, and the operator helped her call the police who reported that they went to the apartment building earlier in the day. They think they identified the right apartment, but there was no answer when they knocked.

Unfortunately, she never heard back from him.

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**From:** (b) (6)

**Sent:** Monday, June 28, 2021 8:53 AM

(b) (6)

**Subject:** RE: Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June

I will call Arakawa Police.

(b) (6)

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From: (b) (6)

Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 8:49 AM

(b) (6)

**Subject:** FW: Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June

**Importance:** High

Let's see if (b) (6) has any additional information before calling, but could someone from SCS call Arakawa police department this morning to see if they are aware of this situation?

Thanks!

(b) (6)

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From: (b) (6)

Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 8:44 AM

(b) (6)

**Subject:** Duty Log for the weekend of 26-27 June

Date: 26 June 2021

Name of Duty Officer: (b) (6)

Call #: 1

Time of Call: 14:54

Callers Details:

- Officer (b) (6)
- 03-3408-0110 (ext. 3962)
- Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department, Harajuku Police Station.

US Citizen involved

(b) (6)

Details of Call:

- (b) (6)

(b) (6)  
Citizen. His contact information is below.

- (b) (6)

Date: Date: 27 June 2021



Name of Duty Officer: (b) (6)

Call #: 2

Time of Call: 0:45

Callers Details:

- (b) (6)
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US Citizen involved

- (b) (6)
- Date of Birth: Unknown
- Birthplace: Unknown
- Resident Card#: Unknown

Details of Call:

- (b) (6) called the Embassy to warn that (b) (6) may commit suicide. (b) (6) said the he and his wife received messages from (b) (6) that suggested he was planning to take his life, and (b) (6) requested that the Embassy check on his status.

Date: Date: 27 June 2021

Name of Duty Officer: (b) (6)

Call #: 3,4,5

Time of Call:s 15:30, 17:00, 19:10

Callers Details:

- (b) (6)
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- hi
- er information on him)
- Likely Dutch citizen as he called from the Netherlands. No further information on him)

US Citizen involved

- Dave Ginder
- (b) (6)
- Birthplace: Unknown
- Resident Card#: Unknown
- (b) (6)
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Details of Call:

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(b) (6) called the Embassy to warn that Mr. Ginder may commit suicide. (b) (6) said that Mr. Ginder posted threatening tweets on his twitter account @near\_koukai that suggested his suicide was imminent. After (b) (6) called, (b) (6) called at 17:00 for the same reason and said that he spoke to Mr. Ginder at 11:11 am that day for an hour before he just started hear music on loop for another hour. (b) (6) gave the duty officer a google phone number for Mr. Ginder (253-448-3380). At around 19:10 Mr. Vanderhaden called from the Netherlands saying that he has additional details on Mr. Ginder. He provided the date of birth, the likely address, and a local phone number of the subject. He also told the duty officer that he contacted the local police about Mr. Ginder's status.

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**From:** [U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS](#)  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Fw: 米国大使館 領事部より  
**Date:** Friday, July 2, 2021 1:43:44 AM

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 2, 2021 2:39 PM  
**To:** U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS <TOKYOACS@state.gov>

**Subject:** Re: 米国大使館 領事部より

お世話になります。  
検案書のコピーは明日PDFファイルで送れると思います。  
私も三井不動産に3度ほど電話連絡しましたが、まったくつかまりません。  
預金通帳の件は了解しました。(一つは会社が給与振り込みに使っていたので  
経理部で口座情報はわかるといいます。)  
別件ですが、健保組合へ埋葬料の請求申請したり、退職金の請求などに  
パトリックさんが配偶者であることの証明書が必要になるケースがいろいろ  
出てきます。米国は戸籍のシステムがないとのことでしたが、公的機関が  
発行した婚姻証明書などがその代替書類になるのでしょうか？  
それはパトリックさんから、すでに入手されていますか？  
別途パトリックさんに依頼しないとダメですか？  
今井

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**送信元:** "U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS" <TOKYOACS@state.gov>

**日付:** 2021年7月2日 金曜日 14:13

**宛先:** (b) (6)

**件名:** 米国大使館 領事部より

今井様

この度はDavid Ginder氏の件で大変お世話になっております。

先ほどはお時間を頂きましてありがとうございました。

早速ですが、荒川警察署から受けられた検案書コピーをEメール(PDF)で、もしくはFaxで(b) (6) へお送り頂きますようお願い致します。

お伝えしましたとおり、死亡届の届出人については、現在三井不動産レジデンシャルリースのご担当者様へ依頼しており、返答待ちの状況です。

サインを頂ける旨の連絡がありましたら、当方から葬儀社様へお伝えし役所への届出をお願いする形になります。

すでに(b) (6) 氏よりお聞きになっているかと存じますが、David氏の銀行の口座番号や残高について照会がありました。

警察で保管中の貴重品に銀行通帳はないとのことでしたので、当方で該当情報を把握することができません。

お部屋に入られた際に通帳が見当たるようでしたらPatrick氏にその旨お伝え頂くとよいかと存じます。

引き続きどうぞよろしくお願い致します。

米国大使館 領事部

アメリカ市民サービス

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**From:** [U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS](#)  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Cc:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Fw: Information for David Ginder case/file  
**Date:** Friday, July 2, 2021 2:38:59 AM

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 2, 2021 3:34 PM  
**To:** U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS <TOKYOACS@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Information for David Ginder case/file  
**Okay, I'm on it, I'll send it over to him**

On Fri, Jul 2, 2021 at 2:33 AM U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS <[TOKYOACS@state.gov](mailto:TOKYOACS@state.gov)> wrote:

Dear (b) (6),

Thank you for sending us the amended Letter of Instruction with the information of a local funeral home.

We talked with (b) (6) today and shared your question about the bank information. He said he will try to consult with the financial office of the company/Cybergadget and get back to you. Separately, (b) (6) wanted to know if you can provide him proof of your relationship with David (e.g., Marriage Certificate issued by the State Office). It is likely he'll need to submit a copy to the relevant authorities here when proceeding to obtain necessary paperwork on your behalf. Due to the Privacy Act restrictions, we are not able to share a copy of your Marriage Certificate with (b) (6) so we would appreciate it if you can send one to him directly.

Sincerely,  
American Citizen Services  
U.S. Embassy Tokyo

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 2, 2021 10:06 AM  
**To:** U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS <[TOKYOACS@state.gov](mailto:TOKYOACS@state.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Information for David Ginder case/file

**Hello,**

**I have updated the letter of instruction and I am sending you the updated version. (b) (6) has found a funeral home that is going to cremate David's remains and scatter the ashes in Tokyo bay. Their contact information is now on the form. Please use this updated form.**

**Thanks,**

(b) (6)

On Thu, Jul 1, 2021 at 4:06 AM U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS <[TOKYOACS@state.gov](mailto:TOKYOACS@state.gov)> wrote:

Dear (b) (6),

Thank you for quickly completing the Letter of Instruction; we received 3 pages in total. We will contact the police and landlord accordingly, and continue to work closely with (b) (6). We understand your uncertainty regarding funeral homes here so we will relay your inquiry to (b) (6). We also suggest that you continue to consult with (b) (6) directly whenever it's practical to do so. As always, when we become aware of new information, we will be sure to email you.

Sincerely,  
American Citizen Services  
U.S. Embassy Tokyo

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**From:** (b) (6)

**Sent:** Thursday, July 1, 2021 1:52 PM

**To:** U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS <[TOKYOACS@state.gov](mailto:TOKYOACS@state.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Information for David Ginder case/file

I've attached the now 3 page letter of instruction below. I had to add a few of my own things, let me know if this will work. I don't really know which funeral home to pick so I was wondering if this is something that my local point of contact, (b) (6) could do? Like if he knows a funeral home that his family uses, or if he could call the ones on your list and determine if any would be suitable for the cremate and scatter option.

Thanks,

(b) (6)

On Wed, Jun 30, 2021 at 11:17 PM U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS <[TOKYOACS@state.gov](mailto:TOKYOACS@state.gov)> wrote:

Dear (b) (6),

You are not bothering us at all. Helping in these situations is our job. We very much appreciate your frequent and reliable communication with us.

To make (b) (6) your point-of-contact, please add his information to the Letter of Instruction attached to this email. Please complete and return the Letter of Instruction to us as soon as possible. If it's easier for you, you can take a picture of the completed document with your phone and email it to us. Once we receive this document from you, we can recognize (b) (6) as the point-of-contact who can assist with making the necessary arrangements in Japan. We will also let the police and landlord know that Mr. (b) (6) is the point-of-contact, which will allow (b) (6) to communicate with them directly to take care of tasks, including helping with David's estate and belongings. The Letter of Instruction will NOT designate (b) (6) as your power-of-attorney. For

your information, in the future, you may be requested to provide a formal power-of-attorney to handle estate matters with banks in Japan and for other tasks, but we can notify you if/when we become aware of that.

Eventually, the Japanese authorities will send us a Japanese report of death. We will then prepare and issue a Form DS-2060, Consular Report of the Death of a U.S. Citizen Abroad (CRDA) based on the Japanese report of death. This document is in English and can generally be used in U.S. courts to help settle estate matters. We will send you 20 certified copies of the CRDA free-of-charge, and we will also enclose a photocopy of the Japanese death report. Attached is a Letter of Condolence that has additional information about the CRDA.

Regarding scattering David's ashes, it may depend on local regulations. We can discuss this further with (b) (6) if he is willing to assist with this. We will also try to obtain information on any possible life insurance or death benefit from David's employer.

Sincerely,

American Citizen Services

U.S. Embassy Tokyo

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**From:** (b) (6)

**Sent:** Thursday, July 1, 2021 3:21 AM

**To:** U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS <[TOKYOACS@state.gov](mailto:TOKYOACS@state.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Information for David Ginder case/file

Hello,

Just another few questions, I'm sorry for continually bugging you all, as I'm sure you have lots of other things to handle, but I thank you for sticking with me on this as otherwise I'd be truly lost.

First, I have made contact with (b) (6), and he is willing to be my point of contact in Japan. Where do I formally claim him as such, on the disposition form? or is there another document where I do that? This isn't giving up power of attorney or anything like that correct? Second, is it going to be possible for you guys to get copies of the police, medical examiner, autopsy reports that I would be able to have? If they could be translated to English that would be great, but even if it was just the reports in

Japanese, I'd still like them and work to get them translated on my own.

Third, I asked (b) (6) about a possible 4th option for disposition of David's remains after the police/medical examiners are finished with their investigation. Would I be able to have his body cremated, and the ashes be delivered to Hiromi, so that he could scatter them to the wind/water at a beautiful place David might have enjoyed over there? I don't know if David had any sort of life insurance or death benefit sort of thing from his company over there that might help with the costs either, if there is anyway to check on that, I would be grateful.

Okay that's all I have for now, I'll wait for more information as you get it.

Thanks,

(b) (6)

On Wed, Jun 30, 2021 at 3:52 AM U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS  
<[TOKYOACS@state.gov](mailto:TOKYOACS@state.gov)> wrote:

Dear (b) (6),

Thank you for your fast response and all the information you provided. We have passed your request for an autopsy to Arakawa Police Station. As we become aware of new information, we will be sure to email you.

Sincerely,  
American Citizen Services  
U.S. Embassy Tokyo

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**From:** (b) (6)

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 30, 2021 10:32 AM

**To:** U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS <[TOKYOACS@state.gov](mailto:TOKYOACS@state.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Information for David Ginder case/file

Hello,

I have been in contact with a close friend of David's online and that he and I had met before

back here in Ohio. He has a little more insight into David's online life/community than I did, as I was relatively out of the loop social media wise.

(b) (6)



I would be okay with them performing an autopsy/toxicology on him to find out more and maybe corroborate this info, or find anything else out. David had no virulent diseases as far as I know. He did self diagnose himself on the autism spectrum, and he had been apparently taking hormone drugs that people online had been supplying him.

(b) (6)



On Tue, Jun 29, 2021 at 9:11 PM U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS  
<[TOKYOACS@state.gov](mailto:TOKYOACS@state.gov)> wrote:

Dear (b) (6),

Thank you for your email.

We can only act as a provisional custodian if no representative is present in Japan. In our experience, when the next of kin lives in the United States, they often choose a point-of contact on the ground in Japan who is familiar with the deceased and can help with the many tasks required. If you do not wish to select a point-of contact in Japan, the Embassy can act on behalf of the executor as the provisional custodian of David's estate.

Regarding your next question on disposition costs, we are still looking into this. We are communicating with David's employer and landlord on this issue. We'll pass on any new information to you once we have it.

Please note that we received a call from Arakawa Police Station this morning and they asked us to contact you. The police are coordinating with the Tokyo Medical Examiner's Office to examine David's remains and determine the actual cause of death. In general, an autopsy is not conducted in Japan unless the police suspect foul play. In David's case, they do not suspect foul play; however, the police offered to proceed with an autopsy if you would like to request one. They asked for your decision as soon as possible. They also asked for your name, address, and date of birth, as well as David's medical information (name of disease, if any) for them to add to their police records.

If you could please reply as soon as possible, we will convey your response immediately to the police.

Sincerely,

American Citizen Services

U.S. Embassy Tokyo

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**From:** (b) (6)

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 30, 2021 3:10 AM

**To:** U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS <[TOKYOACS@state.gov](mailto:TOKYOACS@state.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Information for David Ginder case/file

Hello,

I had a couple questions I hope you would be able to clarify.

First - you mentioned the local co-worker that I could contact and make a local point of contact to handle some things, but there was also text saying that your department could work as my point of contact, so I was wondering, why wouldn't I want to have your team to protect my affairs and interests, instead of asking someone like (b) (6)?

Second - I'm not sure what to do about these

apparent costs involved with disposition. David was the one that had been able to hold down a job during these crazy covid times, and I'm assuming whatever money he has over there in the foreign bank accounts is going to be held up in some sort of probate for however long? I don't know how I can afford even the cheapest of the disposition options. I don't know if there is any sort of US government assistance program to help with these costs?

Thanks,

(b) (6)

On Tue, Jun 29, 2021 at 3:16 AM U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS  
<[TOKYOACS@state.gov](mailto:TOKYOACS@state.gov)> wrote:

Thank you, (b) (6), for sending this information on to us.  
You may have already noticed that we sent you a longer email with more information about 20 minutes ago.  
As always, if you have additional questions, we are here.  
Sincerely,  
American Citizen Services  
U.S. Embassy Tokyo

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 29, 2021 1:26 PM  
**To:** U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS <[TOKYOACS@state.gov](mailto:TOKYOACS@state.gov)>  
**Subject:** Information for David Ginder case/file

Hello,

I spoke on the phone with (b) (6) (sorry if I have your spelling wrong) today, and I'm sending along this email with information that might be helpful in processing David's file. If there is other information I'm not thinking of, please let me know and I'll try to find it.  
David Kirk Ginder

(b) (6)

David's Ohio drivers licence number =

(b) (6)



(b) (6)



Employer Phone = 81-3-5688-4654

Employer Email = [imgi@cybergadget.co.jp](mailto:imgi@cybergadget.co.jp)

Japanese Bank = Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi  
UFJ, LTD

Bank Address = 7-1 Marunouchi 2-Chome,  
Chiyoda-Ku Tokyo Akihabara Branch

(b) (6)



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**From:** [U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS](#)  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Date:** Re: <FOR OFFICER's ADVICE> Re Missing American David Ginder  
Thursday, July 8, 2021 8:49:34 PM

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Thank you (b) (6),

I will mark "DO NOTE REPLY".

(b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 9, 2021 9:47 AM  
**To:** U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS <TOKYOACS@state.gov>; Tokyo Consular ACS Officers DL

(b) (6)

**Subject:** Re: <FOR OFFICER's ADVICE> Re Missing American David Ginder  
Please just ignore the inquiry.

Thank you,

(b) (6)

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**From:** U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS <TOKYOACS@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 9, 2021 9:23 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)

**Subject:** <FOR OFFICER's ADVICE> Re Missing American David Ginder  
Can we send our standard Privacy Act template to this inquirer ?  
Can we use it for the deceased person ?

(b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 9, 2021 12:56 AM  
**To:** U.S. Embassy Tokyo <TOKYOACS@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re Missing American David Ginder  
Hello Embassy Staff,

I have a fairly unique situation I'm dealing with. I'm an independent investigator and writer currently looking for information related to an American in Japan by the name of David Ginder.

There have been rumors that he passed away between June 27-July 4. He was a computer programmer focusing on translating console games to PC. David was allegedly living in Japan and

reports emerged of him taking his own life.

The problem is that he seems to have no real friends and no surviving family. I need to confirm if Mr Ginder is alive and I was wondering if the Embassy has any ideas on how I can pursue this. There is a very real possibility that he may have faked his death as well. Either way, I'm desperate for information and it's fairly difficult trying to do this from America and not speaking Japanese.

Are there any publications that have obituaries? Do they include pictures? And are any printed in English?

Any help on this would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance,

(b) (6)

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** (b) (6)  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Pending call to David Ginder's mother-in-law  
**Date:** Monday, July 26, 2021 7:16:00 PM

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No objections. Encourage her to email us as well.

Thanks,

(b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 26, 2021 7:40 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Pending call to David Ginder's mother-in-law

I will call her tomorrow unless anyone has objections?

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 23, 2021 8:46 AM  
**To:** Tokyo Consular DutyLog DL <[TokyoConsularDutyLogDL@state.gov](mailto:TokyoConsularDutyLogDL@state.gov)>  
**Subject:** Duty Log

No calls last night.

One call yesterday at 1:45 p.m.

Caller name: (b) (6)

Phone: (b) (6)

Details of Call: (b) (6) advises that she has heard that (b) (6), David Ginder, had died (possibly by suicide, but she was not certain) and was calling to confirm same. Mr. Ginder is the (b) (6). Explained that Embassy was closed, Consular role in death cases, and advised that someone would contact her next week. (b) (6) advised that she understood and would wait for contact from SCS next week. She has already spoken with her son, but she advised that he was "going through a lot" and was not clear with his answers. After call, verified in emails that this is the case SCS worked last month.

Email communication with (b) (6) (English summary)

From: (b) (6)  
Sent: July 2, 2021  
To: US Embassy

I will send a copy of the post-mortem report.  
I also tried to contact Mitsui Real Estate Agency but had no luck.  
Noted about Mr. Ginder's bankbook.  
I need a proof that (b) (6) is Mr. Ginder's spouse to process various paperwork such as claiming for retirement money and burial fee. I understand that the United States does not have a family register system, but would their marriage certificate be used in lieu of the Japanese family register? Have you received it from (b) (6) or do I need to ask (b) (6) directly?

From: U.S. Embassy  
Sent: July 2, 2021  
To: (b) (6)

Please send us a copy of the post-mortem report.  
We are waiting a reply from Mitsui Real Estate Agency if they would sign the death document. You may have heard from (b) (6), but he asked for David's bank account information. We are not aware of it. Please let (b) (6) know if you find David's bank information when you visit his room.

American Citizen Services  
U.S. Embassy Tokyo

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Notification from Arakawa ward, 7/14/21



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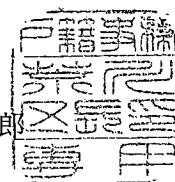
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令和3年7月14日

在東京アメリカ合衆国

大使館事務所 総領事 様

東京都荒川区長 西川太一郎



在日アメリカ人の死亡通知

東京都荒川区に死亡届がありました、アメリカ国籍の方につきまして「日本国とアメリカ合衆国との間の領事条約」(昭和39年8月1日発効)に基づき別紙のとおりに通知します。

別紙

(1) 死亡者の氏名、男女の別及び出生の年月日

氏名：GINDER DAVID KIRK

性別：男 生年月日：西暦1983年2月21日

(2) 死亡者の住所及び職業

死亡者の住所：東京都荒川区西日暮里4丁目5番6-403号

職業：会社員

(3) 死亡の場所及び年月日

死亡の場所：東京都荒川区西日暮里4丁目5番6-403号

死亡年月日：令和3年6月27日

(4) 死亡の原因

死亡の原因：不詳

(5) 死亡届出人の住所及び氏名

死亡届出人の住所：東京都荒川区西日暮里2丁目22番1-1911号

届出人氏名：堀川 優子

## AFFIDAVIT OF SURVIVING SPOUSE

Personally came and appeared before me, the undersigned notary, did person named (b) (6) who resides at (b) (6) with drivers license number (b) (6) and makes this his statement and affidavit upon oath and affirmation of belief and personal knowledge that, facts and statements set forth are true and correct to the best of their knowledge:

I, (b) (6) being duly sworn according to law, declare that I reside at the address listed above and that David K. Ginder had permanent legal residence in the state of Ohio, residing with me if not in Japan. I am the surviving spouse and sole heir to the deceased, entitling me to receive the decedent's estate under Ohio state law. David did not have a will to the best of my knowledge, and has no living parents, full brothers or sisters, or children.

Phone: (b) (6)

(b) (6)

Dated this, the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021

(b) (6)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 14 day of July, 2021

Lori G. Miklas

Printed name of Notary Public

Lori G. Miklas

Signature of Notary Public

95 E William St Delaware OH

Address of Notary Public

3/4/2023

Commission Expiration



LORI G MIKLAS  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
STATE OF OHIO  
Comm. Expires  
MARCH 04, 2023

## LETTER OF INSTRUCTION

*To ensure that your wishes are carried out completely, please use this form to send your instructions regarding the disposition of your spouse's remains and personal effects either by fax or e-mail to the U.S. Embassy Tokyo. Our fax number is (011) 81-3-3224-5856. Our e-mail address is tokyoacs@state.gov.*

*Your instructions should give your full name, telephone numbers where you may be reached and, if shipment of remains is desired, the name, address, and full telephone number and fax number of the U.S. funeral home you have selected to handle arrangements.*

### Contact Information

Name of Deceased: David Kirk Ginder

Your name: (b) (6)

Your address: (b) (6)

Your telephone number(s): (H) Same as Mobile (Mobile) (b) (6)

Your E-Mail address: (b) (6)

Your FAX number(s): (H) N/A (W) N/A

### Please select an option:

- ☒ I would like for my spouse's remains cremated and then delivered to my point of contact in Japan, so that he will be able to scatter the ashes to the wind in the place that my spouse loved.
- ☐ I would like my spouse's remains cremated and buried in Japan.
- ☐ I would like my spouse's remains cremated and buried in the U.S.
- ☐ I would like my spouse's remains embalmed and shipped to the U.S.

### Japanese Funeral Home Details:

Name of Funeral Home Below

Contact Person

Address

I would like to request my contact (b) (6) to suggest a funeral home that his family might have experience with, or if he might be able to call and determine the best choice from your list.



Telephone (b) (6)  
FAX (b) (6)

**U.S. Funeral Home Details:**

Name of Funeral Home N/A if I can have ashes scattered  
Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
FAX \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Effects**

What would you like us to do with your <sup>spouse</sup>~~mother~~'s personal effects?

       I would like all of my spouse's effects returned to me. I understand that I am obligated to pay for any shipping costs.

  X   I would like only some of my spouse's effects returned to me. I understand that I am obligated to pay for any shipping costs and that the remaining effects will be given to charity or otherwise disposed of by the U.S. Embassy Tokyo. Please list on a separate sheet of paper those items which you would like returned.

       My instructions are included on a separate sheet of paper.

**Other Requests:**

I would like to name (b) (6) as my local point of contact locally in Japan for matters that would require assistance from someone local. His phone number is (b) (6)

Your Signature (b) (6)

Date 7/01/2021

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As far as the disposition of David's personal effects, I would like the following types of items returned to me.

- Any forms of ID
- Any important papers/documents, photos
- Any electronics such as computers, laptops, tablets, phones, etc.
- Any game systems, game cartridges, controllers, etc.
- Any keepsakes, knick knacks, collectibles, toys, figures, etc.

As far as anything else such as clothing, furniture, major household appliances, toiletries, or any other incidental items can be donated or done away with as you see fit.

P.S.

\*If there are any items that might not fall under any of the above "keep" categories and you feel they might be of some sentimental value, please contact me and ask if the item(s) should be kept or donated/discarded.

Thank you,

(b) (6)

## U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 14, 2021 10:34 AM  
**To:** U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS  
**Subject:** Re: Death certificate

**Categories:** ACS - Complete

Hello,

I think he would only need one of the CRDA, but let's give him two just to be sure. You can send the other 18 to me at my home address (b) (6) (b) (6) once you're able to make them.

My lawyer did ask for your contact information so he might be trying to get in touch with you about it, so you can let him know you'll have the CRDA for him.

(b) (6)

Ohmoto Sogo Law Office

Marunouchi Eiraku Building 4-1, Marunouchi 1-chome | Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0005

Tel: +81 (3) 52244555 Fax: +81 (3) 52244556

On Tue, Jul 13, 2021 at 9:22 PM U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS <TOKYOACS@state.gov> wrote:

Dear (b) (6)

Thank you for your email, and for checking-in with us.

We stand ready to prepare the Consular Report of Death of a U.S. Citizen Abroad (CRDA, Form DS-2060) once we receive the certified copy of the official report of death from the local city office. It is our understanding that the CRDA can generally be used in Japan to help settle estate matters for the deceased U.S. citizen here. Twenty certified copies of the CRDA will be issued to you. Would you like us to send some of the copies to your lawyer (for example, 15 copies to you and 5 copies to the lawyer, etc.)? Please let us know your preference.

Please be advised that we were contacted by the funeral home today and learned that they were at last able to obtain the necessary signature from the landlord on the document and submitted the report of death to the Arakawa Ward Office yesterday. The cremation permit was then issued from the ward office, and they plan to schedule the cremation for Thursday, July 15.

As the official Japanese Death Certificate can only be issued after the local ward office completes their documentation, we anticipate an interval of several days before we can issue the CRDA. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Sincerely,

American Citizen Services  
U.S. Embassy Tokyo

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 13, 2021 6:09 PM  
**To:** U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS <TOKYOACS@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Death certificate

Hello,

Curious if there's been any word on the official Japanese death certificate yet? The lawyer I have retained to try and access and close the bank accounts is asking me for it. Could you read his/my email below, and answer any of that for me so I can get back to him?

Thanks

(b) (6)

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** (b) (6)  
**Date:** Tue, Jul 13, 2021, 5:03 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Death certificate  
**To:** (b) (6)

Hello,

Don't think there's going to be an original as even the embassy will get a copy from the city once they complete it. I do have copy of a post mortem report from Arakawa police. Not sure if it gives time or cause of death on it because it's in Japanese.

Given the time difference between US and Japan, not 100% sure, but I think date of death was June 27th, and I believe they'll have cause of death suicide.

I think we're still waiting on the city for the official death certificate.

On Tue, Jul 13, 2021, 4:49 AM (b) (6) wrote:

Dear (b) (6)

Have you got your spouse's death certificate? Japanese bank usually ask me to submit the original one, so can you ask US embassy to send it to me directly? Also could you kindly tell me the date of his death and the cause of death?

Regards,

(b) (6)

Ohmoto Sogo Law Office

Marunouchi Eiraku Building 4-1, Marunouchi 1-chome | Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0005

Tel: +81 (3) 52244555 Fax: +81 (3) 52244556

**From:** (b) (6)  
**To:** (b) (6); [Tokyo Consular ACS SCS DL](#); [Tokyo Consular ACS Officers DL](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Pending call to David Ginder's (b) (6)  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 27, 2021 9:51:48 AM

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It's a little warmer today and the calls help me get out of the JOC for a little to stretch my legs and get the blood moving!

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 27, 2021 10:48 PM

**To:** (b) (6)

**Subject:** Re: Pending call to David Ginder's (b) (6)

You are wonderful - seriously making these calls while on the JOC?! Hope at least you're keeping warm...!

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**From:** (b) (6) >

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 27, 2021 10:44:19 PM

**To:** (b) (6)

**Subject:** RE: Pending call to David Ginder's (b) (6)

Conoff phoned (b) (6), David Ginder's (b) (6) twice. Left a voicemail with our contact info and encouraged her to contact us by email. Informed the operator to pass the call to me if she calls back in the next hour.

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 27, 2021 8:17 AM

**To:** (b) (6)

**Subject:** RE: Pending call to David Ginder's (b) (6)

No objections. Encourage her to email us as well.

Thanks,

(b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 26, 2021 7:40 PM

**To:** (b) (6)

**Subject:** Pending call to David Ginder's (b) (6)

I will call her tomorrow unless anyone has objections?

SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED

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**From:** (b) (6)

**Sent:** Friday, July 23, 2021 8:46 AM

**To:** Tokyo Consular DutyLog DL <[TokyoConsularDutyLogDL@state.gov](mailto:TokyoConsularDutyLogDL@state.gov)>

**Subject:** Duty Log

No calls last night.

One call yesterday at 1:45 p.m.

Caller name: (b) (6)

Phone: + (b) (6)

Details of Call: (b) (6) advises that she has heard that (b) (6), David Ginder, had died (possibly by suicide, but she was not certain) and was calling to confirm same. Mr. Ginder is the (b) (6). Explained that Embassy was closed, Consular role in death cases, and advised that someone would contact her next week. (b) (6) advised that she understood and would wait for contact from SCS next week. She has already spoken with her son, but she advised that he was "going through a lot" and was not clear with his answers. After call, verified in emails that this is the case SCS worked last month.



*Embassy of the United States of America*

*1-10-5 Akasaka, Minato-ku*

*Tokyo 107-8420 JAPAN*

*Fax 81-3-3224-5856*

July 16, 2021

Director,  
Tokyo Medical Examiner's Office  
4-21-18 Otsuka  
Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 112-0012

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you about the death on June 27, 2021, in Tokyo, of a U.S. citizen,  
Mr. David Kirk Ginder (b) (6)

I understand that your office arranged for an official medical examination of his remains.

Our regulations require to prepare a consular report of the death for any U.S. citizen who dies overseas. We would very much appreciate it if you would send to us a copy of the post-mortem report showing the cause of death so that we may prepare the required consular report of death.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Chief  
American Citizen Services



## 会社概要

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名称

株式会社サイバーガジェット

海外ビジネス開発アドバイザー 小島  
今井裕美

所在地

〒101-0021 東京都千代田区外神田5-1-15

5688-4768

設立

2000年(平成12年)7月19日

資本金

8,000万円

代表取締役社長

加藤 貴章

従業員数

23名

事業内容

- ・ ゲーム周辺機
- ・ モバイル通信
- ・ デジタル関連

お問い合わせ

- ・ 個人のお客様
- ・ 法人のお客様[製品のオ]
- ・ 報道関係、各種団体の

(b) (6)

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東京都監察医務院

院長 鈴木 秀



死体検案書の発行について（回答）

ご依頼があった検案書について下記のとおり回答します。

記

1. 発行する検案書

2021 年 6 月 27 日に東京都内で死亡したアメリカ国籍デイビッド・カーク・ジンダー氏の死因が記載された検案書の謄本（別紙のとおり）

事務担当

東京都監察医務院

事務室業務担当 薄葉

03-3944-1482

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## 死 体 検 案 書

この死亡診断書（死体検案書）は、我が国の死因統計作成の資料としても用いられます。楷書で、できるだけ詳しく書いてください。

氏名	GINDER DAVID KIRK	①男 2女	生年月日	大正 平成 <u>(昭和)</u> 令和 58年 2月 21日 (生まれてから30日以内に死亡したときは生まれた時期も書いてください) 午前・午後 時 分
死亡したとき	令和 3年 6月 27日	午前・午後 1時 頃		
死亡したところ及びその種別	死亡したところの種別 1病院 2診療所 3介護医療院・介護老人保健施設 4助産所 5老人ホーム ⑥自宅 7その他	死亡したところ 東京都 <u>荒川区</u> <u>西日暮里4丁目5番5号 オフィスビル</u> <u>西日暮里道灌山センター'403号室</u>		
死 亡 の 原 因	(死亡したところの種別1-5) 施 設 の 名 称	( )		
◆I欄、II欄ともに疾患の終末期の状態としての心不全、呼吸不全等は書かないでください ◆I欄では、最も死亡に影響を与えた傷病名を医学的因果関係の順番で書いてください ◆I欄の傷病名の記載は各欄一つにしてください ただし、欄が不足する場合は(エ)欄に残りを医学的因果関係の順番で書いてください	(イ) 直接死因 (ロ) (イ)の原因 (ハ) (イ)の原因 (ニ) (イ)の原因 直接には死因に関係しないがI欄の傷病経過に影響を及ぼした傷病名等	発病(発症)又は受傷から死亡までの期間 ◆年、月、日の単位で書いてください ただし、1日未満の場合は、時、分の単位で書いてください (例：1年3ヵ月、5時間20分)		
手術	①無 2有 { 部位及び主要所見	手術年月日 令和 平成 年 月 日		
解剖	1無 ②有 { 主要所見 □死体解剖保存法第八条による解剖 □司法解剖 ☑その他解剖			
死 因 の 種 類	1病死及び自然死 外因死 不慮の外因死 { 2交通事故 3転倒・転落 4溺水 5煙、火災及び火焰による傷害 } 6窒息 7中毒 8その他 その他及び不詳の外因死 { 9自殺 10他殺 11その他及び不詳の外因 } ⑫不詳の死			
外 因 死 の 追 加 事 項	傷害が発生したとき 令和・平成 年 月 日 午前・午後 時 分 傷害が発生したところの種別 1住居 2工場及び建築現場 3道路 4その他 ( ) 手段及び状況	傷害が発生したところ 東京都 区		
生後1年未満で病死した場合の追加事項	出生時体重 グラム 単胎・多胎の別 1単胎 2多胎 ( 子中第 子 ) 妊娠・分娩時における母体の病態又は異状 母の生年月日 昭和 平成 年 月 日 1無 2有 [ ] 3不詳	妊娠週数 満 週 前回までの妊娠の結果 出生児 人 死産児 胎 (妊娠満22週以後に限る)		
その他特に付言すべきことから <u>経理上より支払記録なしと認識され、発見された。</u>				
上記のとおり検案する。 検案年月日 令和 3年 7月 1日 東京都文京区大塚四丁目21番18号 検案書発行年月日 令和 3年 7月 1日 東京都監察医務院 (氏名) 東京都監察医 <u>山本 孝二</u>				

令和三年八月二日

この謄本は原本と相違ないことを認証する

東京都監察医務院長

鈴木秀



妊娠週数は、最終月経、基礎体温、超音波計測等により推定し、できるだけ正確に書いてください。  
母子健康手帳等を参考に書いてください。

## < Japanese Death Certificate >



*Embassy of the United States of America  
1-10-5 Akasaka, Minato-ku  
Tokyo 107-8420 JAPAN*

August 3, 2021

(b) (6)

Dear (b) (6)

Please accept the expression, on behalf of the Embassy, of our deepest sympathy on the loss of (b) (6) Mr. David Kirk Ginder.

I am sending you a copy of the Preliminary Report of Death of an American Citizen Abroad (DS 2060) for Mr. Ginder. We are also sending a copy to your lawyer, (b) (6) by mail as requested. It usually takes approximately two months for the final autopsy documentation to be issued by the Tokyo Medical Examiner's Office. When we receive the autopsy documentation, we will prepare the Report of Death and send copies to you and (b) (6). The original of this report has been forwarded to the Department of State in the U.S. Should you need extra copies of this Report of Death in the future, please write to:

U.S. Department of State  
Record Services Division  
Vital Records Section  
CA/PPT/S/TO/RS  
44132 Mercure Circle [DHL/FedEx/UPS]  
P.O. Box 1213 [USPS]  
Sterling, VA 20166-1213

The information about fees for additional copies and how to make a request is available at:  
<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/while-abroad/death-abroad1/copy-CRDA.html> .

If you have any questions regarding this matter, or in the event that we may be of any further assistance to you, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Consul



U.S. Department of State  
Preliminary Report of Death of an American Citizen Abroad

Tokyo, Japan  
Post

08-03-2021  
Date of Issue (mm-dd-yyyy)

SSA No. (b) (6)

Name in full David Kirk GINDER

Age 38

(b) (6) United States of America

Evidence of U.S. Citizenship Regular Passport (b) (6) (b) (6)

Address in U.S.A.

(b) (6)

Date of death Jun 27 13 00 (approx.) 2021  
Month Day Hour Minute Year

Place of death 4-5-6-403 Nishinipori Arakawa-ku, Tokyo Japan  
Number and street, or Hospital/ hotel City Country

Cause of death Unknown, pending result of autopsy, according to Dr. Rutsuko Yamaguchi, Medical Examiner, Tokyo Medical  
Including authority for statement - if physician, include full name and official title, if any

Examiner's Office, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo, Japan.

Disposition of the remains Cremated in Japan.

Local law governing disinterment of remains provides that

Disposition of the effects

Person or official responsible for custody of effects and accounting therefore

Traveling/residing abroad with relatives or friends as follows:

NAME

ADDRESS

Informed by telegram or telephone

NAME

ADDRESS

DATE (mm-dd-yyyy)  
NOTIFIED

(b) (6)

6/29/2021

Copy of this report sent to:

NAME

ADDRESS

DATE (mm-dd-yyyy)  
SENT

(b) (6)

8/3/2021

8/3/2021

Tokyo JPN

Notification or copy sent to Federal Agencies: SSA ☒ VA ☐ OPM ☐ Other ☐ MN  
State Agency

The original copy of this document and information concerning the effects are being placed in the permanent files of the U.S. Department of State, Passport Vital Records Section.

Remarks:

[SEAL]

(b) (6)

Signature on all copies

of the United States of America.

Consul.

(Last name)  
Ginder

(First name)  
David

(Middle name)  
Kirk

(Date (mm-dd-yyyy) of death)  
06-27-2021

# <Post Mortem Report>

## 死体検案書

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この死亡診断書(死体検案書)は、我が国の死因統計作成の資料としても用いられます。かい書で、できるだけ詳しく書いてください。

### 記入の注意

生年月日が不詳の場合は、推定年齢をカッコを付して書いてください。

夜の12時は「午前0時」、昼の12時は「午後0時」と書いてください。

「老人ホーム」は、養護老人ホーム、特別養護老人ホーム、軽費老人ホーム及び有料老人ホームをいいます。

傷病名等は、日本語で書いてください。  
I欄では、各傷病について発病の型(例:急性)、病因(例:病原体名)、部位(例:胃噴門部がん)、性(例:病理組織型)等もできるだけ書いてください。

妊娠中の死亡の場合は「妊娠満何週」、また、分娩中の死亡の場合は「妊娠満何週の分娩中」と書いてください。

産後42日未満の死亡の場合は「妊娠満何週産後満何日」と書いてください。

I欄及びII欄に記した手術について、術式又はその診断名と関連のある所見等を書いてください。紹介状や伝聞等による情報についてもカッコを付して書いてください。

「2交通事故」は、事故発生からの期間にかかわらず、その事故による死亡が該当します。  
「5煙、火災及び火炎による傷害」は、火災による一酸化炭素中毒、窒息等も含まれます。

「1住居」とは、住宅、庭等をいい、老人ホーム等の居住施設は含まれません。

傷害がどういった状況で起こったかを具体的に書いてください。

妊娠週数は、最終月経、基礎体温、超音波計測等により推定し、できるだけ正確に書いてください。母子健康手帳等を参考に書いてください。

氏名	GINDER DAVID KIRK		①男 2女	生年月日	大正 昭和 1983年 2月 21日 平成 令和 (生まれてから30日以内に死亡したときは生まれた時刻も書いてください。) 午前・午後 時 分	
死亡したとき	令和 3年 6月 27日		午前(午後) 1時 頃			
(12) 死亡したところ	死亡したところの種別	1病院 2診療所 3老人保健施設 4助産所 5老人ホーム ⑥自宅 7その他				
(13) 及びその種別	死亡したところ	東京都 荒川区 西日暮里4丁目5番6号オープンレジデンシア西日暮里道灌山ヒルズ403号				
(14) 死亡の原因	I ◆I欄、II欄ともに疾患の終末期の状態としての心不全、呼吸不全等は書かないでください ◆I欄では、最も死亡に影響を与えた傷病名を医学的因果関係の順番で書いてください ◆I欄の傷病名の記載は各欄一つにしてください ただし、欄が不足する場合は(エ)欄に残りを医学的因果関係の順番で書いてください	(ア) 直接死因	縊死		発病(発症)又は受傷から死亡までの期間 ◆年、月、日等の単位で書いてください ただし、1日未満の場合は、時、分等の単位で書いてください (例:1年3か月、5時間20分)	短時間
		(イ) (ア)の原因				
		(ウ) (イ)の原因				
		(エ) (ウ)の原因				
	II 直接には死因に関係しないがI欄の傷病経過に影響を及ぼした傷病名等			手術 1② 2有	手術年月日	平成 昭和 年 月 日
	解剖 1無 ②有	主要所見 頸部にほぼ一周する、左側頸部を頂点とする索痕、急死の徴候を認めた。 血液中からクロルフェニラミン、エスシタロプラム、ジヒドロコデインを比較的高濃度で検出した。				
(15) 死因の種類	1病死及び自然死 外因死 不慮の外因死 { 2交通事故 3転倒・転落 4溺水 5煙、火災及び火炎による傷害 } 6窒息 7中毒 8その他 その他及び不詳の外因死 ⑨自殺 10他殺 11その他及び不詳の外因 } 12不詳の死					
(16) 追加事項	外因死の追加工事	傷害が発生したとき	令和 3年 6月 27日 午前(午後) 1時 頃 分		傷害が発生したところ	東京 市 荒川 郡 都 府 県 区 町 村
	◆伝聞又は推定情報の場合でも書いてください	傷害が発生したところの種別	①住居 2工場及び建築現場 3道路 4その他			
	手段及び状況	捜査機関からの情報によると、自らロープをドアに固定し、縊死したとみられる状況。				
(17) 生後1年未満で病死した場合の追加事項	出生時体重	グラム		単胎・多胎の別	妊娠週数	
	妊娠・分娩時における母体の病態又は異状	1無 2有		1単胎 2多胎 (子中第 子)	満 週	
(18) その他特に付言すべきことがら	母の生年月日		昭和 平成 年 月 日		前回までの妊娠の結果 出生児 人 死産児 胎 (妊娠満22週以後に限る)	
(19) 上記のとおり検案する	検案年月日 令和 3年 7月 1日 検案書発行年月日 令和 3年 8月 6日					
	東京都文京区本郷7-3-1 東京大学大学院医学系研究科 法医学教室 (氏名) 医師 山口 るつ子					





**From:** (b) (6)  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Cc:** [Tokyo Consular ACS SCS DL](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [FOR OFFICERS GUIDANCE]: Information re: US citizen in Arakawa  
**Date:** Monday, August 9, 2021 1:53:11 AM

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Have we responded to her in the past? It looks like she is a freelance journalist. If not, we should at least acknowledge the email.

I would suggest something like,

Thank you for reaching out. Unfortunately we cannot comment on individual cases. We suggest you continue working with Mr. Ginder's family on the information you've requested.

Sincerely,

American Citizens Services

SBU -PRIVACY OR PII

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**From:** (b) (6) >

**Sent:** Monday, August 9, 2021 11:52 AM

**To:** (b) (6)

(b) (6) >

**Subject:** RE: [FOR OFFICERS GUIDANCE]: Information re: US citizen in Arakawa

I don't think we need to respond; I think we've done our part by working closely with the NOK and I want to be respectful of his privacy too. Others may have different thoughts...

SBU -PRIVACY OR PII

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**From:** U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS <[TOKYOACS@state.gov](mailto:TOKYOACS@state.gov)>

**Sent:** Monday, August 9, 2021 10:26 AM

**To:** (b) (6)

(b) (6) >

**Subject:** [FOR OFFICERS GUIDANCE]: Information re: US citizen in Arakawa

Can we just ignore this inquiry, like we did so before from another inquirer?

(b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6)

**Sent:** Saturday, August 7, 2021 11:33 PM

**To:** U.S. Embassy Tokyo ACS <[TOKYOACS@state.gov](mailto:TOKYOACS@state.gov)>

**Subject:** Information re: US citizen in Arakawa

Good morning,

I am seeking information on a US citizen living and working in Arakawa. His name is David Kirk Ginder, (DOB 1983) and I have received information that he passed away in June this year having committed suicide. Friends and family of David have asked me to check whether this is true. Can you please let me know whether David is alive and (if not) when and how he died.

Kind Regards

(b) (6)

Sent from ProtonMail for iOS

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