Death investigation continues after Harlan man found dead

HARLAN -- Authorities are investigating the death of a Harlan man here this week.

According to the Iowa Department of Public Safety, late Sunday night, March 6, emergency responders were called to 2206 8th St., #12 in Harlan. A friend had found Jay Anthony Casali, 39, lying unresponsive on the couch at the residence. Upon arrival, emergency responders pronounced Casali dead.

The Harlan Police Department began an investigation into the unattended death of Casali. To assist in the investigation, the department called in the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation.

Though there was no sign of a struggle where Casali was discovered dead at the 8th St. address, investigators are aware that Casali had been in a physical altercation earlier in the weekend.

An autopsy is scheduled at the state medical examiner's office this week to determine cause and manner of death.