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Lancaster man killed in Cheektowaga earlier this month

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A Lancaster man was killed in Cheektowaga earlier this month, Cheektowaga police said Thursday.

Richard F. Valenti, 65, was found injured in the back of his vehicle at about 7:45 p.m. May 15, police said in a news release.

Police were called to the scene near Harlem Road and Creekside Drive. A person called 911 and asked police to check on a man in a vehicle, police said.

Valenti appeared to have been the victim of an assault, according to police.

He was taken to Erie County Medical Center where he died later that night.

Police, who said they would not be releasing any further information at this time, ask anyone with information to call detectives at 686-3505. Information may also be sent anonymously by texting TIP411 and including CPDNY and then the information.

Police did not release any information about the incident at the time it happened. Officials also did not explain in the news release the lag between the incident and Thursday's disclosure.

Assistant Cheektowaga Police Chief Michael Sliwinski said in an email the department just put out information Thursday "due to the investigation, which is still ongoing"

Alexandra Valenti, the daughter of the victim, said she and her mother, Pamela, could provide no information about the slaying and had no further comment as they mourn.

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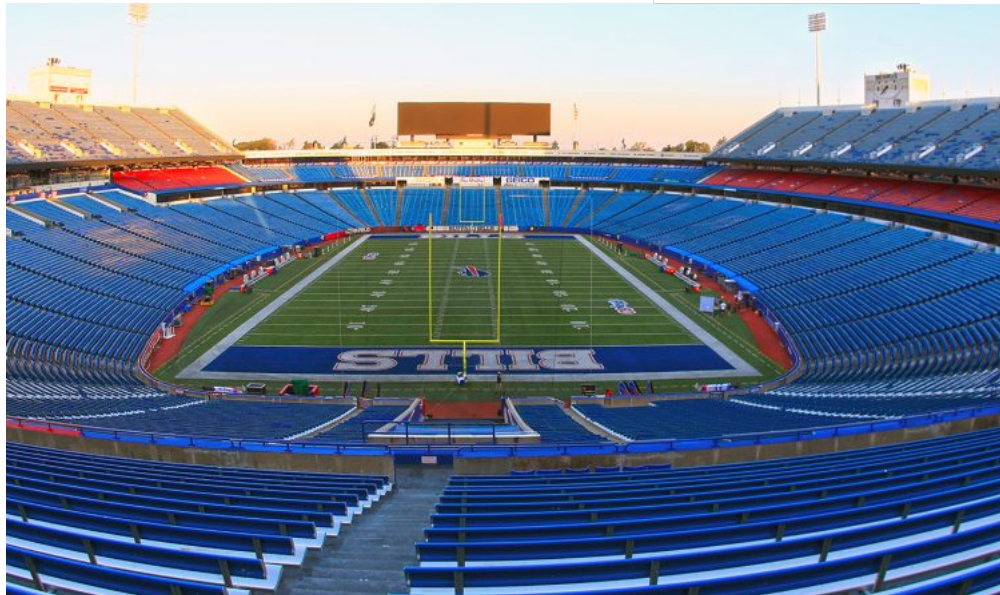
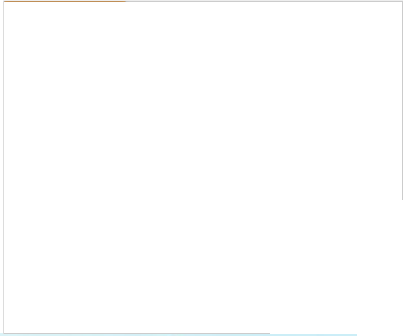
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