



PARMA POLICE DEPARTMENT
Investigative Narrative

AGGRAVATED MURDER

FILE# 21-00727

Summary

On 25 March 2021 at approximately 1445 hours, Officer Kenneth Chihil was contacted by Sergeant John Porec #604 and advised to respond to 4707 Russell Avenue to assist with an Aggravated Murder investigation. The scene was examined and photographed.

Details

On Thursday, 25 March 2021 at approximately 1445 hours, Officer Kenneth Chihil arrived at 4707 Russell Avenue to process an Aggravated Murder scene along with Crime Scene Technician's Lieutenant Patrick Suchan and Officer Richard Morgan. Sergeant John Porec reported that officers involved responded to 4707 Russell Avenue address for a report of a male who had bludgeoned his son with a baseball bat and that the victim (*Jax Ponomarenko DOB: 07/21/2015 white/male*) was inside the residence deceased. The male offender was on scene and taken into custody. The interior of the residence had been cleared by officer's involved and surrounding area canvassed:

Exterior and interior of 4707 Russell Avenue photographed as the scene was found by Officer Morgan.

Male offender (*Matthew J. Ponomarenko DOB: 07/02/1989 w/m*) photographed as he was found by Officer Morgan. Depicted in the photographs was suspected blood transfer about his body.

Officer Chihil obtained four swabs of blood transfer from the offender's body (*see figure #1*). Officer Chihil discarded his rubber gloves being worn after each swab was taken and replaced with fresh gloves before taking the next swab. The offender's left foot (tag #68486), right foot (tag #68485), left hand (tag #68487), and right hand (tag #68488) were swabbed using sterile water and sterile gauze pads. Officer Chihil conducted these swabs with a face mask donned covering the mouth and nose.

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Figure #1

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Front yard of residence (facing north) where offender was taken into custody was examined. Located on the grass was one cellphone (tag# 68484), two packs of Marlboro Menthol cigarettes (tag #68482), and one blue lighter (tag #68483). These items were photographed, collected, and secured as evidence. (See figure #2)



Figure #2

Further examination of the northeast living room revealed articles of clothing on the floor just in front of the couch located along the east wall and a partially opened black suitcase (located by the south wall just east of the hallway entrance) containing a clear bag of prescription medication. Concentrated in the western most portion of living room adjacent to the first floor common hallway showed blood spatter on the walls, ceiling, and surrounding furniture.

Located on the floor were a pair of white socks, a pair of shoes, and a pair of black sweatpants (tag # 68495). Collected was a pair of *Place* brand size one black tennis style shoes (left shoe tag #68490 and right shoe tag #68491). Also collected was a pair of white Hanes size medium socks. One of the socks was partially balled up and appeared to have reddish color stain near the ankle portion of the sock (tag # 68492). The second sock was also a Hanes brand size medium (tag #68493).

Contents of the clear plastic bag (tag #68494) containing prescribed medication consisted of the

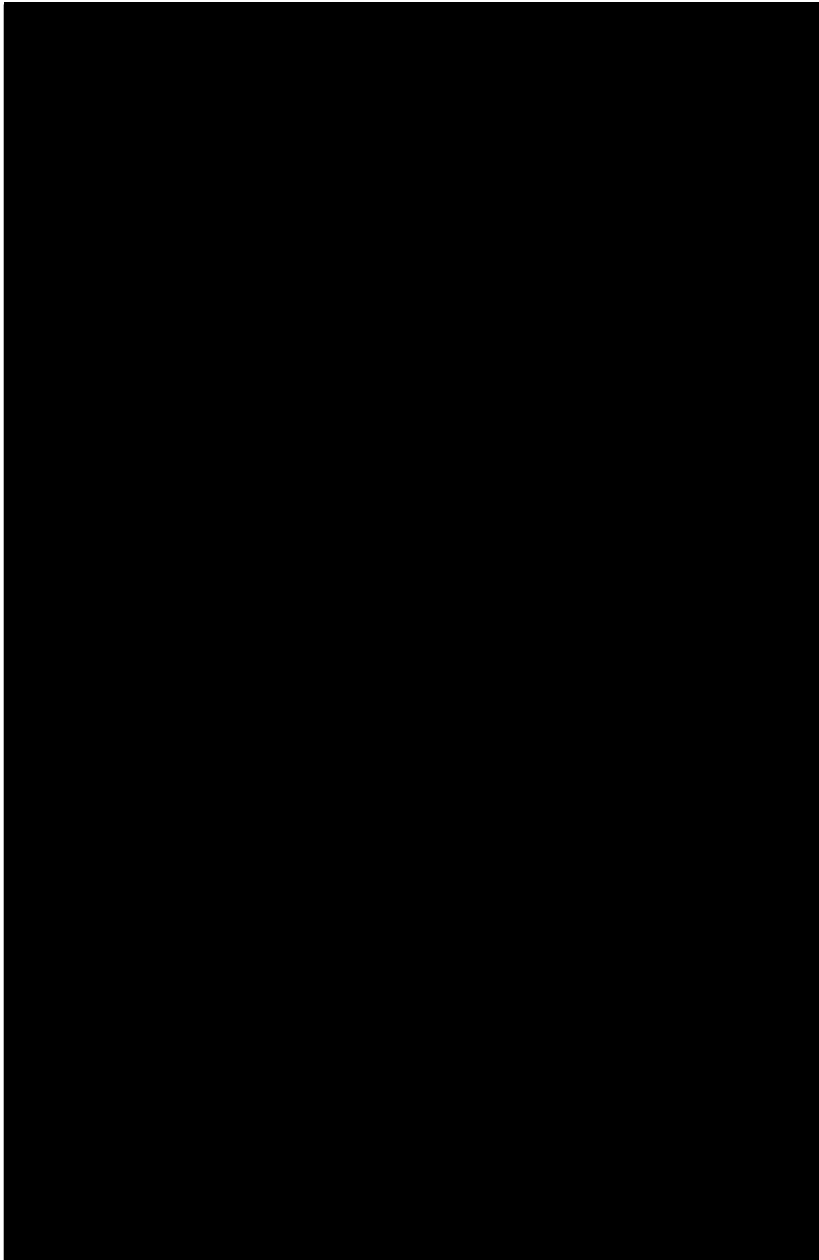
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following medications prescribed to *Matthew J. Ponomarenko*;

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.



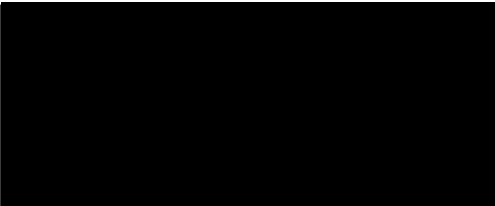
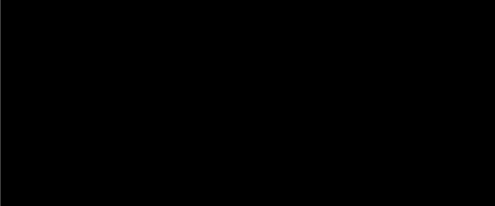
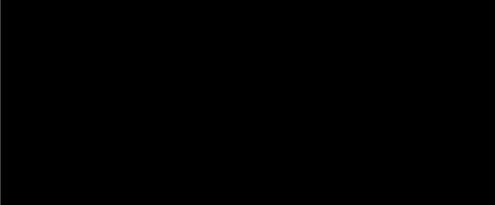
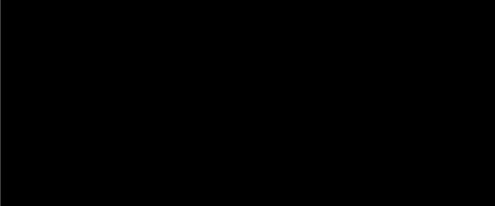
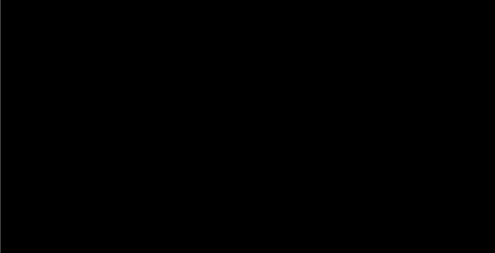
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Further examination of the main level kitchen revealed articles of clothing and evidence of meal preparation discarded in the sink. Examination also revealed evidence of blood spatter on the west and south kitchen walls as well as blood spatter on the kitchen floor. Located on the south wall kitchen counter was a black long-sleeve shirt (tag #68497) size eight medium. Examination inside south wall kitchen cabinet revealed blister packs of prescribed medication (tag #68496) for Matthew J. Ponomarenko. List of prescribed medication are as follows;

1. 
2. 
3. 
4. 
5. 

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West wall of kitchen adjacent to the common first floor hallway had a heavy concentration of blood spatter. Kitchen floor as well as the kitchen table and chairs located adjacent to the common hallway also had a heavy concentration of blood spatter. South wall of kitchen showed wide spread evidence of blood spatter covering the wall and patio door area. Blood spatter located on the kitchen light fixture above the kitchen table as well as blood spatter on the ceiling of the kitchen.

Located inside the left basin of the kitchen sink was a plastic bowl with fork and plate with the remnants of instant style noodles.

Foot impressions outlined in blood were in the northeast corner of the kitchen and were positioned with the toes pointing towards the northeast and the heel portion pointing towards the southwest (*see figure #3*). Northeast corner of the kitchen leads to the east entrance door of the residence and basement stairs.



Figure #3

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Further examination of the first floor common hallway revealed the victim's body along with items of evidentiary value. The common hallway connects the living room, second floor stairwell to the east, kitchen, bathroom, and two bedrooms to the west.

Examination of the stairwell corridor showed a heavy concentration of blood spatter about the carpeted stairs, walls, and ceiling. Examination of the hallway showed blood spatter on the walls and ceiling along with pooled blood surrounding the area of the victim's body.

The upper body of the deceased was positioned on his back with the head pointing to the east approximately twelve inches west of the lowest stairwell riser. Jax's left arm was positioned straight on the floor pointing to the southwest while his right upper arm was facing towards the north and right lower arm bent at the elbow facing to the east. The lower body was positioned on the buttocks slightly twisted left at the waste. The upper portion of the left leg pointing to the southwest and lower portion of the left leg was bent at the knee facing northwest. The upper portion of the right leg was raised off the floor pointing to the west and the lower portion of the right leg was bent at the knee pointing to the north. The body was dressed in nothing but a disposable diaper covering the buttocks and groin areas. Further examination of the body revealed severe blunt force trauma to the front of the head completely tearing through the skin crushing the cranium. The presence of the left eye and upper nose were undetectable with a majority of the facial structure crushed. The skin tearing spanned just below the right eye socket and continued across the face to the left side ending on the left rear of head. The presence of the left ear was undetectable caused by the void in the head. Examination also revealed blood spatter and transfer about the body. Further examination of body revealed trauma only present the head area of the body.

Located above the area between Jax's head and parallel to the lowest riser of the stairwell was an aluminum 29 inch youth baseball bat (tag #68489) with a rubber compound handgrip. Further examination of baseball bat revealed blood transfer onto the bat from the upper grip portion to the end cap (*see figure #4*).



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Examination of the first floor bathroom revealed no signs of evidentiary value. Examination of both first floor bedrooms revealed no signs of evidentiary value.

Examination of the second floor single bedroom revealed no signs of evidentiary value. Television inside second floor bedroom was turned on.

Examination of the basement revealed puddled blood on the basement floor just west the lowest riser of the stairwell. Further examination of the basement ceiling area (located directly beneath the floor of the first floor hallway where the victim was lying) was evidence of dripping blood through the rafters and flooring. *(see figure #5)*



Figure #5

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Detached garage of 4707 Russell Avenue was examined. Interior of garage photographed depicting the contents within. Located in the southeast corner of the garage was a 5 gallon style bucket containing a wooden baseball bat (*see figure #6*). A cleared path was visible leading from the garage door opening to the area where the 5 gallon bucket was located. The detached garage is located in the southeast corner of the property and has a driveway spanning from the garage out to Russell Avenue.



Figure #6

Medical Examiner personnel on scene;

- [REDACTED] (Death Investigator)
- [REDACTED] (Deputy Medical Examiner)
- [REDACTED] (Pathologist)

Medical Examiner transport unit #1102 on scene and claimed body of deceased. Seal # 1244905

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Residence sealed by Medical Examiner's Office.

Living room thermostat temperature 69 degrees.
The scene was cleared at 1735 hours.

PTL. KEN CHIRIL		556	20 May 2021
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LT. PATRICK SUTHER		401	24 May 21
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PARMA POLICE CRIME SCENE UNIT RESIDENCE EXAMINATION

Agg. Burglary
 Burglary
 Att. Burglary
 Breaking & Entering

Other: Aggravated Murder

File Number <i>21-00727</i>	Date of Offense <i>25 March 2021</i>	Date of Exam <i>25 March 2021</i>
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Victim: <i>Jax Ponomarenko</i>	Victim's Address: <i>4707 Russell Avenue</i>	DOB: <i>07/21/2015</i>
TYPE OF STRUCTURE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bungalow <input type="checkbox"/> Colonial <input type="checkbox"/> Ranch <input type="checkbox"/> Split Level <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Family <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Location of Entry <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	Forced Entry Y / <input checked="" type="radio"/> N
	Location of Exit <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	Pry Marks Y / <input checked="" type="radio"/> N

Subject: <i>Matthew J. Ponomarenko</i>	Address: <i>4707 Russell Avenue Parma, OK</i>	DOB: <i>07/02/1989</i>
SSN: <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div>	Race: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Asian	Gender: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female

Fingerprints Recovered	Y / <input checked="" type="radio"/> N	Location:
DNA Recovered	Y / N	Location:
Footwear Impressions	Y / N	Location: <i>Photographed</i>
Trace Evidence	<input checked="" type="radio"/> / N	Location:
Photos by CSI	Y / N	Time On Scene: <i>1445</i>
Photos by Uniform Patrol	Y / N	Time Cleared Scene: <i>1735</i>

CSI Investigator: <i>Suchan/Chihil/Morgan</i>	Uniform Patrol Officers on Scene:
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Tag #	Description	Location
68408	Taser Cartridge	Frontyard of residence - Entered by 594
68409	Blue underwear	Hospital
68410	Black & Gray shorts	Hospital
68411	Black shirt	Hospital
68482	2 Packs cigarettes	Frontyard of residence
68483	Blue Bic Lighter	Frontyard
68484	Red & Black cellphone	Frontyard - Placed directly in Det. Bureau
68485	Swab right foot	Matthew Ponomarenko - Ambulance
68486	Swab left foot	Matthew Ponomarenko - Ambulance
68487	Swab left hand	Matthew Ponomarenko - Ambulance
68488	Swab right hand	Matthew Ponomarenko - Ambulance
68489	Aluminum "Magnum" baseball bat	1 st floor hallway
68490	Left shoe	Living room
68491	Right shoe	Living room
68492	White sock	Living room
68493	White sock	Living room
68494	Plastic bag of medication	Living room
68495	Black sweatpants	Living room
68496	Medication - Kitchen cabinet	Kitchen cabinet
68497	Black long-sleeve shirt	Kitchen counter

Additional Information:

5 gallon bucket southeast corner of garage with baseball bats.

Front yard grass area - Red & Black cellphone, 2 packs Marlboro Menthol cigarettes, and Bic lighter

Kitchen

- size medium shirt

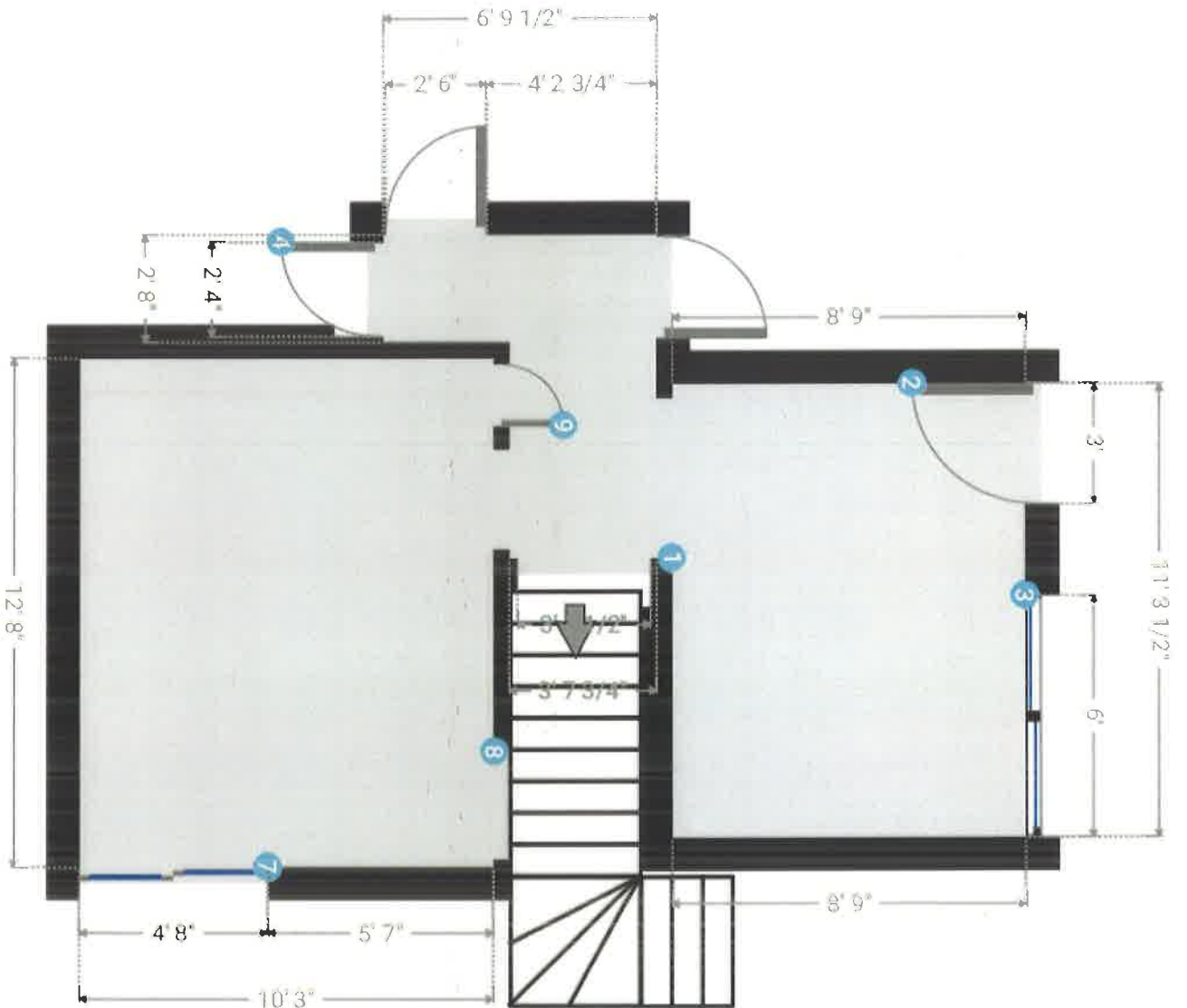
- Kids winter jacket on floor

- Evidence of meal prep in left side of sink

Living Room

- sweatpants, socks, and shoes

Upstairs bedroom - Television turned on



Crime Scene Investigator Kenneth Chihli
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Parma
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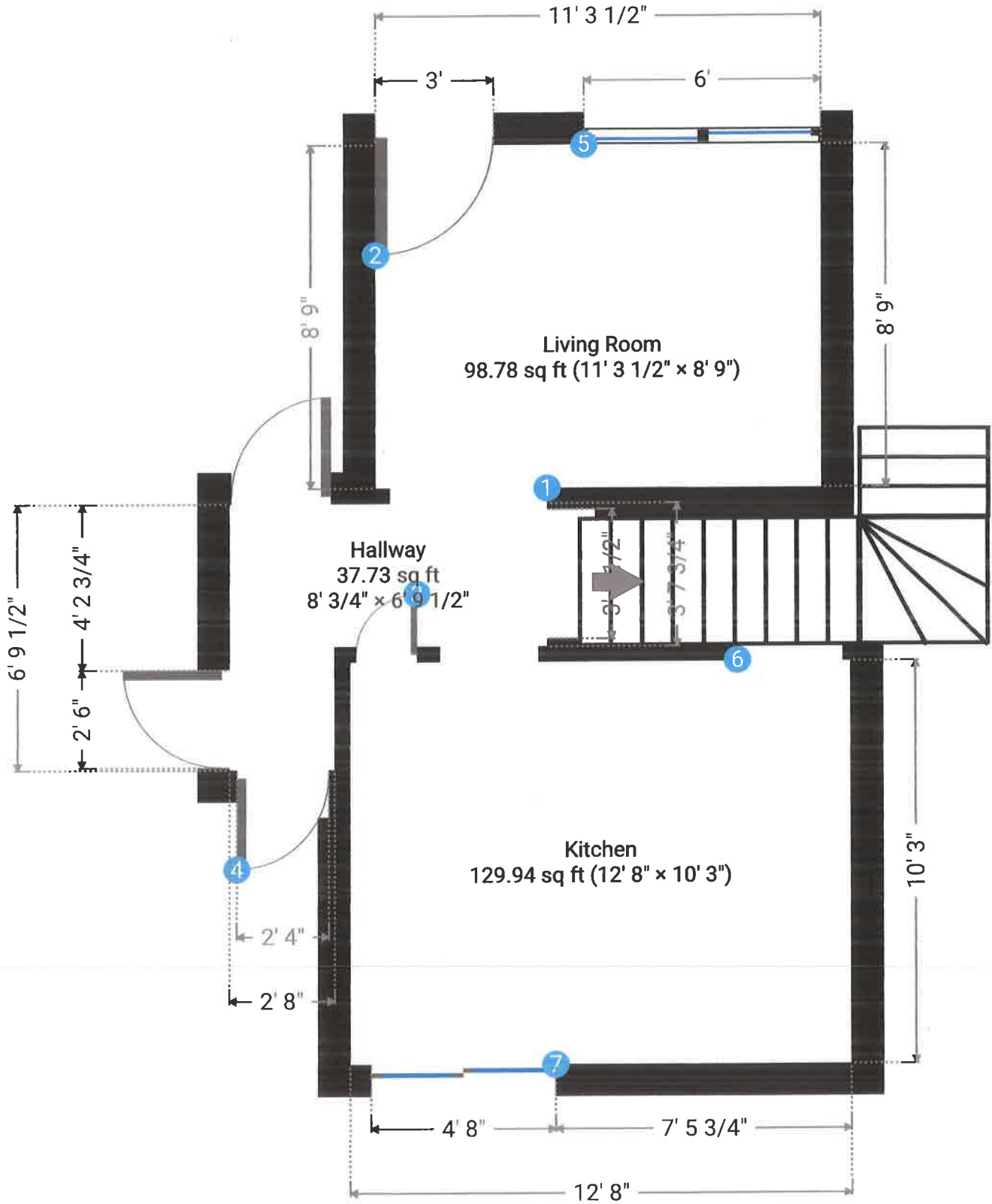
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4707 Russell Ave, Parma, Oh

▼ 1st Floor

TOTAL AREA: 349.50 sq ft • LIVING AREA: 220.43 sq ft • ROOMS: 2



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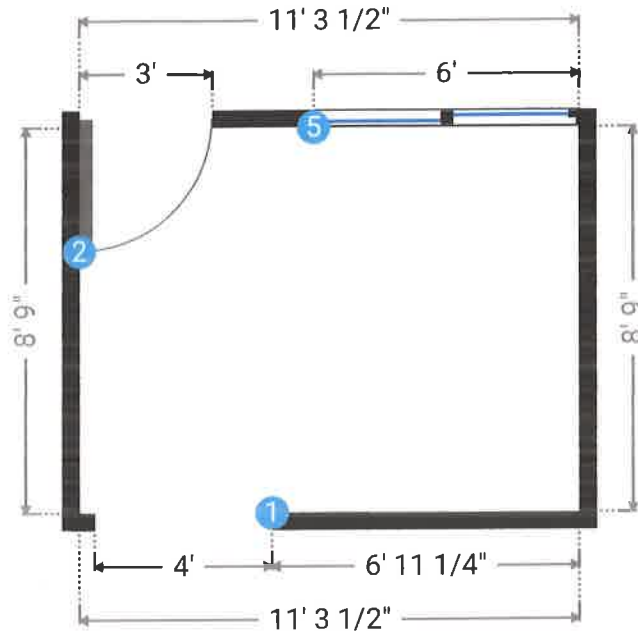
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4707 Russell Ave, Parma, Oh

▼ Living Room 1st Floor

WIDTH: 11' 3 1/2" • LENGTH: 8' 9" • CEILING HEIGHT: 5' 4 3/4"
AREA: 98.78 sq ft • PERIMETER: 40' 1"



▼ Living Room/1st Floor

1 OPENING

Height
7' 3 1/4"



2 HINGED DOOR

Height
6' 9"



5 SLIDING WINDOW

Height
5'



Distance to Floor
2' 8"

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▼ Photos/Living Room

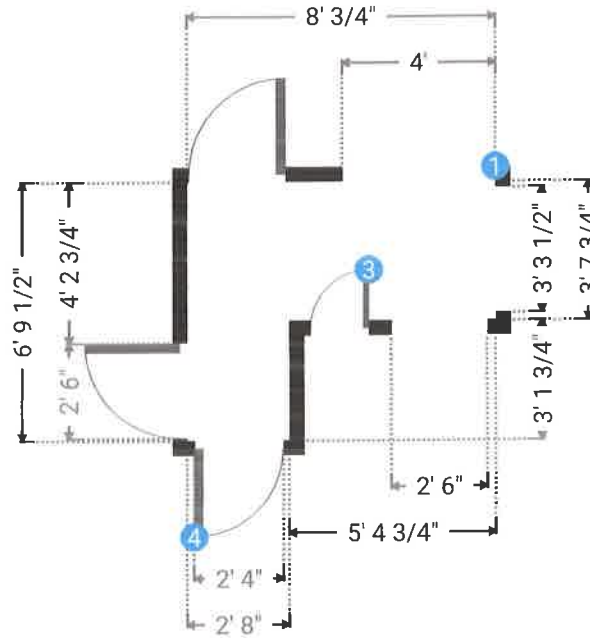


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▼ Hallway 1st Floor

WIDTH: 8' 3/4" • LENGTH: 6' 9 1/2" • CEILING HEIGHT: 8' 5"
AREA: 37.73 sq ft • PERIMETER: 29' 8 1/4"



▼ Hallway/1st Floor

3 HINGED DOOR

Height
6' 8"



4 HINGED DOOR

Height
6' 8 1/2"

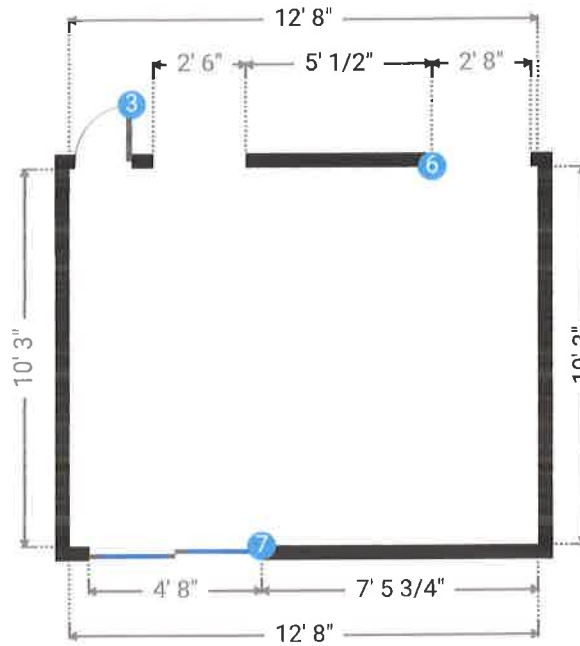


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4707 Russell Ave, Parma, Oh

▼ Kitchen 1st Floor

WIDTH: 12' 8" • LENGTH: 10' 3" • CEILING HEIGHT: 7' 10 1/4"
AREA: 129.94 sq ft • PERIMETER: 45' 10 1/4"



▼ Kitchen/1st Floor

6 OPENING

Height
6' 7"



7 PATIO DOOR

Height
6' 4 1/4"

