



◀ Joel Lovellien's stepfather, Terry Salo, holds a portrait of Lovellien during a press conference Thursday in Grand Forks.

John Stennes, staff photographer

A 'person of interest'

■ Police say they have someone in mind in beating death, but need more info

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Grand Forks police say they have a "person of interest" in the beating death Saturday of Joel Lovellien outside a north-end bar, but no arrests have been made.

Lovellien died Saturday after being attacked in the parking lot of the Broken Drum on North Washington Street. Family members said Lovellien, who was at the bar with his fiancée and some friends, had stepped out to take a call on his cell phone and was attacked.

The person of interest emerged in investigators' minds as they interviewed numerous people who had been at the bar that night. But investigators said Thursday they need more help, and Lovellien's family is offering a reward for information that leads to a conviction.

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