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No Clear Motive For Missouri Auditor Suicide

CLAYTON, Mo. (AP) - Police investigating the suicide of Missouri Auditor Tom Schweich say law officers have no clear motive for why he shot himself.

Clayton Police Lt. Don Bass told KMOX radio that detectives have been conducting interviews and searching through Schweich's text messages, emails and voicemails.

Schweich shot himself at his Clayton home Feb. 26, just minutes after telling a reporter that he wanted to go public with allegations that the chairman of the Missouri Republican Party had been telling people Schweich was Jewish. Schweich, who was Christian, also had expressed angst to friends over what he perceived to be an anti-Semitic whispering campaign.

Bass says "there's nothing to indicate a clear motive" and "there's no substance to the whispering campaign" based on evidence brought to the attention of police.

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