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## **Leon County Sheriff's Detectives Arrest Man for Murder of Leon County Woman**

This morning at 4:37AM, the Leon County Sheriff's Office received a phone call from a child at 7513 Wren Dive, in reference to a woman who had been shot. Deputies arrived to find Tanesha Lashawn Overstreet DOB:07/16/1976 dead in the kitchen and three children ages 10, 12 and 16 in the residence. Preliminary indications were Overstreet had been shot in the abdomen with a shotgun. Information gathered from the children during the investigation indicated the following; At approximately 4:00AM a white male knocked on the front door of the residence, but was not let inside. A few moments later, the male entered the residence through an unlooked back door and confronted Overstreet in the kitchen. The male was armed with a shotgun. The children fled to the back of the house but were able to hear the ensuing confrontation. The male demanded drugs from Overstreet, as she pleaded for her life, telling the gunman she had just given birth. A gun shot was heard and the male suspect fled the residence. The children called for help and attempted to provide first aid to Overstreet. Overstreet was pronounced dead on scene.

During the investigation a description of the suspect was obtained of a white male, tall, thin build, wearing a green shirt. A family member recognized the description as that of William H. Yawn 05/16/1975. The family member led Violent Crimes Detectives to Yawn's residence at 1832 Baby Farms Road where he was taken into custody at 9:15AM, less than 5 hours after Overstreet was murdered. Detectives interviewed Yawn, who admitted to going to Overstreet's residence for the purpose of robbing her of drugs, and of killing her with a shotgun. The shotgun believed used to kill Overstreet is the subject of search warrant being obtained at this time at Yawn's residence on Baby Farms Road. An autopsy will be conducted tomorrow at 9:00AM to confirm the cause of death.

Sheriff Larry Campbell said "our hearts and prayers go out to Ms. Overstreet's family and friends. This heinous crime will not go unpunished. Solving violent crimes is top priority with the Leon County Sheriff's Office and I am pleased of the quick apprehension and arrest of this murderer, who has deprived Tanesha's children of a mother, and her family and friends of a loved one."

**Arrested:**  
**William H. Yawn**  
**DOB: 05/16/1975**

**Charges:**  
**Homicide**  
**Robbery with a Firearm**  
**Armed Burglary**  
**Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony**  
**Kidnap to Facilitate a Felony**  
**Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon**



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