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Leon County Man Charged with Murder

Western Leon County- In the early morning hours this date, Leon County Violent Crimes detectives arrested Barton Allen Johnson 05/25/60 charging him with ten felonies including homicide.

After developing leads that identified Barton as the suspect in the murder of Steven Mitch Zettle, Violent Crimes detectives tracked him down at a residence in the 1400 block of Barineau Road. Barton was taken into custody without incident and brought to the Sheriff's Office for interviewing.

During an interview with Detective Todd Chaires, Barton confessed to the murder and nine additional felony crimes. Barton also provided directions to where the Zettle's stolen Jeep was abandoned.

Sheriff Larry Campbell said "detectives have been working around the clock in shifts to follow leads in this case. Their hard work paid off and the suspect was caught within twenty-four hours of receiving the report".

Barton remains in the Leon County Jail charged with Homicide Willful Kill, Kidnapping, Burglary of an Occupied Conveyance, Burglary of an Occupied Conveyance with Person Inside, Dealing in Stolen Property, Fraud, Grand Theft Auto, Felony Theft, Credit Card Fraud, and Identity Theft related Fraud.

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