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LCSO Investigating Homicide, Suspect in Custody

On Saturday, December 3rd, at approximately 9:00 p.m., Leon County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to a wooded area behind a shopping plaza, in the 3800 block of North Monroe Street in reference to a deceased person.

Upon arrival, deputies determined the area to be a transient camp. When deputies located the deceased individual, it was determined that foul play was involved. LCSO's Violent Crimes and Crime Scene units responded to the scene and is investigating this case as a homicide. A knife was recovered from the scene. The cause of death is under investigation, pending an autopsy.

After interviewing several witnesses, VCU Detectives were able to identify the alleged suspect, 29-year-old Dusty McDonald. Deputies located McDonald at a residence in the 1900 block of Crowder Road, where he was taken into custody without incident. McDonald was transported to the Leon County Sheriff's Office and interviewed by VCU Detectives. After being interviewed, McDonald was taken to the Leon County Detention Facility and charged with one count of 1st-degree murder.

The investigation is ongoing and active. Anyone with information about this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Violent Crimes Unit at 850-606-3300 or call Crimestoppers at 850-574-TIPS. All callers to Crime Stoppers can remain anonymous and could be eligible for a cash reward for information that leads to a felony arrest.

In June, the Sheriff's Office launched the Homeless Outreach Street team to help reduce the number of unsheltered individuals by targeting encampment sites and providing outreach, relocation to shelter, and rehousing. HOST receives referrals from the community and can be contacted at 850-606-3300. Homeless outreach deputies and case managers from the Big Bend Continuum of Care will contact the individual to encourage and educate them about local services that are available.



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