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Arrest Made in Stabbing Death

Overnight Leon County Sheriff's Office Violent Crimes Detectives arrested Alexander J. Sparks 22, for homicide related to the death of his mother, Liese C. Sparks.

Around 10:00 p.m. Sparks arrived on the fourth floor of the Capital Regional Medical Center. He stopped by a supply cabinet taking a mask and some gloves from a nursing station. He placed the gloves on his hands and the mask over his face and proceeded to the hospital room occupied by his mother. Sparks was in the room for several minutes when nurses were alerted to Liese Sparks heart monitor beeping. The nurse immediately went to check on the patient and then retreated from the room. A few second later Sparks came out of the room holding a knife. He placed the knife down in the hallway at a nurse's desk. Sparks was then met at the elevator by security and an LCSO deputy, working in an off-duty capacity at the facility. Sparks was taken into custody without incident.

Liese Sparks was found deceased in her room from what appeared to be multiple stab wounds.

Sparks was transported to the Leon County Detention Facility and charged with Homicide.

ARRESTED:



Alexander J. Sparks 22 – Homicide Willful Kill Murder Premeditated



