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LCSO Makes Arrest in Stabbing Death

Yesterday, Leon County Sheriff's Office Violent Crimes Unit arrested John Birmele 23, for Murder in connection with a stabbing that occurred at a residence in the 5700 block of Pine Park Circle.

At approximately 5:12 p.m. Leon County Sheriff's deputies arrived on the scene at Aeon Church Road and Pine Park Circle to assist Leon County Emergency Medical Services. It was quickly determined the injured person had been stabbed. The victim was transported to Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare where he later succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased.

Detectives on scene were able to determine the victim had arrived at the residence yelling and causing a disturbance. A female inside the residence went to the front door and told the victim to leave. The victim punched her in the face. The female punched the victim back. Birmele, who was also inside the residence, came to the front door and began to fight with the victim. During the fight Birmele stabbed the victim with a kitchen knife. The victim left the residence, walked down the street to Aeon Church Road where he collapsed.

Witnesses indicate after the fight Birmele ran back to the residence, wrapped the knife in a pink shirt and left the area. It is believed this is when Birmele hid the knife and changed clothes.

Detectives located the knife wrapped in a pink shirt in an air conditioning vent at another residence.

Birmele subsequently returned to the scene wearing different clothing and denied being involved in any altercation at the residence. He was then arrested and transported to the Leon County Detention Facility without incident.

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